

**Minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting
of the Wondai Shire Council
held on the 25 July 2007**

PRESENT:

Councillors: I.D. Carter (Mayor), M.P. Bird, G.A. Boyle, K.A. Duff, P. Fletcher, D.W. Kratzmann, R.G. Mitchell, K.N. Polzin and P.A. Seiler.

Council Staff: Mr P.J. O'May (Chief Executive Officer), Mr A.K. Knight (Shire Engineer), Ms E.M. Sharpe (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) and Mr G.D. Payne (Manager Finance and Administration Services).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Moved, Cr K.A. Duff, Seconded, Cr M.P. Bird that a leave of absence be granted to Cr G.L. Smith. Carried (9/0)

BUDGET REPORT: Moved, Cr I.D. Carter, Seconded, Cr D.W. Kratzmann that the Budget Report as tabled by Mayor David Carter be received. Carried (9/0)

REVENUE STATEMENT: Moved, Cr R.G. Mitchell, Seconded, Cr K.N. Polzin that the Revenue Statement be adopted in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Carried (9/0)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Moved, Cr M.P. Bird, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that the Financial Information presented to Council in accordance with Section 521 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Section 57 of the *Local Government Finance Standard 2005* be received. Carried (9/0)

OPERATING FUND BUDGET: Moved, Cr D.W. Kratzmann, Seconded, Cr K.N. Polzin that in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Operating Fund Budget for the year ending 30th June 2008 be hereby adopted. Carried (9/0)

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES: Moved, Cr K.A. Duff, Seconded, Cr G.A. Boyle that in accordance with Section 976 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the Wondai Shire Council makes differential general rates for the year ending 30th June 2008 for the reasons and for the categories set out hereunder:

- The valuation of the Shire which became effective on 30th June 2006 would lead to rating inequities and a distortion of relativities in the amount of rates paid in the various parts of the Shire if only one general rate were adopted; and
- The level of services provided to the land and the cost of providing the services compared to the rate burden that would apply under a single general rate; and
- 9 categories of land have been identified by Council; and
- In accordance with Section 983 of the *Local Government Act 1993* owners of rateable land

will be informed that they have the right of objection to the category their land is included in. All objections shall be to the Chief Executive Officer, Wondai Shire Council and the only basis for objections shall be that at the date of issue of the rate notice having regard to the criteria adopted by Council the land should be in another category.

The categories of land are:

Category 1 – Rural: All land zoned rural under Council’s Town Planning Scheme. This land is outside the defined urban areas and is used for agricultural, horticultural and pastoral purposes.

Category 2 – Mining and Mineral Processing: All land held under a mining claim or mining lease.

Category 3 – Urban: All land within the Townships of Wondai, Proston, Hivesville, Mondure, Tingoorra and Durong as defined in Section 3 of *Local Law No. 1 (Administration)*.

Category 4 – Stock Health Control: Land held for stock dip purposes.

Category 5 – Pumpsites: Land used for irrigation, stock and urban water pumpsites.

Category 6 – Industrial: Land zoned industrial under Council’s *IPA Planning Scheme*. This land is outside the defined town areas and is used for business, commercial and industrial purposes.

Category 7 – Rural Residential and Rural Homesites: Land zoned rural residential under Council’s *IPA Planning Scheme* and land which is outside the defined town areas and is used for rural homesites.

It also includes rural land that does not qualify for valuation concession under the *Valuation of Land Act 1944* Section 17(1).

Category 8 – Boondooma Dam Special Development Area: Land contained within the Boondooma Dam Special Development Area under Council’s *IPA Planning Scheme*.

Category 9- Other: Land which has not been included in any other category at the time of categorisation and provides a means of rating new classes of land which may come into existence during the year.

The level of rate adopted for each category as described above is:

Category	Name	Cents in the dollar of unimproved valuation
1	Rural	1.3100
2	Mining & Mineral Processing	1.3400
3	Urban	0.8040
4	Stock Health Control	1.3400
5	Pumpsites	1.3400
6	Industrial	1.1800
7	Rural Residential & Rural Homesites	1.0827
8	Boondooma Dam Special Development Area	0.8040
9	Other	1.3400

Carried (9/0)

MINIMUM GENERAL RATE: (a) Moved, Cr M.P. Bird, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that in accordance with Section 967 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the Wondai Shire Council hereby makes and levies a minimum general rate of \$410.00 per annum on all rateable land with an unimproved valuation as determined by the Department of Natural Resources and Water of less than:

- \$31,298 in Category 1 (Rural)
- \$50,996 in Category 3 (Urban),
- \$34,746 in Category 6 (Industrial)
- \$37,869 in Category 7 (Rural Residential and Rural Homesites)
- \$50,996 in Category 8 (Boondooma Dam Special Development Area)
- \$30,598 in Category 9 (Other)

