

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor S Dillon (Mayor) [in the Chair], Councillor M Rogers (Deputy Mayor), Councillors D Arthur, T Gleeson, C Hansen, G Peoples and R Plumb.

OFFICERS

S Gray (Chief Executive Officer), J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), D Young (Minute Secretary), P Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra), D Bradford (Director of Corporate and Financial Services), K Coomber (Acting District Manager – Alpha and Jericho) and Robert O’Brien (assets Manager).

Councillor Dillon read the prayer.

BUSINESS

Councillor Peoples left the meeting at 8.37am and returned at 8.44am.

1.1.1 Mayor’s Budget Summary

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 1 – Mayor’s Budget Summary.

Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Gleeson
2023/06/141 That Council receives the report.

Ratepayers, community members, staff and councillors.

The Barcaldine Regional Council 2023–2024 Budget has been developed in the most difficult macro-economic conditions of the 21st century. For once Council hasn’t been faced with deteriorating climatic conditions, plunging or sustaining our region into drought. Yet the headwinds of the broader state, national and international economy have been keenly felt by council as the budget has been developed.

Cost of living is a phrase often widely used, with other levels of governments able to use headline announcements running to the tens of billions of dollars, in either direct cash handouts or through taxation relief. Low own source revenue based councils like ours have massive limitations on their ability to provide similar relief due to their own spiralling costs and diminishing local capacity to sustain significant increases.

However, predominantly the negatives in real terms stop there. Due to the significant budget repair undertaken over the last three budgets; where this council has taken the extremely difficult decision to ensure business units of council have been placed in a cash positive position and our bottom line in terms of unrestricted cash has not only been placed under extreme monthly scrutiny but restored to a positive trajectory; we have been able to withstand the need to rush rates, fees and charges massively to be in front of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to

temper the storm, thereby providing real, sustainable cost of living relief via softer increases. Council is also firmly on track to be debt free by 2030, relieving the annual repayment burden on council cash reserves and achieving a significant milestone that will provide for stable foundations moving forward.

This administration has taken a fiscally prudent approach to capital works, in plain terms we have shifted from building monuments to undertaking capital projects that deliver at a base level for both the community and for council's asset management. This has manifested through road sealing, street upgrades and substantial, generational upgrades to both sewerage and water assets. We have commenced substantial improvements to plant replacement and fleet utilisation, both to assist with immediate cash flow requirements and to ensure full capacity realisation.

The capital program for 2023/2024 will largely be funded by external sources with over \$6.4million supporting the delivery of a \$10.2million in capital works. This program is working through a backlog of renewal projects while some new assets will add community value and contribute to operational efficiencies. Some of the highlights include:

- Town streets upgrades and renewals
- Floodway Upgrade Program (FUP)
- Rural Road Sealing Program
- Roads Reseal Program
- Cattle Cross Loading Facility
- Community Buildings Renewal Program
- Sewerage Mains Relining
- Plant Replacement Program
- Housing Renewal Program.

Within these highlights I would like to single out the Floodway Upgrade Program or FUP. Council has identified that on several rural roads, the focus need not always be on one treatment over another in terms of asset maintenance or renewal. Following dedicated community consultation, council has developed the internal understanding that different roads in different geographical locations on different soil types require alternative solutions. This in order to not only maintain the asset effectively and with targeted treatments, but critically to ensure road safety and minimise the costs incurred in vehicle maintenance by our regional residents and heavy vehicle operators. It has taken a while, perhaps too long, for this message to be heard internally by council, but it has clearly now been identified in a targeted, funded capital works program.

In a signal of support for the rural industry that underpins our economy and the heavy vehicle transport operators that are integral to it, council has also committed to the construction of a Cattle Cross Loading Facility. This will be located in Alpha at the termination of the east-west triple road train route (Type 2) and will significantly improve not only driver safety and animal biosecurity outcomes, but provide for more structured parking and decoupling opportunities and facilitate enhanced tourism experiences. It will further capitalise on the previously delivered State Government investment in the Heavy Vehicle Rest Area and further enhance this council's road safety messages.

From an operational perspective, there is much work to be done, with maintenance of our assets taking a critical focus with large water maintenance programs earmarked for the Jericho Water Treatment plant, air scouring of mains and reservoir clean-outs.

In previous budgets, this council has seen substantial investment in our water and sewerage through both facility upgrades and sewerage telemetry installation and activation. This has seen the lowering of future operational costs and improvements in service delivery as well as the reduction in demand for water use. As a result, Council continues to be in a position to maintain its stance on not charging for excess water, another cost of living measure and underlining our approach to presenting our communities in the best manner possible without hitting the hip pocket of hard working ratepayers.

