

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 3 JUNE 2019



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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 3 JUNE 2019 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL, 64 FITZROY STREET, WARWICK AT 8:30AM

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

- Present: Crs Dobie (Chair), Gow, Kelly, McNally, McNichol, Meiklejohn, Pennisi, Stocks and Windle
- Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Jane Stroud (Director Sustainable Development), Joanne Morris (Director Corporate Services), Marion Seymour (Minute Secretary)

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Nil

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ltem No	Item Precis	Nature of Conflict
5.1	Sealing of Washpool Reserve	Cr Kelly declared a real conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 175 of the <i>Local</i> <i>Government Act 2009</i> ) as he owns property on the unsealed portion of Washpool Road between Warner Street and Washpool/Glen Road; and his brother-in-law is the property owner of the parcels of land along the entire section of Washpool Road under consideration for sealing from Washpool/Glenvale Roads to Saddledam Road, and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.



#### 4. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

#### 4.1 Adoption of Differential General Rates 2019/2020

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr J McNally

#### Seconded Cr R Kelly

THAT Council adopt the following:

a. Pursuant to section 81 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories in to which rateable land is categorised, the description of those categories and, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category is as follows:

Column 1 –	Column 2 – Description	Column 3 – Identification
Category (section 81)	(section 81)	(sections 81(4) and 81(5))
Residential 1	Land where the dominant use or intended use is residential, that are required to pay water access charges according to this Revenue Statement and the assessment size is less than or equal to 4,047 m <sup>2</sup>	01A, 02, 03, 06A, 07B, 08A, 09A, 72A
Residential 2	Land where the dominant use or intended use is residential, that are required to pay water access charges according this Revenue Statement and the assessment size is greater than 4,047 m <sup>2</sup>	01A, 02, 03, 06A, 07B, 08A, 09A, 72A
Residential 3	Land where the dominant use or intended use is residential, that are not required to pay water access charges according to this Revenue Statement and the assessment size is less than or equal to 4.4 ha	01A, 02, 03, 06A, 07B, 08A, 09A, 72A
Residential 4	Land where the dominant use or intended use is residential, that are not required to pay water access charges according to this Revenue Statement and assessment size is greater than 4.4 ha	01A, 02, 03, 06A, 07B, 08A, 09A, 72A
Major Shopping Facility	Land where the dominant use or intended use is as a major shopping facility, including shopping centres, a group of shops or supermarkets with car parking provided	12, 14, 16



Commercial and Industrial – CBD	<ul> <li>Land where the dominant use or intended use is for commercial and/or industrial purposes and where any part of the land is:</li> <li>Facing Palmerin Street, located between Victoria Street and Percy Street in Warwick, and</li> <li>Facing High Street and Maryland Street, located between Davadi and Corundum Streets and the northern end of Carnarvon Bridge in Stanthorpe</li> </ul>	01B, 06B, 07A, 08B, 09B, 10, 11A, 13, 17, 18A, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37A, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 72B, 91B
Commercial and Industrial – Town	Land where the dominant use or intended use is for commercial and/or industrial purposes located within the locality boundaries of Warwick, Morgan Park, Rosenthal Heights and Stanthorpe. The locality boundary is defined by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy in accordance with the Committee for Geographical Names in Australasia (CGNA) guidelines.	01B, 06B, 07A, 08B, 09B, 10, 11A, 13, 17, 18A, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37A, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 72B, 91B
Commercial and Industrial - Rural	Land where the dominant use or intended use is for commercial and/or industrial purposes outside the locality boundaries of Warwick, Morgan Park, Rosenthal Heights and Stanthorpe. The locality boundary is defined by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy in accordance with the Committee for Geographical Names in Australasia (CGNA) guidelines.	01B, 06B, 07A, 08B, 09B, 10, 11A, 13, 17, 18A, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37A, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 72B, 91B
Solar  / Wind Farm 1 < 30MW	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part as a solar / wind farm with a combined output capacity at greater or equal to 1 MW but less than 30 MW.	91B
Solar / Wind Farm 30 < 75MW	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part as a solar / wind farm with a combined output capacity at greater or equal to 30 MW but less than 75 MW.	91B
Solar / Wind Farm 75MW and above	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part as a solar / wind farm with a combined output capacity of greater than or equal to 75 MW.	91B



Extractive	Land where the dominant use or intended use is extracting quarrying or mining minerals from the ground and related activities. Assessments that are a lease for mining activities are included in this category.	40A, 40B
Noxious and Hazardous Industry	Land where the dominant use or intended use is a fuel dump or storage, oil refinery, abattoir or industry which emanates offensive noise, odour, dust etc.	31, 37B
Agriculture and farming 1 Value between \$0 - \$325,000	Land with a value of less than or equal to \$325,000, and the dominant use or intended use is farming, agriculture or rural in nature including grazing, breeding, fattening, dairying, pig and poultry farming, aquaculture, vegetable growing, the growing or gathering of crops of any kind or the rearing of livestock.	60, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 83, 85, 86, 87, 89, 88A including land identified as land use 88A not located within the boundary shown in red on attached Map A. Land in this category receive a concessional value for primary production.
Agriculture and farming 2 Value between \$325,001 - \$850,000	Land with a value of greater than \$325,000 and less than or equal to \$850,000, and the dominant use or intended use is farming, agriculture or rural in nature including grazing, breeding, fattening, dairying, pig and poultry farming, aquaculture, vegetable growing, the growing or gathering of crops of any kind or the rearing of livestock.	60, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 83, 85, 86, 87, 89, 88A including land identified as land use 88A not located within the boundary shown in red on attached Map A. Land in this category receive a concessional value for primary production.
Agriculture and farming 3 Value greater than \$850,000	Land with a value of greater than \$850,000, and the dominant use or intended use is farming, agriculture or rural in nature including grazing, breeding, fattening, dairying, pig and poultry farming, aquaculture, vegetable growing, the growing or gathering of crops of any kind or the rearing of livestock.	60, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 83, 85, 86, 87, 89, 88A Land in this category receive a concessional value for primary production.
Horticulture 1 Value between \$0 - \$50,000	Land with a value of less than or equal to \$50,000 and the dominant use or intended use is agricultural in nature related to orchards (citrus, exotic fruit, nut, stone and other fruit and nuts etc) and/or vineyards, such as grapes and related cultivation and may include a winery and/or a cellar door.	79, 82 Land in this category receive a concessional value for primary production.



