

RATES AND CHARGES

In accordance with Sections 38 and 41 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, Council will issue two six-monthly Rates Notices to reduce the financial burden on the local economy. The levy for each Notice will be one-half of the Annual Rates and Charges, except for Water Consumption, which will be based on actual Water consumed as determined by Water Meter readings at six-monthly intervals.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 'Rateable land' – is defined by Section 93(2) of *The Local Government Act 2009* as any land or building unit, in the local government area, that is not exempted from rates.
- 'Primary Council Land Use Code' – shall mean – A four-character code recorded in Council's rating files as a Local Government Code which identifies the principal use of the land;
- 'Secondary Council Land Use Code' – shall mean – A four-character code used in conjunction with the Rating Primary Council Land Use code to indicate a particular land use.
- 'Strata Title Residential and Commercial Property' – Lots, which have a Primary Council Land Use Code of 1008 or 1009, created under the provisions of the Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980 or the Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997.

2. DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

General Rates are principally allocated to rateable properties in the Regional area based on the Property Value Method (PVM) being the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) or the Site Value (SV) as supplied by the Lands Division of the Department of Environment and Resource Management. All rateable lands except rural land are valued on the Site Valuation and rural land is valued on the Unimproved Capital Value. General Rates are used to fund the general operations of Council after allowing for the income from all other Rates and Charges. Council will make and levy Differential General Rates for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2012, on all Rateable Land in the Local Government Area.

In accordance with Section 15 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, and in the table detailed in the Revenue Statement (Appendix A). Council categorises all rateable land into fifteen (15) Categories. Column 1 and Column 2 determine the criteria by which the land is to be categorised, and Column 3 identifies the Council Land Use Codes in which rateable parcels of land are included.

In accordance with Section 22 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, owners of Rateable Land will be informed of the General Rating Category in which the land has been included and that they have the right of objection to the category in which their land is included. All objections shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, Bundaberg Regional Council, and the only basis for objection 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 rating category.

3. MINIMUM GENERAL RATES

Each year the Council will make and levy a Minimum General Rate per rateable assessment irrespective of the property valuation. The Minimum General Rate is levied to:

- Provide a minimum contribution from all properties situated within the Region;
- Ensure that general rate revenue from lower valued properties within the Region results in a more equitable contribution from such properties towards the costs of services funded from General Rates.

4. DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATE LEVIES

In accordance with Sections 92 and 94 of *The Local Government Act 2009* and Section 11 to 16 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, the Council makes and levies Differential General Rates and corresponding Minimum General Rates for the year ending 30 June 2012, against Rateable Land Categories as follows:

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

Category	Description	Rate in the Dollar of Property Value	Minimum General Rate
1	Urban Residential	0.9511	\$783
2	Rural Residential	0.8095	\$783
3	Rural Residential - Kolan	Discontinued & merged with Category 2	
4	Bundaberg Strata Title	Discontinued & merged with Category 1	
5	Central Coastal Towns	0.6917	\$866
6	Other Coastal Towns	0.4868	\$866
7	Urban Oceanfront	0.5233	\$981
8	Subdivisions (Category Deleted)	-	-
9	Agricultural	1.2089	\$866
10	Agricultural (Isis)	Discontinued & merged with Category 9	
11	Agricultural (Kolan)	Discontinued & merged with Category 9	
12	Bundaberg Commercial	1.6531	\$1,030
13	Other Coastal Towns Commercial	0.5779	\$1,030
14	Other Commercial	0.8705	\$1,030
15	Major Drive-in Shopping Centre	2.0101	\$418,352
16	Industrial	1.2566	\$1,250
17	Industrial (Isis)	Discontinued & merged with Category 16	
18	Extractive/Transformers/ Substations/Communication Towers	1.6755	\$1,960
19	Heavy Industry	1.6893	\$83,754
20	Other	0.8581	\$783
21	Residential Riverfront (Burnett)	0.5833	\$845
22	Residential Coastal Riverfront (Burnett)	Discontinued & merged with Category 5	
23	Other Urban Oceanfront	Discontinued & merged with Category 7	

Pursuant to section 25(2) of the *Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, the Chief Executive Officer will consider objections from ratepayers to their property's rating categorisation.

Where the rateability of any land alters during the year, adjustment to the differential general rate shall be made from the date such changes become effective.

5. SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES

5.1 Special (Reconstruction of Norton Road Bridge) Charge

That Council levy a special charge under Section 92(3) of *The Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 28 to 31 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, to be known as the Reconstruction of the Norton Road Bridge Special Charge (the "special charge") as follows:

- (1) Council make and levy a special charge on the rateable land described as Lots 1 and 2 on R.P. 95665 to fund the cost of reconstruction of the single lane timber bridge over the agricultural drain on Nortons Road to ensure safe and appropriate access to these properties.
- (2) The overall plan for the repayment of the costs of the works be identified as follows:
 - (a) The rateable land to which the plan applies is Lots 1 and 2 on R.P. 95665;
 - (b) The service facility or activity for which the plan is made is the repayment of the cost of reconstruction of the single lane timber bridge over the agricultural drain on Nortons Road;
 - (c) The time for implementing the overall plan is 10 years, commencing on 1st July, 2002;
 - (d) The reconstruction work has been completed;
 - (e) The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan is \$12,000 over its 10 year term. 2011/12 represents the final year of the overall plan; and
 - (f) The special charge in each year is intended to raise 100% of the funds necessary to carry out the overall plan.
- (3) The annual implementation plan for implementation of the overall plan in 2011/2012 comprises repayment of a further instalment of \$600.00 per assessment.
- (4) The Council is of the opinion that the use made of the rateable land proposed to be levied with the special charge, specifically benefits from the reconstruction works described above because the properties involved require safe and practical access that would not be the case if the reconstruction works had not occurred.

5.2 Special (Moore Park Drainage Scheme) Charge

That Council levy a special charge under Section 92(3) of *The Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 28 to 31 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, to be known as the Moore Park Drainage Scheme Special Charge (the “special charge”) as follows:

- (1) Council make and levy a special charge on the rateable land identified on the Moore Park Drainage Scheme Plan Registered No. 37854, dated July 2011 to fund the cost of the maintenance of the agricultural drainage system with the associated floodgates shown on the Moore Park Drainage Scheme Plan.
- (2) The overall plan for the repayment of the costs of the works be identified as follows:
 - (a) The rateable land to which the plan applies is identified on the Moore Park Drainage Scheme Plan Registered No. 37854 dated July 2011;
 - (b) The service facility or activity for which the plan is made is the maintenance of the agricultural drainage system with the associated floodgates shown on the Moore Park Drainage Scheme Plan;
 - (c) The overall plan is ongoing, commencing in 2004, and is dependant upon the level of maintenance required;
 - (d) The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan is dependant upon the level of maintenance required, which will be assessed by Council on an annual basis; and
 - (e) The special charge in each year is intended to raise 100% of the funds necessary to carry out the overall plan.
- (3) The amount of the levy will be set by Council each year based on the required maintenance, which, for 2011/2012 will be \$25 per rateable property in excess of Two (2) hectares in area located within the defined benefited area shown on the Moore Park Drainage Scheme Plan Registered No. 37854, dated July, 2011;
- (4) The Council is of the opinion that the land or the occupier of the land, has or will specifically benefit from, or has or will have, special access to the facility.

5.3 Sewerage Extensions – Rieck and Manning Streets, Gin Gin

That Council levy a special charge under Section 92(3) of *The Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 28 to 31 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010* to be known as the Sewerage Extensions – Rieck and Manning Streets, Gin Gin, Special Charge (the “special charge”) as follows:

- (1) Council make and levy a special charge on the rateable land described as Lots 1 and 2 on R.P. 890930 to fund the cost of the capital construction of Sewerage Extensions in Rieck and Manning Streets, Gin Gin.
- (2) The overall plan for the repayment of the costs of the works be identified as follows:
 - (a) The rateable land to which the plan applies is Lots 1 and 2 on R.P. 890930;
 - (b) The service facility or activity for which the plan is made is to provide for a contribution towards the capital construction cost of sewerage from those assessments that are in the declared sewer area who have not made an “up front” payment to Council to clear their commitment to the scheme;
 - (c) The work has been completed;
 - (d) The special charge in each year is intended to provide a contribution towards the capital construction costs of sewerage from those assessments that are in the declared sewer area who have not made an “up front” payment to Council to clear their commitment to the scheme.
- (3) The annual implementation plan for the implementation of the overall plan in 2011/12 comprises repayment of \$100.00 per assessment.
- (4) The Council is of the opinion that the land or the occupier of the land will specifically benefit from the provision by Council of the facility.
- (5) 2011/12 represents the eighth year of the overall plan, which commenced in 2004/05 for ten years and is due to be completed in 2014/15.

5.4 Special (Rural Fire Services) Charge

For Rural Fire Services provision for the year 2011/2012:

- (a) Pursuant to Section 92(3) of *The Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 28 to 31 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, Annual Implementation Plans received from Rural Fire Service Districts within the Bundaberg Region are adopted by Council, pursuant to the following provisions.

The Annual Implementation Plan for the Rural Fire Service District shall:

- (i) Apply to each rateable assessment where the property/s is contained within the same district or if contained within several rural fire districts, will apply one (1) charge per district where multiple properties are rated on one Assessment together, within the defined Rural Fire Brigade District as determined by Queensland Emergency Services – Rural Fire Services, as in Council's opinion the properties will specifically benefit from the service;
 - (ii) Provide for purchase, maintenance and operation of rural fire fighting equipment in accordance with the Annual Implementation Plan, over the estimated period of service provision from 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012;
- (b) Pursuant to Sections 92(1) and 94 of *The Local Government Act 2009* and Section 33 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, a Special Charge of \$30 per annum be made and levied on each rateable property situated within the defined Rural Fire Brigade Districts, as determined by Queensland Emergency Services – Rural Fire Services, for the purpose of providing for purchase, maintenance and operation of rural fire fighting equipment in accordance with the Annual Implementation Plan Amount, for the special benefit of the said properties.

6. UTILITY CHARGES

6.1 Water Rates

- (1) Declared Service Area – Water – For the financial year 1 July 2011, to 30 June 2012, the declared service areas (Water) to which water charges apply, shall be as per the following Declared Service Area (Water) Schedule:–
 - Key Map Registered No. 37966, dated July 2011
 - Map Series Nos. 1 to 53 inclusive Registered Series Nos. 37911 to 37963.
- (2) Service Provider (Water) – The service provider within the declared service area/s (Water) shall be Bundaberg Regional Council through its Infrastructure Services (Water and Sewerage Operations) Section.
- (3) Water Charges – The Council levies water rates on properties in the defined water supply areas to recover the full costs of the water supply operation including a return to the community on the assets employed.

Pursuant to Sections 92(4) and 94 of *The Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 33 to 36 *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, the following water charges shall be made and levied for the financial year 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

(A) Water Access Charge

- A common Access Charge, for same sized meters, applies in all areas receiving a potable water supply.
- Vacant lands situated in the water area and not serviced with a water connection are charged 100% of the basic 20mm charge.
- Single residential properties are levied a 100% charge based on the size of the water meter serving the property, since the meter size determines the potential volume of water used.
- Where multiple lots are included on One (1) assessment Council does not levy a Water Access Charge for each allotment, e.g. House and vacant lot together – only One (1) Water Access Charge equal to 100% based on the size of the Water Meter servicing the Property is levied, or where there are multiple vacant lots on the One (1) assessment – only One (1) Water Access Charge equal to 100% is levied.
- Blocks of flats attract a levy of 100% of One (1) Water access charge for each block based on the size of the meter/s servicing the block of flats.
- Properties with multiple connections are levied a Water Access Charge for each connection. Residential Body Corporate properties are charged One (1) Water Access Charge equal to 100% of the basic 20mm charge, for each body corporate unit and each unit owner is levied separately for the charge.
- Non Residential Body Corporate properties which have a common water connection are charged one Water Access Charge equal to 100% of the basic 20mm charge for each body corporate unit and each unit owner is levied separately for the charge.
- Non Residential Body Corporate properties with an individual water connection to each unit are charged one Water Access Charge equal to 100% of the size of the meter connected to each body corporate unit and each unit owner is levied separately for the charge.
- A concessional Water Access Charge equal to a 20mm service will be levied for each registered “Dedicated Fire Service” connection even though the actual size of the connection is usually larger.
- Council will charge Unlicensed/Restricted Sporting Clubs a Water Access Charge for its largest connection on each Assessment, and no Access Charge will be levied for additional meters.

- For the Reduced Water Service Areas of Burnett Downs, Sylvan Woods and Upper Hummock the following special arrangements will apply:

Burnett Downs – Council identifies Burnett Downs Yard Water Supply properties, as defined in Water Rating Map Number 37858, dated July 2011, as a separate class of consumers, where consumers are provided with water and services at an amount below full cost.

Sylvan Woods – Council identifies Sylvan Woods non-potable constant flow water supply properties, as defined in Water Rating Map Number 37856 dated July 2011, as a separate class of consumers, where consumers are provided with water and services which are restricted in volume and pressure of supply.

Upper Hummock – Council identifies the Upper Hummock potable water supply to those properties defined in Water Rating Map Number 37857 dated July 2011, as a separate class of consumers, where consumers are provided with water and services which are restricted in volume and pressure of supply.

An Access Charge shall apply to all premises or metered connection for the period 1 July, 2011 to 30 June, 2012, according to the water meter size/s serving the premises in accordance with the following Schedule:

Water Access Charge Description	Potable Water Unrestricted flow	Non-potable Water /Restricted Flow
Vacant and non-metered	\$352	\$281
20mm meter connection	\$352	\$281
25mm meter connection	\$384	\$308
32mm meter connection	\$415	\$332
40mm meter connection	\$443	\$355
50mm meter connection	\$522	\$418
80mm meter connection	\$701	\$561
100mm meter connection	\$1,080	\$864
150mm meter connection	\$2,001	\$1,601

(B) Water Consumption Charge

- (1) Water Consumption is levied half-yearly for the readings undertaken prior to the 31 December 2011, and prior to the 30 June 2012. Generally, the consumption within each Six (6) month reading period will be levied

on a Two (2) Tiered Charging System (Steps 1 and 2) as set out hereunder:

(a) Charge per Kilolitre

Step 1: \$0.95 per kilolitre – For the first 183 Kilolitres of consumption per half year;

Step 2: \$1.60 per kilolitre – For each kilolitre of consumption thereafter per half year

(b) Charge per Kilolitre for the Burnett Downs Yard Water Supply reticulation group or service area, Sylvan Woods Non-Potable Supply and Upper Hummock Supply:

Step 1: \$0.75 per kilolitre – For the first 183 Kilolitres of consumption per half year;

Step 2: \$1.30 per kilolitre – For each kilolitre of consumption thereafter per half year.

- (2) Where an assessment comprises multiple metered lots or services, the charge shall be the standard tariff multiplied by the number of metered connections or services. Where an assessment comprises a Body Corporate situation, Council will charge as per the provisions of the Body Corporate and Community Titles Management Act 1997.
- (3) For measurement of water use for charging purposes for the period 1 July 2011, to 30 June 2012, Section 36 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010* shall apply to the reading of meters based on the nominal initial meter reading date of 30 June, 2011 and nominal final reading date of 30 June 2012.
- (4) Council reserves the right to read and levy Water Consumption at intervals other than Six (6) Monthly for specific connections as required.
- (5) **Dedicated Fire Services** – Water from Registered Dedicated Fire Services is for Fire Emergencies and Testing Purposes only and no charge will be levied for the first Ten (10) Kilolitres in each Six (6) Month Reading Period.