Carried (9/0)

(b) Moved, Cr R.G. Mitchell, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that in accordance with Section 967 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the Wondai Shire Council hereby makes and levies a minimum general rate of \$100.00 per annum on all rateable land with an unimproved valuation as determined by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines of less than:

- \$7,463 in Category 2 (Mining & Mineral Processing)

Carried (9/0)

(c) Moved, Cr K.A. Duff, Seconded, Cr G.A. Boyle that in accordance with Section 967 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the Wondai Shire Council hereby makes and levies a minimum general rate of \$50.00 per annum on all rateable land with an unimproved valuation as determined by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines of less than:

- \$3,731 in Category 4 (Stock Health Control)
- \$3,731 in Category 5 (Pumpsites)

Carried (9/0)

SPECIAL CHARGE: Moved, Cr M.P. Bird, Seconded, Cr I.D. Carter that in accordance with the overall plan adopted by Council at its meeting held on 11 June 2003 the Council of the Shire of Wondai being of the opinion that land described in Schedule 4 (“the identified land”) will specially benefit from the provision of an electricity service which involved the erection of an 11000 volt backbone feederline hereby resolves to make and levy a special charge pursuant to Section 971 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to defray the costs of the supply of the service to the identified land on the following basis:

Schedule 4 Identified Land

A once only payment in the 2007/2008 financial year of \$360.95

Schedule 4 Identified Land

Lots 36 to 39, Lots 41 to 48, Lots 50 to 52 and Lot 59 RP202225.

Carried (9/0)

UTILITY CHARGES:

CLEANSING: Moved, Cr G.A. Boyle, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that in accordance with Section 973 of the *Local Government Act 1993* cleansing charges for the 2007/2008 year are made and will be levied for the purposes of providing for the removal of refuse from all occupied land or a structure. For the removal of domestic refuse on the normal weekly collection day a charge of \$120.00 per annum for a 240 litre Wheelie Bin be hereby made. For the removal of commercial refuse on the normal weekly collection day a charge of \$130.00 per annum for a 240 litre Wheelie Bin be hereby made. Where at any time during a financial year the number of services is varied, adjustments will be made on a pro-rata basis from the date of change. Carried (9/0)

WONDAI SHIRE SEWERAGE: Moved, Cr K.A. Duff, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that a sewerage charge be levied on each property both vacant or occupied, that Council has or is able to provide with sewerage services.

In accordance with Section 973 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the following sewerage charges for the 2007/2008 financial year are made.

- (a) For the first WC pedestal in a residential dwelling a base sewerage charge of \$270.00 per annum will apply. Each subsequent pedestal will attract a charge of \$42.00.
- (b) Commercial properties will be charged \$270.00 per annum for the first pedestal. For each additional pedestal, urinal and or pan-washer a charge of \$235.00 per annum will apply.
- (c) Vacant land within 100 metres of sewerage main where Council is able to provide a reticulated sewerage service will be charged at \$52.50 per annum. Carried (9/0)

PROSTON COMMON EFFLUENT DRAINAGE: Moved, Cr I.D. Carter, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that in accordance with Section 973 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following Proston Common Effluent Drainage charges for the 2007/2008 financial year are hereby made and levied.

- (a) For the first WC pedestal in a residential dwelling a base charge of \$230.00 per annum will apply. Each subsequent pedestal will attract a charge of \$40.00.
- (b) Commercial properties will be charged \$230.00 per annum for the first pedestal. For each additional pedestal a charge of \$180.00 per annum will apply and each urinal will be charged at \$50.00 per annum.

Carried (9/0)

WONDAI & TINGOORA WATER CHARGE: Moved, Cr K.A. Duff, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that in accordance with Section 973 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Wondai Shire Council makes water charges for the 2007/2008 financial year on the basis set out below to be levied on all land within the townships of Wondai and Tingoora whether vacant or occupied to which Council is prepared to supply water together with any land already connected to the Wondai and Tingoora water supply system.

The charges are also made on land to which water is supplied that is not rateable under Section 957 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

All such charges levied shall be used to recover the cost of provision of infrastructure including depreciation and the costs associated with the operation, maintenance and management of the water supply system.

The basis of the water charges shall be:

- An annual access charge that applies to all lands within the townships of Wondai and Tingoora and other lands already connected to the Wondai and Tingoora Water supply system.
- Sub-services each to pay an access charge – when premises in the separate occupation of several persons are supplied by one common pipe or set of fittings such premises shall be charged an access charge as they would have been liable to if each had received the supply from a separate pipe or fittings.
- A consumption charge for each kilolitre (1000 litres) of water consumed between 0 and 100kl per quarter as registered by the meter installed by Council.
- A consumption charge for each kilolitre (1000 litres) of water consumed over 100kl per quarter as registered by the meter installed by Council.

