Special Meeting

Council Chambers
Date: 21 June 2017
Time: 9:00am

AGENDA

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON **WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2017** AND THE ATTENDANCE OF EACH COUNCILLOR IS REQUESTED.

PETER FRANKS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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ITEM-1 **OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017/18**

MEETING: Special Meeting

MEETING DATE: 21 June 2017

REPORT OFFICER'S TITLE: Manager Development & Governance

DEPARTMENT: Corporate and Community Service

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Regulation 2012 requires that each local government must prepare an annual Operational Plan that is to be adopted prior to, or at the same time as, the adoption of the annual budget.

This report presents the proposed Operational Plan for the 2017/18 financial year.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

"That the Operational Plan for the 2017/18 financial year, as attached, be adopted."

BACKGROUND

Council is required by legislation to adopt an annual Operational Plan. The Operational Plan must be consistent with the annual budget and show how the local government will progress the implementation of the five (5) year Corporate Plan during the period of the annual operational plan and manage operational risks.

The operational plan attached hereto shows those projects and activities that are intended to be progressed during the next 12 months (2017/18).

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Each project or activity listed in the Operational Plan shows a link to the relevant Corporate Plan strategy within the Council's five (5) year Corporate Plan.

CONSULTATION

Internal
Chief Executive Officer
All Directors and Managers

External
Nil

LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL AND RISKS)

Preparation of an annual Operational Plan is a requirement of the Local Government Regulation
2012. The plan includes a section showing how identified operational risks will be managed during the period of the operational plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
The Operational Plan is to be consistent with the Council's budget and refers to capital projects
that will be carried out during the 2017/18 financial year.

Operating
A number of the projects/activities listed in the Operational Plan will be undertaken via the Council's operational budget.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Once adopted, the projects/activities listed in the operational plan will be progressed during the
2017/18 financial year and reports on progress submitted to Council on a quarterly basis.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Operational Plan

Date Prepared: *13 June 2017*

OPERATIONAL PLAN

2017-2018

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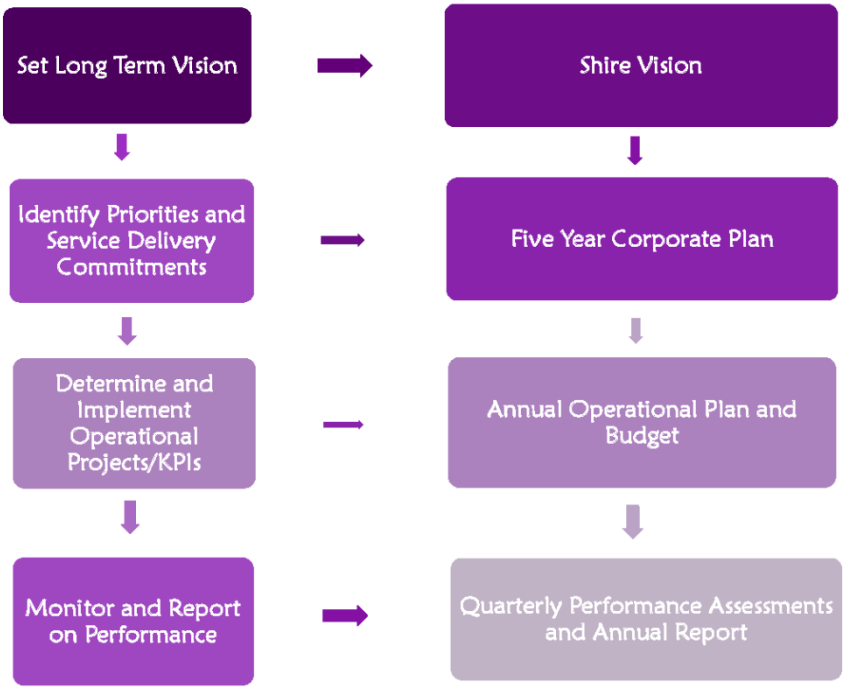
SECTION 1: ABOUT THE OPERATIONAL PLAN

The Mareeba Shire Council Operational Plan 2017/2018 is a key plan for the shire, as it translates our priorities and services, set out in our five-year Corporate Plan, into measurable actions for the financial year. Progress is regularly reported during the year to Council. A performance report is presented to Council and the community every three months as well as an Annual Report. These reports include information on the delivery of key projects and achievement of performance targets as per the relevant financial year's Operational Plan.

