



Special Council Meeting

AGENDA

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

21 July 2026

8:00 AM



2026-2027 BUDGET

Investing in Our Communities • Building Our Future

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council of the Shire of Murweh will be held in the Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville on 21, July 2026 at 8:00 AM.

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- 1 OPENING PRAYER**
- 2 APOLOGIES**
- 3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
- 4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST**

5 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

5.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2026 - 2027

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council as per section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* section 174 adopts the Operational Plan for 2026-2027.

BACKGROUND

Purpose

As per Legislation Section 104 (7) of the Local Government Act, LG Reg.2012 Div 4, S174 Council must adopt an Operational Plan Annually and this plan is to be reviewed at least every 3 months (quarterly).

LG Act 2009

S 104 Financial management systems

(5) The system of financial management established by a local government must include—

(a) (v) an annual operational plan; and

(b) (iv) a report on the results of an annual review of the implementation of the annual operational plan

(7) A local government must carry a review of the implementation of the annual operational plan annually

LG Regulation 2012

S 174 Preparation and adoption of annual operational plan

(1) A local government must prepare and adopt an annual operational plan for each financial year.

(2) The local government may, but need not, adopt the annual operation plan for a financial year at the same time the local government adopts its budget for the financial year.

(3) The chief executive officer must present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than 3 months.

Discussion

The Murweh Shire Council Operational Plan 2026 – 2027 is aligned to the Murweh Shire Council Corporate Plan 2022 – 2027.

Full details are found in the Operational Plan 2026-2027 document.

Consultation

The following staff have been consulted during the update of the Operational Plan and reporting.

- Chief Executive Officer
- Director Corporate Services
- Manager, Regulatory Services

- Accountant

Financial Risks

Budgetary Risk if plan not developed.

Legal Risk

Non-Compliance to Legislation.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Operational Plan 26-27 [↓](#)

OPERATIONAL PLAN

2026 – 2027

MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL

MORVEN – CHARLEVILLE – AUGATHELLA



LEGEND & KEY

SECTION COLOUR CODING

1. Leadership & Governance	Navy Blue — #002766
2. Core Services	Red — #CD202C
3. Community Wellbeing	Green — #739600
4. Empowered Future	Orange — #E37222

RISK RATING

1 – Low Risk	Routine activity, minimal oversight
2 – Medium Risk	Moderate oversight required
3 – High Risk	Requires close monitoring and mitigation

QUARTERLY UPDATES

Q1	July – September 2026
Q2	October – December 2026
Q3	January – March 2027
Q4	April – June 2027

DIRECTORATES

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CS	Corporate Services
ES	Engineering Services
CI	Community Infrastructure & Services

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MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2026-2027											
PRIORITY GROUP	PRIORITY AREA	GOAL	STRATEGY	AREA	DIRECTORATE	DELIVERY ACTIONS	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	IMPACT	PLAN LINK	TIMING	RISK (1-3)
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE											
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1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.1. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORKS	1.1.1. Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs.	Leadership and proactive community and stakeholder engagement to identify, monitor and address community needs, opportunities, and emerging trends.	Community engagement	CEO	Targeted community consultation sessions.	Sessions held in Morven (2) and Augathella (2).	Increased community engagement and participation rates.	Corporate Plan 22-27	Quarterly	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.2. COMMUNICATION	1.2.1. Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies.	Foster relationships within council and with the community to manage expectations that are appropriate, realistic, and achievable.	Corporate Comms	CS	Annual Reporting to community a) Corporate Plan Progress and b) Annual Report.	2 x touchpoint annual reporting to community.	Increased community awareness.	Corporate Plan 22-27	Jun-27	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.2. COMMUNICATION	1.2.1. Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies.	Principles of equity, social justice, community benefit, and growth and sustainability underpin decisions, and executed with clear objectives.	Corporate Comms	CS	Bi-monthly Council newsletter for community distribution.	6 x touchpoint reporting and communication to community.	Increased community awareness.	All activities	Bi-monthly	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.2. COMMUNICATION	1.2.1. Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies.	Accountable and transparent planning, implementation, review, and reporting mechanisms at all levels.	Corporate Comms	CEO	Shire promotion and community updates via social media and Mayor weekly updates.	2 x weekly media touchpoints to community.	Increased community awareness.	All activities	Weekly	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.	Governance and corporate planning processes and management address responsibilities, risks, and security, and optimise opportunities.	Revenue	CS	Annual budget delivered and adopted. And performance measures : within legislative timeframes	Rates issued as planned Rate arrears managed to below 10% of total rating revenue. Quarterly budget review undertaken	Improved cashflow. Compliance with LG Regulations.	Budget 26-27 Annual Report	Sep-26 Mar-27	2
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.		Assurance	CS	External and Internal audit functions provided for.	Audit functions completed in line with statutory requirements.	Full Compliance.	Budget 26-27 Annual Report	May-27	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.		Training	Councillors	Councillor training and skills development.	100% participation in training.	Improved Councillor governance skills.	Corporate Plan 22-27		1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.		Customer Service	CS	Customer service standards maintained and processes followed for customer complaints.	Customer complaints attended to within the allocated time. Feedback provided to complainant. Improved connectivity of satellite offices	Improved customer service standards.	Corporate Plan 22-27 Cutomer Service Charter	Jun-27	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.		Risk Management	CS	Enterprise Risk Management System is maintained, and Risk Register is reviewed annually.	Risk Register is reviewed and actioned.	Improved risk management.	Operational Plan 26-27	Ongoing	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.	To demonstrate compliance to all concerned parties	WHS	CS	WH&S System is maintained, and annual audit undertaken.	Demonstration of continuous improvement.	Risk management. No major incidents.	Workplace Safety Management Systems (SMS)	Ongoing	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.	Attract, retain, and empower a capable, skilled, and fully complemented workforce.	Staff	CS	Human Resource provisions including training are adequately resourced and staff are well trained and informed.	Management provided timely and appropriate advice on staff matters.	Staff retention. Service Standards achieved.	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement	Ongoing	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.		Staff	CS	Employment satisfaction survey undertaken once every 2 years, and strategies to improve outcomes identified and implemented.	1 survey conducted. Increased satisfaction levels from prior surveys.	Staff retention. Staff empowered.	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement	Jun-27	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.	Council facilities, assets, plant and resourcing meet operational requirements.	Assets	ES	Asset Management System including plant replacement program is maintained and Asset Management Plans implemented for all asset classes.	Asset maintenance activities delivered to budget and schedule. AMPs reviewed	100% compliant assets. Reduced long-term maintenance costs.	Asset Management Plans	Jun-27	1
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.		Contract Works	ES	Contract civil works for other agencies and funding programs.	Programs are resourced and delivered within contract schedule, timeframe. Contract compliance. No LTIs, accidents or failures.	Increased revenue. Maximise use of resources.	Projects	Jun-27	1

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2. CORE SERVICES											
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2. CORE SERVICES	2.1. DISASTERS	2.1.1. No loss of life or property, critical infrastructure is protected, and economic impacts are minimised from natural disasters.	Disaster risk planning, reduction and preparedness with partner agencies and community.	Disaster	CEO	MSC Disaster Management Plan is reviewed annually and implemented.	QPS Emergency Management Officer undertaken review.	Risk management.	Local Disaster Management Plan	Jun-27	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.1. DISASTERS	2.1.1. No loss of life or property, critical infrastructure is protected, and economic impacts are minimised from natural disasters.	Mitigation works, disaster response and recovery.	Emergency	CEO	SES is adequately funded and resourced, training needs analysis undertaken, and training is conducted by the local controller.	Training delivered where identified.	SES teams are prepared and in state of readiness.	Local Disaster Management Plan	Ongoing	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.1. DISASTERS	2.1.1. No loss of life or property, critical infrastructure is protected, and economic impacts are minimised from natural disasters.		Disaster	ES	Flood mitigation maintenance of river channels in/around Charleville and Cool Burning Program.	Fire and flood preparedness and risk mitigation		Local Disaster Management Plan	Jun-27	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.2. PUBLIC LANDS	2.2.1. Stock routes are well maintained for stock movement and regulated use.	Stock route planning, coordination, and implementation with stakeholders.	Rural Lands	CS	Stock route facilities maintained, review water facility options in collaboration with adjacent landholders.	User satisfaction and compliance.	Full Compliance.	Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.2. PUBLIC LANDS	2.2.2. Town reserves and public lands are well maintained for community access and recreational use.	Improvement and maintenance activities.	Rural Lands	CS	Continue solar panel upgrade in line with Council three year forward plan, funded through Dept. Resources capital funding scheme	Stock routes and water facilities conditions met. Continue with 3-5 year rolling program.	Reduced maintenance costs.	Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	2
2. CORE SERVICES	2.2. PUBLIC LANDS	2.2.3. All public lands are actively managed to support riverine and ecosystem health and landscape connectivity.	Advocacy to resource increasing responsibilities.	Town Reserves	CS	Town Reserves and riverine areas maintained to reduce known hazards. Continue cool burning program.	Maintenance schedule implemented.	Hazard and safety impacts minimised.	Asset Management Plans Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.3. BIOSECURITY	2.3.1. Stakeholders are informed, knowledgeable and committed to implementing effective and strategic biosecurity management of existing infestations and prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of new weeds and pest animals.	Biosecurity planning, coordination, and implementation with stakeholders.	Biosecurity	CS	Active management of pest animals in the shire, conduct coordinated baiting campaigns April/May and October/November.	Increase landholder participation Trained staff to administer 10-80 poison.	Minimise impact of pests. Improve sustainable Agriculture.	Biosecurity Management Plan Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	2
2. CORE SERVICES	2.3. BIOSECURITY	2.3.1. Stakeholders are informed, knowledgeable and committed to implementing effective and strategic biosecurity management of existing infestations and prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of new weeds and pest animals.	Resource the implementation of priority actions and responsibilities in the Biosecurity Plan.	Biosecurity	CS	Pursue funding and resourcing opportunities in collaboration with key stakeholders to fulfill biosecurity obligations	Increased funding investments.	Improved implementation. Cost recovery.	Biosecurity Management Plan Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	2
2. CORE SERVICES	2.4. ROADS	2.4.1. Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities.	Asset management plan for priority and strategic maintenance and developments.	Civil Infrastructure	ES	Infrastructure maintenance works carried out according to the works program schedule.	Maintenance standards achieved. Schedule of works communicated to public.	Improved safety. Cost efficiencies.	Asset Management Plans	Jun-27	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.4. ROADS	2.4.1. Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities.	Policy direction for resource cost share investment for private benefit infrastructure.	Civil Infrastructure	ES	Infrastructure capital works carried out according to the capital works plan and works program schedule.	Improved networks standards achieved. Schedule of works communicated to public.	Improved standards. Improved safety.	Asset Management Plans	Jun-27	1

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2. CORE SERVICES	2.4. ROADS	2.4.1. Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities.		Civil Infrastructure	ES	Levee Bank inspections and annual maintenance works conducted.	Inspection and maintenance schedule implemented.	Improved standards. Improved safety.	Asset Management Plans	Jun-27	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.4. ROADS	2.5.2. All recoverable resources are diverted from landfill.	Waste transfer centre.	Recycling	CS	Continue resource recovery options in collaboration with community	Resource recovery rates increased.	Environmental Health.		Ongoing	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.4. ROADS	2.5.3. Community is encouraged and supported to reduce waste, reuse, and recycle.	Community recycling collection facilities.	Waste	CS	Implement and monitor landfill operation and maintenance in accordance with agreement.	Contractor monthly reports submitted to Council on time. Compliant landfill operations in line with environmental licence.	Improved waste management facility condition.	Landfill Management Plan	Monthly	2
2. CORE SERVICES	2.4. ROADS	2.5.3. Community is encouraged and supported to reduce waste, reuse, and recycle.	Research, planning and partnerships for viable and sustainable resource recovery solutions.	Waste	CS	Annual kerb side contractor performance for compliance with legislation, and industry standard.	Services maintained to standard and agreement.	Health and safety.	Service provider contract	Monthly	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.4. ROADS	2.5.3. Community is encouraged and supported to reduce waste, reuse, and recycle.	Education and communication of waste reduction strategies and recycling services, and illegal dumping and compliance.	Waste	CS	Education and communication to the community about the Charleville waste facility upgrades, and recycling programs in the Bi-monthly newsletter and social media.	Improved compliance and reduction of illegal dumping.	Environmental Health. Health and safety.	Landfill Management Plan	Monthly	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.6. WATER AND SANITATION	2.6.1. Water supply and storages are managed to achieve the highest standard of quality, efficiency, delivery, and sustainability.	Leverage resources for the upgrade of Augathella and Charleville sewerage treatment facilities.	Water	ES	Storage and supply of urban water maintained, monitoring and inspection schedule conducted of reservoirs, mains and services, and repaired and replaced where required.	Annual reporting of all water KPIs as required by various state and federal agencies is published on Council's website.	Full Compliance. Health and safety.	Asset Management Plans	Quarterly	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.6. WATER AND SANITATION	2.6.2. Sewerage treatment and water re-use supply are managed to achieve the highest standard of quality, efficiency, and delivery for human and environmental health.	Asset management and service delivery excellence.	Water	ES	Upgrade water mains in Morven, Charleville and Augathella	Services maintained to standard.	Health and safety.	Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	Jun-27	1
2. CORE SERVICES	2.6. WATER AND SANITATION	2.6.3. Public access to potable water and sanitation.	Communicate availability of water access points for travellers.	Water	CI	Water supply monitoring schedule conducted with testing and treatment levels maintained across major towns. Option for replacement of Charleville inground reservoir critical.	Water quality maintained. DEWS requirements met. Rail Hub bore installed and commissioned.	Full compliance.	Asset Management Plans Drinking Water Quality Management Plan	Jun-27	3
2. CORE SERVICES	2.6. WATER AND SANITATION	2.6.3. Public access to potable water and sanitation.		Sewerage	CI	Sewerage treatment plant and ponds operating to standard, monitoring and testing schedule conducted and action plan implemented.	EPA licence mitigation actions met in consultation with DES.	Full Compliance.	Sewerage Management Plans Recycled Water Management Plan	Monthly	3

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3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING											
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3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.	Continue support for critical health services and advocate to meet current gaps in our communities.	Environmental Health	CS	Conduct annual inspections of licensed premises to insure compliance with Food Safety legislation.	Annual food licensing inspections completed.	Enhanced education and understanding leading to a higher level of compliance.	Operational Plan 26-27	Quarterly	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Animal Control	CS	Ensure keeping of animals in the town area is in accordance with MSC Local Laws	Town Ranger service provided. Impoundment process in accordance with Local Law requirements.	Less dog attacks. Reduced community complaints.	Local Law Number 2 (Animal Management)2012; Subordinate Local Law No 1.5 (Keeping of Animals) 2012	Ongoing	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Facilities	CS	Aged care units are maintained and operated to an accepted standard of safety and reflect community expectations.	Maintenance schedule implemented. Compliant and safe facilities.	Standards maintained. Compliance.	Asset Management Plan	Ongoing	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.	Well maintained facilities, services, and experiences offered, that enhance the sports, recreation, arts, and cultural profile.	Libraries	CI	Maintain service levels and resource libraries in Augathella, Charleville and Morven, and implement initiatives where applicable.	Staff levels and opening times maintained. First 5 program delivered.	Increased library use. Increased education under 5.		Ongoing	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Arts & Culture	CI	Arts and culture projects are developed and completed, with two rounds advertised, assessed and delivered in accordance with funding guidelines and Council policy.	2 funding rounds of RADF projects.	Contribute to arts and culture profile.	Arts and Culture Policy Project: Regional Arts and Development Fund	Ongoing	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Community	CI	Community Assistance is offered to community organisations for sponsorship and fee waivers.	Support provided as per policy.	Community assistance support.	Community Assistance Policy	Half Yearly	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Community	CI	In partnership with Progress Associations, promote, assess applications and distribute funds collected from Donation Boxes to worthy causes in line with Council policy.	Support provided as per policy.	Community assistance support.	Donation Box Policy	Ongoing	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Parks & Gardens	ES	Maintain parks for continued public use and enjoyment.	Maintenance schedule implemented.	Increased utilisation.	Parks Master Plan	Quarterly	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Facilities	ES	Maintain sporting facilities and showgrounds to a safe standard for continued public use and enjoyment.	Maintenance schedule implemented.	Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan Project: Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	Quarterly	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Facilities	ES	Maintain Racecourse in conjunction with Queensland Racing to improve facilities.	Works completed on time and budget.	Standards maintained. Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan Project: QLD Racing	Jun-27	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Facilities	CI	Maintain the pool condition and operation to a high level of health and safety and reflect community expectations.	Testing undertaken and compliant. Staffing levels meet requirements. Operation 9 months of the year.	Safety. Standards maintained. Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan	Jun-27	3

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3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Facilities	CS	Public halls, cultural centre and medical practitioner facilities maintained, in conjunction with Augathella and Morven Progress Associations.	Works completed on time and budget.	Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan	Jun-27	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.		Facilities	ES	Cemeteries maintained to a high standard and reflect community expectations.	Facilities meet community expectations.	Standards maintained.	Asset Management Plan	Jun-27	2
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.2. SOCIAL PROTECTION	3.2.1. Safety and protection strategies meet community needs and expectations.	Collaborate with stakeholders to deliver community safety and protection strategies.	Planning	CI	Operation of street lighting and cameras for public safety.	Works completed on time and budget.	Improved public safety.		Ongoing	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.3. EDUCATION	3.3.1. The education needs of the community are represented and pursued.	Collaborate with education and training stakeholders to advocate for further education pathways and options locally.	Staff	CS	Appointment of apprentices, trainees and school-based traineeships	Funding secured and appointment of trainees and apprentices	Employment opportunities	Operational Plan 2026-27; Staff training & Skills Matrix	Jun-27	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.3. EDUCATION	3.3.1. The education needs of the community are represented and pursued.	Pursue representation and advocacy opportunities that support childcare, pre-school, student retention, school completion, special needs support, training, apprenticeships, and vocational and higher education.	Planning	CI	Advocate and collaborate to secure further education and training pathways locally	Training facilitated and delivered locally	Employment and training opportunities	Operational Plan 2026-27	Ongoing	1
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.4. CONNECTION TO COUNTRY	3.4.1. Preservation and recognition of the traditions and cultures of Aboriginal people and their ongoing custodianship of country.	Connection to country, interests, and rights of traditional owners are recognised, and support Aboriginal people to benefit culturally, socially, and economically.	Community	CI	Community liaison with Traditional Owners to support a collaborative, inclusive and respectful relationship. Progress Reconciliation Action Plan.	Effective engagement with Traditional Owners.	Improved relationships.		Ongoing	2
3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING	3.4. CONNECTION TO COUNTRY	3.4.1. Preservation and recognition of the traditions and cultures of Aboriginal people and their ongoing custodianship of country.		Land Tenure	CS	Negotiate Land Tenure relating to Native Title Freehold, protecting Council interests and land management outcomes with respects to cultural heritage.	Resolution of land tenure matters.		Land Act 1994 Qld Stock Route Management Plan Native Title Act 1993	Ongoing	1

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4. EMPOWERED FUTURE											
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4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.1. GROWTH	4.1.1. Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.	Pursue regional strategies that address affordable and accessible housing.								
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.1. GROWTH	4.1.1. Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.	Ensure sufficient and appropriate land availability for residential and industrial developments.	Land Tenure	CEO	Industrial and residential land is developed in line with community needs.	Sale and disposal of Industrial Land.	Provide for housing development.	Planning Scheme	Ongoing	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.1. GROWTH	4.1.1. Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.	Establish a value proposition that positions Murweh as a great place to live, with an inclusive, diverse, and welcoming community.								
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.1. GROWTH	4.1.1. Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.	Community planning identifies strategic community needs and services to support and respond to growth.								
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.2. INDUSTRY	4.2.1. Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.	Proactively overcome identified barriers to encourage industry diversification, innovation, and investment.	Planning	CS	Planning and building certification services maintained, and development approvals in accordance with regulatory frameworks.	SPA compliance	Non compliance issues minimised.	Planning Scheme	Ongoing	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.2. INDUSTRY	4.2.1. Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.	Town planning is proactive and development friendly.								
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.2. INDUSTRY	4.2.1. Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.	Empower local leadership of business development and growth.	Economic	CEO	Active representation and partnerships with strategic organisations including LGAQ, South West Regional Organisation of Councils (SWROC), and Western Queensland Alliance, and links with Government Departments in relation to emerging trends, economic development outcomes and prospects and tourism.	Economic and regional development opportunities and challenges identified and pursued. Regional strategies for economic development and investment.	Economic growth.		Ongoing	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.2. INDUSTRY	4.2.1. Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.	Establish a value proposition that positions Murweh as a preferred place to do business.	Economic	CI	Promote campaigns to support local businesses throughout the Shire.	Buy Local campaign executed.	Support local business and industry.		Ongoing	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.2. INDUSTRY	4.2.1. Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.	Enhance Murweh's position as a leading tourism destination.	Tourism	CEO	Develop a Tourism Strategy that identifies key drivers and opportunities and guides strategies for tourism market development and value return to the community.	Increased financial return for investment. Increased tourism GRP.			Dec-26	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.2. INDUSTRY	4.2.1. Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.		Tourism	CEO	Operate the Bilby Centre in partnership with the Save the Bilby Fund.	Operating as per MOU.	Contribute to tourism profile.	Bilby Centre MOU	Monthly	2

PRIORITY GROUP	PRIORITY AREA	GOAL	STRATEGY	AREA	DIRECTORATE	DELIVERY ACTIONS	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	IMPACT	PLAN LINK	TIMING	RISK (1-3)
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.3. SUPPLY CHAIN AND SERVICES	4.3.1. Supply chain infrastructure and service meet current and future industry needs and community expectations.	Continue to build and enhance air, rail, road capacity, connectivity, and utilisation.	Aerodromes	CS	Maintain service levels for resourcing of aerodromes to accommodate regional passenger airlines in Charleville and sealed light aircraft aerodrome in Augathella.	All licenses, accreditations and manuals up to date. CASA accreditation maintained. Staff, safety and service levels maintained.	High service levels. Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan	Ongoing	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.3. SUPPLY CHAIN AND SERVICES	4.3.1. Supply chain infrastructure and service meet current and future industry needs and community expectations.		Aerodromes	CS	Renewal of main apron including hard stand for aircraft parking, seeking funding from programs that may become available	Secure funding. Upgrade and maintenance works completed.	Safety and compliance standards.	Asset Management Plan	Monthly	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.3. SUPPLY CHAIN AND SERVICES	4.3.1. Supply chain infrastructure and service meet current and future industry needs and community expectations.		Aerodromes	CS	Café in the Mulga at the Charleville Airport Terminal is achieving business goals and adequately staffed.	Café opened for community and traveller needs Improved Operating position	Service and utilisation of airport facilities. Financial viable business.	Budget 26-27 Annual Report	Quarterly	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.3. SUPPLY CHAIN AND SERVICES	4.3.1. Supply chain infrastructure and service meet current and future industry needs and community expectations.	Continue to build and enhance connectivity and communication networks.	Connectivity	CI	Radio and television rebroadcast facilities available in communities.	Project funding secured and project delivered.	Improved Rebroadcast accessibility.		Ongoing	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.4. CIRCULAR ECONOMY	4.4.1. Encourage adoption of circular economy principles and practices.	Identify and communicate key opportunities to reduce waste and improve supply chain efficiencies within current industries and new developments.								
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.5. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY	4.5.1. Visionary and encouraging approach to enhance alternative energy.	Encourage and attract opportunities for alternative energy generation and supply.								
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.5. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY	4.5.1. Visionary and encouraging approach to enhance alternative energy.	Encourage energy efficiency and self-sufficiency.	Energy	CEO	Seek opportunities for alternative energy supply initiatives.	Research and development initiatives pursued.	Reduce emissions. Increase climate resilience.	Corporate Plan 22-27	Ongoing	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.6. CLIMATE CHANGE	4.6.1. Encourage holistic and integrated approaches to climate change action and markets.	Seek to understand climate change actions, opportunities, risks, and benefits for the local community.	Climate	CEO	Partner to the Climate Resilient Communities Program and pursue opportunities for climate change initiatives.	Research and development initiatives pursued.	Reduce emissions. Increase climate resilience.	Corporate Plan 22-27	Ongoing	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.6. CLIMATE CHANGE	4.6.1. Encourage holistic and integrated approaches to climate change action and markets.	Exercise leadership and planning to influence appropriate adoption of initiatives locally.	Climate	CEO	Representation and partnerships with South West Regional Organisation of Councils (SWROC), LGAQ and Western Queensland Alliance in relation to economic outcomes and prospects and tourism.	Economic and regional development opportunities and challenges identified and pursued.		Corporate Plan 22-27	Ongoing	1
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.7. LANDSCAPES	4.7.1. Embrace the unique landscape, and its ecosystems.	Continue to support species recovery and protection efforts.	Biodiversity	CEO	Support Bilby recovery through arrangements with the Bilby Centre in partnership with the Save the Bilby Fund.	Operating as per MOU.	Contribute to biodiversity recovery.	Bilby Centre MOU	Monthly	2
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.7. LANDSCAPES	4.7.1. Embrace the unique landscape, and its ecosystems.	Embrace community connection and promote environmental protection of the Shire's unique landscapes and ecosystems.	Biodiversity	CS	Investigate opportunities to improve Biodiversity management with participation in Biodiversity and Carbon credit trading programs.	Opportunities identified and considered.	Improved biodiversity. Leveraged resources.	Biosecurity Management Plan	Ongoing	1

5.2 REVENUE POLICY 2026-2027 LG REG. 2012 S193

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with Sections 169 (2) and 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* adopts the Revenue Policy for the year 2026-27 as tabled.

BACKGROUND

The revenue policy must be updated and adopted as part of the 2026-27 budgetary process.

Section 169 Preparation and content of budget

(2) The budget must also include—

(a) a long-term financial forecast; and

(b) a revenue statement; and

(c) a revenue policy.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Revenue Policy 2026-2027 [↓](#)



Revenue Policy

Policy No:	FIN-002
Adopted By:	Council Resolution
Date Adopted:	21 July 2026
Review Date:	July 2027
Version No:	10.0
Responsible Officer:	Director of Corporate Services

1. Purpose

This policy establishes the planning framework within which Murweh Shire Council operates and sets out the principles that guide Council in the making, levying, and recovery of rates and charges, the granting of concessions, and the use of cost-recovery methods. The policy supports Council's commitment to financial sustainability and equitable revenue management for the benefit of the Murweh Shire community.

This policy is a required financial policy under the *Local Government Act 2009* (s 104(5)(c)(iii)) and must be adopted annually in advance of the budget to allow Council to set out the principles it will apply in setting revenue for the financial year.

2. Scope

2.1. Application

This policy applies to:

- All Council revenue activities including the making, levying, and recovery of rates and charges;
- The granting of concessions for rates and charges;
- The setting of cost-recovery fees under the *Local Government Act 2009* (s 97);
- The funding of infrastructure costs associated with new development; and
- All ratepayers, community members, developers, and other persons liable for rates, charges, or fees within the Murweh Shire local government area.

This policy is a public document and is of interest to ratepayers, federal and state departments, community groups, and other parties seeking to understand Council's revenue policies and practices.

2.2. Exclusions

This policy does not apply to:

- Grants and subsidies received by Council from external funding bodies;
- Commercial business activities governed by separate pricing frameworks; or
- Land that is exempt from rates under the *Local Government Act 2009* (s 93(3)).

3. Principles

Council will be guided by the following overarching principles in all revenue decisions:



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- **User pays** — rates and charges will reflect, as far as practicable, the cost of services provided, minimising the impact on the efficiency of the local economy;
- **Transparency** — the basis for making, levying, and recovering rates and charges will be clearly communicated to ratepayers and the community;
- **Equity** — the different levels of capacity to pay within the local community will be taken into account;
- **Flexibility** — Council will respond to changes in the local economy, adverse seasonal conditions, and extraordinary circumstances; and
- **Responsibility** — revenue decisions will be consistent with Council's Corporate Plan and Operational Plan.

4. Making of Rates and Charges

In making rates and charges, Council will:

- Apply the user pays principle as the primary guide, having regard to the benefit each category of ratepayer derives from Council services;
- Maintain a rating regime that is simple and inexpensive to administer;
- Have regard to maintaining valuation relativities within the shire;
- Maintain shire services to an appropriate standard;
- Meet the needs and expectations of the general community;
- Assess the availability of other revenue sources before increasing the rate burden on ratepayers; and
- Acknowledge that certain services are not fully cost recoverable and are provided as a **Community Service Obligation**. Any subsidy for such services will be in accordance with Council's Community Service Obligation Policy.

Council must decide, by resolution at the budget meeting for each financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* (s 94(2)).

5. Levy of Rates and Charges

In levying rates and charges, Council will:

- Make clear to ratepayers their individual obligations under the rating system;
- Apply a levying process that is simple and efficient to administer;
- Time the levy of rates to take into account the financial cycle of local economic activity, to assist the smooth running of the local economy; and
- Provide flexible payment arrangements for ratepayers with a lower capacity to pay.

6. Recovery of Overdue Rates and Charges

Council will exercise its rate recovery powers to reduce the overall rate burden on compliant ratepayers. In recovering overdue rates and charges, Council will:



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- Make clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes Council will use to assist them in meeting their financial obligations;
- Apply recovery processes that are clear, simple to administer, and cost effective;
- Have regard to capacity to pay when determining appropriate arrangements for different sectors of the community;
- Treat ratepayers in similar circumstances equitably; and
- Respond where necessary to changes in the local economy.

Council may register a charge over rateable land for overdue rates and charges and may exercise all recovery powers available under the *Local Government Act 2009* (ss 95–96) and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

7. Concessions for Rates and Charges

Council may grant concessions for rates and charges where it considers it appropriate to do so. In considering the application of concessions, Council will be guided by the following principles:

- **Equity** — the different levels of capacity to pay within the local community will be recognised;
- **Consistency** — ratepayers with similar circumstances will receive the same treatment;
- **Transparency** — the requirements necessary to receive a concession will be clearly stated;
- **Flexibility** — Council may respond to local economic issues, adverse seasonal conditions, and extraordinary circumstances; and
- **Fairness** — community service concessions will be considered on their merits.

The purpose of any concession granted by Council will be stated in the annual Revenue Statement, which forms part of the budget adopted each financial year, as required by the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (s 172(2)(a)(ii)).

8. Cost-Recovery Fees

Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* allows Council to fix a cost-recovery fee by resolution or by local law. Council recognises the validity of applying the user pays principle to cost-recovery fees, unless doing so would conflict with Council's express social, economic, environmental, or other corporate objectives.

In setting cost-recovery fees, Council will ensure that:

- A cost-recovery fee must not exceed the cost to Council of taking the action for which the fee is charged, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* (s 97(4));
- The basis for calculating each fee is documented and transparent; and
- The rating base of the shire is not used to cross-subsidise the specific users or clients of Council's regulatory products and services unless this is expressly consistent with Council's community service obligations.

Council will maintain a register of all cost-recovery fees, which will be available for public inspection at Council's public office, as required by the *Local Government Act 2009* (s 98(4)).



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9. Infrastructure Charges for New Development

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (s 193(1)(c)), Council will have regard to the extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for new development are to be funded by charges for the development.

Council's approach will be to:

- Ensure that new development contributes fairly to the cost of physical and social infrastructure that the development generates a need for or benefit from;
- Apply infrastructure charges in accordance with applicable legislation, including the *Planning Act 2016* and any adopted infrastructure charges resolution; and
- Review infrastructure charging frameworks annually as part of the budget and revenue policy review process to ensure they remain appropriate and consistent with current legislative requirements.

10. Revenue Strategy

Council will achieve its revenue objectives through the following strategies:

- Maintaining an equitable system of rating and charging through annual review of the rating and charging structure;
- Maximising other revenue sources, grants, and subsidies to reduce the burden on ratepayers;
- Planning revenue decisions through the Corporate Plan, long-term financial forecast, and annual budget cycle to support long-term financial sustainability; and
- Adopting a Revenue Statement as part of each annual budget in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (s 172).

11. Responsibilities

Council is responsible for:

- Adopting this Revenue Policy annually, in sufficient time to allow a budget consistent with the policy to be prepared;
- Making, levying, and recovering rates and charges in accordance with this policy and applicable legislation;
- Granting concessions in accordance with this policy and publishing the purpose of concessions in the annual Revenue Statement;
- Maintaining and making publicly available a register of all cost-recovery fees;
- Reviewing infrastructure charging frameworks annually; and
- Communicating clearly with ratepayers about their obligations and the processes Council uses to assist them.

Ratepayers and other fee payers are responsible for:

- Paying rates, charges, and cost-recovery fees by the due dates notified by Council;
- Notifying Council of any change in circumstances that may affect their liability for rates or eligibility for concessions; and



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- Seeking payment arrangements from Council in a timely manner if they are experiencing difficulty meeting their financial obligations.

12.Relevant Legislation

- *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) — Chapter 4, Parts 1 and 2 (ss 91–100); s 104(5)(c)(iii)
- *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) — Chapter 5, Parts 3 and 4 (ss 169–193)
- *Planning Act 2016* (Qld)
- *Land Act 1994* (Qld)
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* (Qld)

13.Related Policies and Documents

- Investment Policy
- Debt Policy
- Community Grants Policy
- Long-Term Financial Forecast
- Annual Budget and Revenue Statement

14.Definitions

Table: Definitions

Term	Definition
Charge	A levy imposed by Council on land or on persons for a specific service, facility, or activity, as defined in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (s 91).
Community Service Obligation	A service provided by Council that is not fully cost recoverable but is cross-subsidised because Council considers the service to be of community benefit.
Concession	A reduction in, or waiver of, rates or charges granted by Council to eligible ratepayers or classes of ratepayer.
Cost-recovery fee	A fee fixed by Council by resolution or local law under the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (s 97) for a regulatory activity, application, or service provided by Council.
Differential rate	A general rate that varies according to categories of rateable land as determined by Council.
General rate	A rate levied on all rateable land within the local government area for services, facilities, and activities that benefit the community in general, as defined in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (s 92(2)).
Infrastructure charge	A charge levied on new development to fund physical or social infrastructure required as a result of the development, in accordance with the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> .
Overdue rates and charges	Rates and charges that have not been paid by the due date specified in the rate notice.



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Term	Definition
Rateable land	Any land or building unit in the local government area that is not exempted from rates under the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (s 93).
Ratepayer	The owner of rateable land who is liable to pay rates and charges levied by Council.
Revenue Statement	A document adopted by Council as part of the annual budget that sets out the measures adopted for raising revenue for the financial year, as required by the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (s 172).
Separate rate or charge	A rate or charge levied for any service, facility, or activity not covered by utility charges or special rates and charges, as defined in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (s 92(5)).
Special rate or charge	A rate or charge levied for a service, facility, or activity that has a special association with particular land, as defined in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (s 92(3)).
User pays principle	The principle that the cost of a service or facility should be borne by those who use or benefit from it, rather than by the general ratepayer base.
Utility charge	A charge for waste management, gas, sewerage, or water services, as defined in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (s 92(4)).

15.Version Control

Version	Date	Description	Author
9.0	16 July 2025	Annual review and adoption	Director of Corporate Services
10.0	27 February 2026	Full revision: restructured to MSC policy template; added Infrastructure Charges section (LGR 2012 s193(1)(c)); added Scope, Responsibilities and Definitions sections; added cost-recovery fee register obligation (LGA 2009 s98); updated legislative references to current versions	Director of Corporate Services

16.Approval

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Chief Executive Officer	Bruce Scott OAM		

5.3 REVENUE STATEMENT 2026-2027 LG REG. 2012 S169

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with Sections 169 (2) and 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, adopts the Revenue Statement for the year 2026-27 as tabled.

BACKGROUND

The revenue statement must be adopted each year as part of the budgetary process. This is the Statement for the 2026-27 financial year.

Section 169 Preparation and content of budget

(2) The budget must also include—

(a) a long-term financial forecast; and

(b) a revenue statement; and

(c) a revenue policy.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Revenue Statement 2026-2027 [↗](#)

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Revenue Statement 2026-2027

1. Legislative Authority

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 169

2. Introduction

Under the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council is required to include and adopt its Revenue statement as part of its annual budget.

3. Purpose

The revenue statement is an explanatory statement outlining and explaining the revenue measures adopted in the budget. Matters that must be included in the revenue statement include:

- (a) an outline and explanation of the revenue raising measures adopted, including, for example, an outline and explanation of –
 - (i) the rates and charges to be made and levied in the financial year; and
 - (ii) the rebates and concessions to be granted in the financial year;
- (b) whether the local government has made a resolution limiting the increases in rates and charges.

4. Budget Revenues

Rates and charges are a significant component in a local government's overall revenue raising system. Rates and charges revenues included in Council's budget for the financial year 2026-2027 are as follows:-

4.1 General Rates

General Rates are based on an annual valuation as set by the Department of Resources and Council has in terms of *the Local Government Regulation 2012* established a policy on making and levying differential general rates for the 2026-2027 Financial Year.

The Council is required to raise an amount of revenue it sees as being appropriate to maintain assets and provide services to the Shire as a whole. In deciding how that revenue is raised, the Council is able to take into account the following factors:-

- the rateable value of the land and the rates which would be payable if only one general rate was adopted; and

- the level of services provided to that land and the cost of providing those services compared to the rate burden that would apply under a single general rate; and
- the use of the land in so far as it relates to the extent of utilisation of Council's services; and
- location and access to services.

The scheme will have twenty-two (22) categories of land. The categories adopted, and the description for each category, are as follows:-

Category 1

Land within the township of Charleville used for dwelling house or dual occupancy purposes (as defined in Council's planning scheme).

Category 2

Land within the township of Augathella used for a residential purpose described in Council's planning scheme.

Category 3

Land within the township of Augathella used in part or whole for a purpose other than a residential purpose as described in Council's planning scheme.

Category 4

Land within the township of Morven used for a residential purpose described in Council's planning scheme.

Category 5

Land within the township of Morven used in part or whole for a purpose other than a residential purpose as described in Council's planning scheme.

Category 6

Land outside of the Charleville, Augathella, and Morven townships, less than 700 ha in area and less than \$100,000 in valuation and used for rural activities, or as rural residential purposes, and not otherwise categorised.

Category 7

Land outside of the Charleville, Augathella, and Morven townships, less than 700 ha in area and is \$100,000 or more in valuation and used for rural activities, or as rural residential purposes, and not otherwise categorised.

