

# NOTICE OF MEETING & AGENDA

## Special Budget Meeting

**Thursday 25 June 2026**

Roma Administration Centre

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 23 June 2026

Mayor:	Councillor W M Taylor
Deputy Mayor:	Councillor C J O'Neil
Councillors:	Councillor J R P Birkett Councillor M K Brumpton Councillor A K Davis Councillor P J Flynn Councillor J M Hancock Councillor B R Seawright Councillor J R Vincent
Chief Executive Officer:	Robert Hayward

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Robert Hayward  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 17 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.1

**File Number:** D26/63540

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Adoption of the Corporate Plan

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Director - Corporate Services

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**Executive Summary:**

This report tables the draft Corporate Plan for the period 2026-2036. The draft Corporate Plan covers a period exceeding the standard five year plan in order to provide additional longer term goals and visioning for Council. This enables appropriate long term planning and aligns with many of the other long term planning documents required to be prepared by Council, such as Asset Management Plans, Long Term Financial Plans, along with other strategies. The proposed 2026-2036 Corporate Plan is in effect a five year plus plan.

It has been developed with input from a wide range of stakeholders, including community and user groups, local schools, local industry.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council adopts the Corporate Plan 2026-2036.

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**Context (*Why is the matter coming before Council?*):**

Council is required to have a corporate plan that incorporates community engagement as part of a system of financial management that all councils must have in place in accordance with section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

**Background (*Including any previous Council decisions*):**

The Corporate Plan is a key strategic document that articulates Council's vision, purpose, mission, guiding principles and strategic priorities, currently with a view over a ten (10) year period. It guides the direction of operational plans and budgets, and provides the impetus for a raft of supporting strategies, masterplans, advocacy activities and policy positions. Importantly, it articulates the vision and priorities of the current council, enabling them to guide the longer term operations and planning for Maranoa Regional Council.

The existing Corporate Plan (2023 – 2028) was adopted in 2023 and later amended in 2024. It was developed in partnership with Councillors and the Maranoa community to identify key needs and aspirations for the region.

As is good practice, the current council undertook a review of the existing corporate plan to ensure that it remained aligned with council's vision and goals. As a result, a comprehensive revision of the corporate plan was performed with the attached Corporate Plan 2026-2036 developed.

A crucial aspect of refreshing and revising the Corporate Plan is stakeholder and community input. A specialist firm, Urban Planning North, with expertise in strategic corporate communications and engagement, was engaged by Council in December 2025 to facilitate engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, including community and user groups, local schools, local industry and individuals. In total there were more than 280 people who made submissions, including 70 local students.

**Options Considered:**

No other options are currently being considered

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopts the Corporate Plan 2026-2036 as attached to this report.

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**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

Section 104, of the *Local Government Act 2009*, states the following.

- (5) The system of financial management established by a local government must include—
  - (a) the following financial planning documents prepared for the local government—
    - (i) a corporate plan that incorporates community engagement;
    - (ii) a long-term asset management plan;
    - (iii) a long-term financial forecast;
    - (iv) an annual budget including revenue statement;
    - (v) an annual operational plan;

**Budget / Funding (*Current and future*):**

Not applicable for this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable for this report

**Consultation (*Internal / External*):**

Community and User Groups  
Local Schools  
Community members  
Councillors

Executive Leadership Team  
Manager Governance & Risk Services

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	Nil

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	New corporate plan

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.7 Transparent government

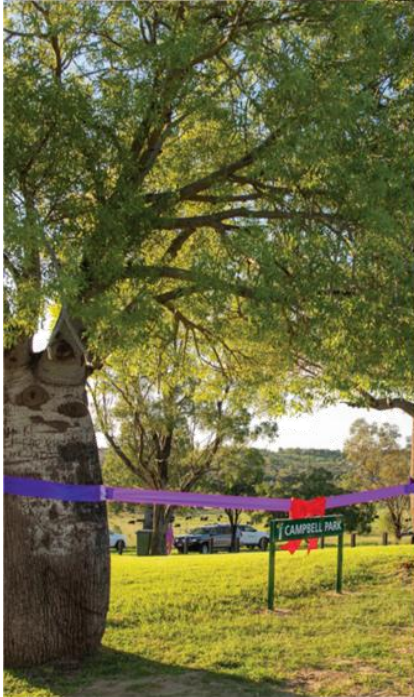
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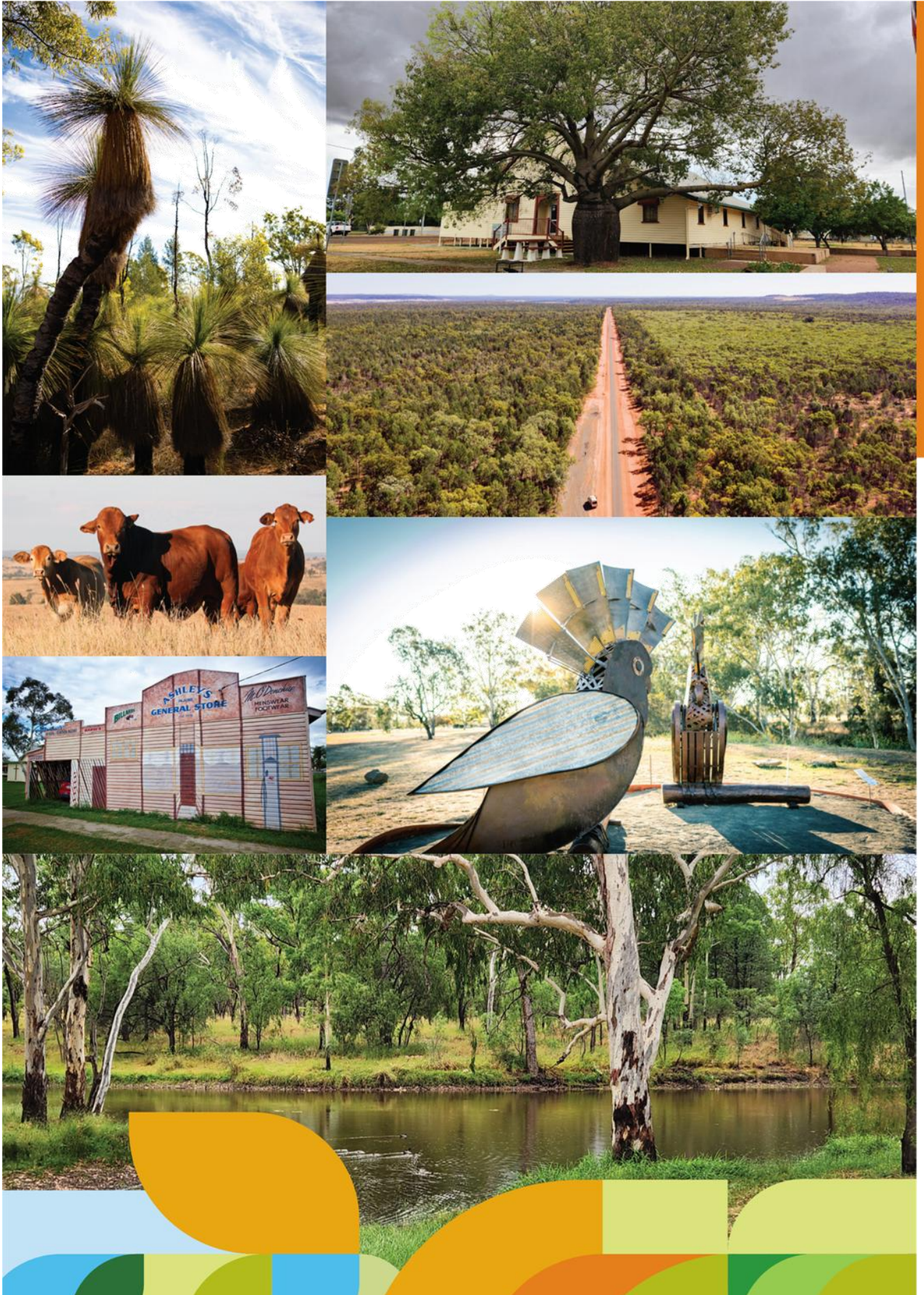
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**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer

# Maranoa Regional Council Corporate Plan 2026 – 2036





*"To do right by the community that stood by my family when it mattered most. To get the job done that needs to be done. To simply do what is best for a community that deserves it. At the end of the day, it is about looking after people."*

— Mayor Wendy Taylor



## Message from the Mayor & Councillors

It is an honour to serve our community and lead Maranoa Regional Council. As Councillors, we took on this role for one simple reason; this community has given a great deal to our families, and we believe in giving back.

Maranoa is more than where we work, it is where we live, where our families have grown, and where the community has supported each other for generations. It's a region built on quiet strength, pride in place, and people who show up when it matters. That foundation gives us both gratitude and confidence as we look ahead.

This Corporate Plan is about doing our part. It is about being clear on what matters, delivering what we say we will, and making decisions that strengthen our region now and well into the future.

We asked our community to be honest with us, and they were. They spoke about pride, about opportunity, about wanting reliable services and clear communication. They also spoke about ambition. That this region should not settle. That we should lift our expectations and back ourselves. We want to thank everyone who contributed to shaping this plan. That input has strengthened this document and sharpened our focus.

We sincerely thank the more than 280 people who made submissions, including 70 local students who contributed to this Corporate Plan. Their belief in this region, their ambition and their willingness to engage as future civic leaders strengthens our resolve. Their voices remind us that we must remain strong in who we are, while being ambitious about the future we are creating for them.

To our staff, you are part of this community and central to its future. The standard we set shapes how people experience this Council and this region. This plan is about supporting you to deliver with confidence, improve continuously, and take pride in the difference you make. That is a responsibility we take seriously.

Strong in who we are. Ambitious about where we are going. This plan is our commitment to deliver on both.

**Cr. Wendy Taylor**  
**Mayor**  
**Maranoa Regional Council**



# Our Region

The Maranoa region is known for its prosperous rural lifestyle and friendly communities. Located approximately 500km west of Queensland's capital, it is only a one-hour flight away from Brisbane.

Covering 58,830km<sup>2</sup>, the Maranoa region is made up of several townships and communities with Roma as its central hub. Each town has its own individual charm, and all share a welcoming attitude and a strong sense of country hospitality.

The Region itself has a population of around 13,000, but services a broader population of nearly 30,000 across South West Queensland.

Localities in the Maranoa include Roma, Hodgson, Muckadilla, Injune, Eumamurrin, Bymount, Mitchell, Amby, Dunkeld, Mungallala, Surat, Begonia, Teelba, Wycombe, Wallumbilla, Yuleba, Jackson and Noonga.

The Maranoa region offers something to everyone, whether you are looking for somewhere to live, work or holiday.

*"I left for Brisbane and came home, and it was a relief. Like I could breathe again. Maranoa offers a lifestyle people are actively looking for, and when they experience it, they want others to share in it. More people want to move here, and that presents real opportunity."*

— Cr Brendan Seawright



# Bottle Tree History

Every bottle tree is unique, they have character and personality just like the people who make up our vibrant community and the bottle tree is strongly associated with the Maranoa landscape and community identity.

As the logo for the Maranoa Regional Council, the bottle tree represents the natural identity of the region and the history, resilience and character of its communities. The five colours represent the five former local government areas that now make up the Maranoa Regional Council.

The bottle tree is a symbol that honours our history, our heroes and our future.



*"The future of the Maranoa will be shaped by the decisions we make today. Our long-term future demands that we strategically leverage our major regional assets, advocate strongly for the infrastructure that unlocks growth, and position our region to compete confidently for the generations to come."*

— Deputy Mayor Cameron O'Neil

*"We are here because of the people who came before us and built this community with hard work and commitment. That legacy deserves respect and continuation."*

— Cr John Birkett

# Our Community

The Maranoa is a region of strong towns and rural communities, built on hard work, family and connection. It is a place where people value opportunity, lifestyle and looking out for one another.

## Population



A growing regional community at the heart of South West Queensland

### Age

Median Age  
**37-38**  
Years

A strong working-age region

**22%**  
0-14  
Years

**14%**  
65+  
Years

A community where generations stay connected

### Households

Approx.  
**5,000**  
Households

**65%**  
Owner  
Occupied  
Long term  
Community  
Investment

Average Household Size  
**2.6**  
People

Strong family foundations

### Employment

**74%** Work Force  
Participation

Key Industries

- Agriculture • Energy & Gas
- Construction
- Health & Community Services
- Retail & Small Business

Maranoa's economy is built on resilience, productivity and enterprise

### Education & Skills

- Growing Year 12 completion
- Strong tertiary, vocational and trade pathways
- TAFE and industry training support workforce development

## Future Outlook



\* Baseline Data was collected in 2026 for the Corporate Plan. Data may change throughout the life of the Corporate Plan.

# Our Council

Maranoa Regional Council is responsible for delivering the wide range of services that underpin regional life. Across our towns and rural areas, Council manages infrastructure, community services, planning and local governance to ensure the Maranoa continues to function well and grow with confidence.

## Championing Maranoa's priorities, partnerships and opportunities

- Government relations
- Regional advocacy
- Strategic partnerships
- Funding advocacy
- Major strategic projects
- State and Federal engagement



**Strategic Advocacy and Regional Leadership**

## Supporting strong, connected and resilient communities

- Community development
- Volunteers
- Youth
- Seniors
- Community partnerships
- Community grants
- Local area planning
- Community wellbeing initiatives

## Supporting learning, participation and community life

- Libraries
- Museums
- Galleries
- Arts and cultural development
- Heritage
- Civic and community events
- Cultural facilities



**Libraries, Arts, Culture and Events**



**Community Development and Wellbeing**

## Supporting jobs, investment and regional growth

- Economic development
- Tourism
- Visitor economy
- Regional promotion
- Business support
- Investment attraction
- Workforce attraction
- Industry partnerships
- 2032 Olympic and Paralympic opportunities

## Supporting safe and reliable movement across the Region

- Rural roads
- Town streets
- Bridges
- Culverts
- Footpaths
- Cycleways
- Drainage
- Flood recovery
- Transport planning
- Road maintenance programs



**Roads, Transport and Drainage**



**Economic Development, Tourism and Regional Promotion**

## Delivering reliable essential services

- Water
- Sewerage
- Gas
- Waste management
- Recycling
- Trade waste
- Resource recovery
- Waste facilities
- Community water infrastructure

## Supporting safe, sustainable and well-managed growth

- Land use planning
- Planning scheme
- Development assessment
- Building and plumbing
- Environmental health
- Compliance
- Local laws
- Animal management
- Housing initiatives
- Development facilitation
- Regional growth planning



**Planning, Building, Environment and Regulatory Services**



**Water, Sewerage, Gas and Waste Services**

## Supporting active communities, healthy places and responsible land management

- Parks
- Gardens
- Sporting facilities
- Recreation facilities
- Aquatic centres
- Trails
- Cemeteries
- Playgrounds
- Public amenities
- Biosecurity
- Stock routes
- Land management

## Stewarding Council resources, assets and commercial activities

- Governance
- Finance
- Procurement
- Risk
- Workforce
- Technology
- Organisational performance
- Council buildings
- Community halls
- Staff housing
- Property
- Leases
- Land tenure
- Airports
- Saleyards
- Quarries
- Commercial business units



**Corporate Services, Property and Commercial Services**



**Parks, Recreation, Sport, Biosecurity and Land Management**

*"Pursue excellent results. One team, one council, one community. We are providing for today and preparing for tomorrow."*

— Cr Amber Davis

## Our Vision

### More in the Maranoa

Strong in who we are, ambitious about where we're going.

## Our Values



#### CONNECTED COMMUNITY

We value our people, our towns and places that make the Maranoa home.



#### SERVICE EXCELLENCE

We deliver practical, reliable and respectful services that matter locally.



#### ACCOUNTABILITY

We take responsibility, follow through and deliver on what we say.



#### INTEGRITY

We are transparent, fair and honest in the way we lead, decide and serve.



#### AUTHENTICITY

We are grounded, genuine and true to the character of the Maranoa.

## Our Pillars



LEADERSHIP & SERVICE DELIVERY



STRONG COMMUNITIES



ECONOMIC STRENGTH & OPPORTUNITY



QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES



NATURAL ASSETS & REGIONAL VALUES

# Our Goals and Priorities



Our goals and priorities are how Council delivers on the pillars and achieve “More in the Maranoa”. Each goal describes what long-term success looks like, while prioritising Council’s actions, services, partnerships and investment over the next ten years.



## Leadership + Service Delivery

10-year vision: The Maranoa is served by a trusted, capable and financially responsible Council that is guided by strong leadership and delivers effective services, and well-managed assets for the future.

Our Priorities	
1	Maintain strong financial and asset stewardship and long term planning
2	Continuously improve customer experience and responsiveness
3	Strengthen governance transparency and evidenced-based decision making
4	Council is an employer of choice, fostering a culture of innovation, safety and high performance across the organisation



## Strong Communities

10-year vision: The Maranoa will be a region of safe, connected and welcoming communities, where people feel proud, belong and support each other.

Our Priorities	
1	Maintain and enhance our connected communities to be safe and welcoming
2	Deliver clear, accessible communication that builds trust and participation
3	Support housing liveability, supply, and workforce attraction through enabling infrastructure and partnerships
4	Champion volunteering and build the next generation of community leaders

*“Community is the heartbeat of this region. We are strongest when we support each other, celebrate success and put people at the centre of every decision.”*

— Cr Jane Vincent



### Economic Strength + Opportunity

10-year vision: The Maranoa is an ambitious and resilient regional economy that supports local jobs, attracts investment and creates opportunities for future generations.

Our Priorities	
1	Develop bold partnerships and strategic alliances to drive economic growth
2	Facilitate investment attraction
3	Strengthen economic resilience through diversification and value added industry
4	Secure and advance opportunities for the Maranoa from the 2032 Olympics
5	Promote skills development, education pathways, and workforce capability



### Quality Infrastructure & Facilities

10-year vision: The Maranoa is supported by well-planned, and well-managed infrastructure and facilities that strengthen liveability, enable growth and deliver long-term value for the region.

Our Priorities	
1	Advocate strongly for infrastructure that unlocks regional growth
2	Deliver future ready and resilient infrastructure
3	Plan for water security and essential services for growth
4	Apply asset management discipline to protect long term value
5	Deliver a strong road network



### Natural Assets + Regional Values

10-year vision: The Maranoa’s natural assets, landscapes and regional values are protected and responsibly managed and continue to sustain our communities, our regional identity and future prosperity.

Our Priorities	
1	Promote regional identity, heritage, and cultural assets as economic and community drivers
2	Protect, enhance and responsibly leverage our natural assets
3	Grow tourism that reflects and respects our local and regional character
4	Embed environmental stewardship and intergenerational responsibility in decision making

*“The community should be able to see and feel the change. That means disciplined finances, getting projects delivered and backing our decisions with the best advice available. When we get the fundamentals right, the region benefits.”*






– Cr Meryl Brumpton

# Our Actions & Risk Appetite



## Our Actions

How we delivery on our goals and priorities every day.

 <p><b>LEADERSHIP</b></p> <p>Everyone leads by taking ownership, showing initiative, and acting with integrity and accountability.</p>	 <p><b>CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE</b></p> <p>We deliver responsive, professional &amp; high quality customer services every day, demonstrating a "how can we help" focus.</p>	 <p><b>CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT</b></p> <p>Continuously improve how we work and how we serve.</p>	 <p><b>REAL PARTNERSHIPS TO GROW AND DRIVE THE REGION</b></p> <p>Partner with purpose and advocate with confidence.</p>	 <p><b>ALWAYS SAFE</b></p> <p>Demonstrate a culture of safety. Everyone goes home safe and well.</p>
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### Risk Appetite Statement

Council has a high appetite for well-considered initiatives where the risks are understood and the benefits are clear, particularly where they improve services, strengthen resilience, support growth, or address critical community and infrastructure needs.

*"Communities grow when we invest in the things that bring people together – good infrastructure, recreation, wellbeing and opportunities for future generations."*

– Cr Peter Flynn

*"At the heart of good leadership is remembering that every decision affects people, families and the future of our communities."*

– Cr Johanne Hancock



*"Good leadership starts with looking after your people. When our staff feel safe, valued and respected, they do their best work for the community. My role is to build a culture that asks, how can we help, while providing clear direction so our team understands what we are here to deliver and how each of us contributes. The work our people do matters."*

— Chief Executive Officer, Rob Hayward

## Our Performance

Council will monitor delivery of this Corporate Plan through the Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Quarterly Progress Reports, and the Annual Report.

Performance will be assessed through:





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**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 19 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.2

**File Number:** D26/65197

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Adoption of 2026/27 Operational Plan

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Director - Corporate Services

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**Executive Summary:**

This report presents the Annual Operational Plan for 2026/27 for Council's consideration.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 104(5)(a)(v) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 174 and 175 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the Operational Plan for 2026/27 as presented.

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**Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

Tabling of 2026/27 Annual Operational Plan as presented for consideration and adoption.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

Councillors and Executive Management Team have had input into the compilation of the information.

**Options Considered:**

There are no other valid options

**Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 104(5)(a)(v) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 174 and 175 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the Operational Plan for 2026/27 as presented.

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**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Strategic and Organisational Risks	As outlined in the Operational Plan

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

The Local Government Regulation 2012 states that:

**175 Annual operational plan contents**

- (1) *The annual operational plan for a local government must—*
  - (a) *be consistent with its annual budget; and*
  - (b) *state how the local government will—*
    - (i) *progress the implementation of the 5-year corporate plan during the period of the annual operational plan; and*
    - (ii) *manage operational risks; and*
    - (c) *include an annual performance plan for each commercial business unit of the local government.*

**Budget / Funding (Current and future):**

All items contained within the proposed 2026/27 Operational Plan have been appropriately funded within the 2026/27 Budget

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable

**Consultation (Internal / External):**

Councillors and Executive Management Team have had input into the compilation of the information.

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not directly applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.7 Transparent government

**Supporting Documentation:**

[1](#) 2026-27 Operational Plan

D26/65194

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer

Director - Corporate Services

# Maranoa Regional Council Operational Plan 2026/27





## cover images

Pictured on the Front Cover of this Operational Plan are images reflecting the wonderful areas that are located throughout the Maranoa region!

### Roma & Surrounds

As you drive in from the east into Roma, you can't miss The Big Rig.

This iconic attraction takes you for a journey through the twists and drama of the early days of the gas and oil industries in Australia.

Discover the history of natural resource exploration in the Roma region as our pioneering story comes alive through interactive exhibits, machinery and equipment displays, and the insights of our knowledgeable local 'Roma Rigger' guides. Don't miss the chance to climb the 40-metre Big Rig Tower (via stairs or lift) and experience a day in the life of a rigger!

The Big Rig also houses the Roma Visitor Information Centre, your central hub for visitor information on the Roma region and Outback Queensland. Stop by for maps, brochures, souvenirs, and personalised travel advice.

### Injune & Surrounds

Injune is the gateway to the Carnarvon Gorge.

Iconic Injune signs greet you each side of town bring their own special kind of charm.

Starting off as a local initiative to bring the town a welcome sign that differed from your classic road town sign, the gateway is made of pure Injune District Ironbark.

The post-and-rail style is a tribute to the early pioneer settlers of the area.

Being constructed in 2004, locals continue to maintain the signage, whether it's the youth oiling the timber or planting trees and shrubs.

### Mitchell & Surrounds

Soak life's troubles away at the Mitchell Spa.

Greeting you as you drive into Mitchell from the east, this location just keeps on giving.

As you arrive, say hello to our friendly staff at the information centre, grab yourself a bite to eat from the Spa cafe, and build your muscle at the free community gym.

Take home more than memories and bring a bit of Mitchell with you by purchasing some goodies at the merchandise shop.

Located on the banks of the Maranoa River, 87km west of Roma, Mitchell has enough Australian history to support its own miniseries.

### Surat & Surrounds

Gallop back in time at the Cobb & Co Changing Station.

On the Great Inland Way, 78km from Roma, Surat offers visitors a chance to explore its pioneering history and learn about the town's significant involvement during the Cobb & Co era, just a stone's throw from the banks of the Balonne River.

A visit to this fascinating complex gives you free entry to a dynamic social history museum which houses, among other displays, a 14-seat replica Cobb & Co Coach, a 25,000L freshwater aquarium, the Surat on Balonne Art Gallery, and the Surat Library.

While you are there, experience another side of our locals by checking out the latest art exhibition.

### Wallumbilla, Yuleba & Surrounds

Judd's Lagoon & Wetlands is just the place for that weekend getaway you've been dreaming of.

Enjoy a night under the bright outback stars, take in the beauty of the landscape and get cozy around a campfire.

While you are there, immerse yourself in nature with a delightful picnic among local flora and fauna.

There is so much more to Wallumbilla, Yuleba & Surrounds!

Discover the history of what every day living used to look like by having a look in the Heritage Complex and Railway Station, Native Wells, The Old Play Shed and murals.

While you are here, visit the famous Pickanjinie Monument along the Warrego Highway, a popular attraction worth getting a selfie with.

## UNDERSTANDING THE OPERATIONAL PLAN

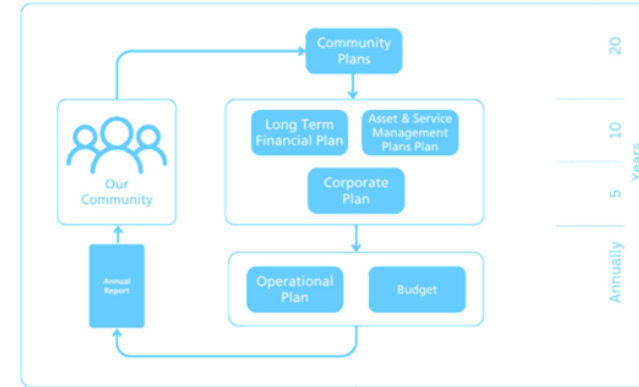
### Operational Plan 2026/27

This annual Operational Plan is the roadmap for what your Council plans to deliver for the Maranoa community in the coming year.

It is guided by the Corporate Plan, our strategic roadmap designed to align our efforts with the aspirations and priorities of our community.

We report our progress towards our the Operational Plan every three months, culminating in our Annual Report.

Together these documents form part of our Planning and Reporting Framework, through which our community can view our strategy for building our region, measure our achievements and understand our challenges.



### How to read the Operational Plan

Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<p>This is the Operational Plan Initiative title, broadly outlining the strategic activity that Council is planning.</p> <p><b>5. Natural Assets &amp; Regional Values</b>                      10-year vision: The Maranoa’s natural assets, landscapes and regional values are protected and responsibly managed and continue to sustain our communities, our regional identity and future prosperity.</p>	<p>This describes the specific action we will be taking.</p> <p>Develop a phased plan for Sculptures Outback, Maranoa River Walk, Injune Rail Trail, and Muckadilla community walk, prioritising sustainable progress, identifying funding</p>	5.1.1.1	<p>These are the activities to be undertaken during the financial year that when completed, ensure the successful completion of the action.</p> <p>Quarterly meetings held with Sculptures Outback, BAG, IDTA and MCA to identify and progress funding opportunities, including grants, sponsorships and other</p>	<p>The quarter of the Financial Year that the success measure will be completed by.</p>				



## 1. Leadership & Service Delivery

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Develop and deliver the Strategic Asset Management Framework	Develop an organisational Strategic Asset Management Framework to strengthen asset planning, financial integration and long-term sustainability.	1.1.1.1	Strategic Asset Management Framework adopted.			•	
Develop and implement a corporate Service Management Framework	Establish a consistent organisation-wide framework for defining and structuring Council services to support future planning, budgeting and reporting through Service Delivery Statements.	1.1.2.1	Corporate Service Management Framework developed and endorsed.				•
Improve financial performance reporting across all service areas	Refine, test and adopt a monthly financial reporting framework for budget managers, with outputs aligned to stakeholder needs and effective budget management.	1.1.3.1	Monthly financial reporting framework documented, communicated and training delivered across all service areas.			•	
Ensure the chart of accounts structure is fit for purpose	Undertake a review of Council's general ledger, cost centres and reporting systems to improve strategic alignment and decision-making capability.	1.1.4.1	Changes to the chart of accounts have been incorporated into the development of the 2027-2028 Budget.			•	
Design a centralised stores and logistics model to support procurement reform	As part of Council's broader procurement and organisational reform, design a region-wide stores and logistics model to improve stock management, reduce inefficiencies, and support consistent service delivery. This includes reviewing the current inventory footprint, exploring delivery models, and clarifying the future role of physical stores within the organisation.	1.1.5.1	Options developed for centralised or alternative logistics models.	•			
Capitalise on the potential of our commercial business units	Develop a strategy for Council's commercial business units to improve governance, performance, sustainability and long-term value.	1.1.6.1	Strategy for Council's commercial business units developed.		•		
Support improved service delivery at the local level, focusing on a "how can we help" approach	Continue to improve the role of local customer service, libraries, and local area staff in connecting residents to services, feedback channels and decision-making.	1.2.1.1	Communication campaign delivered that emphasis "how we can help" at a local level.		•		
		1.2.1.2	Community satisfaction with services is monitored and reported.				•



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Deliver Year 1 of the Customer Experience Strategy	Implement priority Year 1 initiatives from the Customer Experience Strategy to improve consistency, accessibility and quality of customer interactions across Council services.	1.2.2.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating improved consistency in customer experience across key service areas.				•
Implement procurement improvements to strengthen local supplier participation	Deliver priority procurement improvements that strengthen local supplier participation, improve staff use of approved procurement systems and support consistent, transparent and compliant purchasing practices.	1.3.1.1	Priority actions from the approved Local Supplier Survey Action Plan implemented and reported to Council.			•	
		1.3.1.2	Vendor Panel Marketplace supplier participation and staff adoption improved through targeted supplier engagement, staff guidance and compliance monitoring.				•
Close out all internal and external audit actions in relation to procurement	Review and action to finalisation all relevant audit actions arising from internal and external audits in relation to procurement.	1.3.2.1	All outstanding procurement actions closed prior to 30 June 2027.				•
Undertake a review of organisational health and wellbeing	Review the impact of the change to the organisational structure, undertaking an annual review of organisational health and wellbeing.	1.4.1.1	Organisational survey conducted and outcome of the review provided to Council for consideration.		•		
Produce a Learning and Development Strategy	Develop a Learning and Development Strategy to align employee capability with organisational needs and service delivery priorities.	1.4.2.1	Learning and Development Strategy prepared.		•		
Establish a business improvement program to drive efficiency and alignment	Develop and operationalise a business improvement function to identify and implement process enhancements across Council.	1.4.3.1	Business improvement framework and project pipeline developed.			•	
		1.4.3.2	At least two priority process reviews completed.				•



 <b>2. Strong Communities</b> 10-year vision: The Maranoa will be a region of safe, connected and welcoming communities, where people feel proud, belong and support each other.							
Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Maranoa Mosquito Management Plan	Develop a region-wide mosquito management plan to respond proactively to mosquito-related health risks.	2.1.1.1	Mosquito Management Plan developed, with monitoring during hatching events and controls implemented as required.		•		
Dog Registration and Compliance Program (Approved Inspection Program)	Deliver an approved selective inspection program under s.113 of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 to monitor compliance with dog registration and containment requirements, supported by community education.	2.1.2.1	Targeted urban properties inspected within the approved period, with compliance recorded and enforcement action taken where required.		•		
		2.1.2.2	Resident awareness of responsibilities under the Act increased through education activities and reporting.		•		
Sporting accessibility	Develop an action plan based on the Sporting Accessibility Audit to improve access and inclusivity in sport.	2.1.3.1	Sporting Accessibility Action Plan adopted by Council.	•			
Support sporting organisations to enhance facilities through funding assistance	Assist relevant sporting organisations to seek funding to enhance facilities.	2.1.4.1	At least five sporting clubs that use Council facilities supported to seek funding.				•
		2.1.4.2	At least two sporting clubs that own their own facilities supported to seek funding.				•
Implement Sports and Recreation Strategy	Progress priority actions from the Sports and Recreation Strategy to support participation, access to recreation opportunities and active communities across the region.	2.1.5.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating progress against the Sports and Recreation Strategy.				•
Deliver Year 1 of the Library Strategic Plan 2026-2036	Commence implementation of the Library Strategic Plan 2026-2036 by delivering priority Year 1 initiatives to strengthen library services, community access and program alignment with community needs.	2.1.6.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating progress against the Library Strategic Plan's strategic directions.				•
Support equitable access to Council facilities	Identify accessibility barriers and improvement opportunities for community sport and recreation facilities across the region.	2.1.7.1	Accessibility audit completed for community sport and recreation facilities.		•		
		2.1.7.2	Action plan prepared to address audit findings.			•	
		2.1.7.3	Community feedback collected and analysed to support continuous improvement.				•



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Update the Community and Local Area Plans	Refresh Maranoa's overarching community plan and local area plans (identity or place setting) to guide the development and aspirations of the Maranoa community (including defining what liveability means in the Maranoa).	2.1.8.1	At least five Local Area Plans completed and endorsed.				•
Develop a Community Spaces Activation Plan	Develop a coordinated plan to increase community use of selected Council-owned community spaces through programs, events, partnerships and regular activities. The plan will focus on practical activation opportunities that support community participation, local groups and better use of existing infrastructure.	2.1.9.1	Community Spaces Activation Plan developed, identifying priority locations, partnership opportunities and activation actions.			•	
		2.1.9.2	Priority activation actions commenced and reported, including available utilisation and participation data.				•
Implement the Cemetery Masterplan actions	Implement the year 1 actions from the Cemetery Masterplans.	2.1.10.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating progress against the Cemetery Masterplans.				•
Implement the Parks and Gardens service standards	Review existing standards and Parks & Gardens Service Standards.	2.1.11.1	Implementation of the Parks & Gardens Checklists.		•		
Regional Pools Strategy	Develop a regional pools strategy that will encompass the infrastructure and management of the regions pools.	2.1.12.1	Regional Pools Strategy provided to Council for consideration.		•		
Improve community communication on roadworks delivery	Develop and implement a framework that strengthens communication and engagement with residents before roadworks commence, embedding lessons from engagement trials across capital and maintenance projects.	2.2.1.1	Roadworks communication framework adopted by Council.		•		






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Corporate Communications and Digital Information Strategy	Implement a comprehensive Corporate Communications Strategy, including priority improvements to Council's website and digital information, to improve the effectiveness, consistency and reach of Council communications, strengthen community engagement, enhance transparency and build trust.	2.2.2.1	Corporate Communications Strategy adopted by Council.		•		
		2.2.2.2	Website and digital information review completed, with priority improvements identified and implemented or programmed.				•
Establish a social media governance framework	Undertake a structured review of Council-managed and related social media accounts, including an audit of current usage, ownership, and governance arrangements, to ensure alignment with Council's strategic objectives and strengthen consistency, risk management, and effectiveness of digital communications.	2.2.3.1	Consolidated Social Media Framework developed and endorsed, with priority actions implemented and a forward program established.			•	
Refresh and standardise Council's Corporate Style Guide	Review and refine Council's existing Corporate Style Guide, including templates and communication standards, to improve consistency, usability, and alignment with Council's identity without altering core branding.	2.2.4.1	Updated Corporate Style Guide is refined, endorsed, and adopted for use across the organisation.				•
Development of a Maranoa Housing Regional Strategy	Develop a Regional Housing Strategy for the Maranoa Region that outlines Council's commitment and approach to addressing housing supply issues across the Maranoa region.	2.3.1.1	Adoption of the Maranoa Housing Regional Strategy.	•			
Major Amendment to the Maranoa Planning Scheme	Amend the Maranoa Planning Scheme to address regional housing supply challenges, incorporate updated flood mapping, and align the planning framework with current State legislation, strategic priorities, and local development needs.	2.3.2.1	Draft Planning Scheme Amendment prepared and submitted for State Interest Review.			•	
		2.3.2.2	Public consultation completed in accordance with statutory requirements and adoption by Council.				•

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Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Develop a Council Residential Housing Strategy	Develop a strategic approach to Council-owned residential housing that clarifies the future purpose, use and management of Council's housing portfolio following Council's exit from community housing service delivery.	2.3.3.1	Council Residential Housing Portfolio Strategy developed and presented to Council for consideration.		•		
Community Organisation Capacity Building Initiative	Strengthen the capacity of community organisations to deliver impactful initiatives through practical skill development programs.	2.4.1.1	Deliver at least four capacity-building workshops.				•
Youth development and engagement	Design and implement programs that address the needs of young people and provide opportunities for physical activity, personal growth and leadership in areas where this support is limited.	2.4.2.1	Youth programs and initiatives launched in Injune, Yuleba and Wallumbilla.		•		
Youth empowerment and decision-making	Empower young people to participate in decision-making and contribute to the development of youth-focused initiatives and strategies.	2.4.3.1	Maranoa Regional Youth Council established and launched.			•	
		2.4.3.2	At least one Youth Council recommendation implemented through organisational initiatives or practices.				•
Develop a Volunteer Strategy to support local delivery and community wellbeing	Develop a Volunteer Strategy to better support, coordinate and sustain volunteer involvement, linked to outcomes of the Inquiry into Volunteering in Queensland and local stakeholder input.	2.4.4.1	Volunteer roundtables hosted in local areas.	•			
		2.4.4.2	Four roundtable initiatives delivered to assist volunteers.		•		
		2.4.4.3	Volunteer Strategy developed and adopted by Council.				•



 <b>3. Economic Strength &amp; Opportunity</b> 10-year vision: The Maranoa is an ambitious and resilient regional economy that supports local jobs, attracts investment and creates opportunities for future generations.							
Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Maranoa Economic Development Strategy	Adopt and commence implementation of the Maranoa Economic Development Strategy.	3.1.1.1	Maranoa Economic Development Strategy adopted by Council.	•			
		3.1.1.2	Maranoa Economic Development Action Plan developed and commenced.		•		
Facilitate the development of industry clusters and networks	Facilitate the development of industry clusters and/or networks to foster collaboration, build business capability and encourage knowledge sharing across priority sectors.	3.1.2.1	Minimum of two collaborative industry events or network activities delivered.				•
Establish an economic partnership relationship with the Philippines	Forge enduring international ties through an economic partnership with a community in the Philippines.	3.1.3.1	Progress the implementation of a formal economic partnership agreement.				•
Development Incentives Policy	Prepare and implement a Development Incentives Policy to attract investment, facilitate increased housing supply and commercial/industrial investment to support economic growth in the Maranoa Region.	3.2.1.1	Development Incentives Policy adopted by Council.	•			
		3.2.1.2	Undertake a targeted marketing campaign.				•
Development of an online economic development service	Develop an online economic development service to support investment attraction, business enquiry and access to regional information, including an Investment Prospectus Toolkit.	3.2.2.1	Establishment of the Online Economic Development Investment platform.		•		
Small Business Friendly Council	Implement the Small Business Friendly Council commitments, including practical actions that strengthen Council's engagement with local businesses and support participation in Queensland Small Business Month.	3.3.1.1	Quarterly reporting provided on implementation of the Small Business Friendly Council commitments.				•
		3.3.1.2	Small Business Month program delivered in partnership with local businesses, chambers and industry groups.				•

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Maximising Local Benefits from the 2032 Olympics	Implement a five-point strategy to identify, advocate for and leverage opportunities from the 2032 Olympics to benefit sport, recreation, tourism and the regional economy.	3.4.1.1	Five-point 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Opportunities Strategy developed.		•		
		3.4.1.2	Priority opportunities from the strategy advocated or progressed through engagement with relevant government, sporting, tourism and regional stakeholders, with outcomes reported to Council.				•
Roma Clay Target Club Olympic discipline facility	Support the Roma Clay Target Club's Games On funding application for the development of ISSF-standard Olympic Trap, Skeet and DTL shooting facilities.	3.4.2.1	Ongoing collaboration with half yearly meetings undertaken with the Roma Clay Target Club to support the Games On funding application and identify future funding opportunities where required.				•



 <b>4. Quality Infrastructure &amp; Facilities</b> 10-year vision: The Maranoa is supported by well-planned, and well-managed infrastructure and facilities that strengthens liveability, enables growth and delivers long-term value for the region.							
Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Deliver Council's strategic road programs	Execute and acquit Council's Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), Roads to Recovery (R2R) and Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) programs in accordance with funding agreements. The focus is on maximising use of external funds, ensuring compliance, and delivering measurable improvements to the regional network.	4.1.1.1	100% of Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), Roads To Recovery (R2R) and Bitumen Reseal Program expended and acquitted by 30 June 2027.				•
Review disaster management governance and coordination arrangements	Assess and refine Council's disaster management governance and coordination frameworks to maintain compliance and enhance operational capability, effectiveness and continuous improvement.	4.2.1.1	Local Disaster Management Plan and supporting sub-plans reviewed and updated annually.				•
		4.2.1.2	Annual disaster management exercise conducted, with outcomes documented and capability improvements identified.				•
Improve and maintain Council's flood warning network	Maintain, enhance and expand Council's flood warning network, including gauges, telemetry and monitoring systems, to support timely and accurate flood intelligence and decision-making.	4.2.2.1	Review of Bungil Creek monitoring equipment undertaken, including advice to residents at the outlet of the Eastern Diversion Channel and Garrabarra gauge.				•
Delivery of the Flood Damage Reconstruction Program with a Focus on Enhancing Road Network Resilience	While delivering Council's Flood Damage Reconstruction Program, proactively identify and implement opportunities to improve the resilience of Council's road network and embed learnings from recent flood events.	4.2.3.1	Recurring damage sites identified and at least five repair sites made more resilient through betterment.				•
		4.2.3.2	Full condition assessment of Council's unsealed road network completed, leveraging flood damage completion inspections.				•
Delivery of the Flood Damage Reconstruction Program	Coordinate delivery and acquittal of Council's Flood Damage Reconstruction Program to support timely asset recovery and advocate for funding arrangements that support resilient infrastructure outcomes.	4.2.4.1	Formal commitment secured from Government to review Flood Damage Guidelines following Council advocacy.			•	
		4.2.4.2	100% of flood damage funding delivered within contractual arrangement timeframes.			•	
		4.2.4.3	Final acquittal claims submitted within 3 months of completion.				•

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Improve resilience of critical infrastructure and essential services	Identify, assess, and prioritise risks to critical infrastructure, including telecommunications and essential services, and implement mitigation strategies to enhance resilience and continuity during disaster events.	4.2.5.1	Critical risks identified and mitigation strategies developed in consultation with relevant asset owners and incorporate into an updated Local Resilience Action Plan.				•
Community water bore facility and agreements audit	Conduct audits of community water bore facilities and associated agreements to ensure infrastructure integrity, compliance with regulations (including extraction volumes), and clarity of responsibilities with landholders and stakeholders.	4.3.1.1	All community water bore facilities and agreements are audited, with updated records and recommended actions implemented to ensure operational integrity, compliance, and clear management responsibilities.				•
Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems updated for improved site monitoring and real-time visibility Review Year 2	Conduct comprehensive site audits of Council's Water Sewerage and Gas assets across the region in collaboration with our Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition provider. These audits will validate and update system models to improve the accuracy of remote monitoring and control. Addressing any discrepancies will enhance the reliability of Council's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition network, strengthen remote monitoring capabilities, and reduce the risk of system failures.	4.3.2.1	SCADA system updated and validated to improve site monitoring and reliable real-time visibility.				•
		4.3.2.2	Staff training undertaken to enhance operator knowledge and capability in the SCADA system.				•
Enhance transport network asset management	Strengthen asset planning for Council's transport network to support capital renewal, upgrade selection and long-term network performance.	4.4.1.1	Transport network Asset Management Plans revised and updated to reflect Council's strategic objectives and current network condition.			•	



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Development of regional walking and cultural spaces	Develop a phased plan for Sculptures Outback, Maranoa River Walk, Injune Rail Trail, and Muckadilla community walk, prioritising sustainable progress, identifying funding opportunities and supporting staged delivery in partnership with community organisations.	5.1.1.1	Quarterly meetings held with Sculptures Outback, Booringa Action Group, Injune District Tourism Association and Muckadilla Community Association to identify and progress funding opportunities, including grants, sponsorships and other financial support.				•
Implement Arts and Culture Strategy	Implementation of key elements from the Arts and Culture Strategy.	5.1.2.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating progress against the Arts and Culture Strategy.				•
Celebrate Roma's Dinosaur history during Queensland's Dinosaur Week 2027	Deliver a Week long celebration of both of Roma's Dinosaur discoveries through a range of activities at the Big Rig and libraries.	5.1.3.1	Deliver the Dinosaur Week Program.				•
Strategic biosecurity coordination and education	Coordinate a strategic biosecurity program that strengthens prevention, monitoring and community education to reduce the impact and spread of priority weeds and pests across the region.	5.2.1.1	Targeted biosecurity education and engagement activities delivered.			•	
		5.2.1.2	Improved compliance with biosecurity responsibilities demonstrated by landholders and stakeholders.			•	
Review and update Biosecurity Management Plan 2023-27	Review and update the Maranoa Biosecurity Management Plan to ensure it reflects current and emerging risks, legislative requirements, and Council priorities, guiding proactive weed, pest and disease management.	5.2.2.1	Updated Biosecurity Management Plan endorsed by Council, incorporating current risk assessment, updated priorities, and clear operational guidance for 2027 onwards.				•
Weed mapping and targeted management program	Enhance recording, mapping and monitoring of priority weeds across the Maranoa Region to inform targeted management, prevention, containment and eradication efforts.	5.2.3.1	Improved decision-making and prioritisation of control efforts demonstrated through targeted management actions guided by mapped data.				•
Develop a Stock Route Reserve Management Policy	Develop a policy to support the management of Council-controlled stock route reserves and rural reserves, including reserve use, fencing condition, fuel load management, maintenance responsibilities and practical land management options such as short-term agistment where appropriate.	5.2.4.1	Fencing and reserve condition audit completed, with priority risks and recommended actions identified.			•	
		5.2.4.2	Stock Route Reserve Management Policy developed, including principles for reserve use, maintenance and fuel load management.			•	

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Visitor Economy Strategy implementation	Implement priority elements of the Visitor Economy Strategy to enhance tourism growth and development.	5.3.1.1	Action Plans developed to support the Visitor Economy Strategy..		•		
		5.3.1.2	Destination Marketing Action Plan presented to Council.		•		
		5.3.1.3	Quarterly progress report provided outlining implementation of at least five key elements of the strategy and their outcomes.				•
Tourism product development	Support new and existing tourism operators to create high-quality and consistently delivered tourism products and increase online presence for bookable and AI-assisted itineraries.	5.3.2.1	Achieve a 20% increase in trade-ready tourism products by the end of the reporting period.				•
		5.3.2.2	Identify and support new or emerging tourism businesses and products.				•
		5.3.2.3	Audit Search Engine Optimisation content for each local area to support AI-generated itinerary visibility.				•
Tourism capability and capacity building	Coordinate tourism industry capability and capacity building, as outlined in the Visitor Economy Strategy delivered across the region to support networking, collaboration and promotion of local tourism products and experiences.	5.3.3.1	Conduct at least one industry and community development workshop, training session or meeting per quarter, with a minimum of one session focused on social media marketing.				•
Roma Revealed website renewal	Renew the Roma Revealed website to enhance functionality, user experience and visitor information.	5.3.4.1	Work with regional website owners to ensure relevant visitor information and linked content is up to date.		•		
		5.3.4.2	Relaunch the Roma Revealed website.		•		
Strengthen Regional Event Support and Promotion	Support regional event organisers and tourism operators to increase the economic and visitor benefits of events across the Maranoa by improving event promotion, supporting event readiness, encouraging longer visitor stays and connecting events with regional tourism opportunities.	5.3.5.1	Event support toolkit updated and promoted to assist organisers with event planning, promotion and visitor attraction.		•		
		5.3.5.2	Priority regional events promoted through Council and tourism channels, including Australian Tourism District Warehouse, Council event listings and Roma Revealed platforms where appropriate.				•
Review the Maranoa Waste Management Strategy	Review the Maranoa Waste Management Strategy 2024-2029 to assess performance, identify improvement opportunities and explore circular economy principles, including recycling waste collection.	5.4.1.1	Review of current strategy completed and findings endorsed by Council.		•		
		5.4.1.2	Revised action plan developed for implementation.				•



### 5. Natural Assets & Regional Values

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Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Review of bulk haulage contract and transfer station operation	Review of Bulk Haulage strategy and transfer station operational efficiency to test Council operation against contactor delivery options.	5.4.2.1	Business case developed based on bulk haulage cost and efficiency study (option for Council operation or Contactor).			•	
		5.4.2.2	Results evaluated and action plan developed.				•



**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 19 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.3

**File Number:** D26/65093

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Adoption of 2026/27 Revenue Statement and Revenue Policy

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Lead Rates and Utilities Billing Officer / System Administrator

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**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to adopt supporting policies required to ensure appropriate legislative compliance and execution of Council financial functions for the 2026/27 financial year

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopt the 2026/27 Revenue Policy as contained in Attachment 1.
2. Pursuant to Section 104(5) of the Local Government Act 2009 and 172 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts the Revenue Statement 2026/27 as contained in Attachment 2.

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**Context (*Why is the matter coming before Council?*):**

The purpose of this report is to adopt supporting policies required to ensure appropriate legislative compliance and execution of Council revenue generation functions for the 2026/27 financial year

**Background (*Including any previous Council decisions*):**

The purpose of the Revenue Policy is to identify Councils strategic vision and attitude regarding raising revenue for the 2026/27 Financial Year. The Policy sets out the principles used by Council in the making and levying of rates and charges, exercising its power to grant rebates and concessions for rates and charges, recovery of unpaid amounts of rates and charges and cost recovery principles.

Council applies the principles outlined in the Revenue Policy when making and levying rates and charges, granting concessions and recovering unpaid amounts. The Revenue Policy sets out the strategic intent to guide the development of the rating strategy, as contained within the Revenue Statement.

The Revenue Statement is a key statutory document of Council and is required to be adopted as part of the annual budget. The Revenue Statement is reviewed each year as part of the budget development process to ensure alignment with Council's strategic and financial objectives. Amendments to the document reflect Council's intentions for the levying of rates and charges in the upcoming financial year.

In accordance with Section 169(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's Budget for each financial year must include the adoption of a Revenue Statement.

**Options Considered:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

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**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

***Local Government Regulation 2012***

**193 Revenue policy**

- (1) A local government's revenue policy for a financial year must state—
  - (a) the principles that the local government intends to apply in the financial year for—
    - (i) levying rates and charges; and
    - (ii) granting concessions for rates and charges; and
    - (iii) recovering overdue rates and charges; and
    - (iv) cost-recovery methods; and
  - (b) if the local government intends to grant concessions for rates and charges—the purpose for the concessions; and
  - (c) the extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development.
- (2) The revenue policy may state guidelines that may be used for preparing the local government's revenue statement.
- (3) A local government must review its revenue policy annually and in sufficient time to allow an annual budget that is consistent with the revenue policy to be adopted for the next financial year.

## 172 Revenue statement

- (1) The revenue statement for a local government must state—
  - (a) if the local government levies differential general rates—
    - (i) the rating categories for rateable land in the local government area; and
    - (ii) a description of each rating category; and
  - (b) if the local government levies special rates or charges for a joint government activity—a summary of the terms of the joint government activity; and
  - (c) if the local government fixes a cost-recovery fee—the criteria used to decide the amount of the cost-recovery fee; and
  - (d) if the local government conducts a business activity on a commercial basis—the criteria used to decide the amount of the charges for the activity's goods and services.
- (2) Also, the revenue statement for a financial year must include the following information for the financial year—
  - (a) an outline and explanation of the measures that the local government has adopted for raising revenue, including an outline and explanation of—
    - (i) the rates and charges to be levied in the financial year; and
    - (ii) the concessions for rates and charges to be granted in the financial year;
  - (b) whether the local government has made a resolution limiting an increase of rates and charges.

### **Timelines / Deadlines:**

To be adopted prior to the budget.