The diagram below represents the strategic planning framework used by Council and illustrates where the Operational Plan fits within that framework:



SECTION 2: MANAGING OPERATIONAL RISK

Identified operational risks will be managed in accordance with the Council's adopted Risk Management Policy and Strategic Risk Management Framework, having regard to the nature of the risks and the likelihood and consequence ratings applied to them as determined by the risk analysis process.

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY OBJECTIVES

- Align Council activities to and support business objectives identified in Council's corporate and operational plans;
- Maintain and improve the safety, reliability, and quality of service provided by Mareeba Shire Council, within Council's controls and capabilities;
- Demonstrate transparent and responsible risk management processes which align with accepted best practice through the implementation of a risk management framework;
- Minimise or eliminate adverse impacts from Council's services or infrastructure on the community, visitors, and the environment;
- Capitalise on opportunities identified for Mareeba Shire Council;
- Safeguard Council's employees, contractors, committees, volunteers, assets, financial sustainability, property, reputation, and information;
- Promote risk management principles as a strategic tool to ensure better informed decision making throughout Council; and
- Embed a culture of risk management across the Council.

RISK MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- Implementation of a risk management framework which is consistent with the Australian/New Zealand Risk Management Standard AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 for making decisions on how best to identify, assess and manage risk throughout all areas of Council;
- Prioritise identified risks and implement treatments progressively based on the level of risk assessed and the effectiveness of the current treatments;
- Integrate risk management with existing planning and operational processes, including the Corporate Plan. By integrating the various risk control measures into strategic planning ensures that Council's exposure to risk is minimised;
- Take into account relevant legislative requirements and political, social and economic environments in managing risk;
- Create a culture of risk awareness throughout the organisation through training, induction, promotion and risk review and reporting mechanisms; and
- Ensure resources and operational capabilities are identified and responsibility for managing risk is allocated.

DESIRED RISK MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES

- Well-defined risk management strategic framework and process with key accountabilities for achieving the identification, assessment, and control of risk in all areas of Mareeba Shire Council;
- Risk management planning is integrated with corporate and operational planning;
- Staff are highly trained and motivated to achieve risk management objectives;
- All risk registers, procedures and key accountabilities are documented, reported and agreed to; and
- Systematic monitoring, review and reporting on the risk management process with corrective action where required.

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SECTION 3: 2017/18 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECTS

FINANCE				
Task/Activity	**Corp Plan Ref**	**Outcome**	**Timeframe**	**Performance Measures/Officer Comment**
Enhance access to financial information.	GOV 5	More informed reporting and financial decision making.	Ongoing	• More users able to operate financial systems and locate relevant documentation
Timely preparation of Financial Statements and resolution of recommendations.	GOV 1	Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with legislation.	30 September 2017	• Finalise Financial Statements within legislative timeframes and achieve unqualified audit
Review full cost pricing models to ensure equitable allocation of costs across departments.	GOV 3	To better reflect actual business unit costs and incorporate into fees and charges.	Ongoing	• Review completed model and aim for more accurate cost allocation
Ensure long-term asset management planning and financial planning is updated to support financial sustainability.	GOV 1	Long term financial strategies in place for the ongoing financial management of Mareeba Shire.	30 June 2018	• Compliance with LGA 2009 and provision of models to inform decisions regarding project priorities
DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE				
Task/Activity	**Corp Plan Ref**	**Outcome**	**Timeframe**	**Performance Measures/Officer Comment**
Local Government Infrastructure Plan.	ENV 1	Progress the development of the Mareeba Shire Local Government Infrastructure Plan to allow the LGIP to be adopted by Council before 1 July 2018.	December 2017	• LGIP preparation is progressing in accordance with approved LGIP Project Plan
Progress phases 2 and 3 of the sale of land within the Chillagoe Industrial Estate.	ECON 2	Leased land within the Estate is sold to current lessees or other interested parties: Phase 2 - sale of leased but undeveloped lots (no improvements erected); Phase 3 - sale of leased lots that have substantial improvements erected on them.	December 2017	• Ministerial approval obtained for sale of developed lots direct to current lessees with sale of at least 10 lots
Make new Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws to replace the current suite of local laws carried over from Tablelands Regional Council.	ENV 2	New set of five (5) MSC Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws adopted by Council. (Administration; Animal Management; Community & Environmental Management; Local Govt Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads; Parking)	June 2018	• New set of MSC Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws adopted by Council