Category 8

Land outside the Charleville, Augathella, and Morven townships, more than 700 ha but less than 5,001 ha in area, and not otherwise categorised.

Category 9

Land outside the Charleville, Augathella, and Morven townships, more than 5,000 ha in size and not otherwise categorised.

Category 10

Land that is used for club purposes (as defined in Council's planning scheme) and does not have poker machines.

Category 11

Land within the township of Charleville used for multiple dwellings, including residential care facilities, retirement facilities, rooming accommodation facilities and clubs (as defined in Council's planning scheme and not categorised elsewhere).

Category 12

Land within the township of Charleville used for commercial activities other than for tourist parks, short-term accommodation, or club purposes (as defined in Council's planning scheme).

Category 13

Land within the township of Charleville used for tourist park, or short-term accommodation purposes (as defined in Council's planning scheme).

Category 14

Land within the township of Charleville used for an industrial activity as described in Council's planning scheme.

Category 15

Land, irrespective of location, upon which a transformer and substation or a television or radio transmission tower is the primary use.

Category 16

All other land outside of the Charleville, Augathella, and Morven townships, less than 700 ha in area and not categorised elsewhere.

Category 17

All land outside of the Charleville, Augathella, and Morven townships, used for high-impact industry, special industry, intensive animal industry activities (as defined in Council's planning scheme) and is not otherwise categorised.

Category 18

Land used for a residential purpose described in Council's planning scheme that is not the principal place of residence of its owner.

Category 20

Land for activities upon which its owner has received Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU).

Category 21

Land used, or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for Workforce Accommodation for more than 15 persons

Category 22

Land used in whole or in part for electricity generation with an output capacity of at least 1 MW, but less than 10MW

Category 23

Land used in whole or in part for electricity generation with an output capacity of 10MW or more

4.2 Differential General Rates

Owing to the diversity of lands held in the Murweh Shire, and the identifiable relationship between property area and the need for a basic level of Council service, with subsequent differential rating categories, has allowed the Council in terms of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the use of differential minimum general rates for each category. The Differential General Rates, and the minimum differential general rates, for each differential rating category are as follows: -

Table 1:

Category	Description	Cent in \$	Minimum Rate per annum
1	Charleville Residential	4.6608	\$822.00
2	Augathella Residential	6.4368	\$822.00
3	Augathella Non residential	5.4502	\$984.00
4	Morven Residential	2.7600	\$822.00
5	Morven Non residential	2.6740	\$984.00
6	Rural <700 Hectares & <\$100,000 ucv	1.5504	\$1,356.00
7	Rural <700 Hectares & ≥\$100,000 ucv	0.7400	\$1,472.00
8	Rural 700 - 5,000 Hectares	0.1650	\$2,058.00
9	Rural over 5,000 Hectares	0.1650	\$5,367.00
10	Clubs (without poker machines)	1.0804	\$822.00
11	Charleville Multi Dwellings	5.2190	\$984.00
12	Charleville Commercial	7.4226	\$984.00
13	Charleville Tourist Parks, Short Accommodation and Clubs	7.4226	\$984.00
14	Charleville Industry	5.5438	\$984.00
15	Transformer	2.4048	\$1,442.00
16	Outside Urban - Other Land <700 Hectares	0.5202	\$1,400.00
17	Outside Urban - Large Industry	6.5734	\$5,527.00
18	Residential (NPPR)	5.1064	\$901.00
20	Carbon Farms	0.1814	\$8,687.00
21	Work Camps >15 persons	2.1914	\$13,694.00
22	Renewable Energy 1-10 MW	2.4340	\$4,660.00
23	Renewable Energy >10 MW	2.4340	\$9,319.00

5. Utility Charges

5.1 Sewerage Charges

A sewerage charge will be levied on each occupied property that Council has or is able to provide with sewerage services.

A separate utility charge for sewerage will be set to primarily recover all of the costs associated with the provision of sewerage and wastewater services provided by Council in the financial year. These costs include loan interest, depreciation and the on-going maintenance and operation of the system, including treatment plant operations.

A sewerage charge will be set for each pedestal on an occupied property.

For the first pedestal, a base sewerage charge will apply. Where a lot is comprised of more than one unit and each unit is capable of separate use, a sewerage charge will apply for the first pedestal in each unit.

For residential dwellings with more than one pedestal, only the first pedestal shall be subject to a base sewerage charge with each additional pedestal to be charged at a concessional rate to be decided by Council. In 2026-27, the concessional rate will be 60% of the base sewerage charge. Aged Pensioners holding an eligible government concession card under criteria established by the State Government will have this additional sewerage charge waived.

Sewerage charges for commercial properties including flats, aged persons units, retirement villages, schools, hospital etc will be on the basis charged for each connected pedestal at an amount equivalent to the base sewerage charge.

Sewerage charges for commercial short stay accommodation properties such as caravan parks, hotels, motel will be on the basis charged for each connected pedestal at an amount equivalent to the base sewerage charge for the first six pedestals, with each additional pedestal thereafter to be charged at a reduced rate to be decided by Council. In 2026-27, the reduced rate will be 75% of the base sewerage charge.

As the township of Augathella has a reduced service with regard to a Common Effluent Drainage (C.E.D.) Scheme, as opposed to a fully sewered scheme, reduced charges apply to this township. No scheme currently exists in the township of Morven and as such, these charges do not apply to the township of Morven.

Sewerage Charge descriptions	Charge
Sewerage Base Charge (First Pedestal)	\$482.00
Sewerage Reduced Rate (75%) (Sewerage– Short Stay – Additional Pedestal)	\$361.00
Sewerage Concession Rate (60%) (Sewerage – Additional Pedestal)	\$289.00
C.E.D - Building not specified	\$235.00
C.E.D. - Aged Persons Complex	\$2,351.00
C.E.D. - Business Premises	\$574.00
C.E.D. – Church	\$199.00
C.E.D. - Dwelling	\$498.00
C.E.D. – Hall	\$200.00
C.E.D. – Hospital	\$1,646.00

Sewerage Charge descriptions	Charge
C.E.D. - Hotel/Motel	\$2,817.00
C.E.D. – Lodge	\$201.00
C.E.D. - Public Park	\$498.00
C.E.D. – School	\$2,351.00
Septic	\$504.00

5.2 Cleansing Charges

The Murweh Shire Council will levy a cleansing charge on the owner of each parcel of occupied land or structure within the urban areas of the Shire. Where there is more than one structure on land capable of separate occupation a charge will be made for each structure.

Where a service is provided for part of the year cleansing charges will be levied on a pro rata time basis.

Waste Levy

For rateable parcels that are not levied for a bin collection service, there will be a utility charge described as a Waste Levy.

Township of Charleville

For domestic and commercial users the charge will be for a weekly collection of a 240 litre mobile bin.

Townships of Augathella and Morven

For domestic and commercial users the charge will be for a weekly collection of a standard size bin and lid or other container approved by the Council. Additional charges will apply for collection of bins with capacity greater than a standard size bin.

The costs incurred in the operation and maintenance of all waste management functions of Council will primarily be funded by cleansing charges. The proceeds from the charges will fund the acquisition, operation and maintenance of all Council rubbish tips and the protection of the environment generally.

Cleansing Charge descriptions	Charge
Waste Levy – (no bin collection service)	\$115.00
Augathella – Garbage (1 st Bin)	\$298.00
Augathella – Garbage (Additional Bins)	\$321.00
Charleville – Garbage (1 st Bin)	\$413.00
Charleville – Garbage (Additional Bins)	\$436.00
Morven – Garbage	\$298.00
Morven – Garbage (Additional Bins)	\$321.00

5.3 Water

A separate utility charge for water will be set to primarily recover all of the costs associated with the provision of water provided by Council in the financial year. These costs include loan interest, depreciation and the on-going maintenance and operation of the system, including treatment plant operations.

In 2023-24, Council introduced a two-part water tariff to replace the current units and allocation. A two-part tariff will consist of an annual Access Charge per meter (being a charge for towards the network infrastructure) and a Consumption Charge (being a charge for the amount of water actually used) that is applied to every KL of water used by the property.

Category	Description	Access Charge (per meter)	Kl Charge – Tier 1	Kl Charge – Tier 2
Vacant	Vacant Land.	315.00	\$0.25 (≤1,300kl)	\$0.72 (>1,300kl)
Residential 1	2 or less single residential dwellings units on one meter.	\$630.00	\$0.25 (≤1,300kl)	\$0.72 (>1,300kl)
Residential 2	3 or more single residential dwelling on one meter.	\$1,614.00	\$0.72	
Commercial 1	Rateable, non-residential land.	\$630.00	\$0.72	
Commercial 2	Non-Rateable, non-residential with 40 mm or less diameter meter.	\$2,522.00	\$0.72 (≤1,200kl)	\$1.45 (>1,200kl)
Commercial 3	Caravan Parks, Hotels, Motels licensed club.	\$984.00	\$0.72	
Commercial 4	Non-Rateable, non-residential 1st Meter greater than 40 mm diameter (Additional meters ≤40mm in diameter to be charged at commercial 2).	\$15,763.00	\$0.72 (≤1,200kl)	\$1.45 (>1,200kl)
Commercial 5	Sporting fields and schools, 1st Meter greater than 40 mm diameter. (Additional meters ≤40mm in diameter to be charged at commercial 2).	\$15,763.00	\$0.72	

For avoidance of doubt, the Tier 2 kilolitre charge only applies to kilolitres consumed in excess of the consumption limit prescribed as part of the Tier 1 kilolitre charge.

6. Cost Recovery Fees & Commercial Charges

Cost Recovery Fees

Cost recovery fees (also known as regulatory fees) comprise a not insignificant proportion of a local government's own source revenue.

Council under *Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009* may, by local law or resolution fix a cost recovery fee for any of the following: -

- An application for, or the issue of an approval, consent, licence, permission, registration or other authority under a local government Act
- Recording a change of ownership of land
- Giving information kept under a local government Act
- Seizing property or animals under a local government Act

The criteria adopted by the Council in setting the level of all cost recovery fees is that the Council seeks, as far as practicable, to set such fees at a level which will generate sufficient revenue to meet the costs incurred for the matter to which the fee relates. In doing so, Council recognises the necessity to comply always with the statutory requirement that a cost recovery fee must not be more than the cost to the local government of providing the service or taking the action for which the fee is charged.

The proceeds of a cost recovery fee must be used to provide the particular service or facility, to which the fee relates, to the community.

Commercial Charges

General powers granted to local government by the State allow Councils to make commercial charges for services and facilities they provide. As distinct from regulatory fees, commercial charges are subject to the Commonwealth Government's Goods and Services Tax.

Council is required to keep a register of regulatory fees and to separate regulatory fees from commercial fees in the register and to have the register open for inspection to the public.

7. Rebates and concessions on rates and charges

In considering the application of concessions, Council will be guided by the principles of:

- Equity by having regard to the different levels of capacity to pay within the local community
- The same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances
- Transparency by making clear the requirements necessary to receive concessions, and
- Flexibility to allow Council to respond to local economic issues

Local Government is required to provide a remission to all eligible persons in receipt of a pension through the State Government's Rate Subsidy Scheme on application to the Council.

An annual pensioner concession on General Rates to aged Pensioners on the same criteria adopted by the State Government will be made by Council to the ratepayer and such concession will be determined each year at Council's Budget Meeting. Further, the additional pedestal charges applied to the township of Charleville will be waived to aged pensioners in receipt of a pension on the same criteria adopted by the State Government.

In terms of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may:

- Rebate all or part of the rates or charges;
- Agree to defer payment of the rates or charges
- Agree to accept a transfer of unencumbered land in full or in part payment of the rates or charges.

Owing to the significant community involvement of the following organisations, Council has resolved to rebate the payment of general rates for the financial year 2026-2027: -

1353/21000	Retirement Village, Charleville, (Burke St, Charleville)
1645/50000	Multifunctional Child Care Centre, (2 Baker St, Charleville)
1867/00000	86-88 Brunel Street, Morven. Dwelling
1907/00000	90-92 Albert Street, Morven. 2 Aged Units
1946/00000	4 Cemetery Road, Morven. Dwelling
1948/00000	4 Newton Street, Morven. Dwelling
1952/00000-	6 Eurella Street, Morven. Dwelling
1967/00000	Trustees Morven Racecourse
2043/00000	Trustees Augathella Racecourse
2048/50000	Augathella Pony Club Paddock
2168/52100	Warrego Pony Club, Charleville, (Pony Club Paddock 323 ha)
2170/00000	Charleville Small Bore Rifle Club Inc. (14 Adavale Road, Charleville)
2171/10000	Charleville Field Archers Assoc Inc., (Bollon Road, Charleville)

In terms of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may exempt from rating land used for religious, charitable, educational or public purposes. The following organisations have been given exemption under this provision until further notice:-

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0084/00000	Masonic Lodge Augathella, (55-57 Cavanagh St, Augathella)
0107/00000	Catholic Church, Augathella, (96-98 Cavanagh St, Augathella)
0303/00000	Anglican Church, Charleville, (Church/Rectory, Alfred St, Charleville)
0324/00000	Historic House, Charleville, (87 Alfred St, Charleville)
0327/00000	Charleville & Dist. Senior Citizens, (107-109 Alfred St, Charleville)
0515/00000	Q.C.W.A., Charleville, (73 Galatea St, Charleville)
0604/00000	Presbyterian Church Charleville, (74-76 Church/Hall Galatea St, Charleville)
0605/00000	Masonic Lodge, Charleville, (70-72 Galatea Street, Charleville)
0612/00000	Presbyterian Church Charleville, (Residence 56 Galatea St, Charleville)
0661/00000	Saint Vincent de Paul, (63 Edward St, Charleville)
0805/00000	Catholic Church, Charleville, (Presbytery Wills/Watson St, Charleville)
0868/00000	Sisters of Mercy, Charleville, (Dwelling 92 Watson St, Charleville)
0869/11000	Girl Guides Assoc, Charleville, (80 Watson St, Charleville)
0872/00000	Catholic Church, Charleville, (School Oval 68 Watson St, Charleville)
1288/00000	Boy Scouts Assoc, Charleville, (44 Sturt St, Charleville)

1425/30000	Lions Club of Charleville, (47 Hilda St, Charleville)
1756/20000	Christian Outreach Centre Charleville, (Sturt St, Charleville)
1923/00000	Morven Historical Museum, Morven, (53 Albert St, Morven)
1925/00000	Morven Historical Museum, Morven, (57 Albert St, Morven)
1935/00000	Anglican Church, Morven, (Church, 33 Eurella St, Morven)
2166/00000	Royal Flying Doctor Service, (Land used for radio communications)
2303/20000	Scout Association of Australia, (Mangalore)

8. Limitation on increases and rates and charges

There will be no limitation on any rates or charges increases in 2026-2027.

9. Administration

9.1 Issue of Rates

Rates and charges will be levied half yearly by a notice generally issued in August or September and February or March each financial year.

9.2 Discount

In terms of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a 10% discount on rates and charges will be available where all rates and charges are paid before the discount date, or within the discount period. Such discount rate will be determined each year at Council's Budget Meeting.

Discount is not applicable to Interest, Fire Levy or Usage Water Charges.

9.3 Interest on Arrears

All rates and charges become overdue if they remain unpaid on the day after the due date for payment. Interest will be charged for rates and charges not paid at 30 days following the due date for payment.

The maximum interest rate that will apply for the financial year 2026-2027 is 12.19%.

5.4 GENERAL RATES**Author: Director of Corporate Services****Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council set the following differential rating categories, minimum general rates and cents in dollar for the financial year 2026-27 as follows:

Category	Description	Cent in \$	Minimum per annum
1	Charleville Residential	4.6608	\$822.00
2	Augathella Residential	6.4368	\$822.00
3	Augathella Non residential	5.4502	\$984.00
4	Morven Residential	2.7600	\$822.00
5	Morven Non residential	2.6740	\$984.00
6	Rural <700 Hectares & <\$100,000 ucv	1.5504	\$1,356.00
7	Rural <700 Hectares & ≥\$100,000 ucv	0.7400	\$1,472.00
8	Rural 700 - 5,000 Hectares	0.1650	\$2,058.00
9	Rural over 5,000 Hectares	0.1650	\$5,367.00
10	Clubs (without poker machines)	1.0804	\$822.00
11	Charleville Multi Dwellings	5.2190	\$984.00
12	Charleville Commercial	7.4226	\$984.00
13	Charleville Tourist Parks, Short Accommodation and Clubs	7.4226	\$984.00
14	Charleville Industry	5.5438	\$984.00
15	Transformer	2.4048	\$1,442.00
16	Outside Urban - Other Land <700 Hectares	0.5202	\$1,400.00
17	Outside Urban - Large Industry	6.5734	\$5,527.00
18	Residential (NPPR)	5.1064	\$901.00
20	Carbon Farms	0.1814	\$8,687.00
21	Work Camps >15 persons	2.1914	\$13,694.00
22	Renewable Energy 1-10 MW	2.4340	\$4,660.00
23	Renewable Energy >10 MW	2.4340	\$9,319.00

BACKGROUND

Rates and Charges need to be set as part of the Budgetary process for the 2026-27 budget.

LGR 2012 Section 77 Minimum general rates for land generally

(1) A local government may fix a minimum amount of general rates.

(2) The local government may identify parcels of rateable land to which a minimum amount of general rates applies in any way the local government considers appropriate.

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Differential general rates

(1) A local government may levy general rates that differ for different categories of rateable land in the local government area.

(2) These rates are called differential general rates.

(3) For example, a local government may decide the amount of the general rates on a parcel of residential land will be more than the general rates on the same size parcel of rural land.

(4) However, the differential general rates for a category of rateable land may be the same as the differential general rates for another category of rateable land.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.5 CHARLEVILLE SEWERAGE AND CLEANSING CHARGES**Author:** Director of Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following sewerage and cleansing/garbage charges be set for the 2026-27 financial year:

Sewerage

Sewerage Base Charge (First Pedestal)	\$ 482.00
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Sewerage Reduced Rate (75%)	
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(Sewerage– Short Stay – Additional Pedestal)	\$ 361.00
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Sewerage Concession Rate (60%)	
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(Sewerage – Additional Pedestal)	\$ 289.00
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Charge per annum	
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Cleansing/Garbage

Charleville – Garbage (1st Bin)	\$ 413.00
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Charleville – Garbage (Additional Bins)	\$ 436.00
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Waste Levy (no bin collection service)	\$ 115.00
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Charge per service per annum	
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BACKGROUND

Service charges need to be set as part of the 2026-27 Budgetary Process.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.6 AUGATHELLA CLEANSING CHARGES

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the cleansing/garbage charge per service per annum be set for the 2026-27 financial year.

Augathella – Garbage (1st Bin) \$ 298.00

Augathella – Garbage (Additional Bins) \$ 321.00

Waste Levy – (no bin collection service) \$ 115.00

BACKGROUND

Cleansing Charges need to be set as part of the 2026-27 Budgetary Process.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.7 AUGATHELLA CED CHARGES & MORVEN SEPTIC CHARGES**Author:** Director of Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following CED and septic charges for Morven and Augathella be set for the 2026-27 financial year:

C.E.D - Building not specified	\$ 235.00
C.E.D. - Aged Persons Complex	\$ 2,351.00
C.E.D. - Business Premises	\$ 574.00
C.E.D. - Church	\$ 199.00
C.E.D. - Dwelling	\$ 498.00
C.E.D. - Hall	\$ 200.00
C.E.D. - Hospital	\$ 1,646.00
C.E.D. - Hotel/Motel	\$ 2,817.00
C.E.D. - Lodge	\$ 201.00
C.E.D. - Public Park	\$ 498.00
C.E.D. - School	\$ 2,351.00
Septic	\$ 504.00

BACKGROUND

Service charges for Augathella and Morven need to be set as part of the 2026-27 budgetary process.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 2.1.1 No loss of life or property, critical infrastructure is protected, and economic impacts are minimised from natural disasters

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.8 MORVEN CLEANSING CHARGES

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That a cleansing/garbage charge per service per annum be set for the 2026-27 financial year.

Morven – Garbage	\$ 298.00
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Morven – Garbage (Additional Bins)	\$ 321.00
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Waste Levy (no bin collection service)	\$ 115.00
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BACKGROUND

Cleansing/Garbage charges need to be set each year as part of the 2026-27 budget process.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.
- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.9 CHARLEVILLE, AUGATHELLA & MORVEN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES**Author:** Director of Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That the charge for the supply of water to properties within the Charleville/Augathella/Morven Water Supply area, and surrounding properties approved by Council, be set for the 2026-27 financial year, based on the following:

Category	Description	Access Charge (per meter)	KI Charge – Tier 1	KI Charge – Tier 2
Vacant	Vacant Land.	\$315.00	\$0.25 (≤1,300kl)	\$0.72 (>1,300kl)
Residential 1	2 or less single residential dwellings units on one meter.	\$630.00	\$0.25 (≤1,300kl)	\$0.72 (>1,300kl)
Residential 2	3 or more single residential dwelling on one meter.	\$1,614.00	\$0.72	
Commercial 1	Rateable, non-residential land.	\$630.00	\$0.72	
Commercial 2	Non-Rateable, non-residential with 40 mm or less diameter meter.	\$2,522.00	\$0.72 (≤1,200kl)	\$1.45 (>1,200kl)
Commercial 3	Caravan Parks, Hotels, Motels licensed club.	\$984.00	\$0.72	
Commercial 4	Non-Rateable, non-residential 1st Meter greater than 40 mm diameter (Additional meters ≤40mm in diameter to be charged at commercial 2).	\$15,763.00	\$0.72 (≤1,200kl)	\$1.45 (>1,200kl)
Commercial 5	Sporting fields and schools, 1st Meter greater than 40 mm diameter. (Additional meters ≤40mm in diameter to be charged at commercial 2).	\$15,763.00	\$0.72	

BACKGROUND

Water access and usage charges need to be set as part of 2026-27 Budgetary process.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.10 DISCOUNT ON RATES LG REG. 2012 S130

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council allows, ten per cent (10%), by way of a discount on rates and charges levied by Council, (excluding interest, fire levy and excess water charges) for the 2026-27 financial year when all rates and charges are paid by the due date.

BACKGROUND

Discount on Rates needs to be decided at the budget meeting each year.

Local Government Regulation 2012

Section 130 Discount for prompt payment of rates or charges

(1) A local government may decide to allow a discount for payment of rates or charges before the end of the discount period.

(4) The local government must, by resolution, make the decision at its budget meeting.

(5) The resolution must state—

(a) whether the discount is to be—

(i) a fixed amount; or

(ii) a percentage of the rates or charges; and

(b) if the discount is to be a fixed amount—the amount; and

(c) if the discount is to be a percentage of the rates or charges—the percentage; and

(d) whether the discount applies only if—

(i) other rates or charges are paid; or

(ii) an amount, including any interest on the amount, is paid for work that was performed by the local government under a remedial notice issued under the Act; and

(e) the discount period.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.11 INTEREST ON RATES LG REG. 2012 S133

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves that;

- (1) Overdue rates will bear interest at the rate of 12.19 % per annum from the date that the rate becomes overdue; and
- (2) That the amount of interest will be calculated on daily rests, applying the interest as compound interest.

The rate of interest to be charged on rates arrears needs to be set as part of the 2026-2027 Budget

Section 133 Interest on overdue rates or charges

(1) Interest is payable on overdue rates or charges from—

(a) the day the rates or charges become overdue; or

(b) a later day decided by the local government.

(2) Interest must be calculated—

(a) on daily rests and as compound interest; or

(b) in another way the local government decides, if an equal or lower amount will be payable.

(3) The rate of interest payable is—

(a) for a day before 1 July 2019—an annual rate, of not more than 11%, decided by the local government; or

(b) for a day on or after 1 July 2019—an annual rate, of not more than the prescribed rate for the day, decided by the local government.

(4) A decision of the local government under this section must—

(a) apply equally to all ratepayers; and

(b) for a decision under subsection (3)(b)—be made by resolution at the local government's budget meeting for the financial year that includes the day to which the decision relates.

Extract of advice received from the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers.

From 1 July 2026, the new maximum interest rate of 12.19 per cent will apply for the 2026-27 financial year and a resolution setting the actual rate to be charged will be required to be made at the budget meeting for the 2026-27 financial year.

For local governments holding their budget meeting on or after 1 July in the budget year, the previous year's interest rate will cease to have effect from 1 July, and therefore the resolution setting the new rate will need to state that the new interest rate applies from 1 July.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.12 PENSIONER REMISSION LG REG. 2012 S119**Author: Accountant****Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer****RECOMMENDATION**

That in accordance with Section 119 of the *Local Government* Regulation 2012, Council resolves to provide assistance to qualifying Age Pensioners, having a Commonwealth Government Concession Card, be granted a remission of up to \$400 per annum of general rates levied for the 2026-27 financial year, under the same criteria as the State Government Pensioner Remission Scheme.

BACKGROUND

The pensioner remission amount for rates for pensioners needs to be set each year as part of the 2026-27 budget process.

Section 119 Concession for rates or charges

A local government may grant a ratepayer a concession for rates or charges for land only under this part.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.13 RATING EXEMPTIONS AND REBATES 2026-27**Author: Director of Corporate Services****Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer****RECOMMENDATION**

In terms of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may:

- Rebate all or part of the rates or charges;

Owing to the significant community involvement of the following organisations, Council has resolved to rebate the payment of general rates for the financial year 2026-2027: -

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2166/00000	Royal Flying Doctor Service, (Land used for radio communications)
2303/20000	Scout Association of Australia, (Mangalore)

BACKGROUND

Section 73 - Land that is exempt from rating—Act, s 93

For section 93(3)(j)(ii) of the Act, the following land is exempted from rating—

(a) land owned by a religious entity if the land is less than 20ha and is used for 1 or more of the following purposes—

- (i) religious purposes, including, for example, public worship;
- (ii) the provision of education, health or community services, including facilities for aged persons and persons with disabilities;
- (iii) the administration of the religious entity;
- (iv) housing incidental to a purpose mentioned in subparagraphs (i) to (iii);

(b) land vested in, or placed under the management and control of, a person under an Act for—

- (i) a public purpose that is a recreational or sporting purpose; or
- (ii) a charitable purpose;

(c) land used for the purposes of a public hospital if—

- (i) the public hospital is—
 - (A) part of a private hospital complex; or
 - (B) a private and public hospital complex; and
- (ii) the land used for the purposes is more than 2ha and is separated from the rest of the complex;

(d) land owned by a community organisation if the land is less than 20ha and is used for providing the following—

- (i) accommodation associated with the protection of children;
- (ii) accommodation for students;
- (iii) educational, training or information services aimed at improving labour market participation or leisure opportunities;

(e) land used for a cemetery.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.14 CHANGE IN RATES AND CHARGES LG REG. 2012 S169

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt 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 year. For the financial year 2026-27 the change is 5%.

BACKGROUND

The budget must include 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.

For calculating the rates and utility charges levied for a financial year, any discounts and rebates must be excluded.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.15 DEBT POLICY 2026-2027 LG REG 2012 S192

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the Debt Policy for the year 2026-27 as tabled.

BACKGROUND

Council needs to adopt the debt policy each financial year as part of the 2026-27 budget process.

Section 192 Debt policy

(1) A local government must prepare and adopt a debt policy for a financial year.

(2) The debt policy must state—

(a) the new borrowings planned for the current financial year and the next 9 financial years; and

(b) the period over which the local government plans to repay existing and new borrowings.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Debt Policy 2026-2027 [📄](#)



Debt Policy

Policy No:	FIN-003
Adopted By:	Council Resolution
Date Adopted:	21 July 2026
Review Date:	July 2027
Version No:	10.0
Responsible Officer:	Director of Corporate Services

1. Purpose

This policy provides a framework for Murweh Shire Council to responsibly manage borrowing, ensuring long-term financial sustainability, maintaining creditworthiness, and funding essential public infrastructure and services without overburdening future budgets or ratepayers.

This policy is adopted in compliance with section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which requires local governments to adopt a debt policy for each financial year stating planned new borrowings for the current and next nine financial years, and the period over which existing and new borrowings will be repaid.

2. Scope

2.1. Application

This policy applies to all borrowings undertaken by Murweh Shire Council, including borrowings for general programmes, water supply infrastructure, and urban wastewater infrastructure. It applies to all councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, and staff involved in financial planning and decision-making.

2.2. Exclusions

This policy does not apply to:

- Internal transfers between Council funds or reserves
- Short-term cash management arrangements that are not borrowings under the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*
- Guarantees or security arrangements for loans to individuals, which are expressly prohibited under section 111 of the *Local Government Act 2009*

3. Principles

Council will manage its debt in accordance with the following principles:

- **Prudence** — borrowing will only be undertaken where it is necessary and in the long-term interest of the community
- **Sustainability** — debt levels will be maintained within thresholds that ensure Council's ongoing financial viability
- **Intergenerational equity** — loan repayment periods will align with the useful life of the asset being funded, ensuring future beneficiaries contribute to the cost



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- **Transparency** — all borrowing decisions will be made by Council resolution and reported publicly
- **Compliance** — all borrowings will comply with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*

4. Allowable Purposes for Borrowing

4.1. Approved Purposes

Council will only undertake borrowing for the following capital infrastructure purposes:

- Road works and street works construction or reconstruction (to bitumen or equivalent standard, including major road drainage works)
- Bridgeworks construction or reconstruction of major bridges
- Water supply infrastructure construction or reconstruction where the cost cannot be funded from revenue
- Urban wastewater infrastructure construction or reconstruction where the cost cannot be funded from revenue
- Aerodrome construction, reconstruction, or upgrade, including pavement reconstruction
- Building construction or reconstruction of major public buildings
- Drainage works including major stormwater drainage and flood mitigation works
- Community services infrastructure including major recreation, sport, economic development, or cultural infrastructure construction or reconstruction where the cost cannot be funded from revenue
- Urban and industrial land development to facilitate economic activity growth

4.2. Excluded Purposes

Borrowing will not be undertaken for operational expenditure, routine maintenance, or any purpose that is not listed in the approved purposes above.

Borrowing for any purpose not in the approved list requires a specific Council resolution authorising the purpose before borrowing may proceed.

5. Financial Constraints on Borrowing

5.1. General Programme Threshold

Council will not undertake general programme borrowing if the effect of the borrowing will result in annual interest and redemption payments exceeding **20% of Council's general rate revenue** for that financial year, unless specifically authorised by a resolution of Council.

5.2. Urban Water Programme Threshold

Council will not undertake urban water programme borrowing if the effect of the borrowing will result in annual interest and redemption payments exceeding **20% of Council's urban water utility charge revenue** for that financial year, unless specifically authorised by a resolution of Council.



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5.3. Urban Wastewater Programme Threshold

Council will not undertake urban wastewater programme borrowing if the effect of the borrowing will result in annual interest and redemption payments exceeding **20% of Council's urban wastewater utility charge revenue** for that financial year, unless specifically authorised by a resolution of Council.

5.4. Approval of Borrowings Exceeding Thresholds

Where borrowing is proposed that would cause interest and redemption payments to exceed any threshold stated above, a report must be prepared by the Director of Corporate Services and presented to Council for resolution before any borrowing proceeds. The report must include a financial sustainability assessment demonstrating Council's capacity to service the debt.

6. Method of Borrowing

Council will borrow exclusively from the **Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC)** in accordance with Part 2B of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*, which governs the financial arrangements available to local governments as statutory bodies.

Council may not borrow from private financial institutions, commercial lenders, or individuals without a specific Council resolution and confirmation from the Queensland Treasury Corporation that QTC funding is not available or suitable for the purpose.

7. Terms of Borrowing

The repayment period of any loan must not exceed the useful life of the asset being funded. The Director of Corporate Services will determine the expected useful life of the asset as part of the borrowing assessment.

The following indicative maximum repayment periods apply:

Table 1 — Indicative Maximum Loan Terms by Asset Type

Asset Type	Maximum Loan Term
Bitumen road construction	15 years
Major bridge construction	30 years
Water and wastewater infrastructure	30 years
Building construction	40 years
Aerodrome pavement reconstruction	20 years
Drainage and flood mitigation works	25 years
Community services infrastructure	20 years

These terms are maximum periods only. Shorter repayment terms are preferred where feasible to minimise total interest cost.

Council may negotiate revised repayment schedules that shorten (but not extend beyond the useful life) the term of an existing loan.



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8. Existing Borrowings

Council's existing borrowings will be redeemed over the period originally negotiated, subject to Council's right to negotiate new repayment schedules that shorten the loan term.

Council's existing borrowings with QTC as at 30 June 2026 are:

Table 2 — Existing Borrowings with QTC (Balance at 30 June 2026)

Purpose	Term (Years)	Balance 30 June 2026 (\$)
Murweh SC – Airport Upgrade	15	574,396
Murweh SC – Flood Mitigation	20	881,169
Murweh SC – Morven Rail Hub	15	697,357
Murweh SC – Council Housing	15	853,820
Total		3,006,742

9. Proposed New Borrowings

Council does not propose to undertake any new borrowings from the 2025–26 financial year through to and including the 2034–35 financial year.

Should circumstances change and new borrowing is considered necessary within this period, a revised debt policy will be adopted by Council resolution prior to any borrowing proceeding.

Table 3 — Proposed New Borrowings 2025–26 to 2034–35

Financial Year	Proposed Borrowing
2025–26	Nil
2026–27	Nil
2027–28	Nil
2028–29	Nil
2029–30	Nil
2030–31	Nil
2031–32	Nil
2032–33	Nil
2033–34	Nil
2034–35	Nil

10. Responsibilities

Council is responsible for:

- Adopting and reviewing this policy annually in compliance with section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*
- Resolving by Council resolution to authorise any new borrowing or any borrowing that exceeds the financial thresholds set out in this policy



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- Ensuring borrowing is only undertaken for approved purposes that serve the good rule and government of the local government area in accordance with section 112 of the *Local Government Act 2009*
- Reporting on debt levels and repayment progress in Council's annual report and financial statements

The Director of Corporate Services is responsible for:

- Preparing borrowing assessments and financial sustainability reports for Council consideration prior to any new borrowing
- Ensuring all borrowings are sourced from QTC unless a Council resolution authorises an alternative
- Monitoring existing debt levels against the financial thresholds in this policy and reporting any breach or risk of breach to Council within 28 days of identification
- Maintaining accurate records of all existing borrowings, repayment schedules, and balances
- Preparing the annual debt policy for adoption by Council in sufficient time to be incorporated in the annual budget process
- Verifying that proposed loan repayment periods do not exceed the useful life of the asset being funded

11. Audit and Review

This policy must be reviewed and re-adopted annually in accordance with section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, which requires debt policy to form part of Council's financial management system.

In addition to the mandatory annual review, the policy must be reviewed within 28 days if any of the following occur:

- A significant change in Council's financial position that affects debt serviceability
- A change in Queensland Treasury Corporation lending terms or eligibility requirements
- An amendment to the *Local Government Act 2009*, the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, or the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* that affects the policy
- A Council resolution to consider new borrowings outside the planned programme

Murweh Shire Council reserves the right to vary, replace, or terminate this policy by Council resolution at any time.

12. Relevant Legislation

- *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) — sections 101, 104, 111, 112
- *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) — sections 191, 192
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* (Qld) — Part 2B

13. Related Policies and Documents

- Investment Policy (FIN-004)
- Revenue Policy (FIN-002)
- Long-Term Financial Forecast



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- Annual Budget and Revenue Statement
- Corporate Plan 2024–2028

14. Definitions

Table 4 — Definitions

Term	Definition
Borrowing	An amount of money obtained by Council from Queensland Treasury Corporation under the <i>Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982</i> that must be repaid with interest over an agreed term
Creditworthiness	Council's capacity and reputation for meeting its debt obligations in full and on time
Financial sustainability	The ability of Council to maintain its financial capital and infrastructure capital over the long term, as defined in section 104(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
General rate revenue	The total revenue received by Council from general rates levied under the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> in a financial year
Interest and redemption payments	The total annual cost of servicing a loan, comprising both interest charges and principal repayment instalments
QTC	Queensland Treasury Corporation, the Queensland Government's central financing authority
Repayment period	The period from the date a loan is drawn down to the date the final principal and interest payment is made
Useful life	The period over which an asset is expected to provide service potential to Council, as assessed by the Director of Corporate Services in accordance with asset management principles
Urban wastewater utility charge revenue	The total revenue received by Council from urban wastewater utility charges levied in a financial year
Urban water utility charge revenue	The total revenue received by Council from urban water utility charges levied in a financial year

15. Version Control

Version	Date	Description	Author
9.0	July 2025	Annual review and re-adoption	Director of Corporate Services
10.0	2 March 2026	Full revision — restructured to MSC policy template; added Scope, Principles, Responsibilities, and Definitions sections; expanded financial constraint provisions; added asset life table; updated legislative references to current versions of LG Act 2009 (as at	Director of Corporate Services



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Version	Date	Description	Author
		18 July 2025) and LG Regulation 2012 (as at 19 December 2025)	

16. Approval

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Chief Executive Officer	Bruce Scott OAM		

5.16 INVESTMENT POLICY 2026-2027 LG REG 2012 S191

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* and Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the Investment Policy for the year 2026-27 as tabled.

BACKGROUND

The investment policy needs to be adopted each financial year.

Section 191 Investment policy

- (1) A local government must prepare and adopt an investment policy.*
- (2) The investment policy must outline—*
 - (a) the local government's investment objectives and overall risk philosophy; and*
 - (b) procedures for achieving the goals related to investment stated in the policy.*

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Investment Policy 2026-2027 [↓](#)



Investment Policy

Policy No:	FIN-004
Adopted By:	Council Resolution
Date Adopted:	21 July 2026
Review Date:	July 2027
Version No:	9.0
Responsible Officer:	Director of Corporate Services

1. Purpose

This policy establishes the framework for the safe, prudent, and efficient management of Murweh Shire Council's surplus funds. It ensures that public moneys are invested in a manner that protects the security of capital, maintains adequate liquidity to meet operational obligations, and maximises returns within approved risk parameters, while complying with all applicable legislation.

2. Scope

2.1. Application

This policy applies to:

- all surplus Council funds not immediately required to meet financial commitments
- all investment officers and staff with delegated authority to invest Council funds
- all investment decisions made on behalf of Council, regardless of the fund source

2.2. Exclusions

This policy does not apply to:

- funds held in trust on behalf of third parties, which are governed by the relevant trust conditions
- superannuation contributions, which are governed by the applicable superannuation legislation

3. Principles

All investment activity will be guided by the following principles, applied in the order of priority listed:

- **Security** — preservation of capital is the primary objective; no investment will be made that places the principal at unacceptable risk
- **Liquidity** — the portfolio will be structured to ensure Council can meet all financial obligations as and when they fall due
- **Return** — subject to security and liquidity requirements, investment returns will be maximised within authorised parameters
- **Prudence** — investments will be managed with the care, diligence, and skill that a prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons
- **Integrity** — investment officers will avoid any transaction that could harm public confidence in Council



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4. Investment Objectives

Council's investment objectives are to:

- invest surplus funds not immediately required for financial commitments
- maximise earnings from authorised investments after assessing counterparty, market, and liquidity risks
- ensure that all investments comply with the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* and applicable regulations
- maintain a portfolio that is realisable without penalty within a reasonable timeframe
- provide transparent and regular reporting to Council on the performance of the investment portfolio

5. Risk Philosophy

Council adopts a **conservative risk philosophy** for the management of its investment portfolio. Investments will be managed to avoid speculation and to prioritise capital security over yield optimisation. Council acknowledges the following risk categories and will actively manage each:

- **Counterparty risk** — the risk that a financial institution fails to meet its obligations; managed by restricting investments to authorised institutions with qualifying credit ratings and by applying concentration limits
- **Liquidity risk** — the risk that funds cannot be accessed in a timely manner; managed by ensuring a proportion of the portfolio matures or is accessible within 30 days at all times
- **Market risk** — the risk that changes in market conditions adversely affect the value of investments; managed by limiting investment terms and avoiding complex or structured financial products
- **Compliance risk** — the risk that investments are made outside the authorised parameters; managed through delegation controls, regular review, and reporting to Council

6. Authorised Investments

Council's investments must be made in accordance with the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*. The following investment types are authorised:

- **Interest Bearing Deposits (IBDs)** with a commercial financial institution that holds a physical presence within the Murweh Shire, subject to the credit rating requirements in this policy
- **Deposits with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC)**, including QTC's Cash Fund

All other investment types, including but not limited to shares, bonds, managed funds, mortgage-backed securities, and structured financial products, are **not authorised**.

7. Credit Rating Requirements

Investments with commercial financial institutions must only be made with institutions that hold a minimum short-term credit rating of **A-2** (Standard & Poor's) or equivalent rating from another recognised rating agency (Moody's or Fitch). Where an institution is unrated, it must not be used for investment.



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Investment officers will verify the current credit rating of any institution before placing funds. A change in an institution's credit rating below the minimum threshold will be reported to the Director of Corporate Services within 5 business days, and no further investments will be made with that institution until compliance is restored.

8. Term of Investment

The term to maturity of any individual investment must not exceed **12 months**. Investment officers will consider Council's projected cash flow requirements when selecting investment terms, ensuring that sufficient funds are available to meet anticipated liabilities.

At all times, a minimum of **10% of the investment portfolio** must be accessible within 30 days, either through maturity or without penalty, to maintain adequate operational liquidity.

9. Portfolio Concentration Limits

To manage counterparty risk, the following concentration limits apply:

- No more than **50% of the total investment portfolio** may be held with a single commercial financial institution at any time
- No minimum or maximum allocation is required to QTC; however, QTC deposits may be used to satisfy any portion of the portfolio without a concentration limit applying

10. Quotations and Placement Process

When placing funds with a commercial financial institution, the investment officer must:

1. Obtain quotes from all eligible institutions operating within the Murweh Shire on the day of investment
2. Confirm that each institution meets the credit rating requirements in this policy before obtaining a quote
3. Select the best rate offered, having regard to administrative and banking costs, credit rating, and term to maturity
4. Record the quotes received and the institution selected in the investment register

Where only one eligible institution is operating within the Murweh Shire, a single quote may be accepted, and this must be noted in the investment register.

Deposits with QTC do not require a competitive quote process.

11. Investment Register

The Director of Corporate Services will maintain an investment register that records, for each investment:

- the financial institution or counterparty
- the type of investment
- the principal amount
- the interest rate



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- the date of investment
- the maturity date
- the interest earned to date
- the credit rating of the institution at the time of investment

The investment register will be updated within 2 business days of each transaction and made available to the CEO and internal auditors on request.

12. Delegation of Authority

Authority for implementation of this policy is delegated by Council to the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** under the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 257.

The CEO may sub-delegate this authority to the **Director of Corporate Services** in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 259. The sub-delegation must be in writing and specify the scope of the delegated authority, including any financial limits.

Investment officers acting under delegation must not exceed the terms of their delegation. Any transaction outside delegated authority must be referred to the CEO before proceeding.

13. Conflict of Interest

Investment officers must not make investment decisions in circumstances where a personal or professional conflict of interest exists. Any actual or perceived conflict of interest must be disclosed in writing to the CEO before the relevant transaction proceeds. Where a conflict is confirmed, the investment officer must not participate in the transaction, and the decision will be made by another authorised officer.

14. Reporting

The Director of Corporate Services may present a written investment report to Council as part of the monthly financial report. The report will include:

- a summary of all current investments, including institution, type, principal, interest rate, and maturity date
- total interest earned during the reporting month and for the financial year to date
- a comparison of portfolio performance against the applicable benchmark (the RBA Cash Rate or QTC Cash Fund rate, as relevant)
- confirmation of compliance with this policy, including credit rating and concentration limit compliance
- any breaches of this policy identified during the reporting period and the action taken to rectify them

15. Breach Management

Where an investment is found to be non-compliant with this policy (whether due to a change in institutional credit rating, a concentration limit breach, or any other reason), the following action will be taken:



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1. The breach will be reported in writing to the CEO within 5 business days of identification
2. The Director of Corporate Services will prepare a remediation plan within 10 business days
3. The breach and remediation action will be disclosed in the next monthly financial report to Council
4. Where the breach results from an investment that cannot be immediately unwound without penalty, the investment will be held to maturity and no further investments will be made with the relevant institution until compliance is restored

16. Responsibilities

Council is responsible for:

- adopting and reviewing this policy
- approving any changes to the authorised investment types or risk parameters
- receiving and considering the monthly investment report
- ensuring appropriate resources are allocated to implement this policy

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for:

- implementing this policy and ensuring compliance
- maintaining and reviewing the delegation framework for investment authority
- escalating any material breaches or compliance issues to Council
- ensuring investment officers receive appropriate training and guidance

The Director of Corporate Services is responsible for:

- day-to-day management of the investment portfolio in accordance with this policy
- maintaining the investment register
- preparing the monthly investment report for Council
- monitoring institutional credit ratings and portfolio concentration limits
- reporting breaches in accordance with this policy

Investment officers are responsible for:

- acting within the scope of their delegation at all times
- obtaining and recording quotes in accordance with this policy
- disclosing conflicts of interest before making investment decisions
- maintaining accurate records of all investment transactions

17. Relevant Legislation

- *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), section 104
- *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), section 191
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* (Qld)
- *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Regulation 2007* (Qld)
- *Financial Accountability Act 2009* (Qld)
- *Financial and Performance Management Standard 2019* (Qld)



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18. Related Policies and Documents

- Debt Policy (FIN-003)
- Delegations Register

19. Definitions

Definitions table

Term	Definition
Authorised investment	An investment type permitted under this policy and the <i>Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982</i>
Concentration limit	The maximum proportion of the total investment portfolio that may be held with a single counterparty
Counterparty	A financial institution or entity with which Council places an investment
Counterparty risk	The risk that a counterparty fails to meet its financial obligations to Council
Credit rating	A formal assessment of a financial institution's creditworthiness assigned by a recognised rating agency (Standard & Poor's, Moody's, or Fitch)
IBD	Interest Bearing Deposit — a fixed-term deposit placed with a financial institution at an agreed interest rate
Investment officer	A Council officer with delegated authority to make investment decisions on behalf of Council
Investment portfolio	The total of all funds currently invested by Council under this policy
Investment register	The record maintained by the Director of Corporate Services documenting all current and recent investments
Liquidity risk	The risk that Council is unable to access invested funds in time to meet financial obligations
Market risk	The risk of financial loss resulting from changes in market interest rates or conditions
QTC	Queensland Treasury Corporation — the Queensland Government's central financing authority
Security of capital	The preservation of the principal amount of an investment against loss
Surplus funds	Funds held by Council that are not immediately required to meet financial commitments

20. Version Control

Version	Date	Description	Author
8.0	July 2025	Version 8 adopted	Director of Corporate Services
9.0	2 March 2026	Full revision — expanded risk philosophy, added credit rating requirements, concentration limits,	Director of Corporate Services



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Version	Date	Description	Author
		breach management procedures, conflict of interest provisions, investment register requirements, and detailed responsibilities. Aligned with LGR 2012 s.191 requirements and current best practice.	

21. Approval

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Chief Executive Officer	Bruce Scott OAM		

5.17 RECOVERY OF OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES POLICY.

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council repeal the financial hardship policy 2026-27; and resolve to adopt the Recovery of Overdue Rates & Charges Policy as tabled.

BACKGROUND

Council should ensure a policy framework in relation to the recovery of outstanding balances is in place to provide guidance to Council staff as to the appropriate actions to be taken to in relation to balances that are outstanding to Council.

*Section 125, Part 10 Concessions**Special provision for agreement to defer rates or charges*

(1) This section applies if a concession to a ratepayer for rates or charges includes an agreement to defer the payment of the rates or charges.

(2) The agreement must state either—

(a) for an agreement under which the rates or charges become payable on a particular day—the due date for payment of the rates or charges; or

(b) for an agreement under which the rates or charges become payable when an event happens—a description of the event and the due date for payment of the rates or charges in reference to the event.

Example—

An agreement provides for general rates for land to be paid at the end of a stated period after the land is transmitted to the ratepayer's personal representative or sold.

(3) The agreement may also include a condition that the ratepayer must pay an additional charge in return for the local government agreeing to defer payment of the rates or charges.

Council should ensure a policy framework in relation to the recovery of outstanding balances is in place to provide guidance to Council staff as to the appropriate actions to be taken to in relation to balances that are outstanding to Council.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Recovery of Overdue Rates and Charges Policy 2026-2027 [📄](#)



Recovery of Overdue Rates and Charges Policy

Policy No:	FIN-016
Adopted By:	Council Resolution
Date Adopted:	1 July 2025
Review Date:	1 July 2028
Version No:	2.0
Responsible Officer:	Director of Corporate Services

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedural direction to officers of Council to ensure the prompt follow-up and timely collection of overdue rates and charges. This policy is made in accordance with Chapter 4, Part 1 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Chapter 4, Parts 11 and 12 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The management and recovery of outstanding rates and charges is an important aspect of Council's financial management function. The non-payment of rates or charges by some ratepayers places an unfair burden on those ratepayers who meet their legal obligations in full and in a timely manner.

2. Scope

2.1. Application

This policy applies to all ratepayers of Murweh Shire Council whose rates or charges have become overdue. It applies to Council officers responsible for administering the recovery of overdue rates and charges.

This policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment.

2.2. Exclusions

This policy does not apply to:

- fees or charges that are not rates or charges under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; or
- situations where a specific Council resolution has varied the application of this policy for particular circumstances.

3. Principles

Council will be guided by the following principles in the recovery of overdue rates and charges:

- **Transparency** — making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes used by Council.
- **Assistance** — actively assisting ratepayers to meet their financial obligations before escalating recovery action.
- **Efficiency** — making the processes used to recover overdue rates or charges clear, simple to administer, and cost-effective.
- **Consistency and equity** — providing the same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances.



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- **Flexibility** — responding where necessary to changes in the local economy or to individual hardship circumstances.

4. Recovery Procedures — Overdue Rates and Charges

4.1. Initial Recovery Action

Where a rate or charge becomes overdue after the due date stated on the rate notice, Council will take the following action:

First Reminder Notice

A minimum of 14 days after the due date of the rate notice, property owners who have rates or charges outstanding (for which no payment arrangement has been negotiated) will be issued with a First Reminder Notice. This notice will advise the ratepayer that they have 14 days from the date of the letter to either:

- finalise the outstanding balance in full; or
- enter into an approved **payment commitment** (refer to Section 6 — Payment Commitments).

No further recovery action will be taken if payment is made in full, or if the ratepayer enters into and maintains an approved payment commitment.

Second Reminder Notice

A minimum of 28 days after the due date of the rate notice, property owners who still have rates or charges outstanding (for which no payment arrangement has been negotiated) will be issued with a Second Reminder Notice. This notice will advise that the ratepayer has a further 14 days from the date of the letter to either:

- finalise the outstanding balance in full; or
- enter into an approved payment commitment.

No further recovery action will be taken if payment is made in full, or if the ratepayer enters into and maintains an approved payment commitment.

4.2. Advanced Debt Recovery Action

Letter of Demand

Council may issue a **Letter of Demand** to ratepayers of properties that have any part of their overdue rates and charges remaining unpaid for at least:

- 3 years (general); or
- 1 year for vacant land or land used only for commercial purposes, where Council has obtained judgment for the overdue rates or charges (refer to Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*); or
- 3 months for a mining claim.

The Letter of Demand will request the ratepayer to finalise the outstanding balance or enter into an approved payment commitment within 14 days of the date of the letter.



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No further recovery action will be taken if payment is made in full, or if the ratepayer enters into and maintains an approved payment commitment.

Court Proceedings

In accordance with Section 134 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may recover overdue rates or charges by bringing court proceedings for a debt against the person liable to pay the overdue amounts. If Council does not recover all overdue rates or charges from that person, it may recover the remaining amounts from any other person who is jointly and severally liable (for example, a joint owner).

If Council commences court proceedings, the option to sell or acquire land for those overdue rates or charges will not be available while proceedings are on foot.

Registration of Charge over Land

In accordance with Section 95 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, overdue rates and charges constitute a charge on the rateable land to which they relate. Council may register this charge with the Registrar of Titles to protect its interest. A registered charge has priority over all other encumbrances on the land, other than those in favour of the State or a government entity.

Council must release the registered charge promptly once all overdue rates and charges have been paid in full.

4.3. Selling Land for Overdue Rates or Charges

If the ratepayer fails to finalise the outstanding balance as shown in the Letter of Demand, Council may decide by resolution to sell the land for overdue rates or charges in accordance with Section 140 and Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Eligibility criteria for initiating a land sale are the same as those for issuing a Letter of Demand (refer above). Note that for vacant or commercial land, Council must have obtained a court judgment for the overdue rates or charges before the 1-year threshold applies.

Process following resolution

Following a Council resolution to sell the land:

1. Council must, as soon as practicable, give all interested parties a **Notice of Intention to Sell** (signed by the Chief Executive Officer), setting out the details required under Section 140 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
2. If the overdue rates or charges are not paid in full within **3 months** of the Notice of Intention to Sell being given to the registered owner, Council must commence auction procedures within **6 months** of giving the notice.
3. The land must be offered for sale first by auction, with a reserve price set in accordance with Section 143 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
4. The sale procedures must conclude no later than **1 year** after the notice was given to the registered owner.
5. Proceeds of sale will be applied in the order set out in Section 146 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.



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Once a Notice of Intention to Sell has been issued, no payment commitments will be accepted. Full payment of all outstanding rates, charges, interest, and costs is required to stop sale action.

4.4. Acquiring Land for Overdue Rates or Charges

If the ratepayer fails to finalise the outstanding balance as shown in the Letter of Demand, Council may decide by resolution to acquire the land for overdue rates or charges in accordance with Section 149 and Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, where all of the following conditions are met:

- some of the overdue rates or charges have been overdue for at least 3 years; and
- the liability to pay the overdue rates or charges is not the subject of court proceedings; and
- the person liable to pay has an interest in the land that a corporation is not prohibited from holding; and
- either:
 - (a) the total amount of the overdue rates or charges exceeds the value of the land, and the land is considered valueless or of so little value that proceeds of sale would be less than the overdue amount; or
 - (b) the total amount of the overdue rates or charges exceeds the market value of the land.

Process following resolution

Following a Council resolution to acquire the land:

1. Council must, as soon as practicable, give all interested parties a **Notice of Intention to Acquire** (signed by the Chief Executive Officer), in accordance with Section 149 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
2. If the overdue rates or charges are not paid in full within **6 months** of the Notice of Intention to Acquire being given, Council may commence acquisition procedures.
3. Council must end acquisition procedures if it receives full payment of all overdue rates, charges, interest, and acquisition expenses.

Once a Notice of Intention to Acquire has been issued, no payment commitments will be accepted. Full payment of all outstanding rates, charges, interest, and costs is required to stop acquisition action.

4.5. Deferment of Recovery Actions

Recovery action may be deferred in the following circumstances:

- deceased estates where probate has not yet been obtained;
- bankruptcy, liquidation, receivership, or administration of the ratepayer;
- property sale where a signed unconditional contract has been provided to Council for verification;
- approved hardship — determined following a written submission and/or interview with the ratepayer, and approved by Council resolution; or
- special circumstances — any other circumstance considered and approved by Council resolution where deferment would be of benefit.

Where recovery action is deferred, interest will continue to accrue on the overdue amount in accordance with Section 7 of this policy unless Council specifically resolves otherwise.



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5. Payment Commitments

5.1. Applications

To request a payment commitment (instalment arrangement), the ratepayer must contact Council in writing before the due date shown on the rate notice, or as early as possible once overdue.

All payment commitments must ensure that future rates and charges are paid as issued, so that the account does not fall further into arrears.

- Payment commitments that will result in full payment within **12 months** may be approved by the Director of Corporate Services.
- Payment commitments that extend beyond **12 months** will be the subject of a separate report to Council for consideration. For these arrangements, an estimate of rates and water levies expected to issue during the extended period will be added to the commitment (based on the most recent rates and water levies issued), to ensure the arrears balance does not continue to grow.

If approved, Council will document the terms of the payment commitment and provide a copy in writing to the ratepayer. Council will not pursue further recovery action while the commitment is current and the ratepayer adheres to the agreed schedule.

5.2. Changed Circumstances

Council reserves the right to renegotiate or cancel a payment commitment should circumstances change such that the debt will not be paid within Council's policy timeframe. In these circumstances, Council will not initiate further recovery action without first notifying the ratepayer.

5.3. Missed Payments or Shortfalls

If the ratepayer is unable to make a payment within the required timeframe, or the minimum repayment is not met, the ratepayer must contact Council and provide supporting evidence to justify an extension. Council may request any information it deems necessary to assess genuine hardship.

If a payment commitment is not maintained and the ratepayer does not contact Council:

- the payment commitment will be removed from Council's rate assessment; and
- recovery action will recommence without further notice to the ratepayer.

5.4. Application of Payments

In accordance with Section 128 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, payments received will be applied to overdue rates and charges in the order in which they became overdue (oldest first), unless the property owner advises Council to apply the payment to particular rates or charges.

6. Payment of Rates in Advance

Council encourages ratepayers to make regular advance payments to reduce the balance owing at the time of each rates issue. Payment in advance allows ratepayers to avoid or minimise interest accruals and other charges.

Council does not pay interest on advance payments or credit balances.



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7. Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

7.1. Interest Rate

In accordance with Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, interest is payable on overdue rates and charges from the day the rates or charges become overdue.

Interest is calculated on daily rests as compound interest. The annual rate of interest is set by Council resolution at the budget meeting for each financial year and must not exceed the **prescribed rate** for that year, being the sum of:

- the monthly average yield of 90-day bank accepted bills published by the Reserve Bank of Australia for the month of March in the immediately preceding financial year (rounded to 2 decimal places); and
- 8%.

The current applicable interest rate is published in Council's Register of Fees and Charges and on Council's website. The interest rate decision applies equally to all ratepayers.

All rates and charges become overdue immediately following the due date as shown on the rate notice. Assessments with approved payment commitments will continue to accrue interest at the applicable rate until the outstanding amount is paid in full, unless Council resolves otherwise.

7.2. Interest Threshold

An interest threshold of **\$10.00** will be applied as follows. Where an assessment has been fully paid prior to an interest run, and the interest calculated as outstanding between the date of the last interest run and the date of payment is less than \$10.00, that interest will not be charged to the assessment.

8. Small Debts Write-Off

Any outstanding balance (including accrued interest) of less than **\$50.00** may be written off by the Director of Corporate Services on a monthly basis, to reduce the administrative cost of managing small outstanding amounts. An information report outlining these write-offs will be presented to Council on a Quarterly basis.

9. Debt Write-Off

All bad debts (other than small debts written off under Section 9 above) may only be written off by Council resolution. This includes any associated accrued interest.

10. Responsibilities

Council is responsible for:

- setting the annual interest rate on overdue rates and charges by resolution at the budget meeting;
- approving payment commitments that extend beyond 12 months;
- resolving to defer recovery action in cases of approved hardship or special circumstances;
- resolving to initiate court proceedings, land sale action, or land acquisition action;
- writing off bad debts by resolution (other than small debts under Section 9);



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- ensuring this policy is reviewed and updated in accordance with the Audit and Review section.

The Director of Corporate Services is responsible for:

- implementing and overseeing this policy;
- approving payment commitments within 12 months;
- issuing First Reminder Notices, Second Reminder Notices, and Letters of Demand in accordance with this policy;
- ensuring all notices comply with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*;
- reporting to Council on recovery actions requiring Council resolution;
- maintaining accurate records of all overdue accounts and recovery actions taken.

Ratepayers are responsible for:

- paying rates and charges by the due date stated on the rate notice;
- contacting Council before the due date if they are unable to pay in full;
- maintaining payment commitments once approved;
- notifying Council promptly if their circumstances change in a way that affects their ability to meet a payment commitment.

11. Relevant Legislation

- *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), Chapter 4, Part 1; Section 95
- *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), Chapter 4, Parts 10–13; Sections 127–133, 134–135, 140–151
- *Land Title Act 1994* (Qld)
- *Valuers Registration Act 1992* (Qld)
- *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994* (Qld)

12. Related Policies and Documents

- Murweh Shire Council Revenue Policy
- Murweh Shire Council Register of Fees and Charges
- Murweh Shire Council Budget (annual)

13. Definitions

Definitions table

Term	Definition
Advanced debt recovery action	Recovery action taken after initial notices have been issued, including a Letter of Demand, court proceedings, charge registration, land sale, or land acquisition.
Approved payment commitment	A written arrangement between Council and a ratepayer for the payment of overdue rates and charges by instalments, in a form documented and approved under this policy.
Bank bill yield rate	The monthly average yield of 90-day bank accepted bills published by the Reserve Bank of Australia for the month of March in the financial year



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Term	Definition
	immediately before the financial year in which the day of interest calculation occurs.
Charge over land	A security interest registered against rateable land under Section 95 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , securing the amount of overdue rates and charges.
Commercial purposes	Land used only for business, trade, or commercial activity, with no residential or primary production use.
Court proceedings	Legal proceedings brought by Council in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover overdue rates and charges as a debt.
Due date	The date by which rates or charges must be paid, as stated in the rate notice.
Hardship	A financial circumstance that prevents a ratepayer from meeting their rates obligations, as determined by Council following a written submission and/or interview.
Letter of Demand	A formal written notice issued by Council requiring a ratepayer to pay the outstanding balance or enter into a payment commitment within 14 days.
Market value	The value of the land, including improvements, as assessed by a registered valuer who is not an employee of Council (as referenced in Section 137 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>).
Mining claim	A mining claim as defined under the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> (Qld).
Notice of Intention to Acquire	A document signed by the Chief Executive Officer notifying interested parties of Council's resolution to acquire land for overdue rates or charges under Section 149 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> .
Notice of Intention to Sell	A document signed by the Chief Executive Officer notifying interested parties of Council's resolution to sell land for overdue rates or charges under Section 140 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> .
Overdue rates or charges	Rates or charges that have not been paid by the due date stated in the rate notice, together with associated interest and costs, as defined in Section 132 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> .
Payment commitment	See Approved payment commitment.
Prescribed rate	The annual interest rate ceiling set by the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> , being the bank bill yield rate plus 8%.
Probate	The legal process by which a deceased person's will is proven and the estate administered.
Public Sector Ethics	The ethics principles as defined in the <i>Public Sector Ethics Act 1994</i> .
Rate notice	A notice issued by Council in accordance with the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> specifying the rates and charges levied on rateable land, the due date for payment, and other required information.
Ratepayer	A person who is liable to pay rates or charges to Council under Section 127 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> .



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Term	Definition
Vacant land	Land that is not improved by any structure and is not used for agricultural or primary production purposes.

14. Version Control

Version	Date	Description	Author
1.0	July 2025	Initial policy adopted	Director of Corporate Services
2.0	1 March 2026	Full revision: legislative alignment with LGR 2012 (as at 19 December 2025), addition of court proceedings and charge over land recovery mechanisms, correction of interest rate provisions, completion of definitions and references sections, restructure to MSC policy template	Director of Corporate Services

15. Approval

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Chief Executive Officer	Bruce Scott OAM		

5.18 FEES AND CHARGES 2026-2027

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with Sections 97, 98, 262 (3) and 280 (2) (d) of the *Local Government Act 2009* adopt the Schedule of Regulatory Fees & Commercial Charges 2026-27 as tabled.

BACKGROUND

Council needs to adopt the fees and charges each fiscal year as part of the 2026-27 budget process.

Section 97 Cost-recovery fees

(1) A local government may, under a local law or a resolution, fix a cost-recovery fee.

Section 98 Register of cost-recovery fees

(1) A local government must keep a register of its cost-recovery fee

Section 280 Registers

(2) A register includes—

(d) a register of regulatory fees; and

Section 262 Powers in support of responsibilities

(3) The powers include all the powers that an individual may exercise, including for example—

(c) power to charge for a service or facility, other than a service or facility for which a cost-recovery fee may be fixed.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. **2026-2027 Fees and Charges** [↓](#)

MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL — FEES AND CHARGES 2026–2027

All prices are GST-inclusive where applicable. "EXEMPT" = GST-exempt. "POA" = Price on Application. All prices in Australian dollars.

SERVICE / DESCRIPTION	GST	LEGAL SOURCE	2026–27 FEE	PRICING BASIS	DEPARTMENT	GL CODE
GOVERNANCE						
Administration Charges						
Application installation of grid per application (inspection required - include	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$525	Commercial	Engineering	2160-1000
Installation of grid by Council	GST	s262(3)(c)	at cost	Commercial	Engineering	2160-1000
Application Fee - Private Works	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$160	Commercial	Engineering	2160-1000
Emergency call out - Engineering staff (before 7am and after 5pm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$525	Commercial	Engineering	2160-1000
Application to install Prescribed Activity (footpath crossover/useage)	GST	S97(2)(c)	\$ 157.00	Commercial	Administration	3412-1000
Application Fee RTI			as per legislation	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Governance	2160-1000
Photocopying/Printing						
A4 - Single sided - Black and White - per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$0.40	Commercial	Administration	2160-1000
A4 - Double sided - Black and White - per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$0.70	Commercial	Administration	2160-1000
A4-Single sided - Coloured - per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$0.70	Commercial	Administration	2160-1000
A4-Double sided - Coloured-per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1.20	Commercial	Administration	2160-1000
A3-Single sided - Black and White-per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$0.80	Commercial	Administration	2160-1000
A3-Single sided - Coloured-per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1.20	Commercial	Administration	2160-1000
A3-Double sided - Coloured - per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$2.15	Commercial	Administration	
Laminate document						
A4 document		s262(3)(c)	\$4.10	Commercial	Administration	2160-1000
A3 document		s262(3)(c)	\$5.15	Commercial	Administration	2160-1000
LOCAL LAW copy per sheet	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$2	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Administration	2160-1000
Annual Report	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$98	LGA s97(2)(a)	Administration	2160-1000
BUILDING AND PLUMBING WORKS						
Certificate of Classification (if not issued before 30 April 1998) maximum fee	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$1,900	Commercial	Building/Planning	4205-1000
Certificate of Classification (if not issued after 30 April 1998) maximum fee \$2090.00 {Form 13 to be completed}	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$2,150	Commercial	Building/Planning	4205-1000
Copy of Plans from Property File						
Archive Retrieval Fee - Commercial (Class 2-9)	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$100	LGA s97(2)(c)	Building/Planning	4205-1000
Archive Retrieval Fee Dwelling & Residential Shed (Class 1-10)	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$55	LGA s 97(2)(c)	Building/Planning	4205-1000
BUILDING FEES						
Lodgement/Archival fee - [DA For 2/ DA Form 1 to be completed]	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$200	LGA s 97(2)(c)	Building/Planning	4205-1000
Assessment Fee - Preliminary	GST	Planning Act 2016	400	LGA s 97(2)(c)	Building/Planning	4205-1000

SERVICE / DESCRIPTION	GST	LEGAL SOURCE	2026–27 FEE	PRICING BASIS	DEPARTMENT	GL CODE
SINGLE DWELLING						
New Dwelling - 3 Inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$2,665	LGA s 97(2)(c)	Building	4205-1000
New Dwelling - 4 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$3,150	LGA s 97(2)(c)	Building	4205-1000
New Transportable Dwelling/Removal Dwelling - 2 Inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$2,180	LGA s97(2)(c)	Building	4205-1000
Duplex/Multiple Dwellings - min 5 Inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$4,245	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
Note for duplex/multiple dwelling, add per additional unit, plus additional	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 605.00	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
Additional inspection	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$460	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
Requested inspection by 3rd Party (not associated with a Council building approval)	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$1,840	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
BUILDING RESIDENTIAL			As per legislation	Statutory		
Patio, Verandah, Carport, Storage Containers - 2 inspections Garden Shed (over 10M ²), Restump/re roof existing building - Code 10a	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$595	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
Electronic/Highway/Large Advertising signs, shade sails (Class 10b-under 500m2) - 2 inspection	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$595	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
Domestic Shed, Garage - 2 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 950.00	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
Domestic Alteration/Addition - 3 inspections eg. Adding a bedroom	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$2,075	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
House relocation inspection and report - 2 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$1,535	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
House relocation report only (inspection done by others)	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$710	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
Relaxation of boundary clearance report	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$375	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
Building within zones of influence of a Council sewermain	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$375	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
Request to change existing approval	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$565	Statutory	Building	4205-1000
REFUNDABLE BUILDING/STREET BOND FOR ALL RELOCATION AND DEMOLITIONS						
In Town - Urban	No GST		\$10,000	Commercial	Building	4205-1000-2
Out of Town - Rural	No GST		\$5,000	Commercial	Building	4205-1000-2
Note 50% refund after Footing inspection. Balance of Bond refunded on	No GST					
BUILDING COMMERCIAL						
Commercial fit out (No QFRS) - 1 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$2,305	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
QFRS Referral (Administration fee)	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$725	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Commercial New (499m2 and under) - 4 inspections [plus QFES referral admin fee if	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$4,365	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Commercial New (500m2 to 999m2)- 5 inspections [plus QFES referral admin fee if	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$5,195	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Commercial New (1000m2 to 1999m2)- 6 inspections [plus QFES referral if	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$6,545	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Commercial alterations and additions 499m2 and under - 3 inspections [plus QFES	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$2,665	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Commercial Alterations and additions(500m2 to 999m2)-	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$4,365	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Commercial Alterations and additions (1000m2 to 1999m2)[plus QFES referral	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$5,455	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
DEMOLITIONS						
Lodgement Fees	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$595	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Rural Road (Refundable Bond)	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$10,500	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Urban Street (Refundable Bond)	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$15,750	Commercial	Building	4205-1000

SERVICE / DESCRIPTION	GST	LEGAL SOURCE	2026-27 FEE	PRICING BASIS	DEPARTMENT	GL CODE
PLUMBING WORK (FORM 1)						
Application Fee (If not lodged with a building application)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$95	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
PLUMBING RESIDENTIAL						
Assessment fee per fixture (owner to supply plan) [3x\$66 = \$198.00]	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$66	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
plus - on stumps - Inspection fee - Minimum of 3 inspections [3x\$275.00 =	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$275	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
or plus - on slab - Inspection fee - Minimum of 4 inspections (eg. 4 x \$275.00 =	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$275	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Assessment Fee Minor Plumbing Works (max 2 Fixtures and 1 inspection)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$850	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
PLUMBING COMMERCIAL						
Assessment fee per fixture (owner to supply plan) (eg. 4 fixtures x \$183.00 = \$732)	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$190	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Plus - Inspection fee Minimum of 3 inspections (eg. 3 x \$485.00 = \$1455.00)	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$505	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Assessment Fee Minor Plumbing Works (max 2 Fixtures and 1 inspection)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$1,015	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Cost per re-inspection of defective work	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$2,100	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Water Connection						
Fire fighting service (Hose Reel, Hydrant)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$70	Commercial	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Registration of Backflow Prevention Device (per testable device)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$65	Commercial	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Trade waste assessment and inspection (per fixture)	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$120	Commercial	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Water Connection - Form 1 or Council Form						
Up to 20mm per connection	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1,015	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Additional cost per meter of water service greater than 5m in length to boundary of	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$45	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Up to 40mm per connection	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1,995	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Up to 50mm per connection	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$2,735	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Up to 100mm per connection	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$11,290	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Additional cost per meter of water service greater than 5m in length to boundary of			\$175	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
WATER STANDPIPES						
Water usage Charge per kilolitre	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$4.40	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Rural Land owner - water per litre - drought time only approved by Council	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1.10	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
SEWERAGE/SEPTIC						
Assessment and installation of sewer connection - connected to sewer network	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1,315	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Sewer disconnection inspection Removal of Fixture plumber to cap	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$105	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Water supply disconnection inspection - Form 1 Question 7	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$105	Commercial	Water Sewage	5135-1000
Septic Treatment Plant (not connected to Council network)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$725	Commercial	Water Sewage	5135-1000

SERVICE / DESCRIPTION	GST	LEGAL SOURCE	2026–27 FEE	PRICING BASIS	DEPARTMENT	GL CODE
SWIMMING POOLS						
Building Work (only)						
Swimming Pool Construction - 2 Inspections	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$1,940	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Above Ground Pool or Spa - 1 Inspection	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$970	Commercial	Building	4205-1000
Pool Safety Inspection and Pool Safety Certificate including re-inspection within 2	GST		\$465	Commercial	Building	3437-1000
Pool Safety Inspection (Rural area - travel)	GST		POA	Commercial	Building	3437-1000
LICENCES - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - ALL LICENCES ARE VALID FROM 1/9 TO 31/8						
Accommodation Annual Registration Hotel	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$475	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Motel	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$475	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Caravan Parks Annual License	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$260	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Food Premises						
Food Licence	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$165	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Mobile Food (annual)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$165	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Temporary (out of normal time inspection)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$220	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Reinspection of food premises (failed initial annual inspection) per inspection	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$130	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Footpath - Annual Licence Valid from 1/9 till 31/8						
Placement of signage/booth/stall permitted 1.2m from shop front only	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$110	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
(\$20 million Public liability Insurance policy number/sighting)						
Higher Risk Personal Appearance Licence						
Skin piercing & tattoos	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$165	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Vendors Permit - Valid from 01/09 till 31/08						
Local non-Food Vendor (Resident) (use of Council owned/managed land)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$52.50	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Itinerant (up to 12 operating days per year)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$141	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
ERA - Annual Licence	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$198	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Not for Profit/Local Community Group (less than 12 events per annum)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 100.00	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000

SERVICE / DESCRIPTION	GST	LEGAL SOURCE	2026–27 FEE	PRICING BASIS	DEPARTMENT	GL CODE
ANIMALS						
Agistment Fees on Reserves and Commons						
Horses/Cattle	GST	s97(2)(a)	\$6	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Cattle Tailing	GST	s97(2)(a)	at cost	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Sheep	GST	s97(2)(a)	\$3	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Impounding Fees for Stock on Reserves and Commons						
Sheep - A charge at the rate of \$2.00 per head for every 24 hours or part thereof	No GST	s97(2)(d)	As per description	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Horses and Cattle - A charge at the rate of \$18.00 per head for every 24 hours or	No GST	s97(2)(d)	As per description	LGA s 97(2)(a)		
Feral Animal Control						
Wild Dog Scalp Bounty (scalp to be presented whole and dry - wet scalps not	GST		\$50	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Meat ordered by Landholder for coordinated baiting campaigns only	GST		at cost + 20% admin	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Sodium Fluoroacetate treatment of meat (meat not supplied by Council within	GST		\$1.20	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Dogs - all dogs to be registered and micro-chipped by 12 weeks of age						
Desexed dog (proof of desexing required)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$36	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Entire dog owned by pensioner (proof of aged pension required)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$58	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Entire dog (male/female)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$105	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Registration for each additional dog not desexed (3-5)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$139	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Registration for each additional dog desexed (3-5)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$88	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1000
Replacement Dog Tag	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$7	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1001
Adoption Fee (includes registration and microchipping)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$150	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1002
Excess dogs (above 2 at any residence) - each dog must be registered, approval from						
Application - Excess Dog	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$165	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1004
Excess dogs Annual Permit Renewal	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$59	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1005
Declared Restricted - Dangerous dog	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$440	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1006
Declared Restricted - Menacing dog	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$280	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1007
Review of proposed declaration	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$220		Regulatory	3412-1008
Assistance/Guide Dog (proof required)			No cost	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1008
Impound - dogs are to be registered prior to release - receipt shown to Council officer releasing animal						
First impound registered dog (within 24 hours of impounding animal)	No GST	s97(2)(d)	No cost	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1008
First impound registered dog (post 24 hours of impounding animal), excluding	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$100	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1009
Second impound registered dog (within current registration period), excluding	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$115	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1010
Third and subsequent impound registered dog (within current registration period),	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$230	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1011
First impound Unregistered Dog, excluding registration and sustenance	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$295	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1012
Release fee after hours	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$345	Commercial	Regulatory	3412-1013
Sustenance fee per day (cat or dog)	GST	s97(2)(d)	\$22	Commercial	Regulatory	3412-1014
The owner of all dogs found wandering at large and impounded will be issued with						

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Anti Barking Collar						
Bond - Refundable bond fee only	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$50	Commercial	Regulatory	Refundable bond fee only
Dog /Cat Trap						
Bond - Refundable bond fee only if trap returned in good condition	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$50	Commercial	Regulatory	Refundable bond fee only
Dog/Cat Trap - weekly (7 days or part there of hire fee)	GST	s97(2)(d)	\$25	Commercial	Regulatory	3412-1013
Contractor fees (vet/any costs to Council)		s97(2)(d)	At cost +20%	Commercial	Regulatory	3412-1013
Note: Value of a penalty unit fee is determined by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. The fee for 2026-27 is \$172.70						
Horse Stables (on Private Property)						
Annual Licence (for existing horse stables only)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$115	LGA s97(2)9a)	Regulatory	3412-1013
Local Law Compliance Action						
Overgrown/Unsightly allotment						
Contractor to perform work/s - compliance/Local Government Worker tasks	GST	LG Act 2009 s142(4)-(8)	At cost +20%	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	Private works number
Non compliance Local Law (fee per hour) - carry out action - legal/administration -	GST	LG Act 2009 s142(4)-(8)	\$315	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1013
Abandoned Vehicles						
Abandoned Vehicle Impoundment release fee	GST		\$250	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3412-1013
APPLICATION FOR SEARCHES (Normal 5 business day turn around)						
Rates - Full Rate Search (includes water meter read)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$210	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	2157-1000
Rates - Rapid Search Fee in addition to Rates Search fee (3 Business day	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$110	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	2157-1001
Building Records Search (No Documentation) (Provides details of building	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$120	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	2157-1002
Building Request for Compliance Inspection (including buildings record search,	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$120	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	2157-1003
Plumbing records search (Copy of 'as constructed' plumbing and drainage works	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$100	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	2157-1004
Health Inspection - commercial food business - through rate search	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$168	Commercial	Regulatory	3410-1000
Pool compliance inspection and pool safety certificate - through rate search -	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$345	Commercial	Regulatory	3410-1000

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TOWN PLANNING FEES						
Reconfiguring a Lot (RaL)-Application Fee						
Boundary Realignment (no new lots created)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$695	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Creation of an access easement			\$695	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Reconfiguring a Lot Base Fee	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$695	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Plus per additional block created	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$386	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Material Change of Use (MCU)-Application Fee						
MCU standard application	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$660	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
MCU rural land (proposal not the zoning of the proposed site)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$880	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
MCU Commercial (proposal not the zoning of the proposed site)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$1,100	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
MCU Industrial	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$1,650	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Major use	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$2,200	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Operational Work -Application Fee						
Operational Work associated with Material Change of Use or Reconfiguring a lot	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$390	Commercial	Planning	4205-1000
Other Carrying out operational work for excavation and/or filling not associated	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$1,287	Commercial	Planning	4205-1000
Levee (Code Assessable)			\$660	LGA s 262(3)(c)	Planning	4205-1000
Levee (Impact Assessable)			\$1,285	LGA s 262(3)(c)	Planning	4205-1000
Preliminary Approval/Preliminary approval that includes a variation request						
Preliminary Approval			Fee on application	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Variation request			Fee on application	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Other Planning Fees						
Referral Application			\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Request for Exemption Certificate			\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Extension application (to extend currency period)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Change application (minor change to a development approval)			\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Change application (other change to a development approval)			Relevant application fee	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Cancellation application (to cancel a development approval)			\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Request for application to be considered under superseded planning scheme			\$880	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Survey Plan Endorsement	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Survey Plan Re-endorsement	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Endorsing a document (eg. Community Management Statement, Easement)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Public Notice – engagement of Murweh Shire Council to undertake public			\$660	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Written advice for a ‘Generally in Accordance’ determination (or other written			\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Prelodgement advice [subsequent meetings]			\$390	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000

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Refund of application fee for withdrawn application						
Application submitted and preliminary administration work completed					Planning	4205-1000
Information request and referral stage					Planning	4205-1000
Public notification stage			To be quoted	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Decision Stage			To be quoted	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Planning Certificates						
Limited Planning & Development Certificate (Planning Act s265)	No GST	Planning Act s265	To be quoted	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Standard Planning & Development Certificate (Planning Act s265)	No GST	Planning Act s265	To be quoted	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
Full Planning & Development Certificate (Planning Act s265)	No GST	Planning Act s265	To be quoted	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Planning	4205-1000
CEMETERY FEES						
MONUMENTAL SECTION - Augathella, Charleville and Morven						
Burial Fees – Adult Single Grave – Weekdays before 2pm (includes 1 pop up	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$864	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Burial Fees – Child 12yrs & under Single Grave – Weekdays before 2pm	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$772	LGA s97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Ashes interred/reserved under headstone of an already occupied grave	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$232	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Ashes interment in a Single Grave before 2pm	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$556	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Reserve Fee Only – Single Grave (non-refundable)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$53	LGA s97(2)9(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
After Hours, Weekend & Public holidays Burial Fee (plus, normal fees as above)	GST	s262(3)(c)	Fee + \$584.00	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Application for Headstone/Plaque/Repairs	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$71	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Plaque - Designing & ordering of a plaque	GST	s262(3)(c)	Plaque cost +\$50.00	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Plaque - Designing, ordering of a plaque and placing on grave on plinth with	GST	s262(3)(c)	Plaque cost +\$150.00	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Plaque - Designing, ordering of a plaque and placing on grave on plinth with no	GST	s262(3)(c)	Plaque cost +\$200.00	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Plaque - Designing, ordering of a plaque and placing on grave on plinth with	GST	s262(3)(c)	Plaque cost +\$100.00	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
COLUMBARIUM - Interment of Ashes (Augathella, Charleville, Morven)						
Ashes Interment – Weekdays before 2pm (includes standard plaque 127mm x 140mm) New Columbarium	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$500	LGA s 97(2)(a)		
Ashes Interment – Weekdays before 2pm (includes standard plaque 127mm x	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$250	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
Ashes Interment - After Hours, Weekend & Public Holidays Fee (plus normal fees as	GST	s262(3)(c)	Fee + \$584.00	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
LAWN CEMETERY (Charleville)						
Burial Fees – Single Grave – Weekdays before 2pm (includes standard plaque	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1,315	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
After Hours, Weekend & Public holidays Burial Fee (plus normal fees as above) -	GST	s262(3)(c)	Fee + \$584.00		Corporate	3297-1000
Ashes only interred as 2nd Interment (no plaque included)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$232	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
(must have written consent from Next of Kin of persons grave it is to go on)						
No beam in place is a 6-month waiting period.						
FUNERAL SERVICES						
Additional 1 marquee and Group of 40 chairs	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$120	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000
PRIVATE PROPERTY BURIAL						
Application for Private Property Burial made to Council	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$127	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Corporate	3297-1000

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SHOWGROUNDS - ALL FUNCTIONS MUST PAY \$500 BOND						
Entire complex - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1,050	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Functions (including camping of people of function) per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$234	LGA s97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Camping - Vehicles only per vehicle per night	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$39	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Annual Agricultural Show	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$2,480	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Use of Showgrounds (including oval/toilets) per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$198	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Use of Showgrounds (including oval/toilets) per half day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$107	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Key bond - sign upon collection. Key lost or not returned - forfeit bond- hirers only			\$50	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Horse Stalls/Cattle yard - per animal per day (only horses in horse stalls)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$7.50		Community	3282-1000
Pony Club Area - per annum	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$245		Community	3282-1000
Cattle Yards - Community event (eg. Campdraft)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$145	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Sale type event - Sheep & Goat, sale and show venue	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$260	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Pavilion - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$520	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Pavilion - per half day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$260	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Camping in Pavilion (on application) per person per night	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$14		Community	3282-1000
Kitchen (Pavilion) - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$262	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
- per half day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$235	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Night Hire (Oval) not including metered lights - per hour	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$23	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Bar - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$128	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
- per half day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$66	LGA s97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Kiosk (not available for food preparation)						
Circus						
Showgrounds - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$610	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Hire segment of land within Showground for Whirlygig Ride (casual) - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$131		Community	3282-1000
SWIMMING POOL CHARGES						
Daily Sessions: Charleville Pool under Management Agreement - Augathella and Morven School Swimming Pool						
Adults	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$4	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Students up to & including 18 years	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$2	LGA s97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Non swimming observers	GST	s262(3)(c)	No charge	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Children under school supervision	GST	s262(3)(c)	No charge	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Season Tickets:						
Adults	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$130	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Family (two adults and two children. Additional Children \$30 per child)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$250	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Children	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$75	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Eligible Aged Pensioners	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$75	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000

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Swimming Pool Hire Fees:						
Swimming Clubs or similar (after 5pm) - per hour	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$38	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
Private Functions eg. Christmas Parties - per hour	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$60	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
School Swimming Carnivals - per day or part thereof	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$310	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3282-1000
RACECOURSE COMPLEX - ALL FUNCTIONS MUST PAY \$500 BOND (PRIOR TO EVENT)						
Key bond - sign upon collection. Key lost or not returned - forfeit bond- hirers only			\$50	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	2160-1000
Lost or non returned Key Charge			\$200	LGA s97(2)(a)	Community	2160-1000
Warrego Room (No Foodstuffs & Drinks)						
Half day hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$182	LGA s97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Day (6am - 6pm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$362	LGA s97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Night (6pm - 12 midnight)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$398	Cost Recovery	Community	3220-1000
Every hour or part thereof after midnight	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$66	LGA s97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Entertainment (Travelling out of town Shows)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$678	Cost Recovery	Community	3220-1000
Warrego Room (Foodstuffs & Drinks)						
NOTE - SERVING OF LIQUOR IS PERMITTED ONLY FROM OUTSIDE BAR AREA						
(Consumption of liquor is permitted inside Warrego Room)						
Day (light refreshments, no liquor) (6am - 6pm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$388	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Half day Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$195	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Night (6pm - 12 midnight)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$750	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Every hour or part thereof after midnight	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$65	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Entertainment (Travelling out of town Shows)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1,240	Commercial	Community	3220-1000
Rehearsals/Decorations (only if no bookings received)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$59	Commercial	Community	3220-1000
Newmarket Bar (No foodstuffs & drinks)						
Day (6am - 6pm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$182	Commercial	Community	3220-1000
Half Day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$90	LGA s 262(3)(c)	Community	3220-1000
Night (6pm - 12 Midnight)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$189	LGA s 262(3)(c)	Community	3220-1000
Every hour or part thereof after midnight	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$65	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Entertainment (Travelling out of town Shows)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$398	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	

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Newmarket Bar (Foodstuffs and Drinks)						
Day (6am - 6pm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$365	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Half Day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$183	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Night (6pm - 12 midnight)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$497	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Every hour or part thereof after midnight	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$65	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Entertainment (Travelling out of town Shows)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$620	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Outside Bar (Foodstuffs & drinks) Day Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$206	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Half Day hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$103	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Night hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$380	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Racetrack Hill (eg. Open air concerts)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$720	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Meeting room (fish bowl)						
Day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$21	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Night	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$51	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Kitchen Hire (for preparation of food) per day						
Kitchen hire included in normal hire for once day or night.	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$357	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Coldroom Hire (Power Charge)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$59	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	
Coldroom hire included in normal hire for one day or night. Charge is applicable if the use of the coldroom extends to either the day prior to or after the event.						
Stage Lighting						
Local Organisation	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$290	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Non-Local Organisation	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$366		Community	3220-1000
Speakers & Micro-phones	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$105	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Entire Complex						
Full Day Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1,100	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
RACECOURSE STABLES						
Race Meetings - hire of stable complex	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$896	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3225-1000
Horse Stables - per horse per week	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$27	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3225-1000
Tack Room (per week)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$22	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3225-1000
Bond per horse under agreement to stable horses at racecourse			\$70	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Regulatory	3225-1000
COSTS FOR DAMAGE TO RACECOURSE COMPLEX						
Parquetry Floor (beer spillage - inside bar, gouges, etc)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$330	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Additional Cleaning per hour	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$150	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3220-1000
Table Damage - actual cost to replace table						
Chair Damage - 50% of cost of new chair						

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TOWN HALL - CHARLEVILLE - ALL FUNCTIONS MUST PAY \$500 BOND						
Charleville Town Hall Hire - no foodstuff & drinks	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$118	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1100.000
Half Day - (No more than 6 hours duration)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$59	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1100.000
Town Hall Hire - foodstuffs & drinks	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$181	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1100.000
Rehearsals for plays etc - Day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$11	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1100.000
(Local organisations) - Night	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$20	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1100.000
Public Meetings	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$50	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1100.000
Travelling Shows (Commercial ventures must apply to Council)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$330	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1100.000
AUGATHELLA & MORVEN TOWN HALLS - LOCAL FUNCTIONS MUST PAY \$100 BOND						
Travelling Shows are required to pay \$200 Bond						
Town Hall Hire - No foodstuff & drinks	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$66	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1000.000
Town Hall Hire - Foodstuff & drinks	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$141	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1000.000
Supper Room - Morven Only	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$15	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1000.000
OTHER COUNCIL ASSET HIRE						
CHAIR HIRE \$100 Refundable Bond						
Private Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$2.20	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1000.000
Commercial Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$2.20	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1000.000
Delivery	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$250	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	2160.1000.000
Table Hire \$100 Refundable Bond						
Table Hire per table		s262(3)(c)	\$11	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	3272.1000.000
Delivery	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$250	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Community	2160.1000.000
PORT-A-LOO HIRE - \$100 Refundable Bond						
Per day rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$61	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Delivery	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$250		Engineering	4440.1000.000
Portable Stage Hire						
Portable Stage Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$105	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Delivery	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$250	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Mid sized Bus (in compliance with GOV018 - community bus policy)						
Bus Hire - Half Day (up to 4 hours)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$50	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Bus Hire - Full Day (up to 12 hours)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$100	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Bus Hire - Overnight (includes use on multiple days)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$125	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Fuel (if required)	GST	s262(3)(c)	es pump price + 20%	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Travel Usage Rate (if travelling outside Charleville town area)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1.50 per km	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Damage	GST	s262(3)(c)	cost +20%	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Engineering	4440.1000.000

SERVICE / DESCRIPTION	GST	LEGAL SOURCE	2026–27 FEE	PRICING BASIS	DEPARTMENT	GL CODE
WASTE DISPOSAL						
Commercial and Industrial						
Commercial and industrial general waste per tonne (use of weighbridge)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$64	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Construction and Demolition						
Construction and Demolition per tonne (use of weighbridge)	GST	262(3)(c)	\$64	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Commercial Oil over 60 litres delivered to site per litre.	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$0.50	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Power Poles per pole	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$55	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Asbestos per cubic metre	No GST		\$150	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Contaminated soil (low level contamination-information must be provided to	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$49	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Oil inceptor sludge and grease trap sludge - per litre or part there of	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$1.05	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
TYRE DISPOSAL - Commercial only- more than two tyres						
Cars/Motorcycles	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$5.50	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
4WD/Truck Tyres	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$10.50	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Truck/Bobcat/Large Tyre	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$31	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Tractor/Crane Tyre	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$178	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Earthmoving Machinery Tyre	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$315	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
WHEELIE BINS						
Wheelie Bins Charleville (large)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$126	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
Wheelie Bins Augathella and Morven (small)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$75	LGA s 97(2)(a)	Waste	3535.1000.000
ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE FEES						
Pipeline Permit						
Permission to perform works within the road reserve. Works that involve the	Per		\$940	Cost Recovery	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Maintenance Permit						
Permission is granted for a company to perform maintenance on Council roads.	Per		\$420	Cost Recovery	Engineering	4440.1000.000
Permission is granted to perform low impact seismic survey and/or drilling	Per		\$630	Cost Recovery	Engineering	4440.1000.000

SERVICE / DESCRIPTION	GST	LEGAL SOURCE	2026-27 FEE	PRICING BASIS	DEPARTMENT	GL CODE
CHARLEVILLE AIRPORT						
Landing (by movement)						
up to 5700kgs	Per Application		\$16.00	cost recovery	Airport	
over 5700kgs	Per Application		\$19.50	Cost Recovery	Airport	
Pavement concessional fee application	Application		\$200.00	Cost recovery	Airport	
Landings, (Paid annually in advance by approved application only) - Prescribed Activity Application to use Council managed land						
Charleville resident - (recreational)	Per tonne MTOW		\$795	Cost Recovery	Airport	2700.1000
Charleville resident - (commercial)	Per tonne MTOW		\$1,345	Cost Recovery	Airport	2700.1000
Elsewhere - non-resident - (recreational)	Per tonne MTOW		\$1,345	Cost Recovery	Airport	2700.1000
Elsewhere - non-resident - (commercial)	Per tonne MTOW		\$1,740	Cost Recovery	Airport	2700.1000
Aircraft Parking Fees						
Daily Parking fee	Per Day		\$16	Cost Recovery	Airport	2700.1000
Annual Parking fee - (recreational)	Per Annum		\$700	Cost Recovery	Airport	2700.1000
Annual Parking fee - (commercial)	Per Annum		\$1,020	Cost Recovery	Airport	2700.1000
Passenger Fees						
ATO/or closed charter	per person		\$20	cost recovery	Airport	2700.1000
Commercial space (terminal) plus gst						
Car hire booths	per booth		\$1,050	cost recovery	Airport	2700.1000
Hire vehicles	per vehicle		\$280			2700.1000
Commercial operator using both booth and car park bay within airport grounds			\$5,000			2700.1000
Augathella and Morven Aerodrome	per landing		nil			2700.1000
Exempt landing fee & parking fee						
Angel flight and Life flight						
Note - aircraft used for both private and commercial operations are charged as commercial						
Notes:						
a) Per passenger charges apply for Air Transport Operations (ATO/Charter flights)						
Use of the airport facility by aircraft operators is considered acceptance of published fees and charges						
b) Invoices advise when payment is due (generally 21 days from receipt). After this time the outstanding amount is considered overdue and a late payment fee is calculated as the greater of \$40.00 or 1.5% of the unpaid amount for each month or part month they remain overdue						
c) General aviation fees and charges may apply to a landing, circuit work (training) or parking and are calculated as above						
d) Avdata are engaged to act as agent for the purpose of collecting specific airport charges, as per their Terms and Conditions.						

5.19 ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION FOR 30 JUNE 2026**Author:** Accountant**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That pursuant to Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Statement of Estimated Financial Position for the previous financial year to 30 June 2026 be received and its contents noted.

BACKGROUND

Council needs to adopt the estimated financial position and operations as part of the 2026-27 budget process.

Section 205 Statement of estimated financial position

(1) The chief executive officer must present the local government's annual budget meeting with a statement of estimated financial position.