Housing is a significant issue for Council and the community. Sourcing accommodation options are a critical part of recruitment and retention of staff in all our towns. Council has resisted the temptation at this stage to invest your money directly in new or second-hand housing and has opted for development of a housing strategy to inform any investments going forward.

Investment in our systems and processes to ensure they are modern to reflect current practices is essential. Our Information Technology (IT) systems have done the job for a long time, but now need to be upgraded to stay current with increasing cyber security risks. This budget begins the journey of a new enterprise system along with a fresh operating environment. This is a significant project with significant opportunity to provide operating efficiencies for our staff.

This budget at its core is aiming to reset the compass for the future in the wake of a wet season that has really taken a massive toll on our rural roads. As a result of this flood damage, a significant focus over the next two years will be on delivering a program worth \$50million, with works across the region. A program of this size will really test the capacity of our staff and local contractors to deliver the full program within the two year timeframe, whilst fully realising the capital capacity of this opportunity.

General rates are being impacted in 2023/2024 by new property valuations. To continue to fund Council's operations and community service obligations, a general rates increase of 6% will be applied in this budget. In rural land the average valuation increase was 153%. For the rural land rating category, a significant reduction of the rate in the dollar charged as a result of this valuation impact. This adjustment will give Council 6% in additional general rates revenue.

Sewerage and Water Charges will increase by 6% as well. Both of these services will not cover their operational costs this year due to a number of projects mentioned earlier, although from a cash perspective both will be positive. Operating costs of the Waste Collection contract are much higher than expected and as a result an increase for the waste charges in 2023/2024 will be 8%. This is not an ideal outcome for the community or council, but future budgets will need to continue to address the shortfall that has arisen due to the transition to a user pays service. I have repeatedly said that despite commentator's opinions to the contrary, local government is clearly fundamentally responsible for its core functions of roads, waste, water and sewerage. Waste was a segment of council that required substantial adjustments to modernise and truly cost recognise. This has resulted in issues for some Barcaldine town based businesses and I expect that through our operational plan these concerns will be addressed, whilst not exposing the broader community to cost escalations or unrealistic service expectations.

Grants and subsidies play an important part for Council in its budget. The Federal Assistance Grant continues to be the major contributor and will increase again this year due to sustained

lobbying that I and others have undertaken over the course of the last two years; as well as now being pre-paid, which clearly assists with cash flow management and will contribute to extra revenue via our investment strategy and capacity.

The funding allocation for community events and special celebrations has been maintained with community support and sponsorship continuing to be a critical community contribution we make as Council.

The recent Queensland State Government Budget delivered two key funding announcements for the Barcaldine Regional Council. One was the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone infrastructure funding. This will provide the base funding for the key infrastructure that facilitates the delivery of the single biggest economic enabler to be built in western Queensland. Job creation outside of the traditional employment bases along with embracing the transition to a zero carbon economy positions the Barcaldine region to be the leader of western Queensland in the emerging economy.

The recognition of the Beef Road Corridors project also delivers certainty to workforce planning and road safety by the Qld Government. This project will provide for substantial works opportunities as significant portions of the remainder of the state road network within in our Local Government Area boundary is progressively sealed. The road sealing will also significantly enhance road safety and mitigate against weather impacts on the currently unsealed network.

Overall, Council is expecting a small operating deficit, but with Capital funding can expect a net profit of \$5.2 million. Forecasts going forward are for this to improve towards a balanced budget in 2025/2026, although it is most likely that this will be brought forward due to the amendments in the size of the grant through the methodology review.

Increasing costs and continuing delays in delivery of goods have created the environment leading to a 7.4% increase in inflation (Annual Headline CPI March 2023 Brisbane). That is an inescapable fact.

With the projects in this budget and the continued fiscal responsibility approach we have undertaken through prudent tracking of expenditure, council is positioned to handle the future well. This has clearly been a tough budget, but one that clearly and definitively places Council in a better, stronger position progressing.

I commend this budget to the chamber and the community as a necessary adjustment of underpinning fiscal requirements and delivery of required capital upgrades and works. Balancing the books in any environment is tough, but when charged with additional responsibility of minimising any unnecessary harm to household budgets, it is infinitely more challenging.

Carried
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Meeting was adjourned at 10.07am and reconvened at 10.36am.

1.1.2 Statement of Estimated Financial Position

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 2 – Statement of Estimated Financial Position as at 30 June 2023.

Resolution: 2023/06/142 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
That in accordance with section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Statement of Estimated Financial Position as at 30 June 2023 (Attachment 1) be received.

Carried
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1.1.3 Debt Policy

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 3 – Debt Policy.

Resolution: 2023/06/143 **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council adopts the Debt Policy (Attachment 2).