### **Consultation (*Internal / External*):**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director – Corporate Services  
Chief Financial Officer  
King & Co  
Operations Manager - Finance  
Lead Rates & Utilities Billing Officer

### **Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

N/A

### **Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.7 Transparent government

**Supporting Documentation:**

[1](#) Revenue Policy - 2026/2027

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[2](#) Revenue Statement - 2026/27

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**Report authorised by:**

Director - Corporate Services

## COUNCIL POLICY



Document Control	
Policy Title	Revenue Policy
Policy Number	P26/2
Function	Rates and Utilities
Responsible Position	Coordinator Rates & Utility Billing Services
Supersedes	P25/4
Review Date	March 2027

Version	Date Endorsed by ELT	Council Meeting Date (Date of Adoption / Review)	Resolution Number
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2		26 June 2024	SMB/06.2024/02
3		19 June 2025	SMB/06.2025/02
4	26 March 2026		

### 1. Purpose

In accordance with section 104(5)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council has prepared this policy to state:

- a) The principles that Council intends to apply during the 2026/27 financial year for:
  - Levying rates and charges
  - Granting concessions for rates and charges
  - Recovering overdue rates and charges
  - Cost recovery fees and methods
- b) The purpose of the concessions; and
- c) The extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development.

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### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all aspects of levying rates and charges, granting concessions for rates and charges, recovering overdue rates and charges and cost recovery methods.

### 3. Statement

This policy sets out Council's principles for relating to the levying of rates and charges, granting concessions for rates and charges, recovering overdue rates and charges and cost recovery methods.

#### 3.1 Principles used generally

Council intends to apply the following general principles in the 2026/27 financial year for levying of rates and charges, recovering overdue rates and charges and cost recovery methods.

- Council's legislative obligations
- The needs and expectations of the general community
- The cost of maintaining existing facilities and necessary services
- The need for additional facilities and services
- Equity by ensuring the fair and consistent application of lawful rating and charging principles, without bias, taking account of all relevant considerations, and disregarding irrelevancies such as the perceived personal wealth of individual ratepayers or ratepayer classes.

Council will also have regard to the principles of:

- Transparency of process
- Simplicity and efficient administration
- Flexibility to take account of changes in the local economy

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### 3.2 Levying rates and charges

In levying rates and charges in the 2026/27 financial year Council intends to apply the following principles:

- Making clear the respective responsibilities of Council's and ratepayers in relation to the rating system
- Making the levying process, and the granting of any discount and any refund of rates and charges as simple and efficient to administer as possible
- Timing the issue of rates notices to consider the financial cycle to which the ratepayers are accustomed or may adapt to.

### 3.3 Granting concessions for rates and charges and the purpose for the concessions

In granting of concessions for rates and charges during the 2026/27 financial year Council intends to apply and be guided by the principles of:

- The same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances
- Transparency by making clear the requirements necessary to receive concessions
- Flexibility to allow Council to respond to local economic issues

Consideration may be given by Council to granting a class concession in the event all or part of the Council area is declared a natural disaster area by the State Government or impacted by a state of emergency called by the Australian Government.

#### 3.3.1 Pensioner rate concession

In accordance with Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may grant concessions for rates and charges to eligible landowner pensioners as per Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy.

#### 3.3.2 Water charges concession (Unapparent plumbing failure)

In accordance with Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may grant a part rebate of water consumption charges to landowners who incur water consumption charges because of an unapparent plumbing failure and who satisfy the criteria set down in Council's Water Meter Policy. The policy sets out the eligibility criteria to be satisfied and the manner of calculation of the rebate.

#### 3.3.3 Water charges concession (Home Haemodialysis)

In accordance with Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may grant a part rebate of water consumption charges to landowners where the occupier is receiving home haemodialysis and who satisfies the criteria set down in Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy. The policy sets out the eligibility criteria to be satisfied and the manner of calculation of the rebate.

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### 3.3.4 Rates and charges hardship concession

In accordance with Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may grant a part rebate of interest on overdue rates to landowners who incur interest on overdue rates because of serious financial hardship and who satisfy the criteria set down in Council's Rates and Utilities Financial Hardship Policy. The policy sets out the eligibility criteria to be satisfied and the manner of calculation of the rebate.

### 3.4 Recovering overdue rates and charges

In recovering overdue rates and charges, Council will be guided by the principles of:

- Transparency by making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes used by Council in assisting them to meet their financial obligations
- Making the processes used to recover overdue rates and charges well defined and cost effective
- Consistency by having regard to providing the same treatment for ratepayers in similar circumstances
- Flexibility by responding where necessary to changes in the local economy

Council requires payment of rates and charges within a specified time period and will pursue the collection of overdue rates and charges diligently. The non-payment of rates and charges by the due date by some ratepayers places an unfair burden on other ratepayers who meet their legal obligations in full. However, when pursuing the collection of overdue rates and charges Council will have due concern for any financial hardship faced by ratepayers. Council's Debtor Management Policy guides the administration process that will be used in the collection of overdue rates and charges. This may include payment arrangements and/or the selection of various recovery actions, including the sale of land in accordance with legislative requirements.

### 3.5 Cost recovery methods

Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* allows Council to set cost recovery fees.

Council recognises the validity of fully imposing the user pays principle for its cost recovery fees unless the imposition of the fee is contrary to its express social, economic, environmental and other corporate goals. This is to be considered the most equitable and effective revenue approach and is founded on the basis that the Region's rating base cannot subsidise the specific users or clients of Council's regulatory products and services.

Cost recovery fees set by Council must not be more than the cost to Council of providing the service or taking the action to which the fee applies.

### 3.6 The purpose of concessions

Statutory provision exists for the Council to grant concessions of the type specified in section 121 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The concessions that Council intends to

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grant, and their purpose, are as identified in section 3.3 above. Further, in considering the application of concessions, Council will be guided by the principles set out in section 3.3 above.

### 3.7 The extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development

Council intends to fund the provision of local government trunk infrastructure for new development by the levying of infrastructure charges on new development in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*.

Council intends for new development to meet Council's additional costs of bringing forward development infrastructure and other physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development which is of sufficient level so that the availability of facilities is not adversely affected and existing ratepayers are not burdened with the cost of providing the additional infrastructure.

#### 4. Definitions

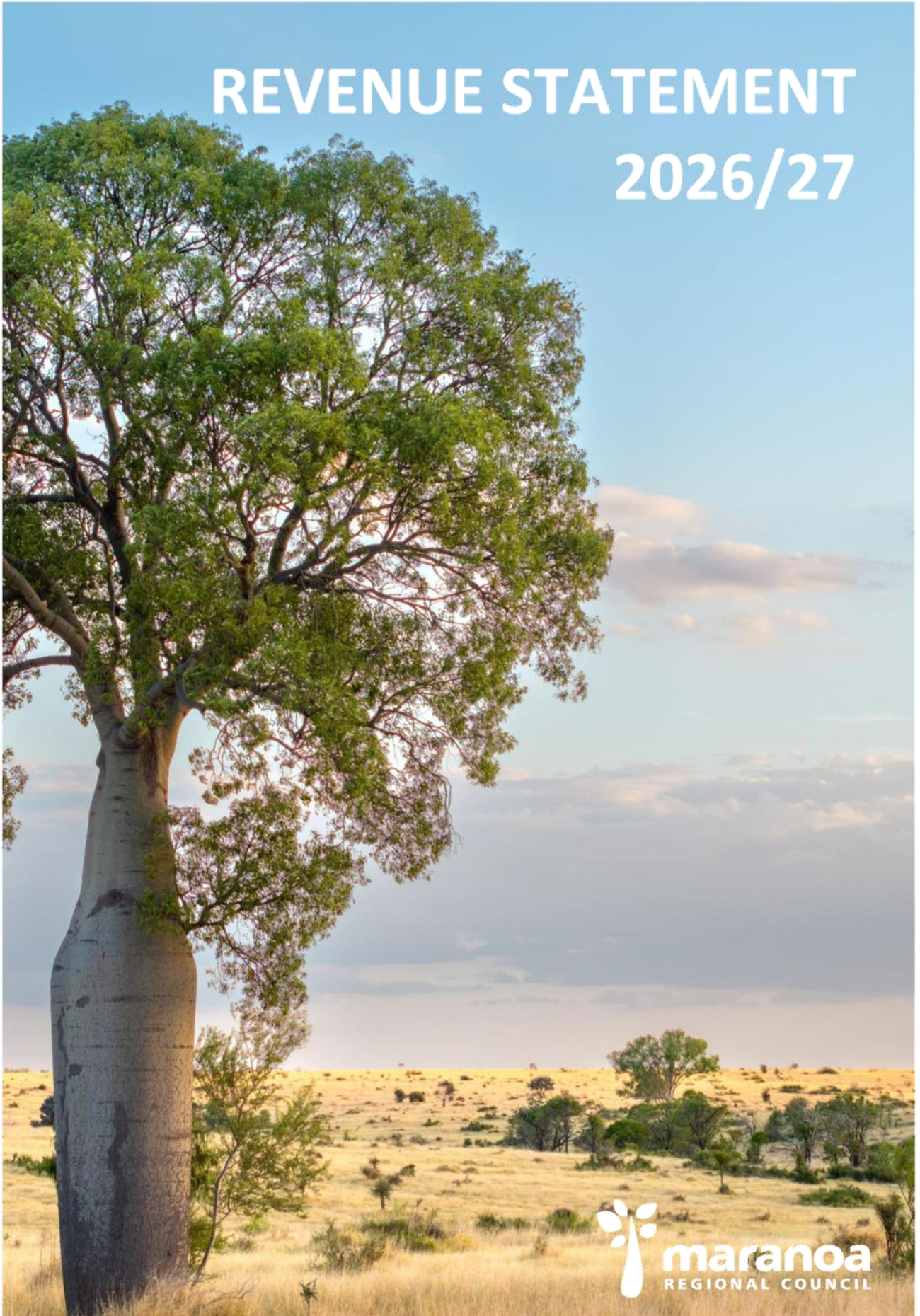
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All other definitions are as per the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

#### 5. Related Policies and Legislation

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)
- Land Valuation Act 2010 (Qld)
- Planning Act 2016 (Qld)
- Revenue Statement 2026/2027
- Fees and Charges Schedule 2026/2027
- Water Meter Policy
- Debtor Management Policy
- Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy

# REVENUE STATEMENT 2026/27



## **Revenue Statement 2026/27**

Pursuant to Section 169(2)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government's budget for each financial year must include a Revenue Statement.

## REVENUE STATEMENT 2026/27

## PART 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 PURPOSE

In accordance with Section 104(5)(a)(iv) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and Sections 169(2)(b) and Section 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, this Revenue Statement inclusive of Attachment 1 (Land Use Codes), has been developed to outline for the 2026/27 financial year and includes:

- (1) the rating categories for rateable land in Council's local government area;
- (2) a description of each rating category;
- (3) the criteria used to decide the amount of cost-recovery fees;
- (4) the criteria used to determine the amount of the charges for business activities that Council conducts on a commercial basis;
- (5) the measures Council has adopted for raising revenue, including:
  - (a) an outline and explanation of the rates and charges to be levied; and
  - (b) the concessions for rates and charges to be granted;
- (6) whether Council has made a resolution limiting an increase of rates and charges.

Council will apply the principles set out in the Revenue Policy for levying rates and charges, granting concessions for rates and charges, recovering overdue rates and charges and cost-recovery methods.

## 1.2 OTHER ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- (1) Revenue Policy 2026/27
- (2) Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy (as amended from time to time)
- (3) Debtor Management Policy (as amended from time to time)
- (4) Water Meter Policy (as amended from time to time)

**PART 2 ADMINISTRATION****2.1 ISSUE OF RATES**

Rates and charges will be levied half yearly by a rate notice generally issued in August or September and February or March each financial year.

**2.2 PAYMENT PERIOD**

All rates and charges referred to in this Revenue Statement shall be levied and payable within thirty (30) clear calendar days after the rate notice has been issued, except where otherwise determined by Council.

**2.3 PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT**

The general rates levied for the 2026/27 financial year shall be subject to a discount of 5% if paid within the discount period of not less than 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice, provided that:

- (1) all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice;
- (2) all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice; and
- (3) all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment (including interest thereon to the date of payment) are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice.

**2.4 INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES OR CHARGES**

- (1) All rates and charges become overdue if they remain unpaid on the day after the due date for payment which is not less than 30 clear days from the date of issue of the rate notice.
- (2) Rates and charges which remain unpaid after the due date will incur interest at the maximum rate prescribed within section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* at a rate of 12.19% per annum compounding on daily balances.
- (3) Interest will similarly apply to all overdue rates where a concession for rates or charges has been granted pursuant to any other Council Policy or provision of the *Local Government Act 2009* or the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, except where otherwise provided.

**2.5 PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE (LUMP SUM OR BY SEPARATE AMOUNTS)**

Council offers ratepayers the opportunity to pre-pay rates either as a lump sum or through regular pre-payments. The latter has the effect of breaking up an estimate of the annual rates amount into smaller, more manageable amounts. The aim is to pay all of the rates and charges off before the end of the discount period which is the due date appearing on the rate notice.

Interest is not paid by Council to ratepayers on any credit balances.

**2.6 RECOVERY OF OVERDUE RATES & CHARGES**

Council requires payment of all rates and charges to be made by the due date appearing on the relevant rate notice and has an obligation to diligently recover overdue rates and charges. In exercising its recovery powers, Council will be guided by the principles as set out in the Revenue Policy and shall apply the rates and charges recovery process as outlined in Council's Debtor Management Policy.

**2.7 ADMINISTRATION****(1) Discount for prompt payment**

For the purpose of determining eligibility for the prompt payment discount, payment is deemed to be received on or before the due date if receipted at a Council Service Centre, an approved agency; or paid by electronic means, if the payment is recorded in Council's accounts on or before the due date.

**(2) Payments made after the due date**

It is acknowledged that there are occasions when payment by the due date is not achieved through circumstances beyond the control of the ratepayer. Section 130 (10) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides Council with a discretionary power to still allow the discount for prompt payment of rates or charges in such circumstances.

- (3) **What will be considered by Council to be beyond a ratepayer's control -**
- (a) Illness involving hospitalisation and/or incapacitation of the ratepayer at or around the time of the rates being due for discount;
  - (b) The death or major trauma (accident/ life threatening illness/ emergency operation) of the ratepayer and/or associated persons (i.e. spouse, children or parents) at or around the time of the rates being due for discount;
  - (c) The loss of records resulting from factors beyond the ratepayer's control (e.g. fire, flood etc.);
  - (d) An administrative error at the Department of Natural Resources and Mines which resulted in the rates notice being incorrectly addressed by Council;
  - (e) The return of the rate notice to Council although correctly addressed through no fault or instigation of the ratepayer and beyond the ratepayer's reasonable control; or
  - (f) An administrative error on the part of Council - in this case a discount equivalent to other ratepayers will be provided.
- (4) **What won't be considered by Council to be beyond a ratepayer's control -**
- (a) Failure of the ratepayer to ensure that Council was given correct notification of the service address for the service of rate notices prior to the issue of the relevant rate notices;
  - (b) The ratepayer has not received the relevant rate notice via post and the rate notice has not been returned to Council as 'return to sender'. Council can facilitate the delivery of rate notices through electronic means.
  - (c) Payments made by electronic means (BPay) on the due date but after the designated, published cut-off time of the ratepayer's financial institution and therefore processed by that financial institution after the due date unless evidence can be provided that an external factor has prevented the payment by this due date (for example multiple days of power failure/ disconnection to power supply) and the ratepayer has a history of timely payments and signs a statutory declaration outlining reasons; or
  - (d) Payment delays due to the post. Council now provides a number of payment methods including payment at any Post Office or by phone.

## PART 3 GENERAL RATES

## 3.1 GENERAL RATES

General rates are levied on all rateable properties in the local government area and are calculated on the basis of the value of land, except where a minimum general rate, as fixed by Council, applies.

The rateable value of land is decided by the Valuer-General appointed under the *Land Valuation Act 2010* according to:

- in the case of rural land, its unimproved capital value; or
- in all other cases, its site value.

Council will make and levy differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, on all rateable land in Council's area.

Where Council is deciding that a parcel of land is intended to be used for a particular purpose or has the potential to be used for such a purpose, it will have regard to, amongst other things, any improvements to, or activities being undertaken on, the land.

Further, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power (contained in sections 81(4) and (5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*) to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land in Council's area belongs.

Table 1 – Rating Categories

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
1	<b>Residential A (\$1 to \$40,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$1 but less than or equal to \$40,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72	0.018527	\$538
2	<b>Residential B (\$40,001 to \$70,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value of more than \$40,000 but less than or equal to \$70,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72	0.017839	\$786
3	<b>Residential C &gt;\$70,000 -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value of more than \$70,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72	0.012352	\$1,252
4	<b>Intentionally Left Blank</b>			
5	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- A (&lt;=\$40,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of less than or equal to \$40,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94	0.026734	\$718
6	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- B (\$40,001-\$70,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes, which has an area of more than 1 hectare, but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of more than \$40,000 and less than or equal to \$70,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94	0.017717	\$1,126

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
7	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- C (\$70,001-\$200,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of more than \$70,000 and less than or equal to \$200,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94	0.009926	\$1,356
8	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res-D (&gt;\$200,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes, which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of greater than \$200,000, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94	0.009104	\$2,149
9	<b>Rural &gt;=20ha - &lt;80ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 20 hectares but less than 80 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.004463	\$727
10	<b>Rural 80 to &lt;1,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 80 hectares but less than 1,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.002172	\$880
11	<b>Rural 1,000 to &lt; 5,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes, which has an area equal to or greater than 1,000 hectares but less than 5,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001790	\$880
12	<b>Rural 5,000 to &lt; 15,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 5,000 hectares but less than 15,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001534	\$1,060
13	<b>Rural 15,000 to &lt; 25,000ha-</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 15,000 hectares but less than 25,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001353	\$4,214
14	<b>Rural 25,000 to 50,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 25,000 hectares but less than or equal to 50,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001449	\$5,556

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
15	<b>Rural &gt;50,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area greater than 50,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001289	\$10,943
16	<b>Pump Sites and Bores -</b> Land owned by one or more persons for the purpose of stock water or bore supplies used to water stock or supply domestic premises	95	0.015017	\$380
17	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (1,000-1,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 1,000 and less than or equal to 1,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$1,973
18	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (2,000-2,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 2,000 and less than or equal to 2,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$3,944
19	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (3,000-3,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 3,000 and less than or equal to 3,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$5,916
20	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (4,000-4,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 4,000 and less than or equal to 4,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$7,900
21	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (5,000-7,499 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 5,000 and less than or equal to 7,499 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$9,878
22	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (7,500-9,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 7,500 and less than or equal to 9,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$14,784

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
23	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (10,000-14,999 SCU)</b> - Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 10,000 and less than or equal to 14,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$19,710
24	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (15,000-19,999 SCU)</b> - Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 15,000 and less than or equal to 19,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$29,564
25	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (&gt;=20,000 SCU)</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of greater than or equal to 20,000 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$39,416
26	<b>Caravan parks, Hotels and Motels</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purpose of caravan parks, hotels and motels other than land included in categories 59-65	42,43,47,48 and 49	0.010061	\$1,052
27	<b>Commercial -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial purposes other than land is included in categories 26, 28 to 30, 37 to 42 and 59 to 65	01-39,41- 48,72,92,96,97 or 99	0.009975	\$1,052
28	<b>Commercial/Industrial (Community Titles Scheme/Building Unit/Group Title) -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial or industrial purposes (Community Title Schemes/ Building Unit/Group Title) other than land is included in categories 26,27, 29,30,37-42 and 59-65	01-39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99	0.014787	\$1,052
29	<b>Commercial/ Industrial &gt;10Ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial or industrial purposes which has an area greater than 10 hectares, other than land is included in categories 26 to 28, 30, 37 to 42 and 59 to 65	01,04,05,06-39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99	0.008383	\$1,052
30	<b>Shopping Centre -</b> Land being used for the purpose of a shopping centre with a gross floor area exceeding 2500m <sup>2</sup> , where the land is tenanted by either a department store or large supermarket with onsite parking facilities and/or a number of specialty shops or offices with onsite parking facilities	12-16	0.053884	\$105,076

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
31	<b>Community Purposes -</b> Land used for community purposes where the land is operated on a not-for-profit basis and including land used for the purposes of sporting clubs, religious facilities, educational facilities, libraries, parks, showgrounds, racecourses, and cemeteries except where exempt under Section 93 (3) (i) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	48, 50 -59	0.003976	\$770
32	<b>Industry -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for industrial purposes other than where land is included in categories 17 to 30 or where land is included in categories 59 - 65	01,04,06- 39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99	0.012557	\$1,052
33	<b>Intentionally left blank</b>			
34	<b>Abattoir &lt; 75,000 kills -</b> Land used in whole or in part as an abattoir with less than 75,000 kills annually	Intentionally left blank	0.010358	\$885
35	<b>Abattoir &gt;= 75,000 kills -</b> Land used in whole or in part as an abattoir with greater than or equal to 75,000 kills annually	Intentionally left blank	0.010358	\$1,070
36	<b>Refinery -</b> Land used in whole or part for the purpose of a gas refinery or separation plant	31	13.676629	\$382,343
37	<b>Transformers &lt; 1MVA-</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with less than 1 MVA	91	0.103681	\$2,952
38	<b>Transformers 1 - 10MVA -</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with 1 or more MVA or less than or equal to 10 MVA	91	0.376635	\$29,489
39	<b>Transformers &gt;10MVA-</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with greater than 10 MVA	91	0.249193	\$88,465
40	<b>Renewable Energy Generation Facility -</b> Land used in whole or in part for: (a) the generation of energy from renewable resources that is connected to the main power grid; or (b) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) Note: Generation of energy for landowner's use is not included in this definition	Intentionally left blank	0.075537	\$33,207
41	<b>Multi-Use Renewable Energy Facility -</b> Land used in whole or in part for generation of energy: (a) from at least one renewable resource that is connected to the main power grid and has capacity to store renewable energy on the same parcel of land; or (b) from more than one renewable resource that are connected to the main power grid Note: Generation of energy for landowner's use is not included in this definition	Intentionally left blank	0.110926	\$41,050

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
42	<b>Battery Storage Facility -</b> Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, to store energy by means of one (1) or more battery energy storage systems that; (a) is/are connected to the main power grid; and (b) has/have the capacity to store at least one (1) megawatt of power; and (c) is not co-located on land being used as a Renewable Energy Generation Facility (40)	Intentionally left blank	0.987722	\$39,510
50	<b>Extractive/Waste A (&lt;=5,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is less than or equal to 5,000tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$1,791
51	<b>Extractive/Waste B (5,001-20,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 5,000tpa and less than or equal to 20,000 tpa.	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$2,239
52	<b>Extractive/Waste C (20,001- 50,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 20,000tpa and less than or equal to 50,000 toa.	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$8,942
53	<b>Extractive/Waste D (50,001-100,000tpa)-</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 50,000tpa and less than or equal to 100,000 tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$17,883
54	<b>Extractive/Waste E (100,001-200,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 100,000tpa and less than or equal to 200,000 tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$35,765
55	<b>Extractive/Waste F (200,001-500,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 200,000tpa and less than or equal to 500,000 tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$53,644

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
56	<b>Extractive/Waste G (&gt;500,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 500,000tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$107,287
57	<b>Extractive/Waste H (1ha-50ha, tpa unknown)-</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is unknown and the area is equal to or greater than 1 hectare but less than or equal to 50 hectares	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$8,942
58	<b>Extractive/Waste I (&gt;50ha, tpa unknown) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is unknown and the area is greater than 50 hectares	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$35,765
59	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - D (1-20) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 1 accommodation unit but less than or equal to 20 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.162987	\$4,729
60	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - E (21- 50) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 21 accommodation units but less than or equal to 50 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.722846	\$49,626
61	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - F (51- 150) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 51 accommodation unit but less than or equal to 150 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.132746	\$120,518
62	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - G (151- 250) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 151 accommodation units but less than or equal to 250 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.491380	\$356,808
63	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - A (251-500) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 250 accommodation units but less than or equal to 500 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.499769	\$593,103
64	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - B (501-750) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 500 accommodation units but less than or equal to 750 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.499771	\$1,183,844

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
65	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - C (&gt;750) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 750 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.499771	\$1,774,580
66-68	Intentionally left blank			
69	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - A (&lt;=6ha) -</b> Land used in whole or part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is less than or equal to 6 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59-65	31,35 or 36	1.244630	\$37,982
70	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - B (&gt;6ha-1,000ha) -</b> Land used in whole or part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is greater than 6 hectares and less than or equal to 1,000 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59 - 65	31,35 or 37	1.689244	\$60,583
71	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - C (&gt;1,000ha) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is greater than 1,000 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59 - 65	31,35 or 37	1.689244	\$149,122
72	<b>Petroleum Leases - A (&lt;=30,000ha) -</b> Petroleum leases issued within the Region with an area equal to or less than 30,000 hectares.	40	2.382909	\$164,533
73	<b>Petroleum Lease - B Conventional gas &gt;10,000ha -</b> Petroleum leases - conventional gas - issued within the Region with an area greater than 10,000 hectares	40	2.382909	\$298,716
74	<b>Petroleum Leases - C (&gt;30,000ha) -</b> Petroleum leases issued within the Region with an area greater than 30,000 hectares	40	2.382909	\$641,358
75-79	Intentionally left blank			
80	<b>Other Land (not categorised elsewhere) -</b> Land not included in any of the other categories	Intentionally left blank	0.002499	\$864
81	<b>Rural &gt;=\$11M &amp; &lt;\$16.5M -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$11,000,000 but less than \$16,500,000	04,05,06,60-89,93,94,95	0.001664	\$22,111
82	<b>Rural &gt;=\$16.5M -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$16,500,000	04,05,06,60-89,93,94,95	0.001817	\$33,931

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
83	<b>Carbon Farming =&gt;100,000 ACCU's -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes that has been issued with 100,000 or more Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU's) which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001892	\$4,214

In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, owners of rateable land will be informed of the general rating category on their rate notice in which their land has been included and that they have the right of objection to the category to which their land is allocated. All objections must be submitted to Council's Chief Executive Officer within 30 days after the day when the rate notice was issued, and the only ground for objecting is that the owner considers the land should belong to a different rating category, having regard to the descriptions adopted by Council.

Where the rate category of any land is changed during the year, an adjustment to the differential general rate will be made from the date such changes become effective.

### 3.2 MINIMUM GENERAL RATES

Within each differential rating category, a minimum general rate has been fixed by Council pursuant to Section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to ensure all ratepayers contribute a minimum equitable amount towards Council's general revenue requirements. **Table 1- Rating Categories** details the minimum general rate fixed by Council for each differential rating category.

### 3.3 DISCOUNTED VALUATION PERIOD

The value of the relevant parcel held for development will be discounted by 40% for rating purposes in accordance with section 50(2) of the *Land Valuation Act 2010*.

The discounted valuation period, for the relevant parcel held for development, will end in accordance with section 50(3) the *Land Valuation Act 2010*.

Any parcels of land held for development under this legislation will be placed into the general rating category in which they would normally be situated.

### 3.4 LIMITATION OF INCREASE IN THE DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATE

In the 2026/27 financial year, Council will not, pursuant to section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, be limiting any increases to a differential rating category as identified in **Table 1 – Rating Categories**.

### 3.5 MISCELLANEOUS

- (1) If there is doubt about the rating category into which a parcel of rateable land is to be categorised, an appropriately authorised officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer may carry out an inspection of the land pursuant to Section 85 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and make a recommendation for the Chief Executive Officer's consideration.
- (2) The Maranoa Planning Scheme may be referred to in determining the applicable rating category for land, unless the context of the rating category description, or this Revenue Statement, otherwise requires.
- (3) As noted above, for sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council shall delegate to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the power to identify the rating category into which each parcel of rateable land in the local government area belongs.
- (4) Where a utility service (water, sewerage or waste collection) is requested to commence or found to have commenced (and not currently being charged) during the financial year the rate adjustment may be effective from the start of the current rating period of request or commencement of said service. A supplementary rate notice may be issued to the ratepayer as required.
- (5) Where a utility service (water, sewerage or waste collection) is requested to be removed or the service has been discontinued without prior notification from the ratepayer, a rate adjustment may

be effective from the first day of the next rating period. A supplementary rate notice may be issued to the ratepayer as required.

### 3.5.1 DEFINITIONS

- (a) **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.
- (b) **Use:** Reference to the 'use' of land in terms of the rating category descriptions, includes use of the land by any party, irrespective of whether:
  - (a) that use is carried out, controlled, authorised, or otherwise permitted by the landowner; or
  - (b) the landowner derives any income or benefit from that use of the land.
- (c) **Petroleum Lease:** includes a petroleum lease under the *Petroleum Act 1923*, or the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*.
- (d) **Renewable Energy Generation Facility:** Renewable resources are naturally occurring resources that cannot be depleted and are constantly naturally replenished. This includes but not limited to solar and wind.

Renewable resources do not include fossil fuels such as gas or coal and facilities extracting or producing energy from these resources are subject to separate rating categories outlined in this statement.

For categories 59 - 65 the following definitions apply:

- (e) **Available for use:** will be taken to be effective from the date upon which the final plumbing inspection has been passed.
- (f) **Accommodation Work Camp:** is non-resident worker accommodation and refers to the use of premises for:
  - i. accommodation for non-resident workers; or
  - ii. recreation and entertainment facilities for persons residing at the premises and their visitors, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (i).<sup>2</sup>

Examples include: contractor's camp, construction camp, single person's quarters and temporary workers' accommodation.

<sup>2</sup> Draws on the definition of 'Non-resident workforce accommodation' included in Schedule 1 - Definitions of the Maranoa Planning Scheme.

An Accommodation Work Camp will be considered to be not operational when all infrastructure (buildings, water and sewerage lines etc.) are removed from the site, or if the site has been abandoned by a third party.

#### PART 4 WASTE MANAGEMENT UTILITY CHARGES

- 4.1 Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy waste management utility charges for the provision of waste collection services (including the collection, removal, storage and disposal of general waste) as detailed below in **Table 2 - Waste Management Utility Charges**.
- 4.2 Waste management utility charges are to be levied in the 2026/27 financial year on all properties, irrespective of the level of service used, within Council's declared waste collection service area.
- (1) The declared waste collection service area will be adjusted as the properties receiving or capable of receiving the service change throughout the 2026/27 financial year.
  - (2) A minimum of one (1) service will be charged to each premises or structure that appears to be in use as a premises or structure that appears to be in use as a dwelling, lived in or occupied or able to be lived in.
  - (3) Where there is more than one residential structure on land capable of separate occupation, a charge will be applied to each individual structure. e.g. A waste collection charge will be levied to each house, strata titled unit, granny flat, flat secondary dwelling, dual occupancy or other dwelling designed for separate occupation, regardless of whether it is occupied or not.
  - (4) Where there is a structure/s on a non-residential property capable of separate occupation, a charge will be applied to each individual structure. e.g. a waste collection charge will be levied on each shop, office, warehouse, workshop, or other commercial premises designed for separate occupation, regardless of whether it is occupied or not.

##### Opt-Out Provision for Non-Residential Properties

Non-residential properties (e.g. commercial or industrial premises) within Council's declared waste collection service area may opt out of the waste collection service, provided they meet Council's eligibility criteria for exemption. Property owners wishing to opt out must submit in writing to Council, demonstrating that they have an alternative waste management arrangement in place that complies with relevant regulations. Approval of opt-out requests is at Council's discretion.

The Waste Management Utility Charge shall fund the cost of providing a general waste kerbside collection service. This charge will be levied and recovered irrespective of whether a refuse collection service is actually provided, whether the occupier avails themselves of the service and irrespective of the premises being unoccupied for any period during the year.

**Table 2 - Waste Management Utility Charges**

Service Level	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Residential Wheelie Bin Service</b>	
240 Litre wheelie bin (each)	\$320
<b>Non-Residential Wheelie Bin Service</b>	
240 Litre wheelie bin (each)	\$320

## PART 5 SEWERAGE UTILITY CHARGES

- 5.1 Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy sewerage utility charges for the supply of sewerage services by Council, as detailed below in **Table 3 - Sewerage Utility Charges**.
- 5.2 Sewerage utility charges are to be levied in the 2026/27 financial year on all properties, connected and/or not-connected, within Council's declared sewerage service areas.
- (1) An annual sewerage utility charge will be levied on each individual land parcel (whether connected, not-connected or vacant) within Council's defined sewerage service areas in accordance with the following:
- Single residential properties are levied for the first pedestal only. No additional charges apply for extra pedestals.
  - Flats, units and residential strata title properties are levied per flat, unit or strata title unit for the first pedestal only. No additional charges apply for extra pedestals.
  - Non-residential / Non-strata properties are levied per sewerage pedestal. Example – commercial premises with three (3) pedestals will attract a charge for each pedestal.
  - Non-residential / Strata properties are levied a minimum of one sewerage charge for each strata 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.
  - Where multiple lots are included on one Rate Assessment, a sewerage charge will apply for each lot. Example – a house and vacant lot together, two (2) sewerage utility charges will be levied, unless the ratepayer is an eligible pensioner as per Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy.
  - Where a single dwelling is situated across two or more adjoining lots and are included on one Rate Assessment, Council will treat those lots on which the footprint of the building sits as if they were a single lot and will levy one (1) sewerage utility charge.
  - A separate charge for trade waste shall be applied to those properties with a Trade Waste Approval.
- (2) Council may elect to not levy sewerage utility charges against vacant land that is effectively incapable of further development or improvement. The landowner shall be responsible for demonstrating to Council an entitlement to exemption from the commencement of the rating period in which the application is made and approved by Council.

Table 3 - Sewerage Utility Charges

Service Level	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Sewerage Charge per property</b>	
Vacant Land	\$263
Urinal (600mm) (1)	\$525
1st Pedestal	\$525
2nd Pedestal	\$453
Additional Pedestals (per pedestal)	\$402
Government Pedestals	\$716
<b>Trade Waste (2)</b>	
Category 0	Nil
Category 1	\$358
Category 2	\$477
Category 3	\$716

(1) - 1 Urinal (600mm) or part thereof = 1 pedestal. Each additional 600mm will be levied as per pedestal charge rates.

(2) - Trade Waste is liquid waste produced by industry, business, trade or manufacturing premises, other than domestic sewage, illegal substances and stormwater. Definitions are in accordance with Council's Trade Waste Policy.

## PART 6 WATER UTILITY CHARGES

Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and Sections 99 and 101 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services by Council as follows:

### 6.1 METERED POTABLE WATER UTILITY CHARGES

- (1) In the 2026/27 financial year, Council will levy Metered Potable Water Utility Charges on all properties, whether connected and/or not connected, within Council's defined water reticulation service areas.
- (2) For the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, Metered Potable Water Utility Charges to be levied on properties within Council's defined water reticulation service areas will comprise:
  - (a) a fixed water access infrastructure charge (the **Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge**); and
  - (b) a variable charge for each kilolitre of water used/consumed (the **Metered Potable Water Usage Charge**).
- (3) Metered potable water access and usage charges will be levied twice yearly. Council reserves the right to read and levy water usage at intervals other than half yearly for connections as required.
- (4) The Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge will be levied on the following criteria:
  - (a) Vacant and not connected properties situated in a potable water area and not serviced with a potable water connection are levied a Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge equal to 50% of the 20mm meter connection charge.
  - (b) Single residential properties are charged a Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge based on the size of the water meter servicing the property, as the meter size reflects the infrastructure needed to accommodate the potential water usage of the property.
  - (c) Where multiple lots are included on one assessment a Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge will apply for each lot. Example – a house and vacant lot together two (2) potable water access infrastructure charges will apply, unless the ratepayer is an eligible pensioner as per Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy.
  - (d) Where a single dwelling is situated across two or more adjoining lots and are included on one Rate Assessment, Council will treat those lots on which the footprint of the building sits as if they were a single lot and will levy one Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge.
  - (e) Non strata units / flats are levied one metered potable water access infrastructure charge for each parcel based on the size of the meter/s servicing the block of flats.
  - (f) Properties with multiple connections (including non-strata units/flats with more than one metered potable water meter connected) are levied a Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge for each connection. Where an assessment comprises a Body Corporate situation, Council will charge as per the provisions of the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*.
  - (g) Strata title properties are levied a minimum Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge per strata title lot equivalent to the 20mm meter connection.
- (5) Council may elect to not levy Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charges against vacant land that is effectively incapable of further development or improvement.
- (6) The owner of the land shall be responsible for demonstrating to Council an entitlement to an exemption from the Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge.

**Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge**

The Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge levied is to be determined according to the water meter size(s) servicing the property as detailed below in **Table 4-Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge**.

**Table 4 - Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge**

Description	2026/27 Annual Charge
Vacant and not connected	\$297
20mm meter connection	\$593
25mm meter connection	\$924
30mm meter connection	\$1,333
40mm meter connection	\$2,369
50mm meter connection	\$3,702
80mm meter connection	\$9,478
100mm meter connection	\$14,809
150mm meter connection	\$18,511

New water connections will be charged in accordance with fees set out in Council's Register of Regulatory Fees and Commercial Charges.

**Metered Potable Water Usage Charge**

- (1) Charge: the per kilolitre usage charge for all users connected to the potable water supply will be \$1.08 cents per kilolitre (1,000 litres).
- (2) Reading Periods:
  - (a) readings for the purpose of calculating Metered Potable Water Usage Charges are to be conducted twice yearly. Metered Potable Water Usage Charges will be levied during each half-yearly period based on the amount of water usage since the previous billing period. Council reserves the right to read and levy Metered Potable Water Usage Charges at intervals other than half yearly for specific connections as required.
  - (b) water consumption is levied half yearly for the readings undertaken prior to 31 December 2026 and prior to 30 June 2027

Water from registered dedicated fire services is for fire emergencies and testing purposes only and no charge will be levied for the first 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 10 times the applicable charge per kilolitre, unless evidence is provided, proving that the water was used in a fire emergency, in which case charges will be at the normal rate.

**6.2 WATER USAGE CHARGE – METER REGISTERING INACCURATELY**

- (1) Where Council is satisfied that a water meter has ceased to register accurately, through no fault of the ratepayer, Council will calculate the applicable Metered Potable Water Usage Charge using all reasonable information available and in accordance with Council's Water Meters Policy (as amended from time to time).
- (2) Pursuant to section 73 *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018* a person must not tamper with a water meter. For the purposes of that section "tamper" includes tampering with the plumbing associated with the water meter in a way that may hinder the capacity of the meter to accurately measure the volume of water supplied to premises.

## 6.3 UNMETERED POTABLE WATER SERVICE CHARGE

In the 2026/27 financial year, Council will levy an Unmetered Potable Water Service Utility Charges on all properties connected or capable of being connected to a Council unmetered potable water service, at a rate determined by Council as detailed below in **Table 5 - Unmetered Potable Water Service Charge**.

Table 5 - Unmetered Potable Water Service Charge

Classification (Areas shown below are total building "Floor Areas"	Estimated average water usage of the consumers within group (kL)	\$ / Unit	Allocated Units	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Commercial, Industrial</b>				
0 - 833.91 m2	750	\$15.00	64	\$960
833.92 - 1,633.91 m2	1242	\$15.00	106	\$1,590
Every 100 m2 over 1,633.91 m2	58	\$15.00	5	\$75
<b>Laundries, Butchers, Bakers, Garages</b>				
0 - 200 m2	750	\$15.00	64	\$960
201 - 400 m2	1406	\$15.00	120	\$1,800
401 - 1,600 m2	1828	\$15.00	156	\$2,340
<b>Public Halls, Public Theatres, Meeting Places, Community Clubs &amp; Associations</b>				
0 - 200 m2	433	\$15.00	37	\$555
201 - 600 m2	843	\$15.00	72	\$1,080
<b>Hotel</b>				
Hotels	2625	\$15.00	224	\$3,360
<b>Bowls Clubs, Golf Clubs</b>				
Bowls Club	1875	\$15.00	160	\$2,400
Golf Club	1875	\$15.00	160	\$2,400
<b>Places of Worship</b>				
Churches	433	\$15.00	37	\$555

## 6.4 UNMETERED NON-POTABLE WATER CHARGE- SURAT

In the 2026/27 financial year, Council will levy Unmetered Non-Potable (raw) Water Service Utility Charges on all properties in Surat connected to Council's unmetered non-potable (raw) water service at a rate determined by Council as detailed below in **Table 6 - Unmetered Non-Potable Water Service Charge - Surat**.

**Table 6 - Unmetered Non-Potable Water Charge - Surat**

Classification	Unit	Estimated average water usage of the Consumers within group (kL)	2026/27 Annual Charge
Vacant land water supply connection	1	222	\$424
Private residences, Flats, CWA Hostel, Picture Theatre, Public Halls, Fire Brigade, Sawmill, Racecourse, Wild Game Boxes, Housing Commission and Government Residences, Business Premises in separate occupation or tenancy and not connected to private residence or flat.	1	222	\$424
Rural Properties including Dairy, "Dunwaitin" and "Rewfarm"	1	222	\$424
Private residence / flat with one business	1.5	333	\$636
Court House, Caravan Park, Cafe and Residence, Golf Club, Private Residences with two businesses, Industrial Estate, Macropod Processing Plants, Slaughter House.	2	444	\$848
Bowls Club, Cobb & Co Country Motel Surat	3	666	\$1,272
Royal Hotel/Motel, Warroona Retirement Village, Hospital	4	888	\$1,696
State/Pre-School	7	1,554	\$2,968

## PART 7 SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES

### 7.1 STATE GOVERNMENT PRECEPT SPECIAL RATE

- (1) Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a special rate to be known as the ("State Government Precept Special Rate") of 0.0001040 cents in the dollar on the rateable value of the rateable land to which the special charge applies, to fund the cost of the State Government Precept charge, research and 'on-ground' works.
- (2) The overall plan for the State Government Precept Special Rate is as follows:
  - (a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the cost of the State Government Precept for the Wild Dog Barrier Fence, pest and weed research and 'on-ground' works.
  - (b) The rateable land to which the special rate applies is all rateable land categorised as Category 10 (Rural 80 to 1,000ha) through to Category 15 (Rural >50,000ha), Category 81 (Rural >=\$11M & <\$16.5M) and Category 82 (Rural >=\$16.5M), in the 2026/27 financial year.
  - (c) The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$488,101. The State Government Precept Special Rate will levy an estimated \$488,101 towards the total estimated cost of carrying out the activity.
  - (d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.
- (3) The rateable land to which the special rate applies, or its occupier, specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special rate because it will provide maintenance and renewal of the wild dog barrier fence, and pest and weed research (including 'on-ground' works) which is provided by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) so as to improve the agricultural activities on the land, which will increase productivity for landholders.

### 7.2 PEST MANAGEMENT SPECIAL RATE

- (1) Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a special rate to be known as the ("Pest Management Special Rate") of 0.000170940 cents in the dollar on the rateable value of the land to which the special rate applies, to fund the cost of the Pest Management, including pest animals and pest plants, across the Maranoa Regional Council area.
- (2) The overall plan for the Pest Management Special Rate is as follows:
  - (a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the cost of pest animals and pest plants management across the Maranoa Regional Council area, including meat and factory baits for two coordinated baiting programs and ad hoc baiting, wild dog bonus payment for scalps and the treatment of high priority pest plants in accordance with Council's Pest Management Plan.
  - (b) The rateable land to which the special rate applies is all rateable land categorised as Category 10 (Rural 80 to 1,000ha) through to Category 15 (Rural >50,000ha), Category 81 (Rural >=\$11M & <\$16.5M) and Category 82 (Rural >=\$16.5M), in the 2026/27 financial year.
  - (c) The estimated cost of carrying out the activity the subject of the overall plan is \$800,553. The Pest Management Special Rate will levy an estimated \$800,553 towards the total estimated cost of carrying out the activity.
  - (d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.
- (3) The rateable land to which the special rate applies, or its occupier, specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special rate because it will provide management of pests, both animal and plant, so as to improve the agricultural activities on the land which will increase productivity for landholders.

### 7.3 RURAL FIRE BRIGADE SPECIAL CHARGE

- (1) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Sections 152ZD of the *Fire Services Act 1990*, Council will make and levy a special charge (to be known as the "Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge") as detailed in the table below **Table 7 - Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge**, on all rateable lands serviced by the rural fire brigades for Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill as identified in the locality plans comprising Appendices 7 to 10 to contribute to the operational costs of firefighting and the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades.

**Table 7 - Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge**

Rural Fire Brigade	2026/27 Annual Charge per Assessment
Amby	\$74.58
Mungallala	\$74.58
Yuleba	\$74.58
Orange Hill	\$50.00

- (2) The overall plan for the Rural Fire Brigades Special Charge is as follows:
- The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is to contribute to the operational costs of fire-fighting and the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades that operate throughout the areas of Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill.
  - The rateable land to which the plan applies is all rateable land defined by Queensland Fire Department (QFD) - Rural Fire Service as being serviced within each Rural Fire Brigade boundary, as identified in the attached Rural Fire Maps for each Brigade (Appendix 7 - 10).
  - The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$20,568. The Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge will levy an estimated amount of \$20,568.
  - The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.
- (3) The rateable land to which the special rate applies, or its occupier, specially benefit from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because these local Rural Fire Brigade units respond to emergency (fire) calls.

## PART 8 CONCESSIONS

### 8.1 PENSIONER CONCESSION

Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy provides further information regarding all concessions on rates and charges.

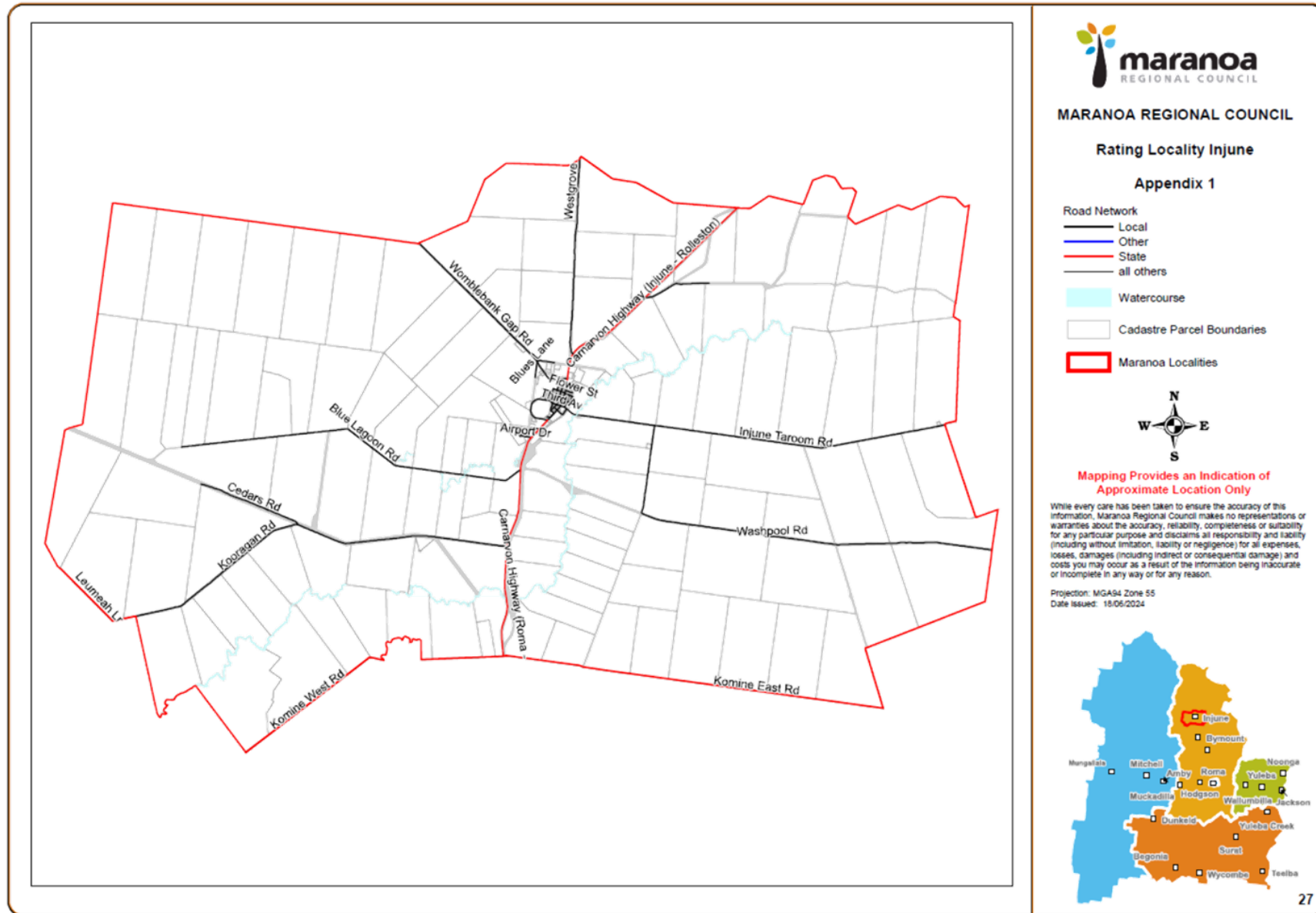
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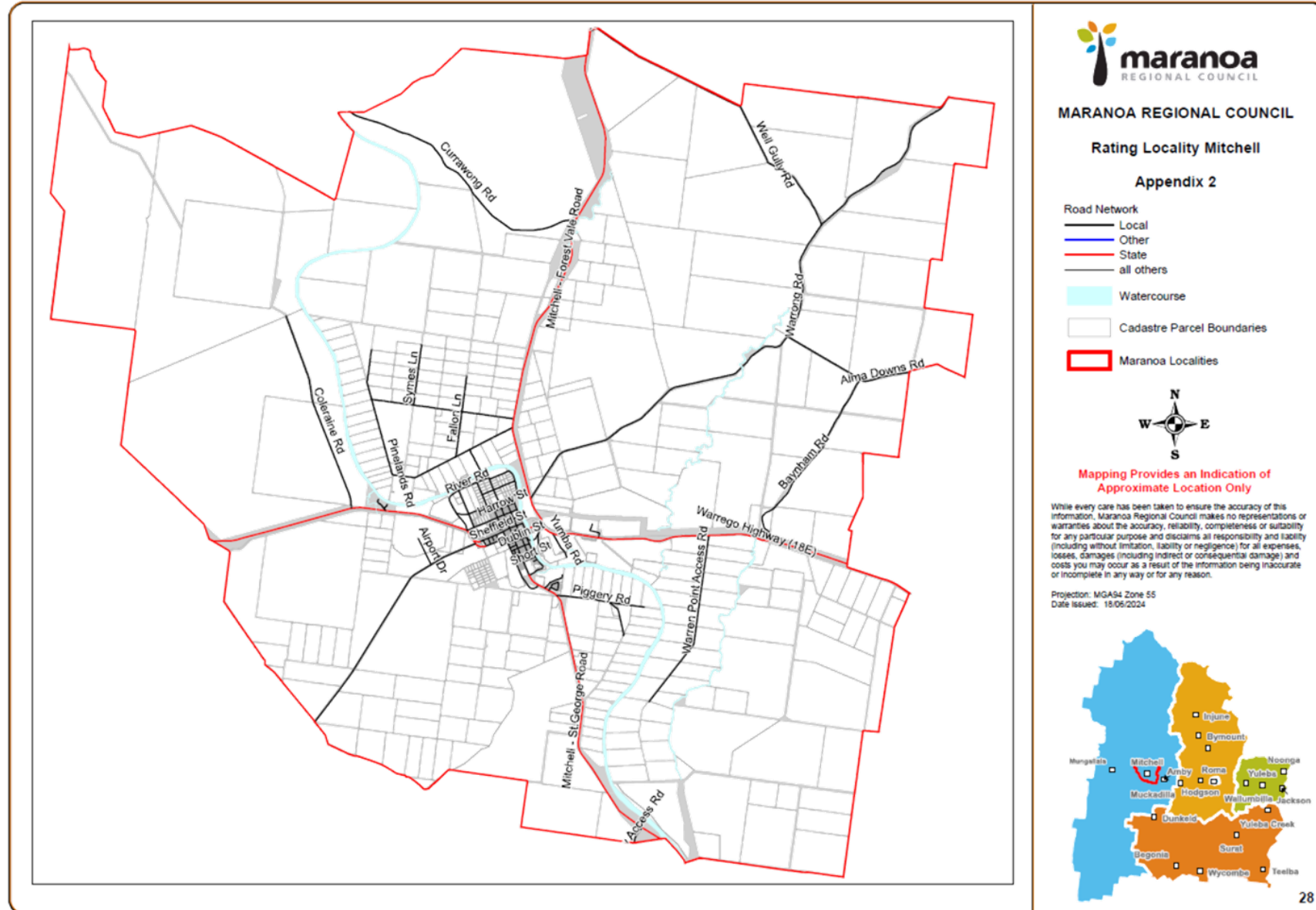
- (1) Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* allows a local government under a local law or a resolution to fix a cost-recovery fee for certain (regulatory