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INFORMATION SYSTEMS & CUSTOMER SERVICE				
Task/Activity	**Corp Plan Ref**	**Outcome**	**Timeframe**	**Performance Measures/Officer Comment**
Enhance Disaster Recovery capability for Council information systems.	GOV 5	All core information systems will remain accessible and functional in the event of a disaster rendering the primary site inoperable.	June 2018	• All information systems are classified based on agreed BCP. • A failover process is documented and can be demonstrated for each relevant system. •
ICT Strategy; Tranche 1: Adopt redundant Internet communications links.	GOV 5	Council Internet communications provided by diverse, redundant and high performance links.	June 2018	• Internet communications delivered over redundant links sourced from disparate providers in support of Council's long term Cloud adoption strategy. •
ICT Strategy; Tranche 1: Perform cloud readiness assessment – Office 365.	GOV 5	Deliver detailed design and planning document to support migration to Microsoft Office 365.	June 2018	• Clear direction provided relating to the migration of relevant services to Office 365, including limited prototyping. •
COMMUNITY WELLBEING				
Task/Activity	**Corp Plan Ref**	**Outcome**	**Timeframe**	**Performance Measures/Officer Comment**
Update long term community plan.	GOV 1 GOV 4	Updated community priorities are reflected in a revised community plan which is aligned with the MSC Corporate Plan.	Dec 2017	• Draft community plan is completed and adopted by Council • Community priorities inform budgeting and Council decision making •
ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
Task/Activity	**Corp Plan Ref**	**Outcome**	**Timeframe**	**Performance Measures/Officer Comment**
Provide high level advice and support to the Senior Management Team in relation to the new industrial relations legislation, the Certified Agreement (CA) negotiation framework, and implementation of the new Local Government Industry Award.	GOV 5	Managers and supervisors kept up to date with industrial relations requirements. Informed decisions made in relation to the negotiation of the new CA and new award conditions implemented as required.	On going	• Management action taken complies with new legislative and Award requirements • New certified agreement negotiated and implemented
Monitor, review and improve WHS policies, procedures, and systems to protect the health and safety of Council employees.	GOV 5	A reduction in incidents, accidents, and work related injuries. Lost time injuries managed to ensure injured employees return to work at the earliest opportunity	On going	• Reduced rate of work related injuries • Duration of injury related absences reduced

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SECTION 4: 2017/18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES PROJECTS

WORKS				
Task/Activity	**Corp Plan Ref**	**Outcome**	**Timeframe**	**Performance Measures/Officer Comment**
Undertake capital roadworks and drainage projects (excluding reseals) in accordance with approved capital works schedule.	ECON 3	Council's road and drainage networks are progressively upgraded.	Individual projects scheduled throughout year	• Individual projects completed as per budget
Actively pursue 3rd Party DTMR projects scheduled by the department within Mareeba Shire boundaries.	ECON 3	Increased revenue for Mareeba Shire Council	As 3rd Projects are released by the DTMR	• Cumulative total of works at June 2018
Undertake Parks & Gardens capital works projects in accordance with approved capital works schedule.	ECON 3	Council's parks, gardens, and reserves are progressively upgraded.	June 2018	• Individual projects completed as per budget
Maintain state controlled roads within Mareeba Shire effectively and efficiently within the constraints of the RMPC budget	ECON 3	State controlled roads are maintained in the most trafficable condition that the RMPC funds allow	June 2018	• State controlled road user complaints are minimized
Complete all Work For Queensland road and bridge projects within specified timeframe	ECON 3	Council's road and bridge networks are progressively upgraded.	November 2017	• Projects completed and claimed
WATER & WASTEWATER				
Task/Activity	**Corp Plan Ref**	**Outcome**	**Timeframe**	**Performance Measures/Officer Comment**
Replace water main on Rob Veivers (Renewal) .	ECON 3	Upgrade and ensure that trunk infrastructure is planned and provided in an efficient and orderly manner.	Feb 18	• Upgrading of the existing water main completed on time and within budget
Barang Street Pump Station Capacity Upgrade	ECON 3	Meet DEHP licence requirements.	Feb 18	• Successful completion of project to DEHP's requirements •
Design and Construct new erosion and sediment control works	ECON 3	Meet DEHP licence requirements.	Jun18	• Successful completion of project to DEHP's requirements

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TECHNICAL SERVICES				
Task/Activity	**Corp Plan Ref**	**Outcome**	**Timeframe**	**Performance Measures/Officer Comment**
Upgrade and update Asset Management System and data	ECON 3 GOV2	Council's asset management system to be progressively upgraded and the quantum and quality of data be increased	June 2018	• A more robust tool for decision making for Asset Management is in place for the next budget
Undertake the bitumen roads reseal and asphalt overlay program	ECON 3	All roads nominated in the program and endorsed by Council are completed and updated in the Asset management system	30 June 2018	• Project completed on time and within approved budget
Design and documentation of projects listed in the Capital Works program	ECON 3	Design and documentation for all capital works projects are completed in sufficient time to allow all projects to be constructed prior to end of financial year	April 2018	• Design & documentation of all projects completed on time
Complete all Work For Queensland Facilities projects within specified timeframe	ECON 2	1. Refurbishment of Mareeba Swimming Pool and extension of administration area 2. Replacement of airconditioning plants at Leagues Club and Mareeba Library	November 2017	• All works completed within budget and on time
Mareeba Wastewater Treatment Plant refurbishment	ECON 3	The Mareeba sewerage treatment plant is of a fully refurbished .	Aug 2017	• Project completed and commissioned within budget
Mareeba Airport Development.	ECON 2	Overall upgrade of Mareeba Airport including lengthening and strengthening of the runway, development of new lease area, new water supply and upgrade of the adjacent road network.	Aug 2018	• Project completed within budget • Number of new leases issued at Airport
2016 NDRRA Restoration Works.	ECON 3	Restoration of damage caused by the 2016 Event.	Nov 2017	• Project completed within budget and allowable time.

ITEM-2 **ADOPTION OF THE 2017/18 BUDGET**

MEETING: Budget

MEETING DATE: 21 June 2017

REPORT AUTHOR/ OFFICER'S TITLE: Mayor

DEPARTMENT: Office of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2017/18 budget has been prepared following careful consideration by myself and the Councillors and Council's management team. In this report I present the budget for consideration by Council.

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION

"That Council determine the Budget and Rating Resolutions set out hereunder:

2017 - 2018 Budgeted Financial Statements

Council resolves to adopt the Council Budget as set out in the Budgeted Financial Statements: Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes in Equity for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 on pages 5 to 11 of Volume 1 be adopted (including notes to financial statements on pages 13 to 27).

2017 - 2018 The Differential General Rate

Council resolves to make and levy the Differential General Rate founded on the budget for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 upon the rateable area as set out on pages 7 to 14 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Sewerage Utility Charges

Council resolves to make and levy utility charges for supply of sewerage services to premises within the listed areas for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 as set out on page 15 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Waste Management Utility Charges

Council resolves to make and levy utility charges for:-
(a) supplying waste collections services to premises within the waste area and
(b) operating and managing refuse transfer stations and landfill within the Shire for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 as set out on page 16 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Water Utility Charges

Council resolves to make and levy utility charges for supplying water to premises within the listed areas for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 as set out on pages 17 to 18 of Volume 2.

The Two Tier Tariff Water Charges as shown on the schedule titled “Water Charges 2017/2018” in Schedule 1 of these documents (page 62) be levied during the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 on properties located in the Water Areas within the Shire.