Carried
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1.1.4 Investment Policy

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 4 – Investment Policy.

Resolution: 2023/06/144 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council adopts the Investment Policy (Attachment 3) with the following addition – that rating agency S&P Global Rating be included.

Carried
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1.1.5 Revenue Policy

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 5 – Revenue Policy.

Resolution: 2023/06/145 **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**
That Council adopts the Revenue Policy (Attachment 4).

Carried
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1.1.6 Differential General Rates Categories

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 6 – Differential Rates Categories for rateable land for charging of General Rates for the 2024 financial year.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Arthur
2023/06/146 1. That in accordance with section 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the differential general rating categories for rateable land and category descriptions for 2023/2024 be as follows:

Category	Description	Criteria
1	Alpha Township	All land within the Alpha Designated Town Area as defined in Map A and which is not otherwise categorised
2	Aramac Township	All land within the Aramac Designated Town Area as defined in Map B and which is not otherwise categorised
3	Barcaldine Township	All land within the Barcaldine Designated Town Area as defined in Map C and which is not otherwise categorised
4	Jericho Township	All land within the Jericho Designated Town Area as defined in Map D and which is not otherwise categorised
5	Muttaburra Township	All land within the Muttaburra Designated Town Area as defined in Map E and which is not otherwise categorised
6	Rural Residential	All land outside the Designated Town Areas, which is less than 100 hectares in size and which is used for residential purposes
8	Rural	All land outside the Alpha, Aramac, Barcaldine, Jericho and Muttaburra Designated Town Areas and which is not otherwise categorised
11	Public Accommodation A	Land used for or intended to be used for hotels, motels, caravan parks, guest houses and other short term accommodation with less than 11 rooms, units or sites
12	Public Accommodation B	Land used for or intended to be used for hotels, motels, caravan parks, guest houses and other short term accommodation with between 11 and 24 rooms, units or sites
13	Public Accommodation C	Land used for or intended to be used for hotels, motels, caravan parks, guest houses and other short term accommodation with between 25 and 50 rooms, units or sites
14	Public Accommodation D	Land used for or intended to be used for hotels, motels, caravan parks, guest houses and other short term accommodation with between 51 and 100 rooms, units or sites
15	Public Accommodation E	Land used for or intended to be used for hotels, motels, caravan parks, guest houses and other short term accommodation with between 101–200 rooms, units or sites

16	Public Accommodation F	Land used for or intended to be used for hotels, motels, caravan parks, guest houses and other short term accommodation with more than 200 rooms, units or sites
21	Multi-Residential A	Land used for or intended to be used for long term residential purposes with between 2 and 4 dwelling units
22	Multi-Residential B	Land used for or intended to be used for long term residential purposes with between 5 and 10 dwelling units
23	Multi-Residential C	Land used for or intended to be used for long term residential purposes with between 11 and 20 dwelling units
24	Multi-Residential D	Land used for or intended to be used for long term residential purposes with between 21 and 40 dwelling units
25	Multi-Residential E	Land used for or intended to be used for long term residential purposes with between 41 and 80 dwelling units
26	Multi-Residential F	Land used for or intended to be used for long term residential purposes with more than 80 dwelling units
31	Electricity Substation	Land used for or intended to be used for an electricity substation
35	Multi-Industrial A	Land, under 50 hectares, used for or intended to be used for multiple industrial purposes
36	Multi-Industrial B	Land, between 50 and 500 hectares, used for or intended to be used for multiple industrial purposes.
37	Multi-Industrial C	Land, greater than 500 hectares, used for or intended to be used for multiple industrial purposes.
41	Power Station A	Land used or intended to be used for the generation and transmission of electricity (gas, coal, wind or solar) up to 50MW
42	Power Station B	Land used or intended to be used for the generation and transmission of electricity (gas, coal, wind or solar) between 51MW-150MW
43	Power Station C	Land used or intended to be used for the generation and transmission of electricity (gas, coal, wind or solar) between 151MW-250MW
44	Power Station D	Land used or intended to be used for the generation and transmission of electricity (gas, coal, wind or solar) between 251MW-500MW
45	Power Station E	Land used or intended to be used for the generation and transmission of electricity (gas, coal, wind or solar) between 501MW-1000MW
46	Power Station F	Land used or intended to be used for the generation and transmission of electricity (gas, coal, wind or solar) more than 1000MW
51	Coal Mining A	Land that is an integrated coal mine producing less than 2 million tonnes per annum
52	Coal Mining B	Land that is an integrated coal mine producing between 2 and 10 million tonnes per annum
53	Coal Mining C	Land that is an integrated coal mine producing between 10 and 20 million tonnes per annum