The Annual base charge for vacant land is \$165.00 per parcel of land. Vacant land is all separately rated land upon which no building or other structure is erected and to which a water service is not connected but is within 100 metres of a water main from which Council is prepared to supply water to the land.

The Annual access charge for each property with a water service connection shall be \$220.00.

A consumption charge of 90 cents per kilolitre (1000 litres) will apply for each kilolitre of water consumed between 0 and 100kl per quarter.

A consumption charge of \$1 per kilolitre (1000 litres) will apply for each kilolitre of water consumed over 100kl per quarter.

These charges shall apply to all users connected to the Wondai and Tingoora water reticulation system for the 2007/2008 financial year.

Meters will be read on a quarterly basis and consumption charges will be charged on a quarterly rate notice.

In the case where there is an undetected leak within the property boundaries or where a meter is found to be faulty the method of charging contained in Council's Local Law No. 24 (Water Meters) will apply.

Carried (9/0)

PROSTON TOWN AND PROSTON RURAL WATER CHARGE: Moved Cr P. Fletcher, Seconded, Cr R.G. Mitchell that in accordance with Section 973 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Wondai Shire Council makes water charges for the 2007/2008 financial year on the basis set out below to be levied on all land within the township of Proston and Proston Rural water supply area whether vacant or occupied to which Council is prepared to supply water together with any land already connected to the Proston and the Proston Rural water supply area.

The charges are also made on land to which water is supplied that is not rateable under Section 957 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

All such charges levied shall be used to recover the cost of provision of infrastructure including depreciation and the costs associated with the operation, maintenance and management of the water supply system.

The basis of the water charges shall be:

- An annual access charge which applies to all lands within the townships of Proston and the Proston Rural water supply area and other lands already connected to the Proston and Proston Rural water supply area.
- Sub-services each to pay an access charge – when premises in the separate occupation of several persons are supplied by one common pipe or set of fittings such premises shall be charged an access charge as they would have been liable to if each had received the supply from a separate pipe or fittings.
- For users connected to the Proston Rural Water Supply Scheme one access charge will apply to rural properties that have multiple connections and are separately rated properties.
- A consumption charge for each kilolitre (1000 litres) of water consumed between 0 and 100kl per quarter as registered by the meter installed by Council for users connected to the Proston Town Water Supply Scheme.

- A consumption charge for each kilolitre (1000 litres) of water consumed over 100kl per quarter as registered by the meter installed by Council for users connected to the Proston Town Water Supply Scheme.
- A consumption charge for each kilolitre (1000 litres) of water consumed as registered by the meter installed by Council for users connected to the Proston Rural Water Supply Scheme.

The Annual base charge for vacant land is \$165.00 per parcel of land. Vacant land is all separately rated land upon which no building or other structure is erected and to which a water service is not connected but is within 100 metres of a water main from which Council is prepared to supply water to the land.

The Annual access charge for each property with a water service connection shall be \$220.00.

A consumption charge of 90 cents per kilolitre (1000 litres) will apply for each kilolitre of water consumed between 0 and 100kl per quarter for all users connected to the Proston Town Water Supply Scheme.

A consumption charge of \$1 per kilolitre (1000 litres) will apply for each kilolitre of water consumed over 100kl per quarter for all users connected to the Proston Town Water Supply Scheme.

A consumption charge of 90 cents per kilolitre (1000 litres) will apply for each kilolitre of water consumed for all users connected to the Proston Rural Water Supply Scheme.

These charges shall apply to all users connected to the Proston and Proston Rural Water Supply Schemes for the 2007/2008 financial year.

Meters will be read on a quarterly basis and consumption charges will be charged on a quarterly rate notice.

In the case where there is an undetected leak within the property boundaries or where a meter is found to be faulty the method of charging contained in Council's Local Law No. 24 (Water Meters) will apply.

Carried (9/0)

BOONDOOMA DAM SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA WATER CHARGE: Moved Cr P. Fletcher, Seconded, Cr P.A. Seiler that in accordance with Section 973 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Wondai Shire Council makes water charges for the 2007/2008 financial year on the basis set out below to be levied on all land within the Boondooma Dam Special Development Area whether vacant or occupied to which Council is prepared to supply water together with any land already connected to Boondooma Dam Special Development Area water supply system.

The charges are also made on land to which water is supplied that is not rateable under Section 957 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

All such charges levied shall be used to recover the cost of provision of infrastructure including depreciation and the costs associated with the operation, maintenance and management of the water supply system.