2017 - 2018 State Government Emergency Management Levy

Council resolves to charge the State Government Emergency Management Levy on behalf of the Queensland State Government, as provided on page 19 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Special Charge - Speewah Benefited Area

An annual special charge be levied at the rate of $24.72 per property for the purpose of funding projects identified for the Speewah Benefited Area according to the overall plan as set out on page 20 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Special Charge - Irvinebank Reservoir Water Supply Benefited Area

An annual special charge be levied at the rate of $400.00 per property for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 for the purpose of covering the costs of operation, maintenance and capital expenditure associated with the delivering water from the Ibis Dam to the town reservoirs for the Irvinebank Water Benefited Area according to the overall plan set out on page 21 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Special Charge - Irvinebank Township Water Supply Benefited Area

The annual special charge be levied at the rate of $50.00 per property for the purpose of raising funds as a reserve for future upgrades and maintenance of the water distribution system according to the overall plan set out on page 22 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Special Rate - Kuranda Benefited Area (Tourism Kuranda) - commercial properties

An annual special rate be levied on commercial properties marked on the maps titled “Kuranda Benefited Area 1” and "Kuranda Benefited Area 3" according to the overall plan as listed on page 23 of Volume 2 of these documents as follows:

Category	$
Kuranda Benefited Area 1	0.01255
Kuranda Benefited Area 3 - Limited Tourism operations	0.00104

2017 - 2018 Special Rate - Kuranda Benefited Area (Tourism Kuranda) - small accommodation operators

An annual special charge be levied on properties marked on the map titled "Kuranda Benefited Area 2" and listed according to the overall plan as listed on pages 24 to 25 of Volume 2 of these documents as follows:

Category	$
Kuranda Benefited Area 2 - Small accommodation operators	
One (1) self-contained unit/independent bedroom	186.30
Two (2) self-contained units/independent bedrooms	372.60
Three (3) self-contained units/independent bedrooms	558.90
Four (4) or more self-contained units/independent bedrooms	745.20

2017 - 2018 Special Rate - Mareeba Benefited Area 1

An annual special rate of 0.00212 cents in the dollar be made and levied for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 for all rateable land according to the overall plan as listed on page 26 of Volume 2 of these documents that is commercial, but excluding vacant land, to fund beautification and promotional projects in the Benefited area.

2017 - 2018 Special Rate - Mareeba Benefited Area 2

An annual special rate of 0.00059 cents in dollar be made and levied for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 for all rateable land according to the overall plan as listed on page 27 of Volume 2 of these documents that is commercial, but excluding vacant land, to fund undertaking of footpath construction and repair, roads construction and repairs and drainage construction and repair within the Benefited area.

2017 - 2018 Special Charge - Extractive Industry Road Contribution

ERC1	All land used for extractive industry purposes, where the quantity of material being extracted &/or screened is up to a maximum of 5,000 tonnes per annum.	$1,250

ERC2	All land used for extractive industry purposes, where the quantity of material being extracted &/or screened is between 5,000 tonnes and 20,000 tonnes per annum.	$3,750
ERC3	All land used for extractive industry purposes, where the quantity of material being extracted &/or screened is between 20,001 tonnes and 40,000 tonnes per annum.	$7,500
ERC4	All land used for extractive industry purposes, where the quantity of material being extracted &/or screened is between 40,001 tonnes and 60,000 tonnes per annum.	$12,500
ERC5	All land used for extractive industry purposes, where the quantity of material extracted &/or screened is between 60,001 tonnes and 100,000 tonnes per annum.	$20,000
ERC6	All land used for extractive industry purposes, where the quantity of material being extracted &/or screened is greater than 100,000 tonnes per annum.	$25,000

An annual special charge be levied on all rateable land to which are categorised in categories I1, I2 or I3 according to the overall plan as set out on page 28 of Volume 2 of these documents as follows:

2017 - 2018 Special Charge - Hickory Road and Rosewood Drive

The Hickory Road and Rosewood Drive charge will be levied on all rateable properties fronting Hickory Road and Rosewood Drive for the purpose of funding the project to bitumen seal this section. This annual special charge of $240.00 per annum per property is being levied for a period of ten (10) years commencing 1 July 2010 and ending 30 June 2020 according to the overall plan as set out on page 29 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Special Charge - Kuranda and District Aquatic Centre

An annual special charge of $36.00 be made and levied for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 for the properties in the area defined on the map titled “Kuranda and District Aquatic Centre Benefited Area" in Volume 3 of these documents according to the overall plan as set out on page 30 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Special Charge - Volunteer Brigade Services

An annual special charge be levied on all properties within the Volunteer Brigade Equipment and Maintenance Levy Area according to the overall plan as set out on page 31 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Special Rate - Russett Park Bridge Access Area

An annual special rate of 0.16 cents in the dollar be made and levied for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 for the properties in the area defined on the map titled “Russett Park Bridge Access Area" according to the overall plan as set out on page 32 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Separate Charge - Local State Emergency Service (SES)

An annual separate charge of $2.80 per levied on all rateable properties within the Mareeba Shire to fund the general operations and maintenance of Local SES according to the overall plan as set out on page 33 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Time and Manner of Payment of Rates and/or Charges

(a) In accordance with Section 94 of *the Local Government Act 2009* and Section 115 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, all rates, charges and fire levy shall be payable at the office of Council or at such other place or agency as may from time to time be appointed for that purpose by Council, and shall be levied by two half yearly instalments for the period ending 31 December 2017 and 30 June 2018; said rates, charges and fire levy being payable on the date shown on the rate notice as the Rate and Discount Due Date being at least 30 days after the issue date also shown on each rate notice;

(b) In accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the year ending 30 June 2018, every person liable to pay any differential general rate, utility charge, special charge, separate charge, fire levy and legal cost who pays the whole of any such differential general rate, utility charge, special charge, separate charge, fire levy and legal fee together with any arrears of any such differential general rate, utility charge, special charge, separate charge, fire levy and legal cost (excluding any outstanding adopted infrastructure charges) on or before the Rate and Discount Due Date shown on the Rate Notice, shall be entitled to receive a discount of 10% of the amount of such differential general rate, provided that discount shall not apply to utility charges, separate charges, fire levies, legal costs or arrears of any differential general rate utility charge, special charge, separate charge, fire levy and legal cost, as set out on page 34 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Interest on Charges

In accordance with Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* -

(a) For the 12 months ending 30 June 2018, Council will charge interest on overdue rates from the day on which they became overdue and at the rate of 11% (or such other rate as may be determined pursuant to s133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012)* compounded on daily rests. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if overdue rates are paid within 21 days from their due date, no interest shall be charged.

(b) For the 12 months ending 30 June 2018, Council charge interest in accordance with (a) above, in respect of overdue rates which are subject to an agreement with the property owner to pay regular instalments to avoid rate recovery action, as set out on page 35 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Remission of Rates to Not-For-Profit Organisations

Council resolves to grant a rate remission of one hundred (100%) percent on all general rates and a charge remission of one hundred (100%) percent on Utility Charges (sewerage, waste collection, waste management and water access charges), Rural Fire Levy and local SES Levy only, to Council approved Type A community Groups who own or lease a property within the Mareeba Shire excluding vacant land, provided that they satisfy the conditions as per the Rate Rebates and Remission Policy (page 76), as set out on page 36 of Volume 2.

Council resolves to Grant a rate remission of fifty (50%) percent up to a maximum of one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars on all general rates and a charge remission of twenty (20%) percent up to a maximum of two hundred ($200.00) dollars on Utility Charges (sewerage, waste collection, waste management and water access charges), Rural Fire Levy and local SES Levy only to Council approved Type B Community Groups who own or lease a property within the Mareeba Shire excluding vacant land, provided that they satisfy the conditions as per the Rate Rebates and Remission Policy (page 76), as set out on page 36 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Remission of Rates to Pensioners

Council resolves to grant an annual remission of 30% of all general rates except interest and other charges to pensioners who own and reside on their property within the Mareeba Shire Council, provided that they satisfy the conditions as set out on the attached Pension Remission Application Form in Appendix A (page 112) of Volume 2. The annual maximum Council Remission allowable is $240.00 per property, as set out on page 37 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Revenue Statement

Council resolves to adopt the Revenue Statement as set out on pages 38 to 59 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Debt Recovery Policy

Council resolves to adopt the Debt Recovery Policy as set out on pages 66 to 70 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Water Leak Management Policy

Council resolves to adopt the Water Leak Management Policy as set out on pages 71 to 75 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Rate Rebates and Remission Policy

Council resolves to adopt the Rate Rebates and Remission Policy as set out on pages 76 to 80 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Water Concession and Waste Service for Home Renal Dialysis Policy

Council resolves to adopt the Water Concession and Waste Service for Home Renal Dialysis Policy as set out on pages 81 to 84 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Revenue Policy

Council resolves to adopt the Revenue Policy as set out on pages 85 to 87 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Investment Policy

Council resolves to adopt the Investment Policy as set out on pages 88 to 90 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Borrowing Policy

Council resolves to adopt the Borrowing Policy as set out on pages 91 to 92 of Volume 2.

