



BOULIA

SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Budget Meeting
of the Boulia Shire Council
held on Friday 28 June 2024
commencing at 7:30 am

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7.44 am.

Present

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton
Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Jack Neilson
Councillor Jan Norton
Councillor Julie Woodhouse

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs Kaylene Sloman (Director of Corporate & Financial Services)
Mr Graeme Gillam (Finance Manager)
Ms Lily Williams (Executive Assistant)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (CEO Assist)

1 Reports

1.1 Mayor's Budget Meeting Report

TITLE:	Mayor's Report 2024-2025	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 Neilson

Seconded: Cr Norton

That the Council adopt the proposed 2024/2025 Budget, operational and capital.

Resolution No.: 2024/B6.1

Carried

1.2 Proposed Budget 2024-2025 Operational & Capital

TITLE:	Proposed Budget 2024-2025 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 2024-2025.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

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

Resolution No.: 2024/B6.2

Carried

1.3 Financial Statements

TITLE:	Financial Statements 2024/2025 - 2026/2027	DOC REF: 1.3.1
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PURPOSE:

Presentation of Financial Statements for the following 3 years.

Moved: Cr Woodhouse

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That the Financial Statements for 2024/25 - 2026/27 Report as presented be accepted.

Resolution No.: 2024/B6.3

Carried

1.4 Measures of Financial Sustainability

TITLE:	Measures of Financial Sustainability 2024/2025	DOC REF: 1.4.1
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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 Norton

That in accordance with Section 169(2)(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2024/2025 Bouliia Shire Council Long Term Financial Forecast – 2024/2025 be hereby adopted.

Resolution No.: 2024/B6.4

Carried

1.5 Policy Reviews

TITLE:	Policy Reviews	DOC REF: 1.5.1
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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 Beauchamp*

Seconded: *Cr Britton*

That the following policies, as presented, be adopted:

- Policy 101 Procurement Policy
- Policy 107 Debt Policy
- Policy 109 Revenue Policy
- Policy 110 Internal Audit Policy
- Policy 119 Investment Policy 2024/2025
- Policy 133 Fraud and Corruption Control
- Policy 145 Community Facilities Hire
- Policy 158 Landfill Remediation
- Policy 162 Environmental Levy

Resolution No.: *2024/B6.5*

Carried

1.6 Revenue Statement

TITLE:	Revenue Statement 2024-2025	DOC REF: 1.6.1
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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 Woodhouse*

Seconded: *Cr Norton*

1. That in accordance with Section 169(2)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2024/2025 Bouliia Shire Revenue Statement be hereby adopted.
2. That in accordance with section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories into which rateable land is categorised, and the description of those categories for the 2024/2025 financial year be as set out in the first table appearing in Council's Revenue Statement 2024/2025.
3. That in accordance with section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, contained in subsections (4) and (5) of section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.
4. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and sections 80 and 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential

general rates, and minimum general rates, for the 2024/2025 financial year be as set out in the first table appearing in Council's Revenue Statement 2024/2025.

5. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy cleansing utility charges, as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2024/2025. The cleansing utility charges shall be:
 - \$390.00 per annum for residential occupied premises (collected once per week)
 - \$200.00 per annum for Additional Bin Service at residential occupied premises (collected once per week)
 - \$1,255.00 per annum for Commercial Bin Service (collected three times per week 2 bins)

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.

6. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy a waste management utility charge, as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2024/2025.

The waste management utility charge shall be:

- \$90.00 per annum for all unoccupied/vacant land in townships and all rural properties within a 30 kilometres radius of the townships of Boulia and Urandangi.
7. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* sewerage utility charges for the 2024/2025 year are made and will be levied for the purposes of providing for the removal of refuse from all occupied premises (domestic and commercial), as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2024/2025.
 - The sewerage utility charge (connected) shall be \$492.00 per annum.
 - The sewerage utility charge (not connected) shall be \$198.00 per annum.
 - Commercial properties shall be charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependant on its size, use and impact on these services.
 8. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Boulia Shire Council hereby levies Water Utility Charges for the Financial Year 2024/2025, as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2024/2025.
 - The water utility charge shall be \$711.00 per annum.
 - The vacant land water utility charge shall be \$515.00 per annum.
 - Commercial properties shall be charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependant on its size, use and impact on these services.

9. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy an environmental separate charge, as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2024/2025.

The environmental separate charge shall be:

- \$50.00 per annum for all properties in the Boulia Shire.

10. That in accordance with section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 114 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:

- for half year 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 – in August/September 2024; and
- for the half year 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 – in February/March 2025.

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

11. That in accordance with section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a charge of 12.35% compounding interest calculated on daily rests be hereby made and levied on rates and charges that are 30 days overdue starting on 1st July 2024.

12. That in accordance with section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a discount of 2% 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.

13. That in accordance with sections 121 & 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 Boulia and Urandangi provided there are no outstanding rates from previous periods.

14. Council offers a 30% subsidy on all services (excepting the fire levy) to pensioners who reside in their own premises within the townships of Boulia 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.

Resolution No.: 2024/B6.6

Carried

1.7 Fees and Charges

TITLE:	2024-2025 Fees and Charges	DOC REF: 1.7.2
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PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's register of cost-recovery fees for the new financial year, 2024/2025, in accordance with the *Local Government Act* s97 and s98.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Woodhouse

That in accordance with section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the 2024/2025 Fees and Charges as presented in the Boullia Shire Council Budget Papers 2024/2025 be hereby adopted.

Resolution No.: 2024/B6.7

Carried

1.8 Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025

TITLE:	Operational Plan 2024-2025 to be adopted	DOC REF: 1.8.1
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PURPOSE:

The Operational Plan from 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025 has been prepared and is supported by the 2024-2025 budget. It reflects Council's objectives in relation to the Corporate Plan 2020-2024 and progress towards goals Council aims to achieve.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Norton

1. That Council adopt the proposed 2024-2025 Operational Plan.
2. That the report be displayed on the Council website.
3. That the actions and deliverables from 2024-2025 Operational Plan be reported to Council on a quarterly basis as per the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Resolution No.: 2024/B6.8

Carried

2 Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.44 am.

3 Confirmed

Minutes confirmed 26th July 2024
Resolution No.: 2024/07.1