54	Coal Mining D	Land that is an integrated coal mine producing greater than 20 million tonnes per annum
61	Intensive Accommodation A	Land used for or intended to be used for providing intensive accommodation containing less than 50 units, rooms, suites and/or caravan sites
62	Intensive Accommodation B	Land used for or intended to be used for providing intensive accommodation containing between 51 and 100 units, rooms, suites and/or caravan sites
63	Intensive Accommodation C	Land used for or intended to be used for providing intensive accommodation containing between 101 and 250 units, rooms, suites and/or caravan sites
64	Intensive Accommodation D	Land used for or intended to be used for providing intensive accommodation containing between 251 and 400 units rooms, suites and/or caravan sites
65	Intensive Accommodation E	Land used for or intended to be used for providing intensive accommodation containing between 401 and 500 units, rooms, suites and/or caravan sites
66	Intensive Accommodation F	Land used for or intended to be used for providing intensive accommodation containing greater than 500 units, rooms, suites and/or caravan sites
71	Extractive Industry A	Land used for extractive purposes including dredging, excavating, quarrying or sluicing of less than 5000 tonnes per annum
72	Extractive Industry B	Land used for extractive purposes including dredging, excavating, quarrying or sluicing between 5001 and 100,000 tonnes per annum
73	Extractive Industry C	Land used for extractive purposes including dredging, excavating, quarrying or sluicing of more than 100,000 tonnes per annum
74	Gas Extraction	Land used for the extraction of natural gas or coal seam gas
81	Non-profit organisation	Land owned by non-profit organisations and used for sporting, recreational or community purposes
91	Tourist Facility	Land used for or intended to be used for a tourist facility

a. **Intensive Accommodation:** means a facility used primarily for the accommodation of persons, other than tourists; who work in construction, energy, resources or mining activities and is commonly known as a ‘workers camp’, ‘single person quarters’, ‘accommodation village’, ‘barracks’ or similar names. Additionally, these facilities may be temporary or permanent.

b. **Integrated Coal Mine:** means land which is used or intended to be used in an integrated manner for the purposes of coal mining or purposes ancillary or associated with coal mining such as washing down, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.

c. **Tourist Facility:** means land which is used or intended to be used as a tourist attraction which may or may not include accommodation but does not include land solely used for Public Accommodation.

2. In accordance with section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to identify the rating category to which each of rateable land belongs.

Carried
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1.1.7 Differential General Rates

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 7 – Differential General Rates.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Plumb
2023/06/147 That Council in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and sections 80 and 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, adopt a system of differential rating and make and levy a differential general rate on all parcels of rateable land included in each category as follows:

Category	Description	Rate in the \$ (cents)
1	Alpha Township	1.5031
2	Aramac Township	1.5031
3	Barcaldine Township	1.5031
4	Jericho Township	1.5031
5	Muttaburra Township	1.5031
6	Rural Residential	1.3133
8	Rural	0.2568
11	Public Accommodation A	1.5031
12	Public Accommodation B	1.5031
13	Public Accommodation C	1.5031
14	Public Accommodation D	1.5031
15	Public Accommodation E	1.5031
16	Public Accommodation F	1.5031
21	Multi-Residential A	1.5031
22	Multi-Residential B	1.5031
23	Multi-Residential C	1.5031
24	Multi-Residential D	1.5031
25	Multi-Residential E	1.5031
26	Multi-Residential F	1.5031
31	Electricity Substation	2.2260
35	Multi-Industrial A	2.2260
36	Multi-Industrial B	2.2260
37	Multi-Industrial C	2.2260
41	Power Station A	2.2260
42	Power Station B	2.2525

43	Power Station C	2.9277
44	Power Station D	3.8065
45	Power Station E	4.8972
46	Power Station F	6.4310
51	Coal Mining A	2.9277
52	Coal Mining B	4.8972
53	Coal Mining C	6.4310
54	Coal Mining D	7.2345
61	Intensive Accommodation A	1.7342
62	Intensive Accommodation B	2.2525
63	Intensive Accommodation C	2.9277
64	Intensive Accommodation D	3.8065
65	Intensive Accommodation E	4.2305
66	Intensive Accommodation F	4.8972
71	Extractive Industry A	1.7342
72	Extractive Industry B	1.7342
73	Extractive Industry C	1.7342
74	Gas Extraction	1.7342
81	Non-Profit Organization	0.0000
91	Tourist Facility	1.5031

Carried
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1.1.8 Minimum General Rates

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 8 – Minimum General Rates.

Resolution: Moved Cr Arthur **Seconded Cr Rogers**
2023/06/148 That Council, in accordance with section 77 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, will make and levy a minimum differential general rate on all parcels of rateable land included in each category as follows:

Category	Description	Minimum General Rate
1	Alpha Township	\$612
2	Aramac Township	\$528
3	Barcaldine Township	\$652
4	Jericho Township	\$584
5	Muttaburra Township	\$506
6	Rural Residential	\$652
8	Rural	\$565
11	Public Accommodation A	\$663
12	Public Accommodation B	\$1,326
13	Public Accommodation C	\$2,652

14	Public Accommodation D	\$5,298
15	Public Accommodation E	\$10,706
16	Public Accommodation F	\$21,306
21	Multi-Residential A	\$1,325
22	Multi-Residential B	\$3,190
23	Multi-Residential C	\$7,018
24	Multi-Residential D	\$13,398
25	Multi-Residential E	\$26,797
26	Multi-Residential F	\$40,195
31	Electricity Substation	\$9,084
35	Multi-Industrial A	\$9,084
36	Multi-Industrial B	\$28,405
37	Multi-Industrial C	\$284,046
41	Power Station A	\$8,570
42	Power Station B	\$83,262
43	Power Station C	\$166,525
44	Power Station D	\$353,032
45	Power Station E	\$441,289
46	Power Station F	\$529,548
51	Coal Mining A	\$176,516
52	Coal Mining B	\$441,289
53	Coal Mining C	\$598,535
54	Coal Mining D	\$755,782
61	Intensive Accommodation A	\$33,946
62	Intensive Accommodation B	\$74,680
63	Intensive Accommodation C	\$149,360
64	Intensive Accommodation D	\$264,774
65	Intensive Accommodation E	\$353,032
66	Intensive Accommodation F	\$441,289
71	Extractive Industry A	\$9,503
72	Extractive Industry B	\$20,365
73	Extractive Industry C	\$33,946
74	Gas Extraction	\$33,946
81	Non-Profit Organization	\$0
91	Tourist Facility	\$1,326

Carried
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1.1.9 Utility Charges

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 9 – Utility Charges.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**

2023/06/149

That Council, in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, will make and levy the utility charges for:

a. Water

ALPHA AND JERICHO LAND USAGE	UNITS	ALLOCATION	FIXED CHARGE
Private Residence, Business, Office, Rural Residential or any other land not otherwise specified - water connected	2	700kl	\$802
Land - outside designated town area - water connected	2	700kl	\$802
Land - additional parcel - no separate connection	1	350kl	\$401
Land - additional parcel - with separate connection	2	700kl	\$802
Land - within designated town area - with ability to access - but no connection	1	n/a	\$401
Private Residence combined with business	3	1,050kl	\$1,203
Boarding house or lodging house	3	1,050kl	\$1,203
Multi-Residential - for first accommodation unit	2	700kl	\$802
Plus for every additional accommodation unit	1	350kl	\$401
Hotel, Hotel/Motel, Motel, (first 20 units or part thereof)	4	1,400kl	\$1,604
Plus for every 5 additional accommodation units	1	350kl	\$401
Caravan Park	6	2,100kl	\$2,406
Plus for each 5 fixed accommodation units	1	350kl	\$401
Golf Club	4	1,400kl	\$1,604
Park	8	2,800kl	\$3,208
Alpha State School	8	2,800kl	\$3,208
Alpha State School Oval	4	1,400kl	\$1,604
Jericho State School	4	1,400kl	\$1,604
Hospital	8	2,800kl	\$3,208

ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA LAND USAGE	UNITS	ALLOCATION	FIXED CHARGE
Private Residence, Business, Office, Rural Residential or any other land not otherwise specified - water connected	2	1,800kl	\$616
Land - additional parcel - no separate connection	1	900kl	\$308
Land - additional parcel - with separate connection	2	1,800kl	\$616
Land - within designated town area - with ability to access - but no connection	1	n/a	\$308
Private Residence combined with business	3	2,700kl	\$924
Bowls Club, Commercial Garden	3	2,700kl	\$924
Golf Club	4	3,600kl	\$1,232
Multi-Residential - for first accommodation unit	2	1,800kl	\$616
Plus for every additional accommodation unit	1	900k	\$308

Hotel, Hotel/Motel, Motel (first 20 units or part thereof)	4	3,600kl	\$1,232
Plus for every 5 additional accommodation units	1	900k	\$308
Caravan Park and Freedom Park	6	5,400kl	\$1,848
Plus for every 5 fixed accommodation units	1	900k	\$308
Park	8	7,200kl	\$2,462
Recreation Grounds	8	7,200kl	\$2,462
Land - outside designated town area - water connected	2	1,800kl	\$616
Hospital	13	11,700kl	\$4,004
School	16	14,400kl	\$4,928
Sewerage Works	20	18,000kl	\$6,160

BARCALDINE LAND USAGE	UNITS	ALLOCATION	FIXED CHARGE
Private Residence, Business, Office, Rural Residential or any other land not otherwise specified - water connected	2	1,800kl	\$804
Land - outside designated town area - water connected	2	1,800kl	\$804
Land - additional parcel - no separate connection	1	900kl	\$402
Land - additional parcel - with separate connection	2	1800kl	\$804
Land - within designated town area - with ability to access - but no connection	1	n/a	\$402
Private Residence combined with business	3	2,700kl	\$1,206
Bowls Club, Commercial Garden	3	2,700kl	\$1,206
Boarding house or lodging house	3	2,700kl	\$1,206
Golf Club	4	3,600kl	\$1,608
Multi-residential - for first accommodation unit	2	1,800kl	\$804
Plus for each additional accommodation unit	1	900kl	\$402
Hotel, Hotel/Motel, Motel (first 20 units or part thereof)	4	3,600kl	\$1,608
Plus for each 5 additional accommodation units	1	900kl	\$402
Caravan Park	6	5,400kl	\$2,412
Plus for each 5 fixed accommodation units	1	900kl	\$402
Power Station	6	5,400kl	\$2,412
Solar Power Station	2	1,800kl	\$804
Park	8	7,200kl	\$3,216
St Joseph's School including Day Care	8	7,200kl	\$3,216
Saleyards including Wash-down Bay	12	10,800kl	\$4,824
Qld Rail - Station and Compound	20	18,000kl	\$8,040
Hospital including Nurses Quarters, Surgery, House	36	27,000kl	\$14,472
Sewerage Works	54	48,600kl	\$21,708
Barcaldine State School including oval	56	50,400kl	\$22,512
Showgrounds/Racecourse/Swimming Pool	160	144,000kl	\$64,320
Barcaldine Rec Park	160	144,000kl	\$64,320

No excess water charges on consumption will be set in 2023/2024.

b. Sewerage Charges

Charge Description	Charge per	Charge
Residential	Accommodation unit	\$770
Commercial/Industrial	Pedestal (for each 1-2)	\$770
	Pedestal (for each 3-10)	\$541
	Pedestal (for each 10<)	\$385
Sewerage Access	Parcel of land not connected	\$385
Sewerage Additional Lots	Parcel of land	\$385
Septic	Septic unit	\$385

c. Waste Management

Charge Description	Charge per	Charge
Waste Collection Charge	Bin collected per annum	\$248
Waste Management Charge	Parcel of land within designated town area	\$110

Carried

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1.1.10 Special Charge – Muttaborra Rural Fire Brigade

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 10 – Special Charge – Muttaborra Rural Fire Brigade.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2023/06/150 **That Council, in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 128A of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, make and levy the special charges and adopt the overall plan and annual implementation plan for the Muttaborra Rural Fire Brigade. A special charge of \$60.00 per annum per Dwelling/Other Building and \$24.00 per annum for each vacant parcel of land.**

The overall plan is as follows:

1. The service, facility or activity is rural fire services and in particular the purchase and maintenance of firefighting equipment and storage facilities of the rural fire brigade.
2. The rateable land to which the special charge will apply is identified in the Revenue Statement 2023/2024.
3. The estimated cost to implement the service identified in this overall plan is \$6,600.
4. The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is one year.

Carried

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1.1.11 Rates Payment Dates and Discount

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 11 – Rates Payment Dates and Discount.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2023/06/151 That Council,

- 1. In accordance with section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that all rates and charges shall be due and payable within 30 days of the issue of the rates notice.**
- 2. In accordance with section 107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, rates notices for the 2023/2024 financial year will be issued half-yearly.**
- 3. In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, allow a discount of 10% on the General Rate, Water Charge, Sewerage Charge, Waste Charges; paid in full before the end of the discount period.**

Carried
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1.1.12 Rates Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 12 – Rates Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges.

Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2023/06/152 That Council, in accordance with section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, apply an interest rate of 11.64% per annum, compounded daily on all overdue rates and charges, from the date the rates and charges become overdue.