2017 - 2018 Procurement Policy

Council resolves to adopt the Procurement Policy as set out on pages 93 to 108 of Volume 2."

BACKGROUND

Councillors, I present the budget for the Mareeba Shire Council for the 2017/18 financial year.

In delivering this; the fifth budget of the Mareeba Shire Council, I am pleased to be able to advise the community of the Mareeba shire that this council has reached a point of stability and certainty which allows us now, whilst providing the basic every-day services for our community, to focus on the planning for the long term.

Council has determined that in this budget the general residential rate will be increased by an average of 2.5%, which is in line with the cost increases council has faced over the last year.

Unfortunately due to the recent revaluation of properties across the shire, ratepayers will notice some considerable variance from the 2.5% increase; that is to say that some ratepayers will pay more and others less than that average increase.

This increase will provide the council with the resources to continue to build on past achievements and to maintain a high level of service to the community.

As we turn our minds to the future, we include in this budget $200,000 towards the beautification of towns and villages across the shire. Our aim is to ensure that in future years our shire will be renowned for its colour and shade and is not only a welcoming place for visitors, but a pleasing place for those who choose to live here. As part of that aspiration $171,350 is set aside to transform the Bicentennial Lakes in Mareeba into a centrepiece of the town, to be used by the community for both entertainment and recreation.

Council has included in this budget $11 million for capital works and maintenance of our extensive roads network; including $1.3 million for the reseal of bitumen roads, $3.9 million for maintenance and $600,000 for gravel re-sheets.

To ensure that other council-owned assets, water, sewerage and community facilities are properly maintained to ensure their service to the community for years to come, we have set aside a capital and maintenance budget of $10.8 million.

During this coming year council will turn its mind to the long-term planning for the Mareeba town water supply, in the full knowledge that the existing water treatment plant has less than twenty years of useful life left. This planning study will examine all options including the prospect of the establishment of a new water treatment plant south of Mareeba at the Jump-Up, drawing water from the channel system. We will then determine a long term strategy which results in every dollar spent being in line with the long term vision.

Over the past several months the Mareeba Shire Council has received $3.8 million as a direct grant from the State Government from the Works for Queensland Program for capital works throughout the shire. During this budget period $2.9 million from that grant will be spent, with all projects completed by November, 2017.

This budget, based on provision of the basics such as roads, water and other essential services, is balanced and with fully funded depreciation, contains no surprises or outlandish spending, and continues to build on the foundations of past budgets. It delivers stability for the present and the vision for the long-term. It will ensure that we deliver the needs of the community in a responsible way, whilst building for a prosperous future.

Through careful planning in previous budgets, the next twelve months will see the culmination of many major projects; not the least of which are the Mareeba Airport upgrade, the Mareeba waste water treatment plant which is due to open this year, the Mareeba Industrial Park and the Kuranda water security project.

I would like to thank Councillors for their input to the budget and the staff for the long hours and dedication in the development of the document.

CONSULTATION

Internal
Deputy Mayor and Councillors
CEO
Directors
Managers

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL RISKS)

Local Government Act 2009

Section 12 Responsibilities of Councillors

(4) The mayor has the following extra responsibilities-

(b) preparing a budget to present to the local government.

Section 107A Approval of budget

(1) A local government must consider the budget presented by the mayor and, by resolution, adopt the budget with or without amendment.

(2) The mayor must give a copy of the budget, as proposed to be presented to the local government, to each councillor at least 2 weeks before the local government is to consider adopting the budget.

(3) The local government must adopt a budget before 1 August in the financial year to which the budget relates.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The budget documentation establishes Council policy for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
As proposed in the attached documentation

Operating
As proposed in the attached documentation

Is the expenditure noted above included in the 2017/2018 budget?
Yes

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Mareeba Shire Council's adopted budget papers will be made available on Council's website.

Management will distribute budget information to the relevant staff and make suitable arrangements to implement Council's adopted budget

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2017-2018 Budget

Date Prepared: *7 June 2016*

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next meeting of Council will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday 21 June 2017