



**MINUTES OF THE Budget Meeting
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON Friday 25 June 2021
COMMENCING AT 09:00 am**

1 Meeting Opening with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Mayor opened the meeting at 09:24 am.

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional carers of the land on which Council meets, the 'Pitta Pitta' people, and paid Council's respects to the elders past and present.

The Mayor also acknowledged past and present service personnel.

2 Present

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton
Councillor Tim Edgar (via teleconference)
Councillor Jan Norton

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs Kaylene Sloman (Director of Corporate Services)

Absent: Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Jack Neilson

3 Reports

3.1 Mayor's Budget Meeting Report

TITLE:	Mayor's Report 2021-2022	DOC REF: 1.1.1
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PURPOSE:

To deliver a balanced and long-term financial budget for the Boulia Shire Council.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Norton

That the Council adopt the proposed 2021/2022 Budget, operational and capital.

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.1

Carried

3.2 Financial Information – Operating Budget

TITLE:	Proposed Budget 2021/2022 Operational & Capital	DOC REF: 1.2.1
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PURPOSE:

Information shown on individual areas of Council and the proposed budget set for 2021/2022.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the Budget be reviewed and reported on back to Council on a quarterly basis as per the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.2

Carried

TITLE:	Financial Statements 2021/22 - 2023/24	DOC REF: 1.2.2
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PURPOSE:

Presentation of Financial Statements for the following 3 years.

Moved: Cr Edgar

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the Financial Statements 2021/22 - 2023/24 Report as presented be accepted.

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.3

Carried

3.3 Measures of Financial Sustainability

TITLE:	Measures of Financial Sustainability 2021/2022	DOC REF: 1.3.1
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PURPOSE:

Ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Council through prudent financial management and budgeting.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Edgar

That in accordance with Section 169(2)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2021/2022 Bouliia Shire Council Long Term Financial Forecast – 2021/2022 be hereby adopted.

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.4

Carried

3.4 Policy Reviews

TITLE:	Policy 101 - Purchasing and Acquisition	DOC REF: 1.4.1
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PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's policies in accordance with the adopted procedure to ensure that policies made by Council are compliant with legislation and are reviewed in a timely manner.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Britton

- 1. That Policy 101 Purchasing and Acquisition as presented be adopted.*
- 2. That a copy of the policy be loaded into the Councillor Hub.*

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.5

Carried

TITLE:	Policy 109 - Revenue Policy 2021/2022	DOC REF: 1.4.2
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PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's policies in accordance with the adopted procedure to ensure that policies made by Council are compliant with legislation and are reviewed in a timely manner.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Norton

That in accordance with section 169(2)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2021/2022 Bouliia Shire Council Revenue Policy – Policy 109 Revenue 2021/2022 be hereby adopted.

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.6

Carried

TITLE:	Policy 110 - Internal Audit Policy	DOC REF: 1.4.3
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PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's policies in accordance with the adopted procedure to ensure that policies made by Council are compliant with legislation and are reviewed in a timely manner.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Edgar

1. *That Policy 110 Internal Audit be adopted by Council as presented.*
2. *That the updated policy be loaded into the Councillor Hub.*

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.7

Carried

TITLE:	Policy 119 - Investment Policy 2021/22	DOC REF: 1.4.4
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PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's policies in accordance with the adopted procedure to ensure that policies made by Council are compliant with legislation and are reviewed in a timely manner.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Edgar

1. *That this Investment Policy 119 be accepted as presented.*
2. *That the Councillor Hub be updated with this policy.*

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.8

Carried

TITLE:	Policy 124 - Town Common Policy	DOC REF: 1.4.5
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the grazing of animals on the Town Common and Stock Route reserves and Council Controlled land (except for leased areas).

It is to be noted that Cr Norton was in agreeance with eligible applicants for agistment being granted their first two stock free to agist. Cr Norton was not in agreeance with stock incurring charges for agistment on Council controlled land (except leased areas) other than the Town Common (ie. the 'Pony Paddock') and therefore abstained from voting.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Edgar

1. That the Town Common Policy 124 be accepted as presented.
2. That the Councillor Hub be updated with this policy.

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.9

Carried

TITLE:	Policy 145 - Community Facilities Hire Policy 21-22	DOC REF: 1.4.6
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PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's policies in accordance with the adopted procedure to ensure that policies made by Council are compliant with legislation and are reviewed in a timely manner.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Britton

1. That Policy 145 Community Facilities Hire 21/22 as presented be adopted.
2. That a copy of the policy be loaded into the Councillor Hub.

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.10

Carried

3.5 Revenue Statement

TITLE:	Revenue Statement 2021-22	DOC REF: 1.5.1
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PURPOSE:

This Revenue Statement is based on the principles set out in Council's Revenue Policy and has been formulated in accordance with section 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Norton

1. That in accordance with section 172 (2)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2021/2022 **Bouliā Shire Council Revenue Statement** be hereby adopted.
2. That pursuant to s80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Bouliā Shire Council hereby levies **Differential General Rates** and sets minimum general rates for each category, in accordance with s77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the 2021/2022 financial year as set out in Council's Revenue Statement 2021/2022.
3. In accordance with s99 *Local Government Regulations 2012*, Council resolves to levy a **Cleansing** charge for the 2021/2022 year for the purposes of providing for removal of refuse from all occupied premises (domestic and commercial) according to Council's Revenue Statement 2021/2022.

The Cleansing charge shall be \$379.00 per annum.

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

Charges for the collection of industrial and bulk waste will be based on type of waste, volume and frequency of collection. Charges will be determined on a cost recovery basis as required.

4. In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 Local Government Regulations 2012, Council resolves to levy a **Sewerage** charge according to Council's Revenue Statement 2021/2022.

The residential house block sewerage charge shall be \$482.00 per annum.

The vacant land sewerage charge shall be \$194.00 per annum.

Commercial properties shall be charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependent on its size, use and impact on these services.

5. That pursuant to s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Bouliā Shire Council hereby levies **Water** Charges for both Bouliā and Urandangi for the Financial Year 2021/2022 according to Council's Revenue Statement 2021/2022.

The residential house blocks water service charge shall be \$683.00 per annum.

The vacant land water service charge shall be \$493.00 per annum.

Commercial properties shall be charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependent on its size, use and impact on these services.

6. That in accordance with s133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a charge of 8.03 percent compounding **Interest** calculated on daily rests be hereby made and levied on rates and charges that are 30 days overdue.

7. That in accordance with s130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a **Discount** of 8% be allowed for all current Council residential rates & charges (excluding fire levy) if paid within 30 days of issue, and that such discount be calculated as a percentage of the gross rate/charges levied, and only be granted if all current and outstanding rates have been paid in full.

8. That in accordance with s121 & 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council will not charge general rates to pensioners who reside in their own premises within the townships of Bouliā and Urandangi and that Council offers a **Pensioner Rate Remission** of 30% subsidy on all services (except the fire levy) to pensioners who reside in their own premises within the townships of Bouliā and Urandangi. This subsidy is in addition to the 20% subsidy offered by the State Government with both subsidies capped at \$180.00 per annum each.

9. That in accordance with s116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council will apply a **Capping** to rate increases on general rates levied of 6% from the previous rate notice period Jan – June 2021 for the financial year 2021/2022 according to Council's Revenue Statement 2021/2022.

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.11

Carried

3.6 Fees and Charges

TITLE:	2021/2022 Fees and Charges	DOC REF: 1.6.1
PURPOSE: To review and update Council's register of cost-recovery fees for the new financial year, 2021/2022, in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act</i> s97 and s98.		

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Edgar

That in accordance with s97 of the Local Government Act 2009, the 2021/2022 Fees and Charges as presented in the Boulia Shire Council Budget Agenda 2021/2022 be hereby adopted.

Resolution No.: 2021/B6.12

Carried

4 Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 10:00 am.

5 Confirmed

Minutes confirmed 15th July 2021
Resolution No.: 2021/7.2