The basis of the water charges shall be:

- An annual access charge which applies to all lands within the Boondooma Dam Special Development Area and other lands already connected to the Boondooma Dam Special Development Area water supply system.
- Sub-services each to pay an access charge – when premises in the separate occupation of several persons are supplied by one common pipe or set of fittings such premises shall be charged an access charge as they would have been liable to if each had received the supply from a separate pipe or fittings.
- A consumption charge for each kilolitre (1000 litres) of water consumed between 0 and 100kl per quarter as registered by the meter installed by Council.
- A consumption charge for each kilolitre (1000 litres) of water consumed over 100kl per quarter as registered by the meter installed by Council.

The Annual base charge for vacant land is \$165.00 per parcel of land. Vacant land is all separately rated land upon which no building or other structure is erected and to which a water service is not connected but is within 100 metres of a water main from which Council is prepared to supply water to the land.

The Annual access charge for each property with a water service connection shall be \$220.00.

A consumption charge of 90 cents per kilolitre (1000 litres) will apply for each kilolitre of water consumed between 0 and 100kl per quarter.

A consumption charge of \$1 per kilolitre (1000 litres) will apply for each kilolitre of water consumed over 100kl per quarter.

These charges shall apply to all users connected to the Boondooma Dam Special Development Area water reticulation system for the 2007/2008 financial year.

Meters will be read on a quarterly basis and consumption charges will be charged on a quarterly rate notice.

In the case where there is an undetected leak within the property boundaries or where a meter is found to be faulty the method of charging contained in Council's Local Law No. 24 (Water Meters) will apply.

Carried (9/0)

DISCOUNT: Moved, Cr K.N. Polzin, Seconded, Cr M.P. Bird that discount on the payment of current rates and charges, except water consumption charges, fire levy charges under the *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990* and Special Charges pursuant to Section 971 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the provision of electricity services be allowed in accordance with Section 1019 of

the *Local Government Act 1993* being 15 percent if paid within thirty days after the date of issue of the rate notice. Carried (9/0)

COUNCIL PENSIONER RATE REMISSION 2007/08: Moved, Cr K.N. Polzin, Seconded, Cr R.G. Mitchell that Council will provide assistance to pensioners by the way of a remission of rates equivalent to six percent (to a maximum amount of \$60 per annum) of the gross rates and charges excluding the fire levy and to quality for the Council rebate pensioners must meet the administrative guidelines of the Queensland Government pensioner rate subsidy scheme. Carried (9/0)

INTEREST: Moved, Cr K.A. Duff, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that a charge of 11 percent compounding interest calculated on daily rests be hereby made and levied in accordance with Section 1018 of the *Local Government Act 1993* on rates and charges that are 30 days overdue. Carried (9/0)

DEPRECIATION: Moved, Cr R.G. Mitchell, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that Council resolves that it will not fund depreciation on the Proston Rural Water scheme for the 2007/08 financial year to the amount of \$350,000.

Following a review of Council's assets and depreciation, Council resolves that any shortfall for 2007/2008 will not be funded. However, Council is working towards ensuring depreciation will be funded in future years Carried (9/0)

NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

APPLICATION OF CODE OF COMPETITIVE CONDUCT: Moved, Cr K.A. Duff, Seconded, Cr M.P. Bird that in accordance with Section 766 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the Council hereby resolves that the code of competitive conduct be applied to the following business activities for the 2007/2008 financial year: Water, Sewerage, Other Roads, Plant and Private Works. Carried (9/0)

COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS: Moved, Cr G.A. Boyle, Seconded, Cr K.A. Duff that the following community service obligations for 2007/2008 financial be adopted.

Item	Proston Water	Wondai Water	Wondai Sewerage	Proston Effluent
Pensioner Rebate	\$ 806.00	\$ 2,226.00	\$ 2,642.00	\$ 734.00
CSO for scheme not meeting average connections	\$1,405,349.77	\$186,896.45	\$ 10,565.86	\$26,560.31
Use by Fire Department	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 4,500.00		
Treating & Pumping effluent water onto golf course (7000kl per month)			\$117,600.00	
Total CSO	\$1,408,855.77	\$193,622.45	\$130,807.86	\$27,294.31

Carried (9/0)

ADOPTION OF FULL COST PRICING BUDGETS: Moved, Cr G.A. Boyle, Seconded Cr P. Fletcher that the full cost pricing budgets for Water, Sewerage, Other Roads, Plant and Private Works for the year ending 30th June 2008 be hereby adopted. Carried (9/0)

Confirmed this 15th day of August 2007.

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I.D. Carter
MAYOR

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P.J. O'May
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER