



SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING AGENDA

**TUESDAY
11 JULY 2023
at 8.30AM**

PRESENT -

APOLOGY -

BUSINESS

1. MAYOR'S 2023-2024 BUDGET ADDRESS

Recommended - That the Mayor's 2023-2024 Budget Address be received, and its contents noted.

2. ADOPTION OF 2023-2024 OPERATIONAL PLAN

Recommended - That pursuant to Section 174(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopt the Operational Plan for the 2023-2024 financial year as presented.

3. STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION

Recommended - That in accordance with Section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the statement of financial operations (statement of income and expenditure) and statement of financial position of the Council in respect of the 2022-2023 financial year ("the Statement of Estimated Financial Position") be received and its contents noted.

4. ADOPTION of CONCESSIONS for the 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

Recommended - That in accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, concessions will be granted to ratepayers based on the details outlined in Section 5.11 of the Revenue Statement and as detailed in the Rate Rebate and Concession Policy.

5. LEVY and PAYMENT of RATES and CHARGES

Recommended - That:

- A. In accordance with Section 107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Section 114 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, Council's rates and charges and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy will be levied:
 - i. For the half year 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 – in August 2023; and
 - ii. For the half year 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 – in February 2024.
- B. In accordance with Section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.

6. ADOPTION of TIMELY RATES PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME

Recommended - That pursuant to Section 131 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a Timely Rates Payment Incentive Scheme will apply as set out in Section 5.14 of the Revenue Statement.

7. INTEREST on OVERDUE RATES and CHARGES

Recommended - That in accordance with Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and as set out in the Revenue Statement at Section 5.10, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of 11.64% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges.

8. ADOPTION of BUDGET

Recommended - That in accordance with Sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Budget for 2023-2024 with 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 as presented incorporating the following attached documents be adopted:

- Statement of Income and Expenditure;
- Statement of Financial Position;
- Cash Flow Statement;
- Statement of Changes in Equity;
- Project Works Plan 2023-2024;
- Long Term Financial Forecast;
- The Revenue Policy;
- The Revenue Statement;
- The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
- The total value of change in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the 2022-2023 Budget, expressed as a percentage, is a 5.66% change.

9. ADOPTION of DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES for the 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

Recommended – That:

- A. Pursuant to Section 81 of the 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 the Local Government Regulation 2012, the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category is as follows:

Column 1 – Rating Category (section 81)	Column 2 – Rating Category Description (section 81)	Column 3 - Identification (sections 81(4) and 81(5))
2. Residential B	Land used, or capable of being used for purpose of a single residential dwelling, which has a rating valuation between \$0 and \$82,999.	Land having the land use codes of 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09 or 72.
3. Residential C	Land used, or capable of being used for purpose of a single residential dwelling, which has a rating valuation equal to or greater than \$83,000.	Land having the land use codes of 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09 or 72.
4. Multi Unit Residential	Land used, or capable of being used, for the purpose of multiple residential units.	Land having the land use code of 03.

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7. Community Purposes	Land used for community purposes, including as a sports club or facility, cemetery, library, educational facility, religious institution, showground, racecourse, airfield, park, garden or for Commonwealth, State or local government purposes.	Land having the land use codes of 48, 50, 59, 96, 97 or 99.
8. Commercial	Land used for commercial purposes, other than land included in category 10.	Land having the land use codes of 01, 04, 07, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 91 or 92.
10. Drive-In Shopping Centre	Land used for the purposes of a shopping centre with a gross floor area greater than 3,500 sq. metres.	Land having the land use code of 16.
11. Industrial	Land used for industrial purposes other than land included in category 12, 14 and 15.	Land having the land use codes of 01, 04, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.
12. Quarries	Land used for the purpose of extractive industries or quarrying licensed for more than 5,000 tonnes of material other than land included in category 11.	Land having the land use code of 40.
13. Island Land	Land located on Pelorus Island or Orpheus Island.	
14. Harbour Industries	Land used for the purpose of harbour industries including a bulk sugar terminal with a land area greater than 5 hectares.	Land having the land use code of 39.
15. Sugar Mills	Land used for the purposes of sugar milling operations.	Land having the land use code of 35.
18. Sugar Cane and Forestry	Land used for the purposes of growing sugar cane, or for forestry or logging.	Land having the land use code of 75 or 88.
19. Other Rural Land	Land used for rural purposes, other than land included in category 18.	Land having the land use codes of 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 93, 94, 95.
20. Other Land	Land not included in any of the above categories.	

- B. Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to Sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the 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 the 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 the Local Government Regulation 2012, the minimum general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category is as per below and as set out in the Revenue Statement Section 5.1.

Column 1 – Rating Category (section 81)		Column 4 – Rate in the \$ (section 80)	Column 5 – Minimum General Rate (\$) (section 77)
2.	Residential B	0.013734	1122.00
3.	Residential C	0.011007	1,333.50
4.	Multi Unit Residential	0.015225	1,842.90
7.	Community Purposes	0.010313	1491.00
8.	Commercial	0.017717	1,462.60
10.	Drive-In Shopping Centre	0.022798	17,145.00
11.	Industrial	0.017717	1,519.80
12.	Quarries	0.032550	7,337.70
13.	Island Land	0.020876	1,491.00
14.	Harbour Industries	0.053700	57,615.30
15.	Sugar Mills	0.093848	115,224.80
18.	Sugar Cane and Forestry	0.027902	1,488.40
19.	Other Rural Land	0.009326	1,561.00
20.	Other Land	0.009326	1,561.00

- D. Pursuant to Section 116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the amount of the differential general rate to be levied for the 2023-2024 financial year on the categories of land identified in Column 1 of the table below, be limited to an amount no more than an amount equal to the amount of general rate levied on that land in the previous financial year increased by the percentage identified in Column 2 of the table below:

Column 1 – Rating Category (section 81)	Column 6 – Limitation (cap) (section 116)
2. Residential B	10%
3. Residential C	10%
4. Multi Unit Residential	10%
7. Community Purposes	10%
18. Sugar Cane and Forestry	10%
19. Other Rural Land	10%

10. ADOPTION of SEPARATE WASTE MANAGEMENT LEVY CHARGES for the 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

Recommended - That in accordance with Section 103 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a separate charge (Waste Management Levy) is adopted as outlined in Section 5.3 of the Revenue Statement.

11. ADOPTION of UTILITY CHARGES for the 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

Recommended - That in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Utility Charges are adopted as outlined in Section 5.5 of the Revenue Statement.

12. ADOPTION of WATER METER READINGS for the 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

Recommended - That in accordance with Section 102 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and as outlined in Section 5.5 of the Revenue Statement, water meters are read twice per year October/November/December (half year reading) and May/June (end of year reading).

13. ADOPTION of SPECIAL CHARGE POLICIES for the 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

Recommended - That in accordance with Section 94 Local Government Regulation 2012 that special rates and charges as outlined in Section 5.4 of the Revenue Statement and the following related detailed Policies be adopted:

- Special Charge - Bambaroo Rural Fire Brigade Overall Plan 2023-2024;
- Special Charge - Bambaroo Rural Fire Brigade Area - Map;
- Special Charge - Brown Lane Special Rate Overall Plan 2023-2024;
- Special Charge - Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade Overall Plan 2023-2024;
- Special Charge - Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade Area - Map;
- Special Charge - Seymour Rural Fire Brigade Overall Plan 2023-2024;
- Special Charge - Seymour Rural Fire Brigade Area - Map;
- Special Charge - Stone River Rural Fire Brigade Overall Plan 2023-2024;
- Special Charge - Stone River Rural Fire Brigade Area - Map;
- Special Charge - Toobanna River Rural Fire Brigade Overall Plan 2023-2024; and
- Special Charge - Toobanna River Rural Fire Brigade Area - Map.

14. REVENUE POLICY

Recommended - That in accordance with Section 193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the Revenue Policy as attached be adopted.

15. REVENUE STATEMENT

Recommended - That in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the Revenue Statement as attached be adopted.

Michelle Webster
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER