



SHIRE OF MURWEH

MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

**BUDGET
2025-2026**

Budget Speech 2025-26 Financial Year



Mayor Shaun Radnedge
Murweh Shire Council



It is with much pleasure that I commence this Special Budget Meeting of Murweh Shire Council. Today we will look to adopt the 2025-26 Budget for the of Murweh Shire Council.

Today's budget adoption is the culmination of many months of work by both our team of Councillors as well as our staff.

Following several workshops with staff and Councillors it is a privilege to be here with the relevant documents completed ready for adoption.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Councillors for the manner that you have approached the budget process over these last few months through the 2025-26 Budget Workshops.

I would also like to thank the Council officers for your work and discussion to provide us with the information that we require to move forward and adopt a budget which is the financial plan for the year ahead.

Over the past few years Council has been fortunate to be successful with several grants as well as Queensland State and Commonwealth Government programs that have enabled the expansion and renewal of the asset base in our communities.

Through this budget process we have identified the need to focus our efforts on the critical assets that enable our community to function – for example town, shire and rural roads; airports; town water and wastewater assets.

In turning our attention to Council's critical assets, we have identified the need to look after these assets and plan for their renewal and replacement to ensure the reliability, safety and regulatory compliance of these services to the Murweh Shire communities.

To that end – in the coming years residents will see Council has a more of a focus on looking after the important assets that we already have, in preference to building the popular new things that will definitely increase our asset base, but have a negative impact on Council's over all finances and ability to service what we already have.

We want to see the public use assets in our communities (parks, gardens, sporting venues) in good condition and utilised to help provide the western Queensland lifestyle that we are fortunate to enjoy here in the Murweh Shire.

We are also acutely aware that Council needs to make sure that the delivery of community services is in line with the expectations of our constituents. Your Council is committed to continual improvement in the way in which we do business for you and on your behalf.

The budget for the 2025-26 financial year has a distinct flavour of renewal of critical infrastructure, future planning for long-term sustainability and live ability, and consolidating the goals of Council along with securing our financial longevity.

The 2025-26 budget highlights include:

- Operational spend of \$38.5 Million - including depreciation and flood damage
- Capital spend of \$17.8 Million
- Capital Grant Revenue of \$12.1 Million
- No new borrowings

Key projects include:

• Augathella CED & Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant

Council has been funded to deliver a new sewage treatment plant in Augathella that will enable Council to safely treat the towns common effluent and remain compliant with Council's Environmental Authority.

Council will also be conducting a refurbishment of the Charleville Sewage Treatment Plant, so this asset remains functional and compliant under the Murweh Shire Council's Environmental Authority.

• Charleville Airport Masterplan

Council is very aware of the importance of the Charleville Airport to our communities and surrounding areas as the enabler for the Regular Passenger Transport Services, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, regional and local aviation services, and recreational flying.

To keep the Charleville Airport safe and functioning, Council needs to understand the costs and logistics associated with the renewal of runways, taxiways and parking aprons – and to achieve this, Council will require very careful financial, engineering, planning and aviation industry advice to move this asset renewal forward in a considered and fiscally responsible process.

• Aurora Estate Stage 2 and Residential Housing

As the community is aware, there is a critical shortage of housing in our communities for families as well as for the persons providing medical, teaching and social services in our communities.

To this end, Council has started the planning for the development and construction of a new 65 lot housing estate in Charleville. The new estate will add to the current Aurora Estate that joins Partridge St in the north-eastern end of the town. The cost of providing this development is in the order of \$13.2m, and Council hopes to deliver these residential lots over the next 3 years.

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Alfred Street Renewal	\$ 1,500,000
Augathella CED Scheme	\$ 1,051,348
Water renewals	\$ 1,000,000
Rural Road Reseal – Biddenhan & Mount Tabor	\$ 640,126
Charleville Airport Reseal	\$ 600,000
Construct amenities Multi –sport Charleville	\$ 551,534
Resheeting & Reseals – Rural	\$ 437,843
Resheeting & Reseals – Urban	\$ 437,842
Augathella CED Scheme Design	\$ 334,282
Aurora Estate Stage 2	\$ 336,078
Town Street Rehabilitation Program	\$ 300,000
Council Facility Infrastructure Program	\$ 300,000

Highlights

Rates

We are well aware of the financial challenges that many are facing in the current environment. With that in mind Council has decided that the residential rates and charges increase for the 25-26 year will be 5%.

This increase is in line with the increases in the costs of services and goods Council has identified that is needed to carry out Council's day-to-day business on behalf of the communities.

For a standard house block on the minimum rate using 700kL of water represents an increase of \$149 per year or less than \$3 per week in Charleville, \$122 per year or \$2.35 per week in Augathella and \$99 per year \$1.90 per week in Morven.

With the Valuer-General's recent revaluation of the shire, we have seen the unimproved capital value increasing by an average of 239% across the shire for 2025.

To manage the impact on rural rate payers, Council has adjusted the rate in the dollar levied to provide for only an average of a 10% increase in rural rates.

Increase in Maintenance on Rural Roads

This change will enable Council to significantly increase the rural roads maintenance budget and shows that Council is listening to its rural constituents when they discuss the condition of their access roads. For this budget, we will see a spending increase of 50% on Rural Roads which is an increase of \$750,000 in the 2025-26 year and complement the significant flood damage repairs following the March/April Surface Trough Rain and Flood event. Council is also committed to see a continual improvement to this road network with further budget allocation in the coming years.

Tourism and Commerce

Council continues to invest significantly in driving the visitor economy of the region through the operation of many of the tourism assets and events of the Murweh Shire. This provides an economic uplift through the visitor spending to support the viability of our local businesses.

To enable Council to continue this support to the commercial sector across Murweh Shire, business owners will see a moderate rate increase above that of the residential sector.

Council Business and Fiscal Responsibilities

After a successful 2024-25 financial year Council continues to work hard to find efficiencies within the organisation. These efficiencies will allow us to build the necessary financial reserves, including a minimum of 4 months operating cash buffer and funds for the future needs of the community.

Community Engagement

Council continues to be mindful of the need to be working with the community and investing support into our not-for profit, sporting, cultural and the arts groups. With the investment of time, in-kind and financial support to community groups in excess of \$250,000 – Council shows that it supports the volunteers in our communities who give their time in the community to provide a better and nicer place to live and provide the many opportunities to advance through these many sporting and cultural disciplines.

This continues to build on the significant investment over the last 3 years of more than \$600,000, as Council continues to encourage our local groups to remain active and work with Council on your organisations goal, service delivery and enhancing the liveability of our communities.

Disaster Management and Community Safety

Disaster management and community safety continues to be a major focus for Council. Apart from continuing to provide community messaging on disaster management, road conditions, flood warning advice, and general safety, Council has applied for funding to repurpose the old Bureau of Meteorology weather station at the Charleville Airport precinct into a Local Disaster Coordination Centre that will be used as the command centre if Murweh Shire was experiencing a natural or manmade disaster. Council is also investing in the integrity of the flood levees in Charleville and Augathella, early warning systems, and a local road network flood height monitoring network.

Council Commitment to the Community

As a Council, my fellow Councillors and I are committed to be working towards achieving the outcomes set down in the 2025-26 Murweh Shire Council Budget and the Operational Plan.

Throughout this financial year, we will continue to be setting and adjusting the foundations that will lead Murweh Shire into a solid financial position in both the short and the longer-term, continue with strong financial and corporate governance, ensure transparency and probity, and most importantly - be your strongest advocate.

Fellow Councillors - I commit to you for your consideration the Murweh Shire Council 2025-26 Financial Year Budget.

Yours faithfully,



Shaun Radnedge

Mayor
Murweh Shire Council



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Budget Highlights & Summary

Budget Snapshot 2025-2026

Key services



Rural roads

Operations and maintenance **\$3.90 million**
Capital works **\$3.80 million**



Water services

Operations and maintenance **\$1.40 million**
Capital works **\$1.00 million**



Sewerage services

Operations and maintenance **\$0.67 million**
Capital works **\$6.40 million**



Waste services

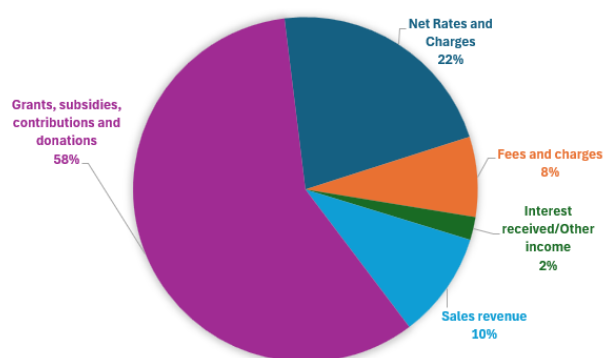
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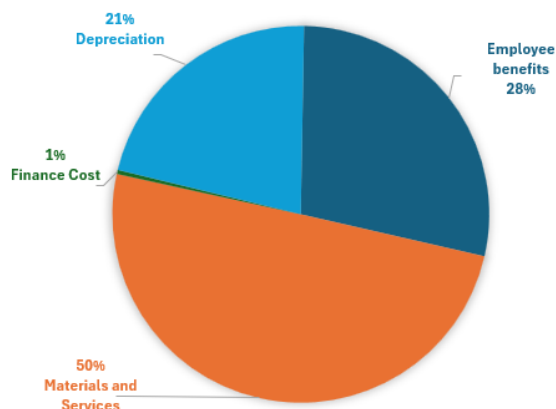
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Operating revenue



Operating expenses



↑15% Residential Rates
<\$3 per week

10% Discount

No new loans in 2025-2026

\$400 Pensioner remission

Capital grants and subsidies – State and Federal Governments \$12.1 million.

Total Budget \$48.23m

\$17.81m Capital expenditure	\$30.2m Operating Expenses Excl. Depreciation	\$221,539 Loan repayments
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2025-26 Budget Summary

Total Budget \$48.23 million

This year's budget totals \$48.23 million which is funded from a mix of rating and non-rating revenue and other funding sources.

Budget 2025-26	Amount
Total operating expenses (excluding depreciation)	\$ 30,202,821
Total capital expenditure	\$ 17,806,000
Loan repayments	\$ 221,539
Total Budget 2025-26	\$ 48,230,360

Council actively pursues state and federal government funding opportunities to assist in funding projects for our communities. Capital grants and subsidies included in the budget amounts to \$12.1 million.

Total amount of \$17.8 million capital projects is planned to be delivered in 2025-26, of which Council will fund \$5.1 million and \$109,000 proceeds from plant disposal.

Of the total capital projects, 16% is to build new assets, 47% is committed to the renewal of existing assets and 37% for upgrade.

Key projects in relation to capital works include:

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Council will repay \$221,539 to its existing loans and is not intending to borrow in the new financial year.

Budget Net Result:

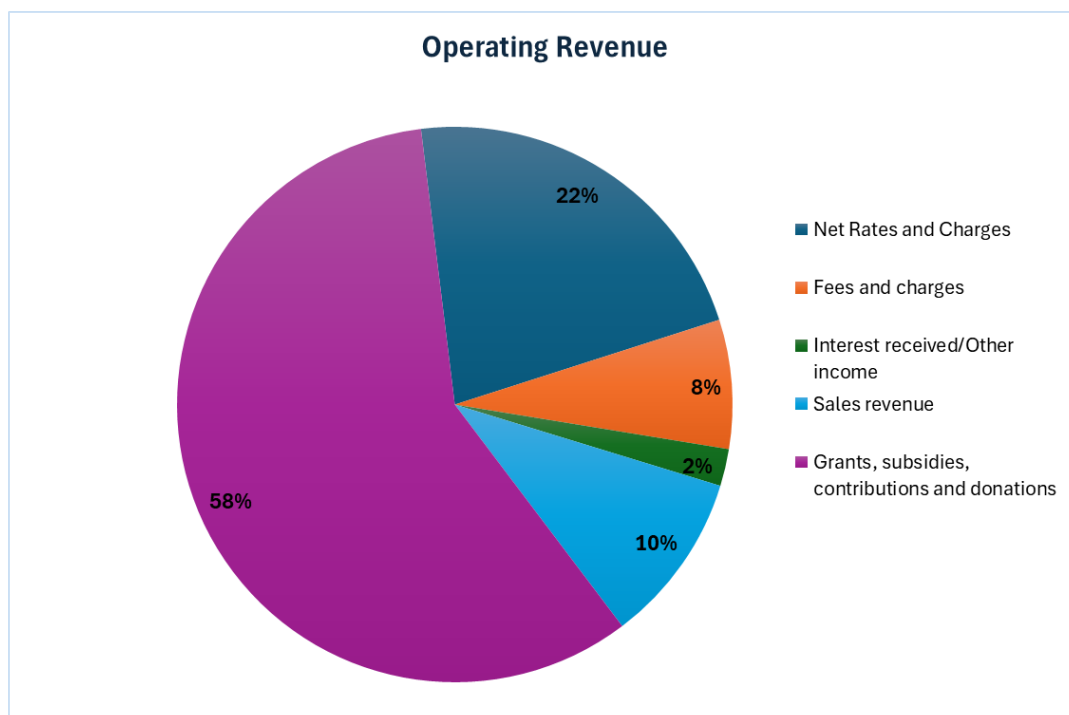
Account type	Amount
Total operating revenue	\$ 36,224,390
Total operating expenses	\$ 38,469,428
Net operating deficit	-\$ 2,245,038
Capital grant and other income	\$ 12,175,180
Net result	\$ 9,930,142

Council's operating income sources:

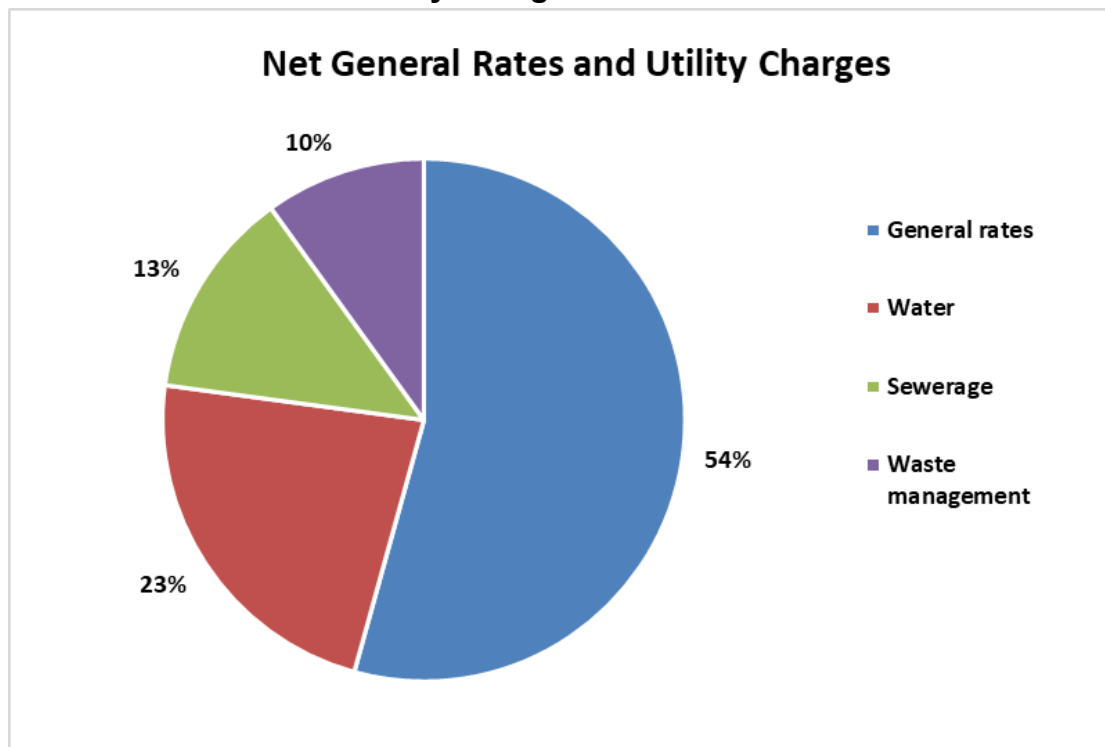
Account Description	Amount
Net Rates and Charges	\$ 7,971,570
Fees and charges	\$ 2,721,390
Interest received/Other income	\$ 781,230
Sales revenue	\$ 3,610,940
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	\$ 21,139,260
Total operating revenue	\$ 36,224,390

There are a number of income that Council receives on top of general rates and charges. For long term sustainability, Council will continue to develop its own source revenue such as fees and charges (both regulatory and commercial), delivery of works on behalf of external parties, interest income from cash reserves and ongoing rental income generation from council buildings.

As shown in the below graph, Council's dependency from government grants and subsidies represents 58% including flood damage. This is well above rates and fees and charges, recoverable works, interest and other income added together.



Net General Rates and Utility Charges



As shown in the above graph, council will generate 54% of total rates and charges from the general rates.

On average the general and utility charges will increase by 5%.

Council will continue to allow a ten percent (10%) by way of a discount on rates and charges levied by Council, (excluding interest, fire levy and excess water charges).

The pensioner remissions will remain at \$400 pa.

Interest on rates will slightly go down from 12.35 % to 12.12%.

Council's operating expenses:

Account Description	Amount
Employee benefits	\$ 10,890,340
Materials and services	\$ 19,176,860
Finance costs	\$ 135,621
Depreciation and amortisation	\$ 8,266,607
Total operating expenses	\$ 38,469,428

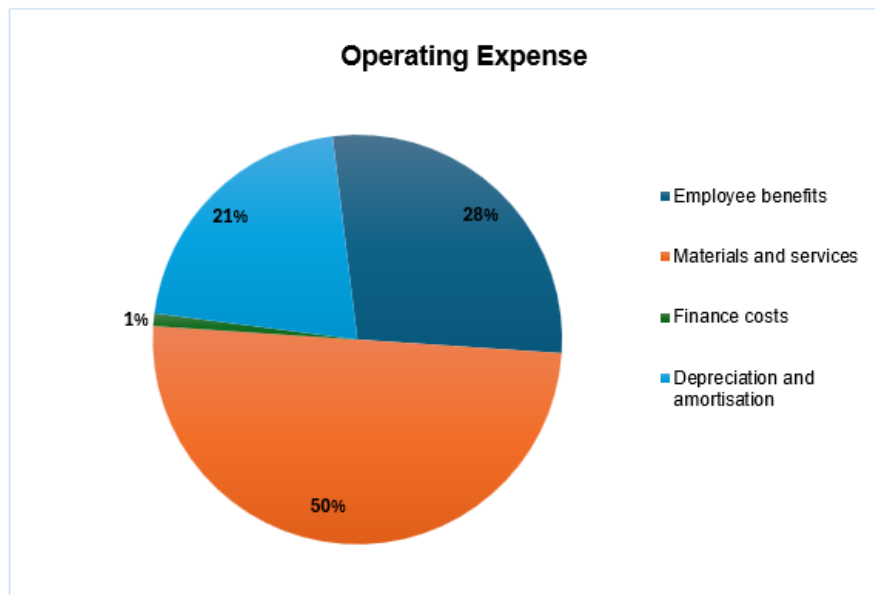
The Budget 2025-26 continues to deliver essential and key services to the community such as maintenance on roads, water and sewerage infrastructure and refuse management.

Below is the snapshot of how these funds will be allocated to key services across the shire (excluding depreciation).

Key services	Amount \$
Rural roads and town streets	
Operations and maintenance	3,869,988
Capital works	3,765,811
Water services	
Operations and maintenance	1,448,039
Capital works	1,000,000
Sewerage services	
Operations and maintenance	671,204
Capital works	6,345,478
Waste services	
Operations and maintenance	1,007,870

Council also provides recreational and hall facilities including the Library for the community. Total estimated operational and maintenance expenditure for 2025-26 is \$1,401,364.

As shown in the graph below, Council will spend approximately 28% on salaries and wages, 50% on materials, services, and contractors, and less than 1% on loan interest and bank charges. Depreciation represents 21% of Council's total operating expenses.





Revenue Policy 2025-26

Revenue Policy

Policy No:	FIN-002
Council Resolution Ref:	159/24
Date Adopted:	July 2025
Review Date:	June 2026
Version No:	9
Responsible Officer:	Director of Corporate Services

Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to identify the planning framework within which Council operates and to set out the principles used by Council for:

- Making of rates and charges;
- Levying of rates;
- Recovery of overdue rates and charges; and
- Concessions for rates and charges and
- Cost recovery methods

Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Revenue policies of Council (whether written or not).

Application

Under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*(section 193) Council is required to prepare a Revenue Policy each year. The Revenue Policy is intended to be a strategic document. Its adoption, in advance of setting the budget, allows Council to set out the principles that it will use to set its budget and to identify in broad terms the general strategy to be used for raising revenue. This Revenue Policy will be of interest to ratepayers, federal and state departments, community groups and other interested parties seeking to understand the revenue policies and practices of Council.

Policy

In general Council will be guided by the principle of user pays in the making of rates and charges to minimise the impact of rating on the efficiency of the local economy. However, Council provides services that are not fully cost recoverable but are deemed to be provided as a Community Service Obligation and are cross subsidised, any subsidy will be in accordance with Council's Community Service Obligation Policy.

Revenue Policy

Council will also have regard to the principles of:

- transparency in the making of rates and charges;
- having in place a rating regime that is simple and inexpensive to administer;
- equity by taking account of the different levels of capacity to pay within the local community;
- responsibility in achieving the objectives, actions and strategies in Council's Corporate and Operational Plans;
- flexibility to take account of changes in the local economy, adverse seasonal conditions and extraordinary circumstances;
- maintaining valuation relativities within the shire;
- maintaining shire services to an appropriate standard;
- meeting the needs and expectations of the general community; and
- assessing availability of other revenue sources.

6.1 Levy of rates

In levying rates Council will apply the principles of:

- making clear what is the Councils and each ratepayers responsibility to the rating system;
- making the levying system simple and efficient to administer;
- timing the levy of rates to take into account the financial cycle of local economic activity, in order to assist smooth running of the local economy; and
- equity through flexible payment arrangements for ratepayers with a lower capacity to pay.

6.2 Recovery of rates and charges

Council will exercise its rate recovery powers in order to reduce the overall rate burden on ratepayers. It will be guided by the principles of:

- transparency by making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes used by Council in assisting them meet their financial obligations;
- making the processes used to recover outstanding rates and charges clear, simple to administer and cost effective;
- capacity to pay in determining appropriate arrangements for different sectors of the community;
- equity by having regard to providing the same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances; and
- flexibility by responding where necessary to changes in the local economy.

Revenue Policy

6.3 Concessions for 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, adverse seasonal conditions and extraordinary circumstances; and
- fairness in considering the provision of community service concessions.

6.4 Cost Recovery Fees

Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* allows Council to set cost-recovery fees. The Council recognises the validity of fully imposing the user pays principle for its cost recovery fees unless the imposition of the fee is contrary to its express social, economic, environmental and other corporate goals. This is considered to be the most equitable approach and is founded on the basis that the Council's rating base cannot subsidise the specific users or clients of Council's regulatory products and services. However, in setting its cost recovery fees, Council will be cognisant of the requirement that such a fee must be not more than the cost to Council of providing the service or taking the action to which the fee applies.

The *Local Government Act 2009* sets a general planning framework within which Council must operate. There are a number of elements to the planning framework including the preparation and adoption of a Corporate Plan and Operational Plan. Section 169 (2) of the Regulation also requires each local government to adopt a Revenue Statement as part of its annual budget.

Council considers that the best way of setting its revenue objectives, and to achieve them, is to effectively plan through each of the elements of the planning framework. The revenue policy effectively cascades down through the Corporate Plan. Council's Corporate Plan sets out its corporate objectives. This will be achieved by maintenance of Council's existing revenue sources through the following strategies:

- Maintaining an equitable system of rating and charging through annual review of the rating and charging structure; and
- Maximising other revenue sources, grants and subsidies.

Audit and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or as required in response to changes of legislation, processes, relevant standards, or industry best practices. Murweh Shire Council reserves the right to amend, replace or terminate this policy at its discretion.

Definitions

NIL

Revenue Policy

References

Local Government Act 2009


Local Government Regulation 2012

Version Control

Version No.	Date	Approved	Amendment

Approval

Chief Executive Officer		Bruce Scott OAM	
Date:		Signature:	



Revenue Statement 2025-26

Revenue Statement 2025-2026

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 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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	4.4389	\$783
2	Augathella Residential	6.1302	\$783
3	Augathella Non residential	5.1907	\$937
4	Morven Residential	2.6286	\$783
5	Morven Non residential	2.5213	\$937
6	Rural <700 Hectares & <\$100,000 ucv	1.4766	\$1,291
7	Rural <700 Hectares & ≥\$100,000 ucv	0.7048	\$1,402
8	Rural 700 - 5,000 Hectares	0.1570	\$1,960
9	Rural over 5,000 Hectares	0.1570	\$5,111
10	Clubs (without poker machines)	1.0290	\$783
11	Charleville Multi Dwellings	5.0391	\$937
12	Charleville Commercial	7.0691	\$937
13	Charleville Tourist Parks, Short Accommodation and Clubs	7.0691	\$937
14	Charleville Industry	5.2797	\$937
15	Transformer	2.2902	\$1,373
16	Outside Urban - Other Land <700 Hectares	0.4954	\$1,333
17	Outside Urban - Large Industry	6.2604	\$5,264
18	Residential (NPPR)	4.8632	\$858
20	Carbon Farms	0.1727	\$8,273
21	Work Camps >15 persons	2.0870	\$13,042
22	Renewable Energy 1-10 MW	2.3180	\$4,438
23	Renewable Energy >10 MW	2.3180	\$8,875

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 2025-26, 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 2025-26, 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)	\$459
Sewerage Reduced Rate (75%) (Sewerage– Short Stay – Additional Pedestal)	\$344
Sewerage Concession Rate (60%) (Sewerage – Additional Pedestal)	\$275
C.E.D - Building not specified	\$224
C.E.D. - Aged Persons Complex	\$2,239
C.E.D. - Business Premises	\$546
C.E.D. – Church	\$189
C.E.D. - Dwelling	\$474
C.E.D. – Hall	\$191

Sewerage Charge descriptions	Charge
C.E.D. – Hospital	\$1,567
C.E.D. - Hotel/Motel	\$2,683
C.E.D. – Lodge	\$191
C.E.D. - Public Park	\$474
C.E.D. – School	\$2,239
Septic	\$480

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)	\$109
Augathella – Garbage (1 st Bin)	\$284
Augathella – Garbage (Additional Bins)	\$306
Charleville – Garbage (1 st Bin)	\$393
Charleville – Garbage (Additional Bins)	\$415
Morven – Garbage	\$284
Morven – Garbage (Additional Bins)	\$306

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	\$300	\$0.25 (≤1,300kl)	\$0.72 (>1,300kl)
Residential 1	2 or less single residential dwellings units on one meter	\$600	\$0.25 (≤1,300kl)	\$0.72 (>1,300kl)
Residential 2	3 or more single residential dwelling on one meter	\$1,537	\$0.72	
Commercial 1	Rateable, non-residential land	\$600	\$0.72	
Commercial 2	Non-Rateable, non-residential with 40 mm or less diameter meter	\$2,402	\$0.72 (≤1,200kl)	\$1.45 (>1,200kl)
Commercial 3	Caravan Parks, Hotels, Motels licensed club	\$937	\$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)	\$15,012	\$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)	\$15,012	\$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 2025-2026: -

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:-

0017/00000	Anglican Church, Augathella, (59-61 Main St, Augathella)
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)
1252/00000	Presbyterian Church, Charleville, (Dwelling 4 Warrego St, Charleville)
1288/00000	Boy Scouts Assoc, Charleville, (44 Sturt St, Charleville)

1425/30000	Lions Club of Charleville, (47 Hilda St, Charleville)
1592/00000	Jehovah Witnesses, Vacant Land, 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 2025-2026.

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 2025-2026 is 12.12%.



Debt Policy

Debt Policy

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Responsible Officer:	Director of Corporate Services

Purpose

The purpose of a debt policy for local government is to provide guidelines for responsibly managing borrowing, ensuring financial stability, maintaining creditworthiness, and funding essential public projects without overburdening future budgets.

Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Debt policies of Council (whether written or not).

Application

Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Local Governments to adopt a debt policy each year.

The debt policy must state:

- (a) The new borrowings planned for the current financial year and the next 9 financial years; and
- (b) The time over which the local government plans to repay existing and new borrowings.

Policy

PURPOSES FOR WHICH BORROWING IS ALLOWABLE

Council shall, where necessary, undertake borrowing for the following purposes only:

- Road works/ Street works construction/reconstruction
- Bridgeworks construction/reconstruction
- Water Supply Infrastructure construction/reconstruction
- Urban Wastewater Infrastructure construction/reconstruction
- Aerodrome construction/reconstruction/upgrade
- Building construction/reconstruction
- Drainage works construction/reconstruction
- Community Services Infrastructure construction/reconstruction
- Urban and Industrial Land development

Borrowing for the above purposes is subject to the following restrictions in addition to those imposed elsewhere in this policy:-

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4.1.1 Roadwork's construction / reconstruction

Construction / Reconstruction to bitumen or equivalent standard Construction / Reconstruction of major road drainage works

4.1.2 Bridgeworks construction / reconstruction

Construction / Reconstruction of major bridges

4.1.3 Water Supply Infrastructure construction / reconstruction

Any construction / reconstruction which cannot be funded from revenue

4.1.4 Urban Wastewater Infrastructure construction / reconstruction

Any construction / reconstruction which cannot be funded from revenue

4.1.5 Aerodrome construction / reconstruction

Aerodrome pavement reconstruction etc.

4.1.6 Building construction / reconstruction

Major public building construction / reconstruction

4.1.7 Drainage works construction / reconstruction

Major storm water drainage works / flood mitigation works

4.1.8 Community Services Infrastructure

Major Recreation / Sport / Economic Development / Cultural infrastructure construction / reconstruction which cannot be funded from revenue.

4.1.9 Urban and Industrial Land Development

Develop sites to facilitate the growth in economic activity

4.1 FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS ON BORROWING

4.2.1 General Programmes

Borrowing shall not be undertaken if the effect of such borrowing will result in annual Interest and Redemption payments exceeding 20% of Council's general rate revenue unless specifically authorised otherwise by resolution of Council.

4.2.2 Urban Water Programme

Borrowing shall not be undertaken if the effect of such borrowing will result in annual Interest and Redemption payments exceeding 20% of Council's urban water utility charge revenue unless specifically authorised otherwise by resolution of Council.

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4.2.3 Urban Wastewater Programme

Borrowing shall not be undertaken if the effect of such borrowing will result in annual Interest and Redemption payments exceeding 20% of Council's Urban Wastewater utility charge revenue unless specifically authorised otherwise by resolution of Council.

4.3 METHOD OF BORROWING

Council will borrow from the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC).

4.4 TERMS OF BORROWING

The repayment period of a loan shall not exceed the useful life of the asset being created. For example:

- A loan for the construction of a bitumen road with an expected life of 15 years shall not have a repayment period in excess of 15 years.

4.5 BORROWING PROGRAMME

Council's borrowing programme for the current financial year and the proposed borrowing programme (tentative) for the next nine (9) financial years is outlined in 4.7.

4.6 EXISTING BORROWINGS

Council's existing borrowings shall be redeemed over the period originally negotiated, excepting that Council may negotiate new repayment schedules which shorten the term of the loan.

Council's existing borrowings with QTC is shown in the following table.

Purpose	Term (Years)	Balance 30 June 2025
Murweh SC - Airport Upgrade	15	622,171
Murweh SC - Flood Mitigation	20	929,110
Murweh SC - Morven Rail Hub	15	759,719
Murweh SC - Council housing	15	903,787

4.7 PROPOSED BORROWINGS

Council is not proposing to borrow from 2025-26 to 2034-35 financial years.

Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every year or as required by changes to process of legislation, relevant Standards and industry best practice. Murweh Shire Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this policy from time to time.

Definitions

NIL

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References

Local Government Act 2009 Section 104

Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 192

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Chief Executive Officer		Bruce Scott OAM	
Date:		Signature:	



Investment Policy

Investment Policy

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Responsible Officer:	Director of Corporate Services

Purpose

The purpose of an investment policy for local government is to establish guidelines for the safe, efficient, and prudent management of public funds, ensuring liquidity, security, and appropriate returns while complying with legal requirements.

Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Investment policies of Council (whether written or not).

Application

- To invest Council funds not immediately required for financial commitments.
- To maximise earning from authorised investments of such surplus funds after assessing counterparty, market and liquidity risks.

Policy

4.1 Objectives

- To invest Council Funds not immediately required for financial commitments.
- To maximise earning from authorised investments of such surplus funds after assessing counterparty, market and liquidity risks.

4.2 Scope

The intent of this document is to outline Murweh Shire Council's investment policy and guidelines regarding the investment of surplus funds, with the objective to maximise earnings within approved risk guidelines and to ensure the security of funds.

Investments will be managed with the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons. This includes having in place appropriate reporting requirements that ensure the investments are being reviewed and overseen regularly.

Investment officers are to manage the investment portfolios not for speculation, but for investment and in accordance with the spirit of this Investment Policy. Investment officers are to avoid any transaction that might harm confidence in Council. They will consider the safety of capital and income objectives when making an investment decision.

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4.3 Delegation of Authority

Authority for the implementation of the investment policy is delegated by Council to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer may delegate this authority to the Director of Corporate and Regulatory Services in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 257-Delegation of Local Government powers and Section 259 - Delegation of Chief Executive Officer powers.

4.4 Term of Investment

Council's investment portfolio should be realisable, without penalty, in a reasonable timeframe. The term to maturity of Council investments should not exceed one year.

4.5 Authorised Investments

- Interest Bearing Deposits with a commercial financial institution that has a physical presence within the Murweh Shire
- Deposits with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC)

4.6 Quotations on Investments

When investing with a commercial financial institution quotes are to be obtained from the relevant institutions. The best quote on the day will be successful after having regard to administrative and banking costs and credit rating of the institution.

4.7 Priority of Funds Placement

Investments will be placed to maximise interest income within acceptable risk standards. Consideration will be given to term to maturity and the amount Council would be compelled to hold to meet liabilities as and when they fall due, thus maximising funds available for investment.

4.8 Reporting

The investments are to be included in the monthly financial report to Council.

Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every year or as required by changes to process of legislation, relevant Standards and industry best practice. Murweh Shire Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this policy from time to time.

Definitions

NIL

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References

Local Government Act 2009 Section 104

Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 191

Under Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*

(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.

Investment of Council funds is to be in accordance with Council's powers to invest under the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*, as amended and the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Regulation 2007(SBFA)*

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Date:		Signature:	



Procurement Policy

Procurement Policy

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Responsible Officer:	Director of Corporate Services

Purpose

This policy applies to the procurement of all goods, equipment and related services, construction contracts and service contracts (including maintenance) by Council and regulates the disposal of assets. It also provides information on the roles and responsibilities of key officers involved in the purchasing function to ensure compliance with Section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Procurement policies of Council (whether written or not).

Application

All purchases of goods and services must be carried out in compliance with the *Local Government Act 2009* as amended, and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as amended.

Council officers responsible for purchasing goods and services are to comply with these instructions. It is the responsibility of each Council employee involved in the procurement process to understand the policies and procedures as well as their meaning and intent. Employees with any questions must raise these with their respective supervisor or department head.

Council will have regard to the sound contracting principles as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009* when entering into any contract.

The sound contracting principles are—

- (a) value for money; and
- (b) open and effective competition; and
- (c) the development of competitive local business and industry; and
- (d) environmental protection; and
- (e) ethical behaviour and fair dealing

Policy

Key Objectives

The key objectives of the Purchasing Policy are to:

- (a) promoting value for money with probity and accountability;
- (b) advancing shire interests in economic, social and environmental policies;

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- (c) providing reasonable opportunities for competitive local business comply with relevant legislation to supply to Council;
- (d) promoting compliance with relevant legislation.

CEO financial and procurement authority

In accordance with Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council delegates the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the authority to incur financial expenditure in accordance with this policy on behalf of Council, and to negotiate and conclude contracts to the value of \$200,000 under the following provisions:

- (a) There has been provision for the expenditure in the current approved budget; or
- (b) The contract has been entered into because of genuine emergency or hardship.

CEO may delegate financial and procurement authority

In accordance with Section 259 of the *Local Government Act 2009* the CEO may delegate authority to incur financial expenditure and negotiate and conclude contracts to officers to whom they deem appropriate.

The CEO must approve financial delegations in writing by recording them in the Register of Delegations. Any officer incurring expenditure may only do so in accordance with the constraints imposed by the Council or the CEO in respect to a financial delegation.

The CEO may review the level of the financial and procurement limit as deemed appropriate for a relevant officer.

Purchasing arrangements under the LGA

There are a number of arrangements available to Council under the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the purchasing of goods and services. These are approved contractor lists, suppliers from a register of prequalified suppliers, preferred supplier arrangements and LGA arrangements. Council may establish such arrangements as deemed necessary to meet its business objectives. As there are significant benefits to be achieved through the Local Buy arrangements, where considered appropriate Council will endeavour to utilise this arrangement to make purchases as such an arrangement is exempt from any further requirement to seek tenders or quotes.

In accordance with Section 226 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will invite tenders before making a contract for carrying out works or the supply of goods or services involving costs of more than \$200,000. The purchase of goods and services must be provided in the annual budget.

Class A – Large sized contractual arrangements >\$200,000 – when tenders are required

In accordance with Section 226 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will invite tenders before making a contract for carrying out works or the supply of goods or services involving costs of more than \$200,000. The purchase of goods and services must be provided in the annual budget. Class A decisions shall be made by a resolution of Council.

Class B – Medium sized contractual arrangements >\$15,000 < \$200,000 when written quotations are required

In accordance with Section 225 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will invite at least three written quotations before making a contract for carrying out works or the supply of goods or

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services involving costs of between \$15,000 and \$200,000. The purchase of goods and services must be provided in the annual budget.

Class C – Policy for acquisition of goods and services < \$15,000

The following procedure will apply to the purchase of goods and services with a value less than \$15,000. The purchase of goods and services must be provided in the annual budget.

- < \$1,000 - Guided by sound contracting principles
- \$1,000 < \$5,000 - At least two verbal quotations must be sought and documented;
- \$5,000 < \$15,000 - Two written quotations must be sought from suppliers who could be reasonably expected to offer the goods or services on a competitive basis.

Detailed specifications may be required if considered advantageous. Class C decisions are made in accordance with delegated authorities.

Encouragement of the development of competitive local business and industry

In accordance with Section 104 (3) (c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council wishes to pursue the principle of the development of competitive local business and industry as part of the process of making its purchase decisions. For this purpose:

1. A local business preferential weighting to the “Price” evaluation criteria of a procurement assessment is to be applied at the following rates:
 - Goods and services less than \$5,000 will be acquired locally, if in stock at shelf price.
 - 20% for purchases from \$5,001 up to \$15,000.
 - 10% for purchases from \$15,001 up to \$50,000.
 - 5% for purchases from \$50,001 up to \$200,000.

A 10% weighting for local content included in tender selection criteria for purchases above \$200,000.

In this policy a ‘local supplier’ is a supplier which:

- Is a business with a physical presence in the Murweh Shire

Exemption from requirement to tender or quote

In accordance with Sections 229-235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council can enter a contract to a value above \$200,000 without a tender or a contract above \$15,000 and less than \$200,000 without seeking quotations if:

- (a) Council resolves that it is satisfied that there is only one supplier reasonably available; or
- (b) Council resolves that the services being sought are of such a specialised or confidential nature of the services that it would be impractical or disadvantageous to seek quotations or tenders; or
- (c) A genuine emergency exists; or
- (d) The contract is for purchase of goods and is made by auction; or
- (e) The contract is for the purchase of second-hand goods; or
- (f) The contract is made with a person on an approved contractor list; or
- (g) The contract is made with a supplier from a register of prequalified suppliers; or
- (h) The contract is made with a supplier from a register of preferred supplier; or
- (i) The contract is made under a LGA Arrangement i.e. Local Buy; or
- (j) The contract is made under an arrangement with a government agency.

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Evaluation of offers

In accordance with Section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council will accept the offer most advantageous to it. In deciding which offer is most advantageous Council will have regard for sound contracting principles. All offers will be evaluated on appropriate selection criteria. Typical selection criteria may include, but are not limited to compliance with specifications, price, suitability for purpose, delivery, stock holding, product support and training, availability of guarantees of goods and services quality, quality assurance status and past performance, experience, knowledge and ability to perform of the supplier.

Tender documents shall include selection criteria and the evaluation will be completed by the responsible officer and a report on the tender/quotation must be prepared and a recommendation made to Council for approval.

Disposal of valuable non-current assets

In accordance with Section 227 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will dispose valuable non-current assets by auction or inviting tenders.

A valuable non-current asset is—

- (a) Land; or
- (b) Another non-current asset that has an apparent value that is equal to or more than the following limits;
 - for plant or equipment—\$5,000;
 - for another type of non-current asset—\$10,000

Exemption from disposal by auction or tender

In accordance with *Local Government Regulation 2012* goods with an apparent value of less than the above thresholds do not have to be auctioned or tendered and can be disposed of at the discretion of the CEO. In exercising this discretion, the CEO will have consideration to sound contracting principles:-

- (a) Open and effective competition;
- (b) The best return for Council;
- (c) Environmental protection; and
- (d) Ethical behaviour and fair dealing.

Exemption to disposal by tender or auction

In accordance with Section 236 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council may dispose of valuable non-current assets other than by tender or auction.

Pursuant to the Regulation, Council will have regard to the requirement to dispose of valuable non-current assets by auction or seeking tenders, however, where there is a reasonable case to use this section, Council will decide by resolution that the exception may apply.

Ethical behaviour

Officers undertaking a purchasing responsibility must act ethically and must be seen by all parties involved in a purchasing transaction (internally within Council and externally in the market place) to be acting ethically.

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Officers with procurement responsibilities are to behave with impartiality, fairness, independence, openness, integrity, and professionalism in their discussions and negotiations with suppliers and their representatives.

Council officers with procurement responsibilities are to advance the interests of Council in all transactions with suppliers' representatives and act in accordance with the policies and procedures contained herein. Officers must not release information, including names of tenderers to other tenderers, prior to the opening of a tender.

Publishing details of particular contracts

In accordance with Section 237 *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Chapter 6 Contracting, Part 4 Publishing details of particular contracts; Council will as soon as practicable after entering a contract worth \$200,000 or more (exclusive of GST):

- (a) Publish the relevant details of the contract on Council's website; and
- (b) Display the relevant details of the contract in a conspicuous place in Council's public office.

The relevant details must be published or displayed for a period of at least 12 months.

Relevant details, of a contract, means the following:

- (a) The person with whom Council has entered into the contract;
- (b) The value of the contract;
- (c) The purpose of the contract. Example— the particular goods or services to be supplied under the contract.

Purchase Orders

Purchase orders are to be raised and approved at the time the order is placed for all purchases of goods and services, other than those carried out by petty cash transactions, authorised corporate credit cards or in circumstances where it is not commercially practical to raise a purchase order. Not commercially practical includes emergencies or out of hours work incidents. If invoice received without Purchase Order, a payment voucher is to be completed, signed, and attached to invoice for processing.

Payments that do not require purchase orders include:

- (a) petty cash;
- (b) fuel card purchases;
- (c) ongoing accounts (ie. Fixed and mobile telephone, internet, utilities, vehicle registration);
- (d) Grants, donations, refunds and subsidies provided by Council;
- (e) Employee reimbursements;
- (f) Land valuation roll maintenance;
- (g) Work cover premiums;
- (h) Insurance payments; and
- (i) Taxations and payroll legislations payments.

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If no purchase order raised or provided, a payment voucher would be required. Council officers are prohibited from splitting orders for the purposes of acquiring goods or services above their delegated financial and procurement levels, or to avoid the necessity to obtain quotes, raise purchase orders or invite tenders.

Council officers must identify and assess the total likely requirements of the Council over a given period. Where repeat orders are required from a single supplier and are estimated to exceed \$10,000 consideration must be given to establishing an appropriate purchasing arrangement.

Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every three years or as required by changes to process of legislation, relevant Standards and industry best practice. Murweh Shire Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this policy from time to time.

Definitions

NIL

References

- *Local Government Act 2009* Chapter 4, Part 3, Section 104 Financial Management Systems
- *Local Government Regulation 2012* Chapter 6, Part 3 Default contracting procedures
- *Local Government Regulation 2012* Chapter 5, Part 6 Spending

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Recovery of Overdue Rates & Charges Policy



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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 in accordance with the parameters and requirements of Chapter 4, Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2009 (LG Act) and Chapter 4, Parts 11 and 12 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (LG Regulation).

Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption by Council. It replaces all other policies (whether written or not). Council may amend this policy by resolution.

Application

This policy applies to ratepayers of Murweh Shire Council. It does not form part of any employee's contract of employment.

Policy

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 other ratepayers who meet their legal obligation in full.

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

- transparency by making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes used by Council;
- assisting ratepayers to meet their financial obligations;
- making the processes used to recover overdue rates or charges clear, simple to administer and cost effective;
- ensuring consistency and equity by having regard to providing the same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances; and
- flexibility by responding where necessary to changes in the local economy.

RECOVERY PROCEDURES – OVERDUE RATES OR CHARGES

Initial Recovery Action

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

A minimum 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 be in the form of a letter advising the ratepayers(s) they have fourteen (14) days from

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the date of the letter to finalise the outstanding balance or enter into an appropriate payment plan (refer to section 3.3 - Payment Commitments).

No further action is taken if payment is made in full or the ratepayer enters into and maintains their approved payment commitment.

A minimum twenty-eight (28) 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 Second Reminder Notice. This notice will be in the form of a letter advising that the ratepayer will have a further fourteen (14) days from the date of the letter to finalise the outstanding balance or enter into an appropriate payment plan (refer to section 3.3 - Payment Commitments).

No further action is taken if payment is made in full or the ratepayer enters into and maintains their approved payment commitment.

Advanced Debt Recovery Action

Council may select properties that have any part of their overdue rates and charges remaining unpaid for at least:

- three (3) years; or
- one (1) year for vacant land or land used only for commercial purposes; or three (3) months for a mining claim
- and issue the ratepayer(s) of those properties with a Letter of Demand. This letter will request the ratepayer(s) to finalise the outstanding balance or enter into an appropriate payment plan within fourteen (14) days of the date of that letter (refer to section 3.3 - Payment Commitments).

No further action is taken if payment is made in full or the ratepayer enters into and maintains their approved payment commitment.

Selling land for overdue rates or charges

Should the ratepayer(s) fail to finalise the outstanding balance as shown on the Letter of Demand, Council may decide by resolution to proceed with the selling the land for overdue rates or charges under Section 140 of the Local Government Regulation 2012. The sale will proceed in accordance with Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Once a Notice of Intention to Sell has been issued (following a Council resolution to initiate land sale action in terms of Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012), no formal payment commitments will be accepted, and full payment of all outstanding rates is required to stop sale action.

Acquiring land for overdue rates or charges

Should the ratepayer(s) fail to finalise the outstanding balance as shown on the Letter of Demand, Council may decide by resolution to proceed with acquiring the land for overdue rates or charges under Section 149 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, where:

- some of the overdue rates or charges have been overdue for at least 3 years; and
- the total amount of the overdue rates or charges is more than the value of the land and the land is considered to be -
 - a) valueless; or
 - b) of so little value that, if it were sold, the proceeds of the sale would be less than the amount of the overdue rates or charges; and
 - c) the total amount of the overdue rates or charges is more than the market value of the land.

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The acquisition will proceed in accordance with Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Once a Notice of Intention to Acquire has been issued (following a Council resolution to initiate land acquisition action in terms of Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012), no formal payment commitments will be accepted, and full payment of all outstanding rates is required to stop acquisition action.

Deferment of Recovery Actions

The recovery action stages listed above may be deferred for the following reasons:

- deceased estates in probate
- bankruptcy liquidations
- receivership/administration
- property sale where an unconditional contract has been signed (a copy of the unconditional contract must be provided to Council for verification)
- approved hardship (determined after written submission and/or interview with ratepayer – must be approved by Council resolution)
- special circumstances (considered and approved by Council resolution, for any overdue rates and charges not falling into any of the above categories that may benefit from the deferment of recovery action)

PAYMENT COMMITMENTS

Applications

All payment commitments should ensure all future rates and charges are paid as issued to ensure the account does not fall further into arrears.

Requests for payment commitments are by application if the rates and charges will be fully paid within 12 months. In circumstances where the request extends beyond 12 months, this will be subject of a separate report to Council for consideration.

Note: For payment commitments longer than 12 months, an estimate of the rates and water levies issuing in that time period will be added. This estimate will be based on the last rates and water levies issued. This is to ensure ratepayers do not remain with a large ongoing arrears balance.

To request payments by instalments, the ratepayer must contact Council before the due date shown on the rate notice. Applications should be made to Council in writing.

If approved, Council will document the payment commitment to be brought into effect and a copy will be provided in writing to the ratepayer. Council will not pursue further recovery action against a ratepayer who has an approved payment commitment, while the commitment is current and the ratepayer adheres to the agreed repayment schedule and required instalment amounts.

Changed circumstances

Council reserves the right to renegotiate or cancel a payment commitment should circumstances change where the debt will not be paid within Council's current policy time frame (within 12 months). In these circumstances, Council will not initiate further recovery action without reference to the ratepayer concerned.

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Missed payment or minimum payment not met

In the event where the ratepayer is unable to pay within the required timeframe or the minimum repayment is not met, supporting evidence is required to be submitted to Council to justify the approval of an extended timeframe. Council may request whatever information it deems necessary to assess genuine hardship.

In the event that a payment commitment is not maintained within the agreed terms and the ratepayer does not make contact with Council, the following action will occur:

The payment commitment will be removed from Council's rate assessment; and Recovery action will commence without further notice to the ratepayer.

Payments

In accordance with Section 128 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, payments will be applied towards the payment of rates and charges in the order in which they became overdue. However as per Section 128 (1) (b), Council must apply payments to particular rates and charges if the property owner advises Council of this.

PAYMENT OF RATES IN ADVANCE

If you find payment of your rates in a lump sum difficult, Council encourages you make payments on a regular basis. Payment of rates in advance by regular instalments ensures the balance to be paid at the time of rates issue is minimised. Payment on time allows you to avoid interest and other charges accruing. Council does not pay you interest on advance payments or credit balances.

INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES

In accordance with Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the interest rate payable on overdue rates and charges is 12.12% per annum compounding daily the day the rates and charges become overdue.

All rates and charges become overdue immediately following the due date as shown on the notice. All assessments with approved payment commitments for outstanding rates or charges will continue to accrue interest at a rate of 12.12% per annum compounding daily until the outstanding amount is paid in full unless otherwise approved by Council.

INTEREST THRESHOLD

An interest threshold will be applied under the following circumstances:

When interest is calculated, if:

- a) an assessment has been fully paid prior to an interest run; and
- b) the interest calculated as outstanding between the date of the last interest run and the date of payment is less than the stated limit. Then the interest calculated in the current run is not charged to the assessment.

The interest threshold is \$10.00.

SMALL DEBTS WRITE-OFF

Any small debts under \$10.00 may be written-off by the Manager Finance on a monthly basis. This is to reduce the administrative costs of managing small outstanding amounts.

DEBT WRITE-OFF INCLUDING ACCRUED INTEREST

All bad debts may only be written off by Council resolution.

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Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every **three years** or as required due to changes to in legislation.

Definitions

"**Public Sector Ethics**" means the ethics principles as defined in the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*.

References

- *Local Government Act 2009*

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**Cost Recovery
Fees & Commercial
Charges**

Murweh Shire Council				
COST RECOVERY FEES & COMMERCIAL CHARGES 2025-26				
DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
Administration Charges				
Application installation of grid per application (inspection required - include approval in grid register)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 500.00	2160-1000
Installation of grid by Council	GST	s262(3)(c)	at cost	2160-1000
Application Fee - Private Works	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 150.00	2160-1000
Emergency call out - Engineering staff (before 7am and after 5pm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 500.00	2160-1000
Photocopying/Printing				
A4 - Single sided - Black and White - per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 0.30	2160-1000
A4 - Double sided - Black and White - per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 0.65	2160-1000
A4-Single sided - Coloured - per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 0.65	2160-1000
A4-Double sided - Coloured-per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 1.15	2160-1000
A3-Single sided - Black and White-per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 0.75	2160-1000
A3-Single sided - Coloured-per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 1.15	2160-1000
A3-Double sided - Coloured - per copy/page (Council paper)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 2.05	2160-1000
Laminate document				
A4 document		s262(3)(c)	\$ 5.00	2160-1000
A3 document		s262(3)(c)	\$ 8.00	2160-1000
BUILDING AND PLUMBING WORKS				
Certificate of Classification (if not issued before 30 April 1998)				
maximum fee \$2090.00 {Form 13 to be completed}	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 1,840.00	4205-1000
Certificate of Classification (if not issued after 30 April 1998)				
maximum fee \$2090.00	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 2,090.00	4205-1000
Copy of Plans from Property File				
Class 1	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 95.00	4205-1000
Class 10	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 52.00	4205-1000
All other Classes	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 190.00	4205-1000
BUILDING FEES				
Lodgement/Archival fee - [DA For 2/ DA Form 1 to be completed]	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 194.00	4205-1000

DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
SINGLE DWELLING				
New Dwelling - 3 Inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 2,541.00	4205-1000
New Dwelling - 4 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 3,003.00	4205-1000
New Transportable Dwelling/Removal Dwelling - 2 Inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 2,079.00	4205-1000
Duplex/Multiple Dwellings - min 5 Inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 4,043.00	4205-1000
<i>Note for duplex/multiple dwelling, add per additional unit, plus additional inspection fees if required</i>	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 578.00	4205-1000
<i>Additional inspection</i>	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 440.00	4205-1000
BUILDING RESIDENTIAL				
Shed, Patio, Garage, Verandah, Carport, Storage Containers, - 2 inspections Garden Shed (over 10m ²), Restump/re roof existing building - Code 10a Advertising signs, shade sails (Class 10b-under 500m2) - 2 inspection	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 565.00	4205-1000
Domestic Alteration/Addition - 3 inspections eg. Adding a bedroom	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 1,980.00	4205-1000
House relocation inspection and report - 2 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 1,465.00	4205-1000
House relocation report only (inspection done by others)	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 678.00	4205-1000
Relaxation of boundary clearance report	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 357.00	4205-1000
Building within zones of influence of a Council sewermain	No GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 357.00	4205-1000
Request to change existing approval	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 541.00	4205-1000
BOND				
<i>Refundable Building/Street Bond for all relocation and demolitions</i>				
In Town - Urban	No GST		\$ 10,000.00	4205-1000-2
Out of Town - Rural	No GST		\$ 5,000.00	4205-1000-2
<i>Note 50% refund after Footing inspection. Balance of Bond refunded on completion</i>				

DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
BUILDING COMMERCIAL				
Commercial fit out (No QFRS) - 1 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 2,195.00	4205-1000
QFRS Referral (Administration fee)	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 693.00	4205-1000
Commercial New (499m ² and under) - 4 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 4,158.00	4205-1000
Commercial New (500m ² to 999m ²)- 5 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 5,198.00	4205-1000
<i>Note for above: (Plus QFES referral admin fee if required)</i>				
Commercial New (1000m ² to 1999m ²)- 6 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 6,237.00	4205-1000
<i>Note for above: (Plus QFES referral admin fee if required)</i>				
Commercial alterations and additions 499m ² and under - 3 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 2,541.00	4205-1000
Commercial Alterations and additions(500m ² to 999m ²)-4 inspections	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 4,158.00	4205-1000
<i>Note for above: (Plus QFES referral admin fee if required)</i>				
Commercial Alterations and additions (1000m ² to 1999m ²)	GST	Planning Act 2016	\$ 5,198.00	4205-1000
<i>Note for above: (Plus QFES referral admin fee if required)</i>				
DEMOLITIONS				
Lodgement Fees	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 565.00	4205-1000
Rural Road (Refundable Bond)	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 10,500.00	4205-1000
Urban Street (Refundable Bond)	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 15,750.00	4205-1000

DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
PLUMBING WORK (Form 1)				
Lodgement Fee (If not lodged with a building application)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 92.00	4205-1000
PLUMBING RESIDENTIAL				
Assessment fee per fixture (owner to supply plan) [3x\$66 = \$198.00]	No Gst	s97(2)(e)	\$ 66.00	4205-1000
plus - on stumps - Inspection fee - Minimum of 3 inspections [3x\$275.00 = \$825.00]	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 275.00	4205-1000
or plus - on slab - Inspection fee - Minimum of 4 inspections (eg. 4 x \$275.00 = \$1100.00)	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 275.00	4205-1000
Assessment Fee Minor Plumbing Works (max 2 Fixtures and 1 inspection) Residential	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 850.00	4205-1000
PLUMBING COMMERCIAL				
Assessment fee per fixture (owner to supply plan) (eg. 4 fixtures x \$183.00 = \$732)	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 183.00	4205-1000
Plus - Inspection fee Minimum of 3 inspections (eg. 3 x \$485.00 = \$1455.00)	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 485.00	4205-1000
Assessment Fee Minor Plumbing Works (max 2 Fixtures and 1 inspection) Commercial	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 970.00	4205-1000
Cost per re-inspection of defective work	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 2,000.00	4205-1000

DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
Water Connection				
Fire fighting service (Hose Reel, Hydrant)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 67.00	4205-1000
Registration of Backflow Prevention Device (per testable device)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 63.00	4205-1000
Trade waste assessment and inspection (per fixture)	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 116.00	4205-1000
Water Connection				
Up to 20mm per connection	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 970.00	4205-1000
Additional cost per meter of water service greater than 5m in length to boundary of property (20mm)	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 41.00	4205-1000
Note: Water service greater than 20mm to domestic premises to be approved by Council				
Up to 40mm per connection	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 1,903.00	4205-1000
Up to 50mm per connection	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 2,608.00	4205-1000
Up to 100mm per connection	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 10,752.00	4205-1000
Additional cost per meter of water service greater than 5m in length to boundary of property (40mm to 100mm)			\$ 168.00	4205-1000
WATER STANDPIPES				
Water usage Charge per kilolitre	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 4.20	4205-1000
Rural Land owner - water per litre - drought time only approved by Council Resolution	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 1.05	4205-1000
SEWERAGE/SEPTIC				
Assessment and installation of sewer connection	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 1,256.00	4205-1000
Sewer disconnection inspection	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 100.00	4205-1000
Water supply disconnection inspection	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 100.00	4205-1000
Household Sewerage/Septic Treatment Plant (additional charge)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 693.00	4205-1000
SWIMMING POOLS				
Building Work (only)				
Swimming Pool Construction - 2 Inspections	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 1,848.00	4205-1000
Pool Compliant Inspection & Pool Safety Certificate	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 330.00	3412-1000
Pool Safety Inspection and Pool Safety Certificate including re-inspection within 2 working days from initial inspection	GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 441.00	3412-1000

DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
LICENCES - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - All Licences are valid from 1/9 to 31/8				
Accommodation Annual Registration - Hotel	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 454.00	3412-1000
Annual Registration - Motel	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 454.00	3412-1000
Caravan Parks Annual License	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 250.00	3412-1000
Food Premises				
Food Licence	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 157.00	3412-1000
Mobile Food (annual)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 157.00	3412-1000
Temporary (out of normal time inspection)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 210.00	3412-1000
Reinspection of food premises (failed initial annual inspection) per inspection	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 126.00	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)	\$ 105.00	3412-1000
(\$20 million Public liability Insurance policy number/sighting)				
Higher Risk Personal Appearance Licence				
Skin piercing & tattoos	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 157.00	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)	\$ 50.00	3412-1000
Itinerant (up to 12 operating days per year)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 134.00	3412-1000
ERA - Annual Licence	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 189.00	3410-1000
ANIMALS				
Agistment Fees on Reserves and Commons				
Horses/Cattle	GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 6.00	3455-1000
Cattle Tailing	GST	s97(2)(a)	at cost	3455-1000
Sheep	GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 3.00	3455-1000
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 there of from the time of seizure plus any cost incurred in effecting the seizure of the stock with a minimum total charge as set out. (Min \$200.00)	No GST	s97(2)(d)	As per description	3450-1000
Horses and Cattle - A charge at the rate of \$18.00 per head for every 24 hours or part there of from the time of seizure plus any cost incurred in effecting the seizure of the stock with a minimum total charge as set out. (Min \$200.00)	No GST	s97(2)(d)	As per description	3450-1000

DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
Feral Animal Control				
Wild Dog Scalp Bounty (scalp to be presented whole and dry - wet scalps not accepted)	GST		\$ 50.00	3450-1000
Meat ordered by Landholder for coordinated baiting campaigns only	GST		at cost + 20% admin	3450-1000
Meat preparation outside of Council's six monthly coordinated programs/per kg	GST		\$ 1.10	3450-1000
Dogs				
2 dogs only permitted per household (register at 12 weeks/3 months of age) Dogs to be microchipped - vet certificate if unable to microchip dog				
Desexed and Micro-chipped (Certificate must be presented)				
Life Time Fee - Council to honor for next 10 years (2023 to 2032) current dogs registered under this class only				
Desexed dog (proof of desexing required)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 34.00	3437-1000
Entire dog owned by pensioner (proof of aged pension required)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 55.00	3437-1000
Entire dog (male/female)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 100.00	3437-1000
Registration for (2-5 per animal not desexed)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 132.00	3437-1000
Registration for (2-5 per animal desexed)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 84.00	3437-1000
Replacement Dog Tag	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 6.50	3437-1000
Excess dogs (above 2 at any residence) - each dog registered, approval from Council				
Application - Excess Dog	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 157.00	3437-1000
Excess dogs Annual Permit Renewal	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 56.00	3437-1000
Declared Dangerous dog	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 420.00	3437-1000
Declared Menancing dog	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 265.00	3437-1000
Review of proposed declaration	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 210.00	3437-1000
Assistance/Guide Dog (proof required)			No cost	3437-1000

DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
<i>Impound - dogs are to be registered prior to release - receipt shown to Council officer releasing animal</i>				
First impound registered dog (within 24 hours of impounding animal)	No GST	s97(2)(d)	No Cost	3437-1000
First impound registered dog (post 24 hours of impounding animal), excluding sustenance	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$ 95.00	3437-1000
Second impound registered dog (within current registration period), excluding sustenance	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$ 110.00	3437-1000
Third and subsequent impound registered dog (within current registration period), excluding sustenance	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$ 220.00	3437-1000
First impound Unregistered Dog, excluding registration and sustenance	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$ 280.00	3437-1000
Release fee after hours	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$ 330.00	3437-1000
Sustenance fee per day (cat or dog)	GST	s97(2)(d)	\$ 22.00	3437-1000
<i>The owner of all dogs found wandering at large and impounded will be issued with 'on the spot fine' - 2 penalty units</i>				
Anti Barking Collar				
Bond - Refundable bond fee only	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$ 50.00	3457-1000
Dog /Cat Trap				
Bond - Refundable bond fee only if trap returned in good condition	No GST	s97(2)(d)	\$ 50.00	3457-1000
Dog/Cat Trap - weekly (7 days or part there of hire fee)	GST	s97(2)(d)	\$ 25.00	3457-1000
Contractor fees (vet/any costs to Council)		s97(2)(d)	At cost +20%	3457-1000
Note: Value of a penalty unit fee is determined by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. The fee for 2025-26 is \$166.90			\$ 166.90	3457-1000
www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/governance/laws/value-of-a-penalty-unit				
Horse Stables (on Private Property)				
Annual Licence (for existing horse stables only)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 110.00	3450-1000
Local Law Compliance Action				
<i>Overgrown/Unsightly allotment</i>				
Contractor to perform work/s - compliance/Local Government Worker tasks	GST	LG Act 2009	at cost + 20%	3457-1000
Non compliance Local Law (fee per hour) - carry out action - legal/administration - per hours completed by Solicitor/Council team	GST	LG Act 2009 s142(4)-(8)	\$300.00	3457-1000
RATE SEARCHES (Normal 5 business day turn around)				
Full Rate Search (includes water metre read)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 200.00	2157-1000
Building Classification	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 113.00	2157-1000
Building Compliance Report	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 113.00	2157-1000
Limited Town Plan Report	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 196.00	2157-1000
Rapid Search Fee in addition to normal fee above(3 business day turnaround)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 105.00	2157-1000
Health Inspection - commercial food business	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 160.00	3410-1000

DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
TOWN PLANNING FEES				
Reconfiguring a Lot (RaL)-Application Fee				
Boundary Realignment (no new lots created)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 660.00	4205-1000
Creation of an access easement			\$ 660.00	4205-1000
Reconfiguring a Lot Base Fee	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 660.00	4205-1000
Plus per additional block created	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 368.00	4205-1000
50% concession on application for community organisations/not for profit (minimum fee \$330.00)				
Material Change of Use (MCU)-Application Fee				
MCU standard application	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 630.00	4205-1000
MCU rural land (proposal not the zoning of the proposed site)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 840.00	4205-1000
MCU Commercial (proposal not the zoning of the proposed site)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 1,050.00	4205-1000
MCU Industrial	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 1,575.00	4205-1000
Major use	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 2,100.00	4205-1000
Operational Work -Application Fee				
Operational Work associated with Material Change of Use or Reconfiguring a lot (per component of ie roads, drainage, landscaping, street lighting, Earthworks)[eg. 5x372.00=\$1860]	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Other Carrying out operational work for excavation and/or filling not associated with reconfiguring a lot or a	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 1,226.00	4205-1000
Levee (Code Assessable)			\$ 630.00	4205-1000
Levee (Impact Assessable)			\$ 1,226.00	4205-1000
Preliminary Approval/Preliminary approval that includes a variation request				4205-1000
Preliminary Approval Note - A development permit sought for development on land where the proposed development is in accordance with a preliminary approval, is subject to 50% of application fee			Fee on application	
Variation request			Fee on application	

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Other Planning Fees				
Referral Application			\$ 372.00	4205-1000
<i>* Nil fee for Exemption Certificate for Dwelling House</i>			\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Extension application (to extend currency period)	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Change application (minor change to a development approval)			\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Change application (other change to a development approval)			Relevant application fee	4205-1000
Cancellation application (to cancel a development approval)			\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Request for application to be considered under superseded planning scheme			\$ 840.00	4205-1000
Survey Plan Endorsement	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Survey Plan Re-endorsement	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Endorsing a document (eg. Community Management Statement, Easement)	No GST	s97(2)(e)	\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Public Notice – engagement of Murweh Shire Council to undertake public notification actions on behalf of applicant [excluding printing, copying, signs, mailing and travel - +cost]			\$ 630.00	4205-1000
Written advice for a ‘Generally in Accordance’ determination (or other written advice as determined by Council)			\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Prelodgement advice [subsequent meetings]			\$ 372.00	4205-1000
Refund of application fee for withdrawn application				
Application submitted and preliminary administration work completed			75% application	4205-1000
Information request and referral stage			50% application	4205-1000
Public notification stage			25% application	4205-1000
Decision Stage			\$ 0.00	4205-1000
Planning Certificates				
Limited Planning & Development Certificate (Planning Act s265)	No GST	Planning Act s265	\$ 200.00	4205-1000
Standard Planning & Development Certificate (Planning Act s265)	No GST	Planning Act s265	\$ 400.00	4205-1000
Full Planning & Development Certificate (Planning Act s265)	No GST	Planning Act s265	\$ 840.00	4205-1000

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CEMETERY FEES				
MONUMENTAL SECTION - Augathella, Charleville and Morven				
Burial Fees – Adult Single Grave – Weekdays before 2pm (includes 1 pop up marquee and 40 chairs at funeral)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 823.00	3297-1000
Burial Fees – Child 12yrs & under Single Grave – Weekdays before 2pm	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 736.00	3297-1000
Ashes interred/reserved under headstone of an already occupied grave	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 221.00	3297-1000
Ashes interment in a Single Grave before 2pm	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 530.00	3297-1000
Reserve Fee Only – Single Grave (non-refundable)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 51.00	3297-1000
After Hours, Weekend & Public holidays Burial Fee (plus, normal fees as above)	GST	s262(3)(c)	Fee + \$556.00	3297-1000
Application for Headstone/Plaque/Repairs	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 68.00	3297-1000
<i>(Monument is the responsibility of the applicant, including cost. Headstone can be laid no less than 12 months after Burial)</i>				
<i>Designing & ordering of a plaque</i>	GST	s262(3)(c)	Plaque cost +\$50.00	3297-1000
<i>Designing, ordering of a plaque and inserting at Grave site</i>	GST	s262(3)(c)	Plaque cost +\$80.00	3297-1000
COLUMBARIUM - Interment of Ashes (Augathella, Charleville, Morven)				
Ashes Interment – Weekdays before 2pm (includes standard plaque 127mm x 140mm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 329.00	3297-1000
<i>(includes standard plaque 127mm x 140mm)</i>				
Ashes Interment - Weekend & Public holidays Burial Fee	GST	s262(3)(c)		3297-1000
Ashes Interment - Weekend & Public Holidays Fee (plus normal fees as above)[includes standard plaque 140mm x 127mm]	GST	s262(3)(c)	Fee + \$556.00	
LAWN CEMETERY (Charleville)				
Burial Fees – Single Grave – Weekdays before 2pm (includes standard plaque 380mm x 280mm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 1,252.00	3297-1000
After Hours, Weekend & Public holidays Burial Fee (plus normal fees as above) - (includes standard plaque)	GST	s262(3)(c)	Fee + \$556.00	3297-1000
Ashes only interred as 2nd Interment (no plaque included)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 220.00	3297-1000
<i>(must have written consent from Next of Kin of persons grove it is to go on)</i>				
<i>Note: – There is no waiting time when a plaque can be placed on the Lawn Cemetery if it has a cement beam in place.</i>				
<i>No beam in place is a 6-month waiting period.</i>				
FUNERAL SERVICES				
<i>Additional 1 marquee and Group of 40 chairs</i>	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 120.00	3297-1000
PRIVATE PROPERTY BURIAL				
Application for Private Property Burial made to Council	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 121.00	3297-1000

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SHOWGROUNDS - All functions must pay \$500 Bond				
Entire Complex -per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 750.00	3282-1000
Functions (including camping of people of function) per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 223.00	3282-1000
Camping - Vehicles only per vehicle per night	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 37.00	3282-1000
Annual Show	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 2,365.00	3282-1000
Use of Showgrounds (including oval/toilets) per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 189.00	3282-1000
Use of Showgrounds (including oval/toilets) per half day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 102.00	3282-1000
Horse Stalls/Cattle yard - per animal per day (only horses in horse stalls)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 7.00	3282-1000
Pony Club Area - per annum	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 235.00	3282-1000
Cattle Yards - Community event (eg. Campdraft)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 139.00	3282-1000
Sale type event - Sheep & Goat, sale and show venue	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 250.00	3282-1000
Pavilion - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 496.00	3282-1000
Pavilion - per half day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 248.00	3282-1000
Camping in Pavilion (on application) per person per night	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 13.00	3282-1000
Kitchen (Pavilion) - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 250.00	3282-1000
Kitchen (Pavilion) - per half day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 225.00	3282-1000
Night Hire (Oval) not including metered lights - per hour	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 22.00	3282-1000
Bar - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 122.00	3282-1000
Bar - per half day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 63.00	3282-1000
Kiosk (not available for food preparation)				
Circus				
Showgrounds - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 580.00	3282-1000
Hire segment of land within Showground for Whirlygig Ride (casual) - per day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 125.00	3282-1000

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SWIMMING POOL CHARGES				
Daily Sessions:				
Adults	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 4.00	
Students up to & including 18 years	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 2.00	
Non swimming observers	GST	s262(3)(c)	No charge	
Children under school supervision	GST	s262(3)(c)	No charge	
Season Tickets:				
Adults	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 130.00	
Family (two adults and two children. Additional Children \$30 per child)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 250.00	
Children	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 75.00	
Eligible Aged Pensioners	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 75.00	
Swimming Pool Hire Fees:				
Swimming Clubs or similar (after 5pm) - per hour	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 38.00	
Private Functions eg. Christmas Parties - per hour	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 60.00	
School Swimming Carnivals - per day or part thereof	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 310.00	
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	N/A		\$ 50.00	
Warrego Room (No Foodstuffs & Drinks)				
Half day hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 173.00	3220-1000
Day (6am - 6pm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 345.00	3220-1000
Night (6pm - 12 midnight)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 379.00	3220-1000
Every hour or part thereof after midnight	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 63.00	3220-1000
Entertainment (Travelling out of town Shows)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 646.00	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)	\$ 370.00	3220-1000
Half day Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 185.00	3220-1000
Night (6pm - 12 midnight)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 716.00	3220-1000
Every hour or part thereof after midnight	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 62.00	3220-1000
Entertainment (Travelling out of town Shows)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 1,182.00	3220-1000
Rehearsals/Decorations (only if no bookings received)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 56.00	3220-1000

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Newmarket Bar (No foodstuffs & drinks)				
Day (6am - 6pm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 173.00	3220-1000
Half Day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 86.00	3220-1000
Night (6pm - 12 Midnight)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 180.00	3220-1000
Every hour or part thereof after midnight	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 62.00	3220-1000
Entertainment (Travelling out of town Shows)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 379.00	3220-1000
Newmarket Bar (Foodstuffs and Drinks)				
Day (6am - 6pm)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 348.00	3220-1000
Half Day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 174.00	3220-1000
Night (6pm - 12 midnight)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 473.00	3220-1000
Every hour or part thereof after midnight	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 62.00	3220-1000
Entertainment (Travelling out of town Shows)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 592.00	3220-1000
Outside Bar (Foodstuffs & drinks) Day Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 196.00	3220-1000
Half Day hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 98.00	3220-1000
Night hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 361.00	3220-1000
Racetrack Hill (eg. Open air concerts)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 685.00	3220-1000
Meeting room (fish bowl)				
Day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 20.00	3220-1000
Night	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 49.00	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)	\$ 340.00	3220-1000
Charge is applicable if the use of the coldroom extends to either the day prior to or after the event.				

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Coldroom Hire (Power Charge)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 56.00	3220-1000
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)	\$ 277.00	3220-1000
Non-Local Organisation	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 349.00	3220-1000
PA System - \$250 Bond Required				
Speakers & Micro-phones	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$100.00	3220-1000
Entire Complex				
Full Day Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 1,050.00	3220-1000
Racecourse Stables				
Race Meetings - hire of stable complex	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 853.00	3282-1000
Horse Stables - per horse per week	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 26.00	3282-1000
Tack Room (per week)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 21.00	3282-1000
Bond per horse under agreement to stable horses at racecourse			\$ 67.00	
COSTS FOR DAMAGE TO RACEVIEW COMPLEX				
Parquetry Floor (beer spillage - inside bar, gouges, etc)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 315.00	3220-1000
Additional Cleaning per hour	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 127.00	3220-1000
Table Damage - actual cost to replace table				
Chair Damage - 50% of cost of new chair				
BOND \$500.00 All monies must be paid prior to event				

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TOWN HALL - CHARLEVILLE - All functions must pay \$500 BOND				
Charleville Town Hall Hire - no foodstuff & drinks	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 112.00	3272-1000
Half Day - (No more than 6 hours duration)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 56.00	3272-1000
Town Hall Hire - foodstuffs & drinks	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 173.00	3272-1000
Rehearsals for plays etc - Day	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 10.00	3272-1000
(Local organisations) - Night	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 19.00	3272-1000
Public Meetings	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 48.00	3272-1000
Travelling Shows (Commercial ventures must apply to Council)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 314.00	3272-1000
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)	\$ 63.00	3272-1000
Town Hall Hire - Foodstuff & drinks	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 134.00	3272-1000
Supper Room - Morven Only	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 14.00	3272-1000
N.B Public Meetings in Augathella and Morven Town Halls will not be required to pay Bond money.				
LOCAL LAW copy per sheet	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 2.00	2160-1000
Annual Report	No GST	s97(2)(a)	\$ 93.00	2160-1000
INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT (IPOLA)	INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT (IPOLA)			
An application fee is only payable for RTI applications requesting documents that do not contain the applicant's personal information	No GST	s97(2)(a)	as per legislation	2160-1000
<i>Application Fee RTI</i>			as per legislation	2160-1000
Section 24 of the RTI Act states that the application fee must be paid unless the application is only for documents containing the applicant's personal information.				
CHAIR HIRE \$100 Refundable Bond				
Private Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 2.10	3272-1000
Commercial Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 2.10	3272-1000
Table Hire \$100 Refundable Bond				
Table Hire per table		s262(3)(c)	\$ 10.00	3272-1000
Any damage done to table - replacement at cost +20%				
PORT-A-LOO HIRE - \$100 Refundable Bond				
Per day rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 58.00	3535-1000
Portable Stage Hire				
Portable Stage Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 100.00	3535-1000


DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
WASTE DISPOSAL				
Commercial and Industrial				
Commercial and industrial general waste per tonne (use of weighbridge)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 61.00	3535-1000
Deemed weights set by State Legislation will be used if weighbridge docket not provided				
Construction and Demolition				
Construction and Demolition per tonne (use of weighbridge)	GST	262(3)(c)	\$ 61.00	3535-1000
Deemed weights set by State Legislation will be used if weighbridge docket not provided	GST	262(3)(c)	\$ 61.00	3535-1001
Commercial Oil over 60 litres delivered to site per litre.	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 0.50	3535-1000
Power Poles per pole	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 50.00	3535-1000
Asbestos per cubic metre	No GST		\$ 142.00	3535-1000
Contaminated soil (low level contamination-information must be provided to operator) per tonne	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 47.00	3535-1000
Oil inceptor sludge and grease trap sludge - per litre or part there of	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 1.00	3535-1000
TYRE DISPOSAL - Commercial only				
Cars/Motorcycles	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 5.00	3535-1000
4WD/Truck Tyres	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 10.00	3535-1000
Truck/Bobcat/Large Tyre	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 30.00	3535-1000
Tractor/Crane Tyre	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 170.00	3535-1000
Earthmoving Machinery Tyre	No GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 300.00	3535-1000
WHEELIE BINS				
Wheelie Bins Charleville (large)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 120.00	3535-1000
Wheelie Bins Augathella and Morven (small)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 35.00	3535-1000
Wheelie Bins Charleville (large)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 120.00	3535-1000
Wheelie Bins Augathella and Morven (small)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 35.00	3535-1000

CHARLEVILLE COSMOS CENTRE & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE - 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026				
DESCRIPTION	GST	LG Act 2009	2025/26	GL#
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)		
Big Sky Observatory Entry Fees				
Adult	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 37.00	2855-1000
Concession	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 32.00	2855-1000
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 27.00	2855-1000
Family Pass (2A + 2C) - additional children charged at child rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 100.00	2855-1000
Private Function Hire (Birthday party) (corporate)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 100.00	2855-1000
Big Sky Twilight Session Entry Fees				
Adult	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 19.00	2855-1000
Concession	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 16.00	2855-1000
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 14.00	2855-1000
Family Pass (2A + 2C) - additional children charged at child rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 50.00	2855-1000
Our Star Entry Fees				
Adult	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 24.00	2855-1000
Concession	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 22.00	2855-1000
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 18.00	2855-1000
Family Pass (2A + 2C) - additional children charged at child rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 65.00	2855-1000
Small & Personal Entry Fees				
Adult	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 84.00	2855-1000
Concession	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 74.00	2855-1000
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 58.00	2855-1000
Family Pass (2A + 2C) - additional children charged at child rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 226.00	2855-1000
Planetarium Shows - Oasis in Space & Our Living Star Fees				
Adult	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 13.00	2855-1000
Concession	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 11.00	2855-1000
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 9.00	2855-1000
Family Pass (2A + 2C) - additional children charged at child rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 34.00	2855-1000
Private Function Hire	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 34.00	2855-1000
Universal Dreaming Entry Fees				
Adult	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 24.00	2855-1000
Concession	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 22.00	2855-1000
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 18.00	2855-1000
Family Pass (2A + 2C) - additional children charged at child rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 65.00	2855-1000

WWII Secret Tour (Tag-Along) Fees				
Adult	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 21.00	2868-1000
Concession	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 19.00	2868-1000
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 11.00	2868-1000
Family Pass (2A + 2C) - additional children charged at child rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 53.00	2868-1000
WWII Secret Base Fees				
Adult	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 15.00	2868-1000
Concession	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 12.00	2868-1000
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 5.00	2868-1000
Family Pass (2A + 2C) - additional children charged at child rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 35.00	2868-1000
WWII Secret Base & Tour Entry Fees				
Group Rate Guide Provided	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 315.00	2868-1001
Charleville Bilby Experience				
Adult	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 26.00	2869-1000
Concession	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 24.00	2869-1000
Child (4-14 yrs)	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 17.00	2869-1000
Family Pass (2A + 2C) - additional children charged at child rate	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 63.00	2869-1000
Postage (Souvenirs)				
Flat Rate, Small Items	GST	s262(3)(c)	\$ 11.00	2869-1001
Larger Items	GST	s262(3)(c)	On request	2869-1001

Murweh Fees and Charges (GST Inclusive)			
Charleville Aerodrome			
	NOTES:		
1	Per passenger charges apply for Air Transport Operations (ATO) (see item no. X following).		
3	Use of the airport facility by aircraft operators is considered acceptance of published fees and charges.		
4	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.		
5	That aircraft for which charges are overdue for payment may be prohibited from using the airport, except in a declared emergency.		
6	AVDATA are engaged to act as agent for the purpose of collecting specific airport charges, as per their Terms and Conditions.		
7	General aviation fees and charges may apply to a landing, circuit work (training) or parking and are calculated as follows:		
	Landings (by movement)		
	Aircraft Weight	Amount GST included	Charge Type
i)	up to 1000kgs	\$ 15.00	minimum charge
ii)	1001 to 5700kgs	\$ 15.00	per tonne of MTOW
iii)	over 5700kgs	\$ 18.70	per tonne of MTOW
	Landings (paid annually in advance by approved application only)		
	Aircraft based: plus gst	Single engine	Two or more engines
iv)	Charleville (recreational)	\$ 753.00	\$ 1,280.00
v)	Charleville (commercial)	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1,737.00
vi)	Elsewhere (recreational)	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1,737.00
vii)	Elsewhere (commercial)	\$ 1,654.00	\$ 1,930.00
	Note: Aircraft used for both private and commercial operations are		
	Aircraft Parking Fees plus gst		
viii)	All aircraft	\$ 14.00	Per day or part thereof
ix)	Aircraft approved for payment of annual Landing Fees are Parking Fee Exempt		
	Private Annual Parking Charges Single & Twin engine aircraft	\$ 662.60	per annum
	Commercial Annual Parking Charges Single & Twin engine aircraft	\$ 969.10	per annum
	Passenger Fees		
x)	ATO and/or closed charter	\$17.00	\$ 18.00
	Commercial space (terminal) plus gst		
xi)	Car hire booths	\$ 1,000.00	Per booth per annum, by lease agreement.
	Commercial parking (ready bays) plus gst		
xii)	Hire vehicles	\$ 263.00	Per bay per annum by licence agreement.
	Commercial operator using both booth and car parking within airport grounds plus gst	\$4500 or per lease agreement	per annum
xiii)	Augathella and Morven Aerodromes		
	No landing fees at this time	n.a	

CHARLEVILLE AERODROME HANGARAGE CHARGES					
<i>(GST applicable and included)</i>					
				2025-26	
CLASS	FLOOR	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	GL#
	AREA M²	\$	\$	\$	
A	up to 60	10.00	39.00	153.00	2712-1000
B	61 – 100	12.00	51.00	205.00	2712-1000
C	101 – 150	14.00	66.00	265.00	2712-1000
D	151 – 200	16.00	82.00	321.00	2712-1000
E	201 – 250	18.00	98.00	392.00	2712-1000
F	251 – 300	23.00	131.00	513.00	2712-1000
G	301 – 350	27.00	160.00	642.00	2712-1000
H	351 – 450	31.00	191.00	761.00	2712-1000
I	451 – 550	37.00	220.00	880.00	2712-1000
J	551 – 650	41.00	252.00	1,009.00	2712-1000
K	651 – 750	45.00	282.00	1,430.00	2712-1000
L	751 – 850	49.00	313.00	1,248.00	2712-1000
M	851 – 950	54.00	344.00	1367.00	2712-1000
O	EACH 100				
	OVER 950	5.00	22.00	86.00	

An aerial photograph of a long, multi-lane bridge spanning a wide river. The river water is a muddy brown color. Lush green trees line both banks of the river. A large white truck with a flatbed trailer is driving across the bridge. The sky is clear and blue.

Estimated Financial Statements 2024-25

Estimated Income Statement —Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	<u>Jun-25 Revised</u>
	\$'000
Revenue	
Operating revenue	
Net rates, levies and charges	7,926
Fees and charges	3,817
Interest received	509
Sales revenue	3,284
Other income	67
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	24,226
Total operating revenue	39,829
Capital revenue	
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	21,649
Total revenue	61,478
Capital income	
Total Capital Income	537
Total income	62,015
Expenses	
Operating expenses	
Employee benefits	10,031
Materials and services	23,798
Finance costs	149
Depreciation and amortisation	8,267
Total operating expenses	42,245
Net result	19,770
Operating result	
Operating revenue	39,829
Operating expenses	42,245
Operating result	(2,416)

Estimated Financial Position—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

	Jun-25 Revised
	\$'000
Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	16,261
Trade and other receivables	2,850
Inventories	1,010
Contract Assets	2,524
Other current assets	264
Total current assets	22,908
Non-current assets	
Property, plant & equipment	433,232
Total non-current assets	433,232
Total assets	456,140
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Trade and other payables	2,853
Contract Liabilities	3,360
Borrowings	222
Provisions	1,142
Total current liabilities	7,577
Non-current liabilities	
Borrowings	2,988
Provisions	2,408
Total non-current liabilities	5,396
Total liabilities	12,973
Net community assets	443,167
Community equity	
Asset revaluation surplus	293,235
Retained surplus	149,932
Total community equity	443,167

Estimated Cash Flow Statement —Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

Jun-25 Revised

\$'000

Cash flows from operating activities

Receipts from customers	14,864
Payments to suppliers and employees	(33,836)
Interest received	509
Non-capital grants and contributions	23,669
Borrowing costs	(105)
Other cash flows from operating activities	-

Net cash inflow from operating activities	5,102
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Cash flows from investing activities

Payments for property, plant and equipment	(13,124)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	537
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	21,649
Other cash flows from investing activities	-

Net cash inflow from investing activities	9,062
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Cash flows from financing activities

Proceeds from borrowings	-
Repayment of borrowings	(215)

Net cash inflow from financing activities	(215)
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Total cash flows

Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	13,949
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Opening cash and cash equivalents	2,312
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Closing cash and cash equivalents	16,261
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Estimated Changes in Equity—Murweh Shire Council Statement of Changes in Equity

	<u>Jun-25 Revised</u>
	\$'000
Asset revaluation surplus	
Opening balance	289,661
Net result	na
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	3,574
Closing balance	<u>293,235</u>
 Retained surplus	
Opening balance	130,162
Net result	19,770
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	na
Closing balance	<u>149,932</u>
 Total	
Opening balance	419,823
Net result	19,770
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	3,574
Closing balance	<u><u>443,167</u></u>



Budget Statements

Budget Financial Statement 2025-2026 —Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Jun-26 Budget	Jun-27F	Jun-28F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue			
Operating revenue			
Net rates, levies and charges	7,972	8,370	8,789
Fees and charges	2,721	2,803	2,887
Interest received	681	1,189	1,231
Sales revenue	3,611	3,719	3,831
Other income	101	104	107
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	21,139	22,025	22,951
Total operating revenue	36,224	38,210	39,795
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	12,066	4,300	4,500
Total revenue	48,290	42,510	44,295
Capital income			
Total Capital Income	109	112	116
Total income	48,400	42,623	44,411
Expenses			
Operating expenses			
Employee benefits	10,890	11,192	11,472
Materials and services	19,177	19,762	20,345
Finance costs	136	130	124
Depreciation and amortisation	8,267	8,747	9,016
Total operating expenses	38,469	39,831	40,957
Net result	9,930	2,792	3,454
Operating result			
Operating revenue	36,224	38,210	39,795
Operating expenses	38,469	39,831	40,957
Operating result	(2,245)	(1,620)	(1,162)

Budget Financial Statements 2025-2026 —Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

	Jun-26 Budget	Jun-27F	Jun-28F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	17,312	19,065	20,976
Trade and other receivables	1,374	1,426	1,476
Inventories	1,010	1,000	1,005
Contract Assets	2,524	2,524	2,524
Other current assets	264	274	284
Total current assets	22,484	24,290	26,265
Non-current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	446,536	451,296	456,615
Total non-current assets	446,536	451,296	456,615
Total assets	469,020	475,586	482,881
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	2,260	2,326	2,387
Contract Liabilities	3,360	3,360	3,360
Borrowings	228	235	243
Provisions	1,155	1,165	1,188
Total current liabilities	7,004	7,086	7,178
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	2,760	2,525	2,282
Provisions	2,395	2,414	2,421
Total non-current liabilities	5,154	4,938	4,702
Total liabilities	12,158	12,025	11,880
Net community assets	456,862	463,562	471,000
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	297,000	300,907	304,892
Retained surplus	159,862	162,654	166,108
Total community equity	456,862	463,562	471,000

Budget Financial Statements 2025-26—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flow

	Jun-26 Budget	Jun-27F	Jun-28F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers	14,440	14,961	15,580
Payments to suppliers and employees	(30,698)	(30,887)	(31,765)
Interest received	681	1,189	1,231
Non-capital grants and contributions	22,579	22,008	22,935
Borrowing costs	(98)	(92)	(85)
Other cash flows from operating activities	-	(10)	(15)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	6,904	7,170	7,880
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(17,806)	(9,600)	(10,350)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	109	112	116
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	12,066	4,300	4,500
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(5,631)	(5,188)	(5,734)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	(222)	(228)	(235)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	(222)	(228)	(235)
Total cash flows			
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	1,051	1,754	1,910
Opening cash and cash equivalents	16,261	17,312	19,065
Closing cash and cash equivalents	17,312	19,065	20,976

Budget Financial Statements 2025-26 - Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Jun-26 Budget \$'000	Jun-27F \$'000	Jun-28F \$'000
Asset revaluation surplus			
Opening balance	293,235	297,000	300,907
Net result	na	na	na
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	3,765	3,907	3,985
Closing balance	297,000	300,907	304,892
Retained surplus			
Opening balance	149,932	159,862	162,654
Net result	9,930	2,792	3,454
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	na	na	na
Closing balance	159,862	162,654	166,108
Total			
Opening balance	443,167	456,862	463,562
Net result	9,930	2,792	3,454
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	3,765	3,907	3,985
Closing balance	456,862	463,562	471,000



Long-Term Financial Forecast

Long Term Financial Forecast —Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Jun-26 Budget	Jun-27F	Jun-28F	Jun-29F	Jun-30F	Jun-31F	Jun-32F	Jun-33F	Jun-34F	Jun-35F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue										
Operating revenue										
Net rates, levies and charges	7,972	8,370	8,789	9,228	9,689	10,174	10,683	11,217	11,778	12,249
Fees and charges	2,721	2,803	2,887	2,974	3,063	3,155	3,249	3,347	3,447	3,585
Interest received	681	1,189	1,231	1,303	1,382	1,507	1,711	1,949	2,226	2,315
Sales revenue	3,611	3,719	3,831	3,946	4,064	4,186	4,312	4,441	4,574	4,757
Other income	101	104	107	110	113	117	120	124	127	133
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	21,139	22,025	22,951	23,917	24,926	25,980	27,081	28,231	29,433	30,610
Total operating revenue	36,224	38,210	39,795	41,477	43,238	45,118	47,156	49,308	51,585	53,649
Capital revenue										
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	12,066	4,300	4,500	4,850	4,750	4,950	4,940	5,150	5,550	5,772
Total revenue	48,290	42,510	44,295	46,327	47,988	50,068	52,096	54,458	57,135	59,421
Capital income										
Total Capital Income	109	112	116	119	123	127	130	134	138	144
Total income	48,400	42,623	44,411	46,447	48,111	50,195	52,226	54,593	57,274	59,565
Expenses										
Operating expenses										
Employee benefits	10,890	11,192	11,472	11,758	12,052	12,354	12,663	12,979	13,304	13,836
Materials and services	19,177	19,762	20,345	20,965	21,584	22,241	22,898	23,595	24,293	25,264
Finance costs	136	130	124	118	112	105	98	91	84	75
Depreciation and amortisation	8,267	8,747	9,016	9,307	9,616	9,924	10,243	9,898	9,646	9,839
Total operating expenses	38,469	39,831	40,957	42,148	43,363	44,624	45,902	46,563	47,326	49,014
Net result	9,930	2,792	3,454	4,299	4,748	5,571	6,324	8,030	9,948	10,551
Operating result										
Operating revenue	36,224	38,210	39,795	41,477	43,238	45,118	47,156	49,308	51,585	53,649
Operating expenses	38,469	39,831	40,957	42,148	43,363	44,624	45,902	46,563	47,326	49,014
Operating result	(2,245)	(1,620)	(1,162)	(671)	(125)	494	1,254	2,745	4,259	4,635