Carried
7/0

1.1.13 Concessions

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 13 – Concessions.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2023/06/153 That Council, in accordance with Part 10 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, apply:

- 1. A Pensioner concession for rates and charges to properties owned by pensioners as follows:**
 - a. Council will grant to the owner of a parcel of rateable land a Pensioner Concession if:**
 - i. The owner is a pensioner and the land is the principal place of residence of the owner, or**
 - ii. The land is occupied by a pensioner, as their principal place of residence and the owner agrees to pass the benefit of the rebate on to the pensioner.**
 - iii. An application in the prescribed form has been received by the required date, or**
 - iv. Pensioner eligibility has been confirmed through Centrelink.**
 - b. All rates and charges owing to the Council have been fully paid.**
 - c. The amount due and payable for the current period has been fully paid.**

d. The land is located within a Designated Town Area.

e. The concession is calculated for General Rates, Water Charges, Sewerage Charges, Waste Charges at a rate of 30% to a maximum concession of \$427 per annum for each assessment.

f. For land occupied, but not owned, by a pensioner, the rebate is the amount Council considers is fairly attributable to the pensioner.

2. A non-profit organisation’s concession for rates and charges to properties owned or leased by non-profit organisations, whose objectives do not include making a profit or provide assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development.

a. Council will grant a 100% concession on general rates for the properties identified below:

Assess No.	Owner	Use	Town
10081-00000	Aramac Local Ambulance Committee	Second Hand Shop	Aramac
10084-00000	Aramac Community Development Association Inc.	Hall	Aramac
10197-00000	Qld Country Women’s Association	Hall	Aramac
10276-00000	The Trustees of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Qld	Masonic Lodge	Muttaborra
10352-00000	Qld Country Women’s Association	Hall	Muttaborra
10456-00000	Desert Recreation Club Inc.	Recreation	Aramac
10565-20000	Muttaborra Golf Club Inc.	Golf Course	Muttaborra
10565-30000	Qld Military Rifle Club Inc.	Pistol Club	Muttaborra
20091-50000	Barcaldine Aged Care Inc.	Second Hand Shop	Barcaldine
20223-00000	Qld Country Women’s Association	Hall	Barcaldine
20229-00000	Tree of Knowledge Development Committee Inc.	AWHC	Barcaldine
20134-00000	St Vincent de Paul Society	Second Hand Shop	Barcaldine
20135-00000	Tree of Knowledge Development Committee Inc.	AWHC	Barcaldine
20184-00000	Barcaldine Aged Care Inc.	Clubhouse	Barcaldine
20186-00000	Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Barcaldine Sub-Branch Inc.	Clubhouse	Barcaldine
20285-00000	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust	Manse	Barcaldine
20318-00000	Gordon Meacham & Alec Dyer & David Colman (as Trustees)	Comet Lodge	Barcaldine
20329-00000	Guides Queensland	Guide Hut	Barcaldine
20506-00000	Barcaldine & District Historical Society Inc.	Museum	Barcaldine
20619-01000	Barcaldine Aged Care Inc.	Independent Living	Barcaldine
20633-00000	Barcaldine Cultural Association	Cultural Centre	Barcaldine
20635-00000	Barcaldine Arts Council Inc.	Cinema	Barcaldine

30093-00000	Qld Country Women’s Association	Hall	Alpha
30402-00000	Qld Country Women’s Association	Hall	Jericho
30537-40000	Alpha Golf Club Inc.	Golf Club	Alpha

b. Council will grant a 50% concession of water utility charges for land owned by the following organisations:

Assess No.	Organisation	Use	Town
10043-00000	The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Rockhampton	Anglican Church	Aramac
10060-00000	The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton	Catholic Church	Aramac
10081-00000	Aramac Local Ambulance Committee	Second Hand Shop	Aramac
10084-00000	Aramac Community Development Association Inc.	Hall	Aramac
10197-00000	Qld Country Women’s Association	Hall	Aramac
10218-00000	Aramac Amateur Racing Club Inc.	Racecourse	Aramac
10249-00000	The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Rockhampton	Anglican Church	Muttaborra
10262-00000	The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton	Catholic Church	Muttaborra
10276-00000	The Trustees of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland	Masonic Lodge	Muttaborra
10349-00000	Muttaborra Amateur Turf Club Inc., Landsborough Flock Ewe Show Society Inc., Muttaborra Polocross Club Inc.	Racecourse Showground	Muttaborra
10352-00000	Qld Country Women’s Association	Hall	Muttaborra
10565-20000	Muttaborra Golf Club Inc.	Golf Course	Muttaborra
20044-10000	Barcaldine Congregation of Jehovah’s Witness	Church	Barcaldine
20091-50000	Barcaldine Aged Care Inc.	Second Hand Shop	Barcaldine
20134-00000	St Vincent de Paul Society	Second Hand shop	Barcaldine
20135-00000	Tree of Knowledge Development Committee Inc.	Tourist Facility	Barcaldine
20184-00000	Barcaldine Aged Care Inc.	Clubhouse	Barcaldine
20186-00000	Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Barcaldine Sub-Branch Inc.	Clubhouse	Barcaldine
20223-00000	Qld Country Women’s Association	Hall	Barcaldine
20229-00000	Tree of Knowledge Development Committee Inc.	Tourist Facility	Barcaldine
20293-10000	The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Rockhampton	Anglican Church	Barcaldine

20294-00000	The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton	Catholic Church and Presbytery	Barcaldine
20318-00000	Gordon Meacham, Alec Dyer, David Colman (as Trustees)	Comet Lodge	Barcaldine
20329-00000	Guides Queensland	Guide Hut	Barcaldine
20475-00000	Barcaldine Bowling Club Inc.	Bowls Club	Barcaldine
20506-00000	Barcaldine & District Historical Society Inc.	Museum	Barcaldine
20619-01000	Barcaldine Aged Care Inc.	Independent Living	Barcaldine
20633-00000	Barcaldine Cultural Association	Cultural Centre	Barcaldine
20635-00000	Barcaldine Arts Council Inc.	Cinema	Barcaldine
20636-00000	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust	Church and Hall	Barcaldine
20673-00000	Barcaldine Golf Club Inc.	Golf Course	Barcaldine
20711-00000	Barcaldine Rifle Club Inc.	Rifle Range	Barcaldine
20713-00000	Barcaldine Clay Target Club Inc. (as tenant)	Clay Target Range	Barcaldine
20714-00000	Barcaldine Pony Club Inc.	Pony Club	Barcaldine
30093-00000	Qld Country Women's Association	Hall	Alpha
30094-00000	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust	Uniting Church	Alpha
30115-00000	The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Rockhampton	Anglican Church	Alpha
30128-00000	The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton	Presbytery	Alpha
30129-00000	The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton	Catholic Church	Alpha
30269-00000	The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Rockhampton	Anglican Church	Jericho
30344-00000	The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton	Catholic Church	Jericho
30402-00000	Qld Country Women's Association	Hall	Jericho
30521-00000	Alpha Jockey Club Inc. (as tenant)	Racecourse	Alpha
30537-40000	Alpha Golf Club Inc.	Golf Club	Alpha

Carried
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1.1.14 Revenue Statement

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 14 - Revenue Statement.

Resolution: 2023/06/154 Moved Cr Arthur That Council adopts the Revenue Statement 2023/2024 (Attachment 5). Seconded Cr Peoples

Carried
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1.1.15 2023/2024 Pest Animal Bounties

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 15 – 2023/2024 Pest Animal Bounties.

Resolution: Moved Cr Hansen **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2023/06/155 That Council adopts the Pest Animal Bounties for the financial year ending 30 June 2024:
1. Wild Dog Bounty \$30.00 (ex GST).
2. Wild Cat Bounty \$5.00 (ex GST).
3. Fox Bounty \$5.00 (ex GST).

Carried
7/0

1.1.16 Changes in Rates and Utility Charges

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 18 – Changes in Rates and Utility Charges.

Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2023/06/156 That Council notes the total value of the change in rates and utility charges levied in 2022/2023 and the 2023/2024 Budget is 6.19% as outlined in Attachment 18.

Carried
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1.1.17 Fees and Charges 2023/2024

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 19 – Fees and Charges 2023/2024.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples **Seconded Cr Plumb**
2023/06/157 That Council adopts the 2023/2024 Fees and Charges effective from 1 July 2023 to reflect the changes as follows:

- Charges for horses on Town Commons to return to previous cost of \$6
- Charges for caravan parks to return to previous cost of \$20.

Carried
7/0

1.1.18 2023/2024 Financial Statements

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 16 – 2023/2024 Financial Statements.

Resolution:
2023/06/158

Moved Cr Gleeson

Seconded Cr Hansen

That Council adopt the following statements for the 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 financial years as outlined in Attachment 16:

- 1. Statement Income and Expenditure.**
- 2. Statement of Financial Position.**
- 3. Statement of Cash Flows.**
- 4. Statement of Changes in Equity.**

Carried
7/0

1.1.19 2023/2024 Budget Documents

Summary: 2024 Budget Papers 17 – Budget Documents.

Resolution:
2023/06/159

Moved Cr Dillon

Seconded Cr Plumb

That Council adopts the 2023/2024 budget documents:

- 1. Operating Revenue and Expenditure Summary by Program – as outlined in Attachment 17a.**
- 2. Budget of Capital Works – as outlined in Attachment 17b.**
- 3. Budget of Operating Projects – as outlined in Attachment 17c.**
- 4. Long Term Financial Forecast – as outlined in Attachment 17d.**
- 5. Measures of Financial Sustainability – as outlined in Attachment 17e.**

Carried
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2. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11.00am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: -----

DATED: 27 June 2023