Horticulture 2 Value between \$50,001 - \$100,000	Land with a value of greater than \$50,000 and less than or equal to \$100,000 and the dominant use or intended use is agricultural in nature related to orchards (citrus, exotic fruit, nut, stone and other fruit and nuts etc) and/or vineyards, such as grapes and related cultivation and may include a winery and/or a cellar door.	79, 82 Land in this category receive a concessional value for primary production.
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Private Forestry	Land where the dominant use or intended use is for the growing or harvesting of natural and/or plantation hardwood or softwood.	88P and located within the boundary of Map A.
Special Uses	Land where the dominant use or intended use is non-profit religious, community, welfare or defence oriented including aged residential institutions, nursing or convalescent homes, hospitals, sports clubs, cemeteries, showgrounds, airfields, libraries, educational, parks and gardens, defence force and community protection centres.	11B, 18B, 27, 48, 50, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 92, 96, 97, 99
Other	All other land	00, 91A, 95, and other unclassified land

#### Definitions for words used in this table

#### "intended use"

Reference to the intended use (or use intended) of land is a reference to use:

- (a) that is as-of-right for the land under the relevant planning scheme;
- (b) for which a development approval exists;
- (c) for which an application for development approval has been made but not finally determined, or
- (d) when the owner or occupier of the land has informed Council of, or has stated, publicly, their intention to conduct activities upon the land.



#### "mining"

Land that was used, is used, or intended to be used:

- as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, stockpiling and loading, haulage, water storage, buffering and rehabilitation); or
- in conjunction with other land as part of an integrated mining operation.

For the purposes of the definition of mining, "integrated mining operation" means land contained in more than one rateable assessment which land was used, is used, or intended to be used in an integrated manner for the purposes of mining or purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, stockpiling and loading, haulage, water storage, buffering and rehabilitation.

#### "land use code"

The land use codes referred to in column 3 above are prepared and adopted by the Southern Downs Regional Council for use in conjunction with the differential rating categorisation, description and identification table appearing above. Similarly, the definitions of these land use codes are prepared and adopted by the Southern Downs Regional Council for use in conjunction with the differential rating categorisation, description and identification table appearing above. A full list of the land use codes and their definitions are attached to Council's 2019/20 Revenue Statement.

- b. Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.
- c. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 80 of Local Government Regulation 2012, the differential general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category and, pursuant to section 77 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the minimum general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category, is as follows:

Category	Rate in the Dollar	Minimum Differential General Rate
Residential 1	1.459	\$1,135.00
Residential 2	1.261	\$1,135.00
Residential 3	1.191	\$1,135.00
Residential 4	1.12	\$1,135.00
Major Shopping Facility	1.796	\$12,410.00
Commercial and Industrial – CBD	1.647	\$1,230.00
Commercial and Industrial – Town	1.501	\$1,230.00
Commercial and Industrial - Rural	1.394	\$1,230.00



Solar / Wind Farm 1 < 30MW	9.412	\$15,300.00
Solar / Wind Farm 31 < 75MW	10.2	\$30,600.00
Solar / Wind Farm 75MW and above	11.62	\$45,900.00
Extractive	4.877	\$3,710.00
Noxious and Hazardous Industry	1.654	\$1,555.00
Agriculture and farming 1 Value between \$0 - \$325,000	1.31	\$1,135.00
Agriculture and farming 2 Value between \$625,001 - \$850,000	1.002	\$4,260.00
Agriculture and farming 3 Value greater than \$850,000	0.95	\$8,515.00
Horticulture 1 Value between \$0 - \$50,000	4.522	\$1,135.00
Horticulture 2 Value between \$50,001 - \$100,000	3.476	\$2,260.00
Horticulture 3 Value greater than \$100,000	3.156	\$3,475.00
Private Forestry	1.524	\$850.00
Special Uses	1.104	\$1,025.00
Other	4.877	\$1,135.00

- d. Pursuant to section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will limit the amount of general rate to be levied for the 2019/20 financial year for land that meets the following criteria:
  - i) the land has direct frontage to the Quart Pot Creek parkland; and
  - ii) prior to the Quart Pot Creek parkland development the land formed part of a parcel of land of which a part was donated to Council for the purpose of developing the creek parkland corridor; and
  - iii) the land is still owned by the original owner who made the donation to the Council or is owned by a related member of the family of the original owner who made the donation and the land was gifted to that family member by the original owner.

The general rate to be levied will be an amount no more than an amount equal to the amount of general rate levied on that land in the 2018/2019 financial year increased by 2.0%.

The purpose of applying the 'cap' to these particular properties is to acknowledge the contribution the ratepayers made by voluntarily donating a portion of their land to the Quart Pot Creek parkland development.

#### <u>Carried</u>



# 4.2 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year – Special Charge for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr J McNally

#### Seconded Cr C Gow

THAT Council adopts the following rates and charges as presented:-

#### 1. Special Charge for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

a. Rural Fire Equipment Levy

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 128A of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, Council will levy a special charge (to be known as the "Rural Fire Levy") of \$35.00 on all rateable land within the region that is levied a Class E Emergency Management Levy (pursuant to Part 3 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 2011*), to fund the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural firefighting equipment, operations and buildings for the rural fire brigades that operate throughout the rural areas of the region.

b. Invasive Pests Control Special Rate

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will make and levy a special rate (to be known as the 'Invasive Pests Control Special Rate") on all rateable land for each rating categories detailed in the table below, and the minimum amount of the special rate to be fixed to fund the provision and maintenance of the Invasive Pests Control Scheme.

<u>Column 1</u> Description of Land (Differential Rating Categories)	<u>Column 2</u> Cents per dollar of Rateable Value (annual)	<u>Column 3</u> Minimum (annual)
Residential 4; Commercial and Industrial – Rural; Extractive: Special Uses;	0.30	\$500.00
Agriculture and farming 1; Agriculture and farming 2; Agriculture and farming 3; Horticulture 1; Horticulture 2; Horticulture 3; Private Forestry.	0.50	\$500.00

#### **Carried**



# 4.2.1 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year – Water Utiity Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

Resolution

#### Moved Cr J McNally

Seconded Cr R Kelly

THAT Council adopts the following Water Utility Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

- a. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy water utility charges upon all lands which have access or may have access to Council's water supply system.
- b. Water Utility Charges be allocated into two supply areas:
  - i. Supply Area 1 will be properties within 100 meters of the water reticulation network of: Allora, Warwick, Yangan, Killarney, Stanthorpe and Wallangarra;
  - ii. Supply Area 2 will be properties within 100 meters of the water reticulation network of: Dalveen, Karara, Leyburn and Pratten.
- c. The basis and principles of the water charges be
  - i. an annual access charge; and
  - ii. a consumption charge for each kilolitre (or part thereof) consumed or estimated to be consumed which shall be based on the consumption registered by the meter or meters installed by the Council on the water service or water services to the land.
- d. The following be adopted as the basis for making and levying the water access charge:

Unless otherwise specified, the access charge for properties with a water service connection will be as per the following table:

Connection Size	Supply Area 1	Supply Area 2
20 mm	\$583.20	\$493.70
25 mm	\$904.00	\$765.20
30 mm	\$1,312.20	\$1,110.80
40 mm	\$2,332.80	\$1,974.80
50 mm	\$3,645.00	\$3,085.60
75 mm	\$8,194.00	\$6,936.50
80 mm	\$9,331.20	\$7,899.20
100 mm	\$14,580.00	\$12,342.50
150 mm	\$32,659.20	\$27,647.20

For each connection to a restricted flow main the access charge will be 70% of the applicable supply area charge listed above.

Where there exists on any property more than one water service connection, the applicable access charge applies to each water service connected to Council's reticulated water supply system.

An access charge does not apply where such water service connection is -



- i) A fire service connection
- ii) An untreated water connection
- iii) A master meter where child connections (whether metered or not) are individually charged
- iv) A master meter on a property containing lots created pursuant to the provisions of the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980* or the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*.
- e. A base access charge be made and apply
  - i) To each parcel which is not connected to the Council's reticulated water supply system if the parcel is located within 100 metres of a water main and where Council is currently able to provide a reticulated water service. The base access charge does not apply to parcels that meet the above criteria and has at least one of the following:
    - a. A Primary Production Valuation issued by Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Energy;
    - b. A building or sporting infrastructure situated across two or more adjoining parcels; or
    - c. Incapable of further development.
    - ii) To each parcel created pursuant to the provisions of the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980* or the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* where individual meters are not connected to each parcel.

The base access charge will be as per the following table:

Service type	Supply Area 1	Supply Area 2
For each parcel within 100 metres of a treated water main, not connected to the treated water supply system; and where Council is currently able to provide a reticulated water service to that parcel.	\$437.40	\$370.30
The maximum number of contiguous parcels under common ownership on which unconnected water charges may be levied shall be four (4).		
For each parcel within a Community Title Schemes, Building Units and Group Title Units where individual meters are not connected to each parcel	\$583.20	\$493.70

For parcels not connected to the Council's reticulated water supply system, located within 100 metres of a restricted water main and where Council is currently able to provide a restricted reticulated water service to that parcel but is not capable of being connected to a full water main the base access charge will be 70% of the applicable supply area charge listed above.

- f. The following be adopted as the basis for making and levying the consumption charge
  - i) A two tiered water consumption charge be applied to water consumed. The lower tier water consumption charge be designated the 'first tier consumption charge', the higher tier water consumption charge be designated the 'second tier consumption charge'.
  - ii) In respect of either half of the 2019/2020 water year -



- a. The first tier consumption charge apply to all water consumed during the course of either half of the 2019/2020 water year up to the first tier maximum water consumption limit applicable to the property.
- b. The second tier consumption charge apply to all water consumed during the course of either half of the 2019/2020 water year above the first tier maximum water consumption limit applicable to the property and be applied only after the total quantity of water consumed during the course of either half of the 2019/2020 water year exceeds the first tier maximum water consumption limit.
- iii) Except as hereinafter provided, the first tier maximum water consumption limit be as follows:

Service type	Supply Area 1	Supply Area 2
First Tier Maximum Water Consumption Limit – Treated water	2,500 kL	No limit
First Tier Maximum Water Consumption Limit – Untreated water	No Limit	N/A

- iv) Where a property has more than one water service connection, the first tier maximum water consumption limit be applied individually to each separate connection.
- v) In respect of parcels created pursuant to the provisions of the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980* or the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act* 1997
  - a. Where the supply of water to each parcel and to the common property is separately measured, the water consumption be separately charged in the manner specified in the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980* or the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*.
  - b. Where the supply of water to each parcel and to the common property is not separately measured, the consumption charge applicable to the water consumed through the primary access meter be apportioned between the parcels comprised in the parcel of land in accordance with the parcel entitlements of the respective parcels unless an arrangement pursuant to the provisions of the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980* or the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* is in existence.
- vi) The water consumption charges as set out hereunder be made and levied in accordance with the several bases as set out above for the supply of water services by the Council –

	Service type	Supply Area	Supply
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	1	Area 2	
For each connection on land; supplying treated water and measured by meter, per part thereof for that quantity of water used or estimated to be used			
First Tier	\$1.97	\$1.59	
Second Tier	\$1.87	N/A	
Fire service connection	\$Nil	\$Nil	
For each connection on land; supplying untreated water and measured by meter, per kilolitre or part thereof for that quantity of water used	\$0.99	N/A	

#### **Carried**

# 4.2.2 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year – Emergency Water Supply Utility Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr J McNally

#### **Seconded Cr Y Stocks**

THAT Council adopts the following Emergency Water Supply Utility Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy emergency water supply utility charges upon all lands which have direct access or capable of having direct access to or capable of having indirect access to Council's water supply infrastructure.

- a. Emergency Water Supply Utility Charges be allocated into three supply areas:
  - i. Supply Area 1 will be properties within 100 meters of the water reticulation network of: Allora, Warwick, Yangan, Killarney, Stanthorpe and Wallangarra;
  - ii. Supply Area 2 will be properties within 100 meters of the water reticulation network of: Dalveen, Karara, Leyburn and Pratten;
  - iii. Supply Area 3 will be properties more than 100 meters of a water reticulation network.
- b. The basis and principles of the emergency water supply charges be an access charge.
- c. The following be adopted as the basis for making and levying the access charge:
  - i. The emergency water supply charge will be charged from the date Council determines that an emergency water purchase and transportation is first required within the financial year (Event Date) until Council determines that it is no longer required to purchase and transport emergency water.
  - ii. Unless otherwise specified, the access charge for properties with a water service connection will be as per the following table:



Service type	Supply Area 1	Supply Area 2
20 mm	\$455.60	\$387.30
25 mm	\$706.20	\$600.30
30 mm	\$1,025.10	\$871.30
40 mm	\$1,822.40	\$1,549.00
50 mm	\$2,847.50	\$2,420.40
75 mm	\$6,401.20	\$5,441.00
80 mm	\$7,289.60	\$6,196.20
100 mm	\$11,390.00	\$9,681.50
150 mm	\$25,513.60	\$21,686.60

For each connection to a restricted flow main the access charge will be 70% of the applicable supply area charge listed above.

Where there exists on any property more than one water service connection, the applicable access charge applies to each water service connected to Council's reticulated water supply system.

An access charge does not apply where such water service connection is -

- i) A fire service connection
- ii) An untreated water connection
- iii) A master meter where child connections (whether metered or not) are individually charged
- iv) A master meter on a property containing lots created pursuant to the provisions of the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980* or the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*.
- d. A base access charge be made and apply
  - i) To each parcel which is not connected to the Council's reticulated water supply system if the parcel is located within 100 metres of a water main and where Council is currently able to provide a reticulated water service. The base access charge does not apply to parcels that meet the above criteria and has at least one of the following:
    - a. A building or sporting infrastructure situated across two or more adjoining parcels; or
    - b. Incapable of further development.
  - ii) To each lot created pursuant to the provisions of the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980* or the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* where individual meters are not connected to each lot.
  - iii) To each parcel which is not connected to the Council's reticulated water supply system if the parcel is located within 100 metres of a water main and where Council is currently unable to provide a reticulated water service. The base access charge does not apply to parcels that meet the above criteria and has at least one of the following:
    - a. A building or sporting infrastructure situated across two or more adjoining parcels; or
    - b. Incapable of further development.



iv) To each property which is not connected to Council's reticulated water supply system if the parcel is located more than 100 metres of a water main.

The base access charge will be as per the following table:

Service type	Supply Area 1	Supply Area 2	Supply Area 3
For each parcel within 100 metres of a treated water main, not connected to the treated water supply system; and where Council is currently able to provide a reticulated water service to that parcel.	\$341.70	\$290.40	N/A
The maximum number of contiguous parcels on which unconnected emergency water supply charges may be levied shall be four (4).			
For each property within 100 metres of a treated water main; not connected to the treated water supply system; and is where Council is currently able to provide a reticulated water service to that parcel.	\$387.30	\$387.30	N/A
For each parcel within a Community Title Schemes, Building Units and Group Title Units where individual meters are not connected to each parcel.	\$455.60	\$387.30	N/A
For each property more than 100 metres from a water main, not connected to the water supply system and not included in the private forestry or other differential rating categories.	N/A	N/A	\$387.30

For parcels not connected to the Council's reticulated water supply system, located within 100 metres of a restricted water main and where Council is currently able to provide a restricted reticulated water service but it is not capable of being connected to a full water main the base access charge will be 70% of the applicable supply area charge listed above.

#### **Carried**

# 4.2.3 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year – Wastewater Utility Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr J McNally

#### Seconded Cr M McNichol

THAT Council adopts the following Wastewater Utility Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

- a. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy wastewater utility charges, in accordance with the several bases as set out hereunder, for the supply of a wastewater system by the Council.
- b. Wastewater Utility Charges be allocated into two supply areas:
  - i. Supply Area 1 will be properties within 100 meters of the wastewater reticulation network of: Stanthorpe and Warwick;
  - ii. Supply Area 2 will be properties within 100 meters of the wastewater reticulation network of: Dalveen, Killarney and Wallangarra.
- c. The basis and principles of the wastewater charges be an annual access charge.



- d. The following be adopted as the basis for making and levying the access charge:
  - i. The access charges for wastewater services will be charged to each W.C. pedestal and urinal installed on each property (exceptions apply below). In the event of no pedestals being installed on land connected to a wastewater network, a utility charge for wastewater services will be charged per connection.
  - ii. In respect to domestic wastewater, a wastewater charge is applied per tenement regardless of whether the tenement is separately connected to Council's wastewater system or shares wastewater services such as a single wastewater connection to the property which services multiple tenements. To remove doubt, each tenement is treated as a separate connection. "Tenement" includes any premises used as a separate domicile such as, for example
    - 1. a single unit private dwelling; or
    - 2. a flat, apartment or other dwelling unit used as a separate domicile; or
    - 3. residential units erected upon lots created pursuant to the provisions of the Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980 or the Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997; or
    - 4. a private (non-commercial) boarding house, hostel, lodging house, or guest house.
  - iii. Unless otherwise specified, the access charge for properties with a wastewater service connection will be as per the following tables:

#### Supply Area 1

			Total charge per annum
The follow	wing wastewater cha	arges shall apply to properties as describ	ed below:
a.	Residential	For each connection on land used for single unit dwellings and individual residential units (including tenements) irrespective of the number of pedestals connected.	\$711.00
b.	Residential - CED	For each CED (Septic) connection on land used for single unit dwellings and individual residential units (including tenements) irrespective of the number of pedestals connected.	\$588.00
C.	Overnight	For each pedestal installed on land used for overnight accommodation e.g. motels, caravan parks (excluding land with taverns) -	
	Accommodation	First 10 pedestals per pedestal:	\$588.00
		Additional pedestals per pedestal:	\$397.00
		For each pedestal installed on land used for showgrounds -	
d.	Showgrounds	First 10 pedestals per pedestal:	\$711.00
		Additional pedestals per pedestal:	\$520.00

#### For land in the Stanthorpe Wastewater Network Area



e.	Commercial	For each pedestal installed on land used for commercial purposes other than overnight accommodation. In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection.	\$711.00
f.	Non-Profit	For each pedestal installed on land used for non-profit purposes other than showgrounds. In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection.	\$711.00

### For land in the Warwick Wastewater Network Area

			Total charge per annum		
The following	The following wastewater charges shall apply to properties as described below:				
a.	Residential	For each connection on land used for single unit dwellings and individual residential units (including tenements) irrespective of the number of pedestals connected.	\$730.00		
b.	Residential - CED	For each CED (Septic) connection on land used for single unit dwellings and individual residential units (including tenements) irrespective of the number of pedestals connected.	\$558.00		
C.	Commercial and Government	For each pedestal installed on land used for business premises, government business premises or Council premises or the like, In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$847.00		
d.	Hotels	For each pedestal installed on land used for hotels (excluding hotel/motels, motels land with taverns). In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$723.00		
e.	Non-Profit	For each pedestal installed on land used for hospitals, schools, churches, church halls, clubs, ambulance, fire brigade, red cross, showgrounds or the like. In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$710.00		
f.	Hotel/Motels and Motels	For each pedestal installed on land used for hotel/motel and motels (excluding hotels and land with taverns)	\$587.00		



g.	Kindergarten	For each pedestal installed on land used for kindergartens or the like	\$613.00
h.	Boarding Houses and Hostels	For each pedestal installed on land used for boarding houses and hostels or the like (excluding land with taverns)	\$606.00
i.	Caravan Dump Points	For each caravan dump point installed on land where caravans or the like are connected to the wastewater system in a registered caravan park	\$514.00

#### Supply Area 2

#### For land in the Dalveen Common Effluent Drainage Scheme Area

			Total charge per annum
The following	g waste water charg	es shall apply to properties as describ	bed below:
a.	Residential	For each connection on land used for single unit dwellings and individual residential units (including tenements) irrespective of the number of pedestals connected.	\$558.00
b.	Overnight Accommodation	For each pedestal installed on land used for overnight accommodation e.g. motels, caravan parks (excluding land with taverns)	\$465.00
C.	Other Premises	For each pedestal installed on land not used for single unit dwellings, individual residential units (including tenements), or overnight accommodation. In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$558.00

### For land in the Killarney Common Effluent Drainage Scheme Area

			Total charge per annum
The following	g waste water charge	s shall apply to properties as describ	bed below:
a.	Residential	For each connection on land used for single unit dwellings and individual residential units (including tenements) irrespective of the number of pedestals connected.	\$659.00
b.	Overnight Accommodation	For each pedestal installed on land used for overnight accommodation e.g. motels, caravan parks (excluding land with taverns)	\$566.00



C.	Other Premises	For each pedestal installed on land not used for single unit dwellings, individual residential units (including tenements), or overnight accommodation. In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$659.00
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#### For land in the Wallangarra Common Effluent Drainage Scheme Area

	-	ninon Lindent Brainage Ocheme	Total charge per annum
The following	g wastewater charges s	shall apply to properties as describ	ed below:
a.	Residential	For each connection on land used for single unit dwellings and individual residential units (including tenements) irrespective of the number of pedestals connected.	\$549.00
b.	Commercial	For each pedestal installed on land used for commercial purposes other than childcare or overnight accommodation. In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$549.00
C.	Childcare	For each pedestal installed on land used for childcare facilities or the like. In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$449.00
d.	Overnight Accommodation	For each pedestal installed on land used for overnight accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, caravan parks or the like (excluding land with taverns). In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$421.00
e.	Non-Profit	For each pedestal installed on land used for non-profit or government purposes. In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$549.00
f.	School (excluding residence)	For each pedestal installed on land used for public school and educational purposes. In the event of no pedestals being installed on improved land per connection	\$479.00

- e. A base access charge be made and apply
  - v) To each parcel which is not connected to the Council's reticulated wastewater



supply system if the parcel is located within 100 metres of a wastewater main and where Council is currently able to provide a reticulated wastewater service. The base access charge does not apply to parcels that meet the above criteria and has at least one of the following:

- a. A building or sporting infrastructure situated across two or more adjoining parcels; or
- b. Incapable of further development.

The base access charge will be as per the following tables:

#### Supply Area 1

#### For land in the Stanthorpe Wastewater Network Area

				Total charge per annum
The follow	wing waste	ewater cha	rges shall apply to properties as described	below:
a.	Base Charge	Access	For each parcel within 100 meters of a wastewater main not connected to Council's wastewater system and where Council is currently able to provide a wastewater service to that parcel. The maximum number of contiguous parcels in common ownership on which unconnected wastewater charges are levied shall be six (6).	\$357.00

#### For land in the Warwick Wastewater Network Area

			Total charge per annum
The following	g wastewater charge	es shall apply to properties as described	below:
a.	Base Access Charge	For each parcel within 100 meters of a wastewater main not connected to Council's wastewater and where Council is currently able to provide a wastewater service to that parcel. The maximum number of contiguous parcels in common ownership on which unconnected wastewater charges are levied shall be six (6)	\$425.00
b.	CED Base Access Charge	For each parcel within 100m of a restricted wastewater main, not connected to Council's wastewater system and where Council is currently able to provide a wastewater service to that parcel. The maximum number of contiguous parcels in common ownership on which unconnected CED wastewater charges are levied shall be six (6)	\$361.00



### Supply Area 2

#### For land in the Dalveen Common Effluent Drainage Scheme Area

				Total charge per annum
The followin	ig waste w	ater char	ges shall apply to properties as descril	bed below:
a.	Base Charge	Access	For each parcel within 100 meters of a wastewater main not connected to Council's wastewater system and where Council is currently able to provide a wastewater service to that parcel. The maximum number of contiguous parcels in common ownership on which unconnected wastewater charges are levied shall be six (6)	\$296.00

#### For land in the Killarney Common Effluent Drainage Scheme Area

				Total charge per annum
The following	g waste wa	ter charges	s shall apply to properties as described	below:
a.	Base Charge	Access	For each parcel within 100 meters of a wastewater main not connected to Council's wastewater system and where Council is currently able to provide a wastewater service to that parcel. The maximum number of contiguous parcels in common ownership on which unconnected wastewater charges are levied shall be six (6)	\$399.00

#### For land in the Wallangarra Common Effluent Drainage Scheme Area

			Total charge per annum
The following	g wastewater charges	shall apply to properties as described	below:
a.	Base Access Charge	Council is currently able to provide a wastewater service to that parcel the following charges apply:	
		Unconnected parcels not held contiguously with a connected building	
		For the first unconnected parcel	\$273.00
		For each additional parcel	\$229.00
		Single unconnected parcel held contiguously with a single unit	\$185.00



dwelling or hotel	
Multiple unconnected parcels held contiguously with a single unit dwelling	

**Carried** 

# 4.2.4 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year – Waste Management Utility Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr J McNally

THAT Council adopts the following Waste Management Utility Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

a. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy waste management utility charges for the supply of the waste management services hereinafter, for the supply of a waste management by the Council.

**Seconded Cr S Windle** 

- b. Waste Management Utility Charges be allocated into three supply areas:
  - i. Supply Area 1 will be properties in a compulsory waste collection area north of and including the Dalveen collection area;
  - ii. Supply Area 2 will be properties in a compulsory waste collection area south of the Dalveen collection area;
  - iii. Supply Area 3 will be properties outside of a compulsory waste collection area receiving a voluntary collection service

Supp	Supply Area 1					
	Collection Service Type	Collection Frequency	Collection Day	Bin Type	Charge Amount per annum	
a.	Waste Collection Service (first services is mandatory)	Weekly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	\$372.00 per	
	Recycling Collection Service (first service is mandatory)	Fortnightly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	combined service	
b.	Waste Collection Service Additional (Optional)	Weekly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	\$247.00 per additional waste service only	
C.	Recycling Collection Service Additional (Optional)	Fortnightly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	\$138.00 per additional recycling service only	
<u>Sup</u>	oly Area 2	_	_			
а.	Waste Collection Service (first	Weekly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile	\$435.00 per combined	



	services is mandatory)			Bin	service
	Recycling Collection Service (first service is mandatory)	Fortnightly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	
b.	Waste Collection Service Additional (Optional)	Weekly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	\$254.00 per additional waste service only
C.	Recycling Collection Service Additional (Optional)	Fortnightly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	\$219.00 per additional recycling service only
Suppl	y Area 3				
a.	Waste Collection Service (first services is mandatory)	Weekly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	\$443.00 per
	Recycling Collection Service (first service is mandatory)	Fortnightly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	combined service
b.	Waste Collection Service Additional (Optional)	Weekly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	\$260.00 per additional waste service only
C.	Recycling Collection Service Additional (Optional)	Fortnightly	Normal	240 Litre Mobile Bin	\$224.00 per additional recycling service only

- c. In respect to domestic waste, a waste collection utility charge is applied per Tenement regardless of whether the tenement receives a separate waste collection service and recycling collection service or shares waste collection services such as bulk waste bin services. "Tenement" includes any premises used as a separate domicile such as, for example
  - i. single unit private dwelling; or
  - ii. a flat, apartment or other dwelling unit used as a separate domicile; or
  - iii. residential units erected upon lots created pursuant to the provisions of the Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980 or the Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997; or
  - iv. a private (non-commercial) boarding house, hostel, lodging house, or guest house.

#### **Carried**



# 4.2.5 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year – Trade Waste Utility Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

Resolution

#### Moved Cr N Meiklejohn Seconded Cr R Kelly

THAT Council adopts the following Trade Waste Utility Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

- a. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the utility charge for trade waste will be charged upon all properties discharging trade waste to Council's sewer.
- b. The charge is based on waste volume and quality and will be charged on land occupied by trade waste generators.
- c. The following charges will apply:

Flow 0.515 \$/kl 5 Day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5) 0.567 \$/kl Suspended Solids (SS) 0.431 \$/kl

d. The charge is calculated as follows:

C= Q x Cq + Mbod x Cbod + Mss x Css C is the total charge in \$ Q is the total flow in kl Cq is the unit charge for flow in \$/kl Mbod is the total mass of BOD5 in kg Cbod is the unit charge for BOD5 in \$/kl Mss is the total mass of SS in kg Css is the unit charge for SS in \$/kg

#### **Carried**

## 4.2.6 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year – Payment Terms

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr N Meiklejohn Seconded Cr S Windle

THAT Council adopts the following Payment Terms for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

- a. Pursuant to section 104(2)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the rate notice must state the due date for payment of the rates and charges. The due date for payment of:
  - i. An annual rate notice will be 60 days;
  - ii. A rate notice for utility charges will be 60 days;
  - iii. A supplementary rate notice will be 30 days.

#### **Carried**



## 4.2.7 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year - Discount for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr S Windle

#### Seconded Cr Y Stocks

THAT Council adopts the following Discount for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

- a. Pursuant to section 130 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Rates made and levied pursuant to Clause 2 (differential general rates) be subject to a discount of seven and a half percent (7.5%) provided that:
  - i. All of the rates are paid on or before the due date of the rate notice;
  - ii. All other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a 7.5% discount) are paid on or before the due date of the rate notice; and
  - iii. All other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid on or before the due date of the rate notice.

#### **Carried**

## 4.2.8 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year - Interest for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr R Kelly

#### Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn

THAT Council adopts the following Interest for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

a. Pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest be charged on all overdue rates, as that term is defined in the Lo*cal Government Regulation 2012*, five (5) days from the due date at the rate of nine point eight three percent (9.83%) per annum, calculated on daily rates.

#### **Carried**

4.2.9 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year - Levy and Payment for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

Moved Cr Y Stocks

Seconded Cr M McNichol

THAT Council adopts the following Levy and Payment for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

- a. Pursuant to section 104 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Rates and Charges (other than Council's water access charges, water consumption charges, emergency water supply charges and wastewater access charges), and the State Government's Emergency Management Levy will be levied for the full year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 in July/August 2019.
- b. Pursuant to section 104 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's wastewater charges, water access charges and water consumption charges will be levied in October/November 2019 and April/May 2020.



- Pursuant to section 104 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's emergency water supply charges will be levied in April/May 2020 or as set out in clause 3.
- d. Pursuant to section 104 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council provides that Rates and Charges may be paid at any of Council's Service Centres (located throughout the region), at any Australia Post Office, BPAY, Direct Debit, Centrepay and Paying Online via Council's website.

#### **Carried**

# 4.2.10 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year - Paying Rates or Charges by Instalments for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr M McNichol

#### Seconded Cr R Kelly

THAT Council adopts the following Payment Rates or Charges by Instalments for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

- a. Pursuant to Section 129 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council shall allow payment of the annual rate notice by two instalments as follows:
  - i. half of the annual notice plus any overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid within 60 days of the date of issue of the annual rate notice August/ September 2019; and
  - ii. the remaining balance of the annual notice is paid within 6 months of the due date of the annual notice February/March 2020.
- b. Payment of the annual rate notice by two instalments will:
  - i. Council will not charge interest on unpaid instalments unless the instalment payment is overdue; and
  - ii. Council will not allow a discount for prompt payment of rates and charges paid by instalments; and
  - iii. Council will allow a discount (if a discount is applicable under clause 5.9) for prompt payment of rates notices issued subsequent to the annual rate notice issue date (e.g. a supplementary rate notice) if no other rates or charges are overdue; and
  - iv. To be eligible to pay by instalments, a ratepayer must immediately pay all overdue rates and charges by their due date or instalment due date.

#### **Carried**



# 4.2.11 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Rates and Charges for the 2019/2020 Financial Year - Rate Concessions for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr N Meiklejohn Seconded Cr R Kelly

THAT Council adopts the following Rate Concessions for the 2019/2020 Financial Year:-

a. Unapparent Plumbing Failures

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, if a ratepayer:

- i. incurs water consumption charges by reason of an unapparent plumbing failure' (as defined in Council's Relief from Water Consumption Charges Policy); and
- ii. satisfies the criteria set down in Council's Relief from Water Consumption Charges Policy.
- ii. Council is satisfied that such circumstances justify the exercise of the remission power. The quantum of the remission of water consumption charges is to be determined in accordance with Council's Relief from Water Consumption Charges Policy. Council grants this remission on the basis that to require the ratepayer to pay full charges for consumption in circumstances where an unapparent plumbing failure has occurred (through no fault of the ratepayer) would result in hardship.
- b. Home Haemodialysis Treatment

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, if a ratepayer:

- i. incurs higher water consumption charges as a result of home haemodialysis treatment (as defined in Council's Home Haemodialysis Water Allowance Policy); and
- ii. satisfies the criteria set down in Council's Home Haemodialysis Water Allowance Policy.

Council is satisfied that such circumstances justify the exercise of the remission power. The quantum of the remission of water consumption charges is to be determined in accordance with Council's Home Haemodialysis Water Allowance Policy. Council grants this remission on the basis that to require the ratepayer to pay full charges for consumption in circumstances where home haemodialysis treatment is being provided would result in hardship.

c. Not-For-Profit/Charitable Organisations

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grant a remission of a percentage of the water access and wastewater charges to approved organisations who:

- i. have objectives which do not include the making of profit and who provide services to their membership and the community; and
- ii. satisfy the criteria set down in Council's Rates Concession Policy.

The quantum of the remission of water access and wastewater charges is to be



determined in accordance with Council's Rates Concession Policy. Council grants this remission on the basis that to require the ratepayer to pay full charges for water access and wastewater charges certain not for profit objectives is being provided would result in hardship.

d. Public Amenities on Leased Government Property

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grant a remission of wastewater charges where a property is levied more than three (3) pedestals and satisfy the criteria set down in Council's Rates Concession Policy.

Upon receipt and approval of the evidence noted within Council's Rates Concession Policy, Council will allow a rebate of 100% of the wastewater charges over the first three (3) pedestals.

e. Permits to Occupy Pump Sites and Separate Pump Site Assessments

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a remission of 50% of the general rate be granted to all ratepayers who hold a permit to occupy for a pump site, where the permit is not valued with other rateable land and the total assessment area is 25 square meters or less.

f. Leased Council Vacant Land

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a remission of 100% of the general rates, separate charges and special charges be granted to all ratepayers who lease vacant Council land and satisfy the criteria set down in Council's Rates Concession Policy.

g. Invasive Pests Control Special Rate

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a remission of 100% Invasive Pests Control Special Rate ('the special rate"), be granted to all ratepayers who satisfy the criteria set down in Council's Rate Concession Policy.

The remission will only be maintained whilst the ratepayer satisfies the criteria set down in Council's Rates Concession Policy. The remission may be removed if any of the criteria is no longer met.

h. Water Tank Rebate

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grant a remission of:

- i. a percentage of the water access charges to ratepayers who were approved for a water tank rebate in a previous year; or
- ii. the lesser of the cost of the tank (excluding plumbing and freight costs) or \$2,500 for ratepayers who purchases a water tank and satisfies the criteria set down in Council's Rate Concession Policy.

The quantum of the remission of water access charges is to be determined in accordance with Council's Rates Concession Policy.

i. Financial Hardship

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grant a remission to ratepayers who are having difficulty in paying their rates in one of the following circumstances:



- i. major medical situations; or
- ii. unusual and severe circumstances;

and where the ratepayers situation satisfy the criteria set down in Council's Rates Concession Policy, Council is satisfied that such circumstances justify the exercise of the remission power.

The remission is granted by way of deferral of all interest charges and legal recovery from the date of application until 30 June of the current financial year subject to the conditions contained in Council's Rates Concession Policy. Council grants this remission on the basis that to require the ratepayer to pay interest charges and be subject to legal recovery action in circumstances where financial hardship has occurred (through no fault of the ratepayer) would result in hardship.

j. Water charges - base access charge

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will grant a remission of 100% of the base access charge component of Council's for water utility charges to properties that:

- i. are located within 100 metres of a water main and where Council is currently able to provide a reticulated water service to that parcel; and
- ii. have received a valuation concession for land used for farming under sections 45 to 48 of the *Land Valuation Act 2010* issued by Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy.

Council is satisfied that such circumstances justify the exercise of the remission power.

k. Other remissions and deferrals

Other remission or rate deferral requests will be assessed on their individual merits.

**Carried** 



## 4.3 Adoption of the Southern Downs Regional Council Budget, Revenue Statement and Revenue Policy for the 2019/2020 Financial Year

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr J McNally

#### Seconded Cr R Kelly

- 1. Pursuant to Section 107A of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Budget for the 2019/2020 financial year, incorporating:
  - a. The statements of financial position (Attachment 1);
  - b. The statements of cash flow (Attachment 1);
  - c. The statements of income and expenditure (Attachment 1);
  - d. The statements of changes in equity (Attachment 1);
  - e. The long-term financial forecast (Attachment 1);
  - f. The relevant measures of financial sustainability (Attachment 1)
  - g. The Revenue Statement (Attachment 2);
  - h. The Revenue Policy (Attachment 4);

as tabled, be adopted.

2. Total Value of Change in Rates and Charges

THAT Council adopt the following:

Pursuant to sections 169(6) and 169(7) of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and charges budgeted to be levied for the 2019/2020 financial year compared with the rates and charges budgeted to be levied in the 2018/2019 financial year is 2.3%. For the purpose of this calculation any discounts and rebates are excluded.

3. Statement of Estimated Financial Position

THAT Council adopt the following:

Pursuant to section 205 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ('the Statement of Estimated Financial Position') (Attachment 3) be received and its contents noted.

#### **Carried**

#### Attachments

- 1. Annual Budget 2019/2020 Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover
- 2. Revenue Statement 2019/2020 Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover
- 3. Revenue Policy Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover



#### 4.4 Adoption of Investment Policy and Debt Policy

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr R Kelly

Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn

THAT Council:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, adopt PL-FS018 Investment Policy as presented; and
- 2. Pursuant to Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012,* adopt PL-FS005 Debt Policy as presented.

#### **Carried**

#### Attachments

- 1. PL-FS018 Investment Policy Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover
- 2. PL-FS005 Debt Policy Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover

#### 4.5 Adoption of Schedule of General Fees and Charges 2019/2020

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr R Kelly

THAT Council adopt the Schedule of General Fees and Charges 2019/2020.

#### Carried

Carried

#### Attachments

1. SDRC Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019/2020 - Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover

Seconded Cr S Windle

#### 4.6 2019-2024 Corporate Plan

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr J McNally Seconded Cr R Kelly

THAT Council adopt the 2019-2024 Corporate Plan.

#### Attachments

1. Corporate Plan 2019-2024 - Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover



#### 4.7 2019/20 Operational Plan

Resolution

#### Moved Cr J McNally

Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn

THAT Council adopt the 2019/20 Operational Plan.

#### **Carried**

#### Attachments

#### 1. 2019/2020 Operational Plan - Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover

Cr Kelly declared a real conflict of interest in Agenda Item 5.1 (as defined in section 175 of the Local Government Act 2009) as he owns property on the unsealed portion of Washpool Road between Warner Street and Washpool/Glen Road; and his brother-in-law is the property owner of the parcels of land along the entire section of Washpool Road under consideration for sealing from Washpool/Glenvale Roads to Saddledam Road, and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter. Cr Kelly left the meeting at 9:11am.

#### 5. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

#### 5.1 Sealing of Washpool Road

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

#### Seconded Cr Y Stocks

THAT Council approve the sealing of Washpool Road between the Washpool Reserve (Leslie Dam) and the intersection of Washpool Road and Glenvale Road.

#### **Carried**

09:14 am Cr R Kelly rejoined the meeting.

#### 6. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.



#### Recommendation

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

#### 6.1 Engagement of Brandon and Associates

#### Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

#### 6.2 RFT 19\_006 - Construction of Storm King Dam Raw Water Pipeline Approval for Variations

#### Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

## 6.3 Waste Contracts (M J Smith Pty Ltd & Endeavour Foundation) - Tender Consideration Plan: S230 of the Local Government Regulation 2012

#### **Reason for Confidentiality**

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

## 6.4 Waste Contracts – Transfer Stations and Tender Consideration Plan: S230 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

#### Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

## 6.5 Evaluation report - RFT19\_193 - Installation of Security Cameras at SDRC Waste Facilities (Levy Ready Grants Program)

#### Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

#### **Meeting In Camera**

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

### Seconded Cr Y Stocks

THAT the meeting move into closed session for the purpose of discussing contracts and other business.

<u>Carried</u>

The Meeting moved into closed session at 9:14am.



#### Meeting Out Of Camera

#### Resolved

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 9:35am.

**Carried** 

#### 6.1 Engagement of Brandon and Associates

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr Y Stocks Seconded Cr R Kelly

THAT Council note the engagement of Brandon and Associates to continue assisting the Water and Wastewater Department in delivery of capital and operational projects during the recruitment of permanent engineers in the existing vacancies.

#### Carried

#### 6.2 RFT 19\_006 - Construction of Storm King Dam Raw Water Pipeline Approval for Variations

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr M McNichol

#### Seconded Cr C Gow

THAT Council approve additional variations for the design and construction of the Storm King Dam raw water pipeline, through the formal variation process up to, but not exceeding, the total budget for the project.

**Carried** 

#### 6.3 Waste Contracts (M J Smith Pty Ltd & Endeavour Foundation) - Tender Consideration Plan: S230 of the Local Government Regulation 2012

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr C Gow

#### Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn

THAT Council resolves:

- 1. Under Section 230 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to adopt the Tender Consideration Plan attached to the report.
- 2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and extend the existing contracts on an initial six (6) month extension, plus two (2) additional three (3) month extensions at Council's sole discretion with:
  - a) MJ Smith Group (Warwick Landfill Operations), and
  - b) Endeavour Foundation (Operation of Warwick and Stanthorpe gatehouse and weighbridges, management of the resource recovery shops).

**Carried** 



## 6.4 Waste Contracts – Transfer Stations and Tender Consideration Plan: S230 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr C Gow

#### Seconded Cr S Windle

THAT Council resolve:

1. Under Section 230(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to prepare a Tender Consideration Plan to enable it to extend the supervision and management of waste transfer stations services of the following contracts on an initial one (1) month, plus one (1) month, plus one (1) month extension at Council's sole discretion with the following:

Contractor	Waste Transfer Facility Locations
David Ian Noffke t/as Gunna Do Property	Allora
Maintenance	Yangan Landfill
	Maryvale*
Frank & Kathryn Beerans	Leyburn
Paul Sandford	Pratten
Michael James Milton	Killarney
Endeavour Foundation	Northern Granite Belt (The Summit)
Judy Emma Barnet	Broadwater
Wayne Gregory Purcell & Nellmary Purcell	Wallangarra
	* Previous contractor opted not to extend services after 30 June 2019

- 2. To adopt the Tender Consideration Plan attached to the report.
- 3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and extend the existing waste transfer station supervision contracts to allow time for Tender 19\_172 to be assessed, and a subsequent report be presented to Council seeking endorsement for awarding of the contract.

#### **Carried**

## 6.5 Evaluation report - RFT19\_193 - Installation of Security Cameras at SDRC Waste Facilities (Levy Ready Grants Program)

#### Resolution

#### Moved Cr N Meiklejohn Seconded Cr S Windle

THAT Council enter into a contract with Advanced Microsystems Design Integration Pty Ltd for the installation of security cameras and supporting infrastructure at three Southern Downs Regional Council Waste Facilities (Warwick, Stanthorpe & Allora) associated with the Levy Ready Grant Program, for the lump sum amount of \$269,167 (ex GST).

#### **Carried**

#### MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:37am.