(2) A statement of estimated financial position is a document stating the financial operations, and financial position, of the local government for the previous financial year.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. **Statement of Estimated Financial Position 30 June 2026** [↓](#)

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	<u>Jun-26 Revised</u> <u>\$'000</u>
Revenue	
Operating revenue	
Net rates, levies and charges	7,949
Fees and charges	3,546
Interest received	723
Sales revenue	3,809
Other income	140
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	25,949
Total operating revenue	<u>42,117</u>
Capital revenue	
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	12,620
Total revenue	<u>54,736</u>
Capital income	
Total Capital Income	111
Total income	<u>54,847</u>
Expenses	
Operating expenses	
Employee benefits	11,070
Materials and services	24,274
Finance costs	158
Depreciation and amortisation	9,385
Other expenses	-
Total operating expenses	<u>44,888</u>
Net result	<u>9,960</u>
Operating result	
Operating revenue	42,117
Operating expenses	<u>44,888</u>
Operating result	(2,771)

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council Statement of Financial Position

	<u>Jun-26 Revised</u> <u>\$'000</u>
Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	20,840
Trade and other receivables	1,855
Inventories	1,084
Contract Assets	3,676
Other current assets	241
Total current assets	<u>27,697</u>
Non-current assets	
Property, plant & equipment	460,021
Total non-current assets	<u>460,021</u>
Total assets	<u>487,718</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Trade and other payables	2,486
Contract Liabilities	14,227
Borrowings	228
Provisions	1,142
Total current liabilities	<u>18,083</u>
Non-current liabilities	
Borrowings	2,771
Provisions	2,268
Total non-current liabilities	<u>5,039</u>
Total liabilities	<u>23,121</u>
Net community assets	<u>464,597</u>
Community equity	
Asset revaluation surplus	312,156
Retained surplus	152,441
Total community equity	<u>464,597</u>

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

	Jun-26 Revised
	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from customers	15,461
Payments to suppliers and employees	(37,188)
Interest received	723
Non-capital grants and contributions	25,968
Borrowing costs	(99)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	4,864
Cash flows from investing activities	
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(18,723)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	111
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	12,620
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(5,993)
Cash flows from financing activities	
Proceeds from borrowings	-
Repayment of borrowings	(221)
Repayment of leases	-
Net cash inflow from financing activities	(221)
Total cash flows	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	(1,349)
Opening cash and cash equivalents	22,189
Closing cash and cash equivalents	20,840

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Changes in Equity

	<u>Jun-26 Revised</u>
Asset revaluation surplus	
Opening balance	308,582
Net result	na
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	3,574
Adjustment for Initial Recognition of Accounting Standards	na
Closing balance	<u>312,156</u>
Retained surplus	
Opening balance	142,481
Net result	9,960
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	na
Adjustment for Initial Recognition of Accounting Standards	-
Closing balance	<u>152,441</u>
Total	
Opening balance	451,063
Net result	9,960
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	3,574
Adjustment for Initial Recognition of Accounting Standards	-
Closing balance	<u>464,597</u>

5.20 BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2026-27 TO 2028-29**Author:** Accountant**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* adopt the Budget Financial Statements for the 2026-27 financial year and the following two financial years as tabled.

BACKGROUND

Each financial year Council needs to adopt the Budget Financial Statements 2026-27 and the following two years as part of the budget process.

Section 169 Preparation and content of budget

(1) A local government's budget for each financial year must—

(a) be prepared on an accrual basis; and

(b) include statements of the following for the financial year for which it is prepared and the next 2 financial years—

(i) financial position;

(ii) cash flow;

(iii) income and expenditure;

(iv) changes in equity.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. 2027 - 2029 Budget Financial Statements [↓](#)

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Jun-27Budget	Jun-28F	Jun-29F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue			
Operating revenue			
Net rates, levies and charges	8,324	8,555	8,791
Fees and charges	3,689	3,800	3,914
Interest received	643	1,575	1,647
Sales revenue	3,406	3,508	3,613
Other income	168	173	178
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	23,733	24,445	25,179
Total operating revenue	39,962	42,055	43,322
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	21,919	4,500	4,850
Total revenue	61,881	46,555	48,172
Capital income			
Total Capital Income	115	116	119
Total income	61,996	46,671	48,292
Expenses			
Operating expenses			
Employee benefits	12,099	12,430	12,741
Materials and services	21,101	21,739	22,397
Finance costs	162	158	152
Depreciation and amortisation	9,317	9,840	10,129
Total operating expenses	42,680	44,166	45,418
Net result	19,316	2,505	2,874
Operating result			
Operating revenue	39,962	42,055	43,322
Operating expenses	42,680	44,166	45,418
Operating result	(2,717)	(2,111)	(2,096)

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

	Jun-27B \$'000	Jun-28F \$'000	Jun-29F \$'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	20,826	22,568	24,058
Trade and other receivables	3,232	3,318	3,425
Inventories	1,084	1,079	1,069
Contract Assets	3,676	3,676	3,676
Other current assets	241	251	261
Total current assets	29,060	30,893	32,490
Non-current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	477,126	481,291	486,403
Other non-current assets	-	225	200
Total non-current assets	477,126	481,516	486,603
Total assets	506,185	512,409	519,094
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	1,865	1,910	1,968
Contract Liabilities	14,227	14,227	14,227
Borrowings	235	242	250
Provisions	1,142	1,155	1,165
Total current liabilities	17,468	17,534	17,609
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	2,537	2,295	2,045
Provisions	2,268	2,283	2,302
Total non-current liabilities	4,805	4,578	4,347
Total liabilities	22,273	22,112	21,957
Net community assets	483,913	490,297	497,137
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	312,155	316,035	320,001
Retained surplus	171,757	174,262	177,135
Total community equity	483,912	490,297	497,136

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

	Jun-27Budget \$'000	Jun-28F \$'000	Jun-29F \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers	15,041	16,002	16,455
Payments to suppliers and employees	(33,892)	(34,162)	(35,115)
Interest received	643	1,575	1,647
Non-capital grants and contributions	22,902	24,392	25,113
Borrowing costs	(92)	(85)	(78)
Other cash flows from operating activities	-	(10)	(10)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	4,601	7,711	8,012
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(26,171)	(10,350)	(11,250)
Payments for intangible assets	(250)	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	115	116	119
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	21,919	4,500	4,850
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(4,387)	(5,734)	(6,281)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings	(228)	(235)	(242)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	(228)	(235)	(242)
Total cash flows			
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	(14)	1,742	1,490
Opening cash and cash equivalents	20,840	20,826	22,568
Closing cash and cash equivalents	20,826	22,568	24,058

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Jun-27B	Jun-28F	Jun-29F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Asset revaluation surplus			
Opening balance	312,155	312,155	316,035
Net result	na	na	na
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	-	3,880	3,966
Adjustment for Initial Recognition of Accounting Standards	na	na	na
Closing balance	312,155	316,035	320,001
Retained surplus			
Opening balance	152,441	171,757	174,262
Net result	19,316	2,505	2,874
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	na	na	na
Adjustment for Initial Recognition of Accounting Standards	-	na	na
Closing balance	171,757	174,262	177,135
Total			
Opening balance	464,596	483,912	490,297
Net result	19,316	2,505	2,874
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	-	3,880	3,966
Adjustment for Initial Recognition of Accounting Standards	-	na	na
Closing balance	483,912	490,297	497,136

5.21 10 YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST LG REG. 2012 S169**Author: Accountant****Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopt the 2027-2036 long term financial forecast as tabled.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to adopt the long-term financial forecast as part of the 2026-27 budget process.

Section 169 Preparation and content of budget

(2) The budget must also include—

(a) a long-term financial forecast; and

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

1. Long Term Financial Forecast 2027-2036 [↓](#)

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Jun-27Budget	Jun-28F	Jun-29F	Jun-30F	Jun-31F	Jun-32F	Jun-33F	Jun-34F	Jun-35F	Jun-36F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue										
Operating revenue										
Net rates, levies and charges	8,324	8,555	8,791	9,035	9,284	9,540	9,802	10,071	10,347	10,629
Fees and charges	3,689	3,800	3,914	4,031	4,152	4,277	4,405	4,537	4,673	4,813
Interest received	643	1,575	1,647	1,658	1,722	1,802	1,882	2,003	2,142	2,282
Sales revenue	3,406	3,508	3,613	3,721	3,833	3,948	4,067	4,189	4,314	4,444
Other income	168	173	178	183	189	195	200	206	213	219
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	23,733	24,445	25,179	25,934	26,712	27,513	28,339	29,189	30,064	30,966
Total operating revenue	39,962	42,055	43,322	44,563	45,892	47,274	48,695	50,195	51,753	53,353
Capital revenue										
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	21,919	4,500	4,850	4,750	4,950	4,940	5,150	5,550	5,900	6,350
Total revenue	61,881	46,555	48,172	49,313	50,842	52,214	53,845	55,745	57,653	59,703
Capital income										
Total Capital Income	115	116	119	123	127	130	134	138	140	142
Total income	61,996	46,671	48,292	49,436	50,969	52,345	53,979	55,883	57,793	59,845
Expenses										
Operating expenses										
Employee benefits	12,099	12,430	12,741	13,059	13,386	13,721	14,064	14,415	14,776	15,145
Materials and services	21,101	21,739	22,397	23,058	23,760	24,462	25,206	25,952	26,741	27,533
Finance costs	162	158	152	147	141	135	129	123	116	110
Depreciation and amortisation	9,317	9,840	10,129	10,433	10,733	11,036	11,323	11,615	11,420	11,050
Total operating expenses	42,680	44,166	45,418	46,698	48,020	49,354	50,722	52,106	53,053	53,838
Net result	19,316	2,505	2,874	2,738	2,949	2,991	3,257	3,777	4,740	6,008
Operating result										
Operating revenue	39,962	42,055	43,322	44,563	45,892	47,274	48,695	50,195	51,753	53,353
Operating expenses	42,680	44,166	45,418	46,698	48,020	49,354	50,722	52,106	53,053	53,838
Operating result	(2,717)	(2,111)	(2,096)	(2,135)	(2,128)	(2,080)	(2,027)	(1,911)	(1,300)	(484)

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council
Statement of Financial Position

	Jun-27B	Jun-28F	Jun-29F	Jun-30F	Jun-31F	Jun-32F	Jun-33F	Jun-34F	Jun-35F	Jun-36F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets										
Current assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	20,826	22,568	24,058	26,387	29,323	32,424	35,765	39,638	43,484	48,046
Trade and other receivables	3,232	3,318	3,425	3,526	3,630	3,727	3,848	3,961	4,078	4,186
Inventories	1,084	1,079	1,069	1,074	1,064	1,069	1,059	1,064	1,054	1,059
Contract Assets	3,676	3,676	3,676	3,676	3,676	3,676	3,676	3,676	3,676	3,676
Other current assets	241	251	261	271	282	292	303	314	326	337
Total current assets	29,060	30,893	32,490	34,936	37,976	41,189	44,651	48,654	52,618	57,305
Non-current assets										
Property, plant & equipment	477,126	481,291	486,403	490,616	494,526	498,380	502,346	506,370	511,481	517,310
Other non-current assets	-	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50	25
Total non-current assets	477,126	481,516	486,603	490,791	494,676	498,505	502,446	506,445	511,531	517,335
Total assets	506,185	512,409	519,094	525,727	532,652	539,695	547,098	555,099	564,148	574,639
Liabilities										
Current liabilities										
Trade and other payables	1,865	1,910	1,968	2,022	2,077	2,128	2,192	2,252	2,314	2,371
Contract Liabilities	14,227	14,227	14,227	14,227	14,227	14,227	14,227	14,227	14,227	14,227
Borrowings	235	242	250	258	266	274	283	292	213	156
Provisions	1,142	1,155	1,165	1,188	1,212	1,236	1,261	1,286	1,312	1,338
Total current liabilities	17,468	17,534	17,609	17,694	17,781	17,865	17,963	18,057	18,065	18,091
Non-current liabilities										
Borrowings	2,537	2,295	2,045	1,787	1,521	1,247	964	672	459	304
Provisions	2,268	2,283	2,302	2,309	2,316	2,323	2,331	2,339	2,347	2,356
Total non-current liabilities	4,805	4,578	4,347	4,096	3,838	3,571	3,295	3,011	2,806	2,659
Total liabilities	22,273	22,112	21,957	21,791	21,619	21,436	21,258	21,068	20,871	20,750
Net community assets	483,913	490,297	497,137	503,936	511,033	518,259	525,840	534,031	543,277	553,889
Community equity										
Asset revaluation surplus	312,155	316,035	320,001	324,062	328,211	332,446	336,769	341,183	345,689	350,293
Retained surplus	171,757	174,262	177,135	179,873	182,822	185,812	189,070	192,847	197,587	203,595
Total community equity	483,912	490,297	497,136	503,935	511,032	518,258	525,839	534,030	543,276	553,888

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Statement of Cash Flows

	Jun-27Budget	Jun-28F	Jun-29F	Jun-30F	Jun-31F	Jun-32F	Jun-33F	Jun-34F	Jun-35F	Jun-36F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities										
Receipts from customers	15,041	16,002	16,455	16,932	17,418	17,922	18,428	18,960	19,502	20,064
Payments to suppliers and employees	(33,892)	(34,162)	(35,115)	(36,110)	(37,129)	(38,182)	(39,247)	(40,360)	(41,499)	(42,677)
Interest received	643	1,575	1,647	1,658	1,722	1,802	1,882	2,003	2,142	2,282
Non-capital grants and contributions	22,902	24,392	25,113	25,872	26,648	27,454	28,265	29,119	29,992	30,899
Borrowing costs	(92)	(85)	(78)	(70)	(62)	(54)	(46)	(37)	(28)	(19)
Other cash flows from operating activities	-	(10)	(10)	(15)	(10)	(16)	(11)	(16)	(11)	(16)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	4,601	7,711	8,012	8,266	8,587	8,926	9,271	9,668	10,098	10,532
Cash flows from investing activities										
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(26,171)	(10,350)	(11,250)	(10,560)	(10,470)	(10,630)	(10,940)	(11,200)	(12,000)	(12,250)
Payments for intangible assets	(250)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	115	116	119	123	127	130	134	138	140	142
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	21,919	4,500	4,850	4,750	4,950	4,940	5,150	5,550	5,900	6,350
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(4,387)	(5,734)	(6,281)	(5,687)	(5,393)	(5,560)	(5,656)	(5,512)	(5,960)	(5,758)
Cash flows from financing activities										
Repayment of borrowings	(228)	(235)	(242)	(250)	(258)	(266)	(274)	(283)	(292)	(213)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	(228)	(235)	(242)	(250)	(258)	(266)	(274)	(283)	(292)	(213)
Total cash flows										
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	(14)	1,742	1,490	2,329	2,936	3,101	3,341	3,873	3,846	4,562
Opening cash and cash equivalents	20,840	20,826	22,568	24,058	26,387	29,323	32,424	35,764	39,638	43,484
Closing cash and cash equivalents	20,826	22,568	24,058	26,387	29,323	32,424	35,764	39,638	43,484	48,045

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Statement of Changes in Equity

	Jun-27B	Jun-28F	Jun-29F	Jun-30F	Jun-31F	Jun-32F	Jun-33F	Jun-34F	Jun-35F	Jun-36F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Asset revaluation surplus										
Opening balance	312,155	312,155	316,035	320,001	324,062	328,211	332,446	336,769	341,183	345,689
Net result	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	-	3,880	3,966	4,061	4,149	4,235	4,324	4,414	4,506	4,604
Adjustment for Initial Recognition of Accounting Standards	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Closing balance	312,155	316,035	320,001	324,062	328,211	332,446	336,769	341,183	345,689	350,293
Retained surplus										
Opening balance	152,441	171,757	174,262	177,135	179,873	182,822	185,812	189,070	192,847	197,587
Net result	19,316	2,505	2,874	2,738	2,949	2,991	3,257	3,777	4,740	6,008
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Adjustment for Initial Recognition of Accounting Standards	-	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Closing balance	171,757	174,262	177,135	179,873	182,822	185,812	189,070	192,847	197,587	203,595
Total										
Opening balance	464,596	483,912	490,297	497,136	503,935	511,032	518,258	525,839	534,030	543,276
Net result	19,316	2,505	2,874	2,738	2,949	2,991	3,257	3,777	4,740	6,008
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	-	3,880	3,966	4,061	4,149	4,235	4,324	4,414	4,506	4,604
Adjustment for Initial Recognition of Accounting Standards	-	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Closing balance	483,912	490,297	497,136	503,935	511,032	518,258	525,839	534,030	543,276	553,888

5.22 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RATIOS LG REG. 2012 S169

Author: Accountant
Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with Section 169 (4), (5) and (6) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopt the measures of financial sustainability as tabled.

BACKGROUND

Council needs to adopt the financial sustainability ratios as part of the 2026-27 budget process.

Section 169 Preparation and content of budget

(4) Subject to subsection (5), the budget must include a measure of financial sustainability for—

- (a) the financial year for which the budget is being prepared; and*
- (b) the 9 financial years following the financial year for which the budget is being prepared.*

Note—

See section 368 in relation to the budget for the 2026–2027 financial year.

(5) A measure of financial sustainability applies to a local government for a financial year to the extent the financial management (sustainability) guideline states the measure applies to the local government for the financial year.

(6) The measures of financial sustainability are the following measures described in the financial management (sustainability) guideline—

- (a) council controlled revenue ratio;*
- (b) population growth ratio;*
- (c) operating surplus ratio;*
- (d) operating cash ratio;*
- (e) unrestricted cash expense cover ratio;*
- (f) asset sustainability ratio;*
- (g) asset consumption ratio;*
- (h) asset renewal funding ratio;*
- (i) leverage ratio.*

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Long Term Financial Sustainability Ratios [↓](#)

QTC Financial Forecast Template—Murweh Shire Council
Long-Term Sustainability Statement

Type	Measure (as per Guideline)	Target (Tier 6)	30 June 2027	30 June 2028	30 June 2029	30 June 2030	30 June 2031	30 June 2032	30 June 2033	30 June 2034	30 June 2035	30 June 2036
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue*	na	30.06%	29.38%	29.33%	29.32%	29.28%	29.23%	29.18%	29.10%	29.02%	28.94%
	Population Growth*	na	0.25%	0.37%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	na	-6.80%	-5.02%	-4.84%	-4.79%	-4.64%	-4.40%	-4.16%	-3.81%	-2.51%	-0.91%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	16.75%	18.58%	18.72%	18.78%	18.89%	19.06%	19.18%	19.41%	19.61%	19.84%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	4 months	1.96	2.51	2.95	3.63	4.47	5.31	6.18	7.15	8.05	9.11
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	53.38%	60.40%	70.42%	58.66%	58.11%	59.24%	60.83%	61.25%	64.75%	65.97%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	83.5%	80.9%	80.6%	80.2%	79.1%	78.6%	77.9%	77.8%	77.2%	76.6%
	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio*	Not applicable until 26-27	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio**	3 times	0.4 times	0.3 times	0.3 times	0.2 times	0.2 times	0.2 times	0.1 times	0.1 times	0.1 times	0.0 times

5.23 CODE OF COMPETITIVE CONDUCT

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with Sections 39 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopts to not apply the Code of Competitive Conduct for the following business activities for 2026-27;

- Building Certification – operating expenses of \$107,577 is below the threshold of \$340,000.
- Roads activity – operating expenses of \$ 2,789,223 is above the threshold of \$340,000.

However, as the Contract is awarded to Council based on quotation, Council will not apply the code of competitive conduct at this time.

BACKGROUND

Each year the council needs to make a resolution regarding the code of competitive conduct as part of the 2025-26 Budget Process.

Section 39 of Local Government Regulation 2012

Prescribed business activities—Act, s 47(7)

(1) A business activity is prescribed for section 47(7) of the Act for a financial year if the amount of current expenditure for the business activity for the previous financial year is \$340,000 or more.

(2) The amount of current expenditure for a business activity for a financial year is the total of the following amounts spent in conducting the activity for the year—

- (a) operational costs;*
- (b) administrative and overhead costs;*
- (c) cost of resources;*
- (d) depreciation.*

Local Government Act 2009

Section 47 Code of competitive conduct

(1) This section is about the code of competitive conduct.

(2) The code of competitive conduct is the code of competitive conduct prescribed under a regulation.

A local government must apply the code of competitive conduct to the conduct of the following business activities of the local government—

- (a) a building certifying activity;*
- (b) a roads activity, other than a roads activity for which business is conducted only through a sole supplier arrangement.*

(7) A local government must decide each financial year, by resolution, whether or not to apply the code of competitive conduct to a business activity prescribed under a regulation.

(8) If the local government decides not to apply the code of competitive conduct to the business activity, the resolution must state reasons for not doing so.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

6 CLOSURE