However to prevent misuse of these services, Council will impose a penalty Charge per Kilolitre for consumption greater than Ten (10) Kilolitres in each Six (6) Month Reading Period of Ten (10) times the Step 2 Charge per kilolitre applicable to its area, unless evidence is provided proving that the Water was used in a Fire Emergency, in which

case consumption will be charged at the Step 2 charge per Kilolitre applicable to its area.

(6) **Community Service Obligations** – Pursuant to Sections 54 to 56 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*:

- (a) Council recognise Unlicensed / Restricted Sporting Clubs as providing a Community Service in the interest of recreation and the Region's aesthetics, and therefore this service is identified as a Community Service Obligation.
- (b) Council will charge Unlicensed / Restricted Sporting Clubs a Water Access Charge for its largest connection on each Assessment, and no Access Charge will be levied for additional Meters.
- (c) Unlicensed / Restricted Sporting Clubs with an area:
 - up to 3.3 hectares will be entitled to 3,600 Kilolitres of Water per Annum, free of Consumption Charges;
 - greater than 3.3 hectares will be entitled to 6,000 Kilolitres of Water per Annum, free of Consumption Charges.
- (d) Provided that the following Clubs, identified as requiring higher Water Allocations based on area and level of use, be entitled to the following Kilolitres of Water per Annum, free of Consumption Charges:
 - Junior Cricket Association and North Bundaberg Australian Rules Football Club – 9,600 Kilolitres at Kendall Flat;
 - Bundaberg Football (Soccer) Federation – 9,600 Kilolitres at Martens Oval;
 - Trustees Hinkler Park (Hockey) – 9,600 Kilolitres at Hinkler Park; and 3,600 Kilolitres at Special Lease 1209;
 - Bundaberg Rugby League Ltd. – 9,000 Kilolitres at Salter Oval (see note below);
 - Bundaberg Cricket Association – 9,000 Kilolitres at Salter Oval (see note below);
 - Bundaberg Touch Association – 9,600 Kilolitres at Touch Association Grounds.

(NOTE: Provided that the Bundaberg Rugby League Ltd., and the Bundaberg Cricket Association pool their entitlements at Salter Oval and be levied on one Rates Notice.)

- (e) That Water Consumption per Assessment in excess of these entitlements is levied for the first Three Hundred and Sixty-Six (366) Kilolitres at the 1st Tier rate;

- (f) That unused Entitlements not carry forward into the following Financial Year.

Council grants this remission on the basis that Restricted Sporting Clubs are entities whose objects do not include the making of a profit.

Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to Section 56(3) of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, to determine Applications made for this remission.

- (7) **Water Meters Registering Inaccurately** – Pursuant to Sections 54 to 56 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, if the Council is satisfied that a water meter ceases to register, or is reported to be out of order or registering inaccurately (through no fault of the Ratepayer), justifies the exercise by Council of the power to remit Water Consumption Charges by an amount that results in the Water Consumption Charge equalling an average of the quantity used during the previous accurate period of measurement.

Council grants this remission on the basis that, to require the Ratepayer to pay full charges for Consumption in circumstances where a water meter ceases to register, or is reported to be out of order, or registering inaccurately (through no fault of the Ratepayer), would result in hardship.

Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power pursuant to Section 56(3) of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010* to determine Applications made for this remission, in accordance with the *Water Leak Relief Policy* adopted by Council at its Meeting of 17 March 2009 and amended at its Meetings of 16 March 2010 and 26 October 2010.

- (8) **Extended area of application of charges** – These charges apply to the declared service areas (water) shown on the maps identified above, and also to:
- All new lots created under a development approval for which all approval conditions have been completed, and which as part of their conditions of approval included a requirement for connection to a reticulated water supply;
 - Any other lot which is connected to a reticulated water supply;
 - Any other lot, where Council resolves that the lot becomes able, by reason of extension of the water supply system, to be connected to a reticulated water supply; i.e. to all lots within any extension of any of the areas serviced by reticulated water supply where such areas are approved by Council. The charges apply in every case where service is provided or available, regardless of whether or not, or the

time at which, formal amendment is made to the declared service area.

- (9) **Service connections outside declared service areas (Water)** – Any approved water service connections, which are located outside the declared service area (water), will have access and use charges applied in the same manner and at equivalent charges to the use as would apply were they to be situated within the declared service area to which they are connected.
- (10) **Standpipes**
Standpipes will be charged \$2.30 per kilolitre of recorded consumption.

6.2 Sewerage Rates

- (1) **Declared Service Area – Sewerage** – For the financial year 1 July 2011, to 30 June 2012, the declared service areas (Sewerage) to which sewerage charges apply, shall be as per the following Declared Service Area (Sewerage) schedule:
 - Key Map Registered No. 37887 dated July 2011
 - Map Series Nos. 1 to 23 (inc.) Registered Series Nos. 37888 to 37910.
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- (2) **Service Provider (Sewerage)** – The service provider within the declared service area/s (Sewerage) shall be Bundaberg Regional Council through its Infrastructure Services (Water and Sewerage Operations) section.
- (3) **Sewerage Charges** – Sewerage Charges are levied on all properties within the defined sewerage area to cover the cost of:
 - Sewage collection and treatment; and
 - The disposal of effluent and bio-solids.

The same Sewerage Charge is levied to connected properties and non-connected properties within the defined sewerage area. The reason for this is that the major portion of Council's costs associated with providing a sewerage service is in the provision and maintenance of capital infrastructure (pipes, processing plant etc.) and these costs must be financed whether or not a property is actually connected to the sewerage system.

Pursuant to Sections 33 and 34 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, the following sewerage charges shall be made and levied for the financial year 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

- Single residential properties are levied \$536 for the first pedestal only. No additional charges apply for extra pedestals.

- Flats, units and residential strata title properties are levied \$536 per flat, unit or strata title unit, for the first pedestal only. No additional charges apply for extra pedestals.
- Where multiple lots are included on the One (1) assessment Council does not levy a sewerage charge for each allotment, e.g., House and vacant lot together – only One (1) sewerage charge of \$536 is levied, or where there are multiple vacant lots on the One (1) assessment – only One (1) sewerage charge of \$536 is levied.
- Non-Residential properties that are not Body Corporate/Strata Title entities will be charged \$536 per pedestal.
- Non Residential Body Corporate/Strata Title properties are levied a minimum of one sewerage charge of \$536 to each body corporate unit, regardless of whether or not they have an individual sewer connection. Where units have more than one pedestal, a sewerage charge will be levied for each pedestal serving the unit. Each unit owner is levied separately for sewerage charges.
- Waste Dump Points at Caravan Parks are charged \$536 per dump point.
- Multi accommodation self contained residential units for aged under the control of Charitable/Church organisations:

Pursuant to Sections 54 to 56 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, Multi accommodation self contained residential units for the aged under the control of Charitable/Church organisations excluding care centres; and pedestals installed in Queensland Housing Commission units for the aged, including those identified in the following Table, be granted a remission of 60% of the Sewerage Rates.

Property Owner and Location
The State Of Queensland (Represented by Department of Housing), 11 Mulgrave Street, Bundaberg West
The State Of Queensland (Represented by Department of Housing), 30 Sugden Street, Bundaberg South
East Haven, 1 Ann Street, Bundaberg East
East Haven, 49 Victoria Street, Bundaberg East
East Haven, 51 Victoria Street, Bundaberg East
The Corporation of The Synod of The Diocese of Brisbane, 4 Mezger Street, Kalkie
The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation, 9 Kepnock Road, Kepnock

Property Owner and Location
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 71 & 83 Dr. May's Road, Svensson Heights
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q), (part) 341 Bourbong Street, Millbank
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q), (balance) 341 Bourbong Street, Millbank
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q), (part) 1 River Terrace, Millbank
The State of Queensland (Represented by Department of Housing), 181 Barolin Street, Avenell Heights
The State Of Queensland (Represented by Department of Housing), 147 Barolin Street, Avenell Heights
Forest View Childers Inc., 3 Morgan Street, Childers
Forest View Childers Inc., 4 Morgan Street, Childers
Kolan Gardens, 3 Tirroan Road, Gin Gin

Council grants this remission on the basis that Multi accommodation self contained residential units for the aged, under the control of Charitable/Church organisations are entities whose objects do not include the making of a profit.

Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to Section 56(3) of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, to determine Applications made for this remission.

Extended area of application of charges

These charges apply to the declared service areas (sewerage) shown on the maps identified above, and also to:

- All new lots created under a development approval for which all approval conditions have been completed, and which, as part of their conditions of approval, included a requirement for connection to the reticulated sewerage system;
- Any other lot which is connected to the reticulated sewerage system;
- Any other lot, where Council resolves that the lot becomes able, by reason of extension of the sewerage system, to be connected to the reticulated sewerage system.

That is, to all lots within any extension of any of the areas serviced by reticulated sewerage system where such areas are approved by Council. The

charges apply in every case where service is provided or available, regardless of whether or not, or the time at which, formal amendment is made to the declared service area.

6.3 Waste Collection Charge

Waste Collection Charges are user-pays based charges and are levied on all properties eligible to receive the cleansing service to recover the associated costs of the provision of the service. These costs include the disposal and/or recycling of the refuse collected through a component of the Council's refuse tip maintenance costs:

- Single residential properties will be charged \$273 per set of One (1) weekly collected refuse bin, and One (1) fortnightly collected recycling bin. An additional recycling service is available and will be charged at the rate of \$77. Additional refuse bins will be charged as one full charge per set of One (1) refuse and One (1) recycling bin.
- Premises containing Two (2) or more Flats, Apartments, Strata Titled Properties, or other Dwelling Units, each used as a separate Dwelling will be charged \$273 for each separate Dwelling per set of One (1) weekly collected refuse bin, and One (1) fortnightly collected recycling bin. An additional recycling service is available and will be charged at the rate of \$77. Additional refuse bins will be charged as one full charge per set of One (1) refuse and One (1) recycling bin to be serviced as above.
- Where insufficient space is available for the storage of multiple bins at Strata Titled properties, (e.g. "Manta"), these Properties may make private arrangements to receive an alternative service, in which case a Council Waste Collection Charge will not apply.

The charges for the service are annual charges and credits cannot be allowed for periods of time when the premises are unoccupied. Discount is not applicable to Utility Charges.

6.4 State Government Waste Levy

In addition to the Waste Collection Charge noted in 6.3 above, Council is required to collect a Waste Disposal Levy on behalf of the Queensland Government on all commercial premises receiving such a service from Council. This levy is proposed under Legislation due to commence 1 December 2011. This levy is set by Government on a tonnage rate and is collected by Council based on a routine survey of premises which gives an average tonnage per collection.

Non residential properties each used as a separate entity/unit will be charged \$296 per set of One (1) weekly collected refuse bin, and One (1) fortnightly collected recycling bin. An additional recycling service is available and will be charged at the rate of \$77. Additional refuse bins will be charged as one full charge per set of One (1) refuse and One (1) recycling bin to be serviced as above.

7. STATE FIRE LEVY

In accordance with the Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990, Council is required to collect a State Fire levy on behalf of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service. The Levy is not a Council Charge and the Funds collected are remitted to the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service. However, Council is entitled to an Administration Fee for collecting this Levy, as prescribed by *The Fire and Rescue Service Regulation 2011*. It is noted that this charge is levied per rateable assessment instead of per property. Rate assessments with multiple properties will be identified during the 2011/12 year, and from the 2012/13 financial year this charge will be levied per property in accordance with the State's directive.

8. REBATES AND CONCESSIONS

Statutory provision exists for the Council to remit or postpone rates in certain circumstances. These provisions are detailed in Sections 54-56 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*.