Long Term Financial Forecast —Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

	Jun-26 Budget	Jun-27F	Jun-28F	Jun-29F	Jun-30F	Jun-31F	Jun-32F	Jun-33F	Jun-34F	Jun-35F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets										
Current assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	17,312	19,065	20,976	23,135	26,716	31,527	37,225	43,985	52,124	54,209
Trade and other receivables	1,374	1,426	1,476	1,536	1,595	1,656	1,714	1,785	1,853	1,927
Inventories	1,010	1,000	1,005	995	1,000	990	995	985	990	1,030
Contract Assets	2,524	2,524	2,524	2,524	2,524	2,524	2,524	2,524	2,524	2,625
Other current assets	264	274	284	295	305	316	327	338	350	364
Total current assets	22,484	24,290	26,265	28,485	32,140	37,013	42,785	49,617	57,841	60,155
Non-current assets										
Property, plant & equipment	446,536	451,296	456,615	462,627	467,733	472,527	477,246	482,706	488,767	510,668
Total non-current assets	446,536	451,296	456,615	462,627	467,733	472,527	477,246	482,706	488,767	510,668
Total assets	469,020	475,586	482,881	491,112	499,874	509,540	520,031	532,323	546,609	570,823
Liabilities										
Current liabilities										
Trade and other payables	2,260	2,326	2,387	2,463	2,535	2,609	2,677	2,763	2,843	2,957
Contract Liabililites	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,494
Borrowings	228	235	243	251	259	267	275	284	293	305
Provisions	1,155	1,165	1,188	1,212	1,236	1,261	1,286	1,312	1,338	1,392
Total current liabilities	7,004	7,086	7,178	7,286	7,390	7,496	7,599	7,719	7,834	8,148
Non-current liabilities										
Borrowings	2,760	2,525	2,282	2,031	1,772	1,506	1,230	946	653	679
Provisions	2,395	2,414	2,421	2,428	2,435	2,443	2,450	2,459	2,467	2,566
Total non-current liabilities	5,154	4,938	4,702	4,459	4,207	3,948	3,681	3,405	3,120	3,245
Total liabilities	12,158	12,025	11,880	11,744	11,597	11,444	11,279	11,123	10,954	11,393
Net community assets	456,862	463,562	471,000	479,368	488,277	498,095	508,752	521,200	535,654	559,430
Community equity										
Asset revaluation surplus	297,000	300,907	304,892	308,961	313,123	317,370	321,702	326,121	330,627	343,852
Retained surplus	159,862	162,654	166,108	170,407	175,154	180,725	187,050	195,079	205,027	215,578
Total community equity	456,862	463,562	471,000	479,368	488,277	498,095	508,752	521,200	535,654	559,430

Long Term Financial Forecast—Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

	Jun-26 Budget	Jun-27F	Jun-28F	Jun-29F	Jun-30F	Jun-31F	Jun-32F	Jun-33F	Jun-34F	Jun-35F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities										
Receipts from customers	14,440	14,961	15,580	16,217	16,890	17,590	18,324	19,080	19,879	20,873
Payments to suppliers and employees	(30,698)	(30,887)	(31,765)	(32,648)	(33,575)	(34,522)	(35,504)	(36,491)	(37,529)	(39,781)
Interest received	681	1,189	1,231	1,303	1,382	1,507	1,711	1,949	2,226	2,293
Non-capital grants and contributions	22,579	22,008	22,935	23,897	24,907	25,961	27,063	28,209	29,412	30,147
Borrowing costs	(98)	(92)	(85)	(77)	(69)	(61)	(53)	(45)	(36)	(37)
Other cash flows from operating activities	-	(10)	(15)	(10)	(16)	(11)	(16)	(11)	(16)	(17)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	6,904	7,170	7,880	8,682	9,519	10,463	11,524	12,691	13,935	13,478
Cash flows from investing activities										
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(17,806)	(9,600)	(10,350)	(11,250)	(10,560)	(10,470)	(10,630)	(10,940)	(11,200)	(14,741)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	109	112	116	119	123	127	130	134	138	144
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	12,066	4,300	4,500	4,850	4,750	4,950	4,940	5,150	5,550	3,500
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(5,631)	(5,188)	(5,734)	(6,281)	(5,687)	(5,393)	(5,560)	(5,656)	(5,512)	(11,097)
Cash flows from financing activities										
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	(222)	(228)	(235)	(243)	(251)	(259)	(267)	(275)	(284)	(296)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	(222)	(228)	(235)	(243)	(251)	(259)	(267)	(275)	(284)	(296)
Total cash flows										
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	1,051	1,754	1,910	2,159	3,582	4,811	5,698	6,760	8,140	2,085
Opening cash and cash equivalents	16,261	17,312	19,065	20,976	23,135	26,716	31,527	37,225	43,985	52,124
Closing cash and cash equivalents	17,312	19,065	20,976	23,135	26,716	31,527	37,225	43,985	52,124	54,209

Long Term Financial Forecast —Murweh Shire

Council Statement of Changes in Equity

	Jun-26 Budget	Jun-27F	Jun-28F	Jun-29F	Jun-30F	Jun-31F	Jun-32F	Jun-33F	Jun-34F	Jun-35F
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Asset revaluation surplus										
Opening balance	293,235	297,000	300,907	304,892	308,961	313,123	317,370	321,702	326,121	330,627
Net result	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	3,765	3,907	3,985	4,069	4,162	4,247	4,332	4,418	4,507	13,225
Closing balance	297,000	300,907	304,892	308,961	313,123	317,370	321,702	326,121	330,627	343,852
Retained surplus										
Opening balance	149,932	159,862	162,654	166,108	170,407	175,154	180,725	187,050	195,079	205,027
Net result	9,930	2,792	3,454	4,299	4,748	5,571	6,324	8,030	9,948	10,551
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	
Closing balance	159,862	162,654	166,108	170,407	175,154	180,725	187,050	195,079	205,027	215,578
Total										
Opening balance	443,167	456,862	463,562	471,000	479,368	488,277	498,095	508,752	521,200	535,654
Net result	9,930	2,792	3,454	4,299	4,748	5,571	6,324	8,030	9,948	13,225
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	3,765	3,907	3,985	4,069	4,162	4,247	4,332	4,418	4,507	10,551
Closing balance	456,862	463,562	471,000	479,368	488,277	498,095	508,752	521,200	535,654	559,430

A photograph of a historic yellow house with a white picket fence and a parking sign. The house has a prominent arched entrance and a porch with white railings. A tall light pole stands to the left of the house, and a parking sign with a wheelchair symbol is on the right. The sky is clear and blue.

Financial Sustainability Ratios

MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
Long-Term Sustainability Statement

Type	Measure (as per Guideline)	Target (Tier 6)	30 June 2026	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
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue*	na	29.52%	29.24%	29.34%	29.42%	29.49%	29.54%	29.54%	29.54%	29.51%	29.49%
	Population Growth*	na	-4.60%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%	1.85%
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	na	-6.20%	-4.24%	-2.92%	-1.62%	-0.29%	1.10%	2.66%	5.57%	8.26%	8.64%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	16.89%	18.89%	19.95%	21.01%	22.11%	23.23%	24.49%	25.73%	27.03%	27.12%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	4 months	1.37	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	76.39%	70.15%	70.08%	81.45%	67.59%	66.69%	67.66%	69.02%	68.68%	75.10%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	76.8%	76.2%	76.0%	75.5%	75.2%	75.0%	74.8%	74.3%	73.9%	72.1%
	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	0.5 times	0.4 times	0.3 times	0.3 times	0.2 times	0.2 times	0.1 times	0.1 times	0.1 times	0.1 times

* The **Council-Controlled Revenue**, **Population Growth**, and **Asset Renewal Funding Ratio** measures are reported for contextual purposes only and are not audited by the QAO.

** The **Leverage Ratio** is not required to be reported if a council has not held any QTC or other debt within the last five financial years.



Capital Works 2025-26

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2025/26

Project Description	Budget 2025/26	Grants (R2R)	Housing Support Program (Fed)	LRCIP 4	Grants W4Qld	TIDS	BBRF	Other State/Other Federal	Trade in/Loan	General Revenue
Charleville Airport Reseal Project - RAUP	600,000							300,000		\$300,000
Airport - Sub total	\$600,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$300,000	-	\$300,000
Council Facility Infrastructure Program	\$300,000				\$300,000					-
Replace aircon at the Art Gallery	\$80,000									\$80,000
Charleville Racecourse Jockey Room	\$360,000							\$309,000		\$51,000
Charleville Town Hall	\$100,000									\$100,000
Buildings - Sub total	\$840,000	-	-	-	\$300,000	-	-	\$309,000	-	\$231,000
Solar Project	\$202,900							\$101,450		\$101,450
Charleville Lawn Cemetery Beams	\$15,000									\$15,000
Area Promotion Signage Renewals	\$20,000									\$20,000
Qantas Heritage Trail Monument	\$10,000									\$10,000
Other Structures - Sub total	\$247,900	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$101,450	-	\$146,450
Plant Purchase	\$2,500,000								\$109,000	\$2,391,000
Plant - Sub total	\$2,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$109,000	\$2,391,000
Kerb and Channel renewals	\$150,000									\$150,000
Footpath renewals	\$200,000									\$200,000
Town Street Rehabilitation Program	\$300,000				\$300,000					-
R2R/TIDS - Alfred Street Charleville	\$1,500,000	\$750,000				\$750,000				-
R2R/TIDS - Rural Road Reseal - Biddenhan & Mount Tabor	\$640,126	\$320,063				\$320,063				-
R2R - Resheeting & Reseals - Rural	\$437,843	\$437,843								-
R2R - Resheeting & Reseals - Urban	\$437,842	\$437,842								-
Roads Infrastructure - Sub total	\$3,665,811	\$1,945,748	-	-	\$300,000	\$1,070,063	-	-	-	\$350,000
Charleville water renewals	\$200,000									\$200,000
Morven water renewals	\$150,000									\$150,000
Augathella water renewals	\$150,000									\$150,000
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Program - W4Q	\$400,000				\$400,000					-
Water - Sub total	\$900,000	-	-	-	\$400,000	-	-	-	-	\$500,000
Augathella sewerage renewals	\$100,000									\$100,000
Charleville sewer network renewal program	\$150,000									\$150,000
Sewerage - Sub total	\$250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$250,000
Computer network replacements	\$100,000									\$100,000
Computer Replacement Program	\$80,000									\$80,000
Dental Equipment	\$100,000									\$100,000
Equipment - Sub total	\$280,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$280,000
Loan repayments	\$221,539	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$221,539
Total Capital and Loan Repayments	\$9,505,250	\$1,945,748	-	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,070,063	-	\$710,450	\$109,000	\$4,669,989

CARRY OVER PROJECTS FROM 2024-25

Project Description	Budget 2025/26	Grants (R2R)	Housing Support Program (Fed)	LRCIP 4	Grants W4Qld	TIDS	Other State/Other Federal	Trade-in/ Unspent Loan	General Revenue
Aurora Estate	\$336,078		336,078						-
Land Development - Sub total	\$336,078	-	\$336,078	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleville Airport Masterplan	50,000				50,000				-
Augathella Airstrip-Old Tambo road - Augathella LRCIP 4	\$77,225						\$77,225		-
Airport - Sub total	\$127,225	-	-	-	\$50,000	-	\$77,225	-	-
Construct amenities to support Multi -Sport at Charleville	\$551,534						\$520,000		\$31,534
Cosmos Upgrade	\$42,637						\$42,637		-
King Edward Park Precinct Masterplan	\$50,000				\$50,000				-
Council Facility Infrastructure Program	\$98,504				\$98,504				-
Housing Purchase	\$497,915							\$497,915	-
Buildings - Sub total	\$1,240,590	-	-	-	\$148,504	-	\$562,637	\$497,915	\$31,534
Charleville Racecourse Upgrades	\$87,266			\$87,266					-
New Lawn Cemetery Beams	\$14,300								\$14,300
Other Structures - Sub total	\$101,566	-	-	\$87,266	-	-	-	-	14300
Plant Purchase	\$421,095	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$421,095
Plant - Sub total	\$421,095	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	421,095
Town Street Rehabilitation Program	\$100,000				\$100,000				-
Roads Infrastructure - Sub total	\$100,000	-	-	-	\$100,000	-	-	-	-
Water and Sewerage Condition Assessment Programming	\$100,000				\$100,000				-
Water - Sub total	\$100,000	-	-	-	\$100,000	-	-	-	-
Augathella CED Scheme	\$1,051,348						\$1,051,348		-
Augathella CED Scheme Design	\$334,282						\$116,924		\$217,358
Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade	\$4,709,847						\$4,709,847		-
Sewerage - Sub total	\$6,095,478	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,878,120	-	\$217,358
Total Carry Over Projects	\$8,522,031	-	\$336,078	\$87,266	\$398,504	-	\$6,517,982	\$497,915	\$684,287
TOTAL CAPITAL& LOAN REPAYMENTS 2025-26	\$18,027,281	\$1,945,748	\$336,078	\$87,266	\$1,398,504	\$1,070,063	\$7,228,432	\$606,915	\$5,354,276



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