Pensioners who are either registered Owners or Life Tenants of their Principal Place of Residence and who hold a Queensland Pensioner Concession Card or a Repatriation Health Card (for All Conditions) issued by either Centrelink or Department of Veteran's Affairs, are eligible to claim a State Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy and a Council Special Pensioner Remission (*Special conditions apply for Life Tenants*). Where the property is in joint ownership a pro rata remission shall be granted in proportion to the share of ownership, except where the co-owners are an approved pensioner and his/her spouse (including de facto relationships as recognised by Commonwealth Legislation). However, in the case where pensioner/s has rights to exclusive occupancy (life tenancy by way of Will) which must be furnished to Council by way of proof, a full remission will be granted.

The State Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy is not a Council Remission. This Subsidy is provided by the State Government and does not affect the Rates and Charges determination. The Subsidy is a Twenty Percent (20%) Rebate of Council Rates and Charges up to a maximum of \$200.00 per Annum, plus up to 20% Rebate of the relevant State Fire Charge.

The Council Special Pensioner Remission is \$110.00 per annum on Rates and Charges.

9. DISCOUNT ON GENERAL RATES

A discount of ten percent (10%) of the current year's Council General Rates is conditional on the payment of current Rates, Service Charges and all arrears by the due date stated on the Rate Notice which is at least thirty (30) clear days from the issue date of the Rate Notice. In addition, pursuant to Section 64(9) of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010* a grace period of two (2) days will be allowed to provide for the receipt of payments made remotely to payment agencies. Discount is granted for prompt payment.

Council's Pension Remission is not a payment and is therefore deducted from the General Rate before discount is applied.

10. RECOVERY OF OVERDUE RATES

Council's adopted "Recovery of Overdue Rates Policy" has been prepared in respect of the recovery of overdue rates, to reinforce Council's practice and intentions in this regard. Council will actively pursue all available options under *The Local Government Act 2009*, including the sale of land for arrears of rates, to ensure that overdue rates are not a burden on the Region's ratepayers.

11. INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES

Council determines this matter from time to time by resolution in accordance with the provisions of Sections 67 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*. Currently compound interest is charged at 11% on overdue Rates and Charges on Daily Rests as from the seventh day following the Due Date stated on the Rate Notice.

12. LEVYING AND PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

Council currently levies rates twice in each financial year. The first rates levy is issued as soon as possible after the annual Budget has been approved by Council. The second rates levy is issued in the second half of the financial year after 1st January. Rates are due and payable by the 'Due Date' stated on the Rate Notice.

13. PAYMENT IN ADVANCE

Council accepts payments in advance by lump sum or by instalments. Interest is not paid by Council to ratepayers on any credit balances.

14. COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS – RATES AND CHARGES

Pursuant to Sections 54 to 56 of *The Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*. Council recognises the following Not for Profit organisations as providing a service to the community by encouraging Community and Cultural development (Section 34 (1) (b) of the *Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010* and that this service is identified as a Community Service Obligation.

- (a) Council will contribute up to a maximum \$1,500 per annum commencing from the financial year 2011/12, towards the payment of rates and charges with the exception of water consumption for the following:
- Apple Tree Creek Memorial Hall
 - Bucca Hall
 - Drinan Hall
 - Gin Gin & District Historical Society Hall

- Pine Creek Hall
- Sharon Hall
- Tegege Hall
- Avenell Heights Progress Association Hall
- Burnett Heads Progress Hall
- Kepnock Progress Association Hall
- North Bundaberg Progress Association Hall
- CWA Hall Bargara
- CWA Hall Bundaberg
- CWA Hall Yandaran
- CWA Hall Childers
- CWA Oakwood
- CWA Wallaville
- Bundaberg Kindergarten, Electra Street
- Burnett Heads Kindergarten
- Childers Kindergarten, Pizzey Street
- Forestview Community Kindergarten
- Gin Gin Kindergarten
- South Kolan Kindergarten
- Wallaville Kindergarten

Council will pay all Rates and Charges with the exception of water consumption charges for the following:

- Bundaberg Surf Life Saving Club
- Elliott Heads Surf Life Saving Club
- Moore Park Surf Life Saving Club

This Community Service Obligation is to be reviewed prior to the formulation of the 2015/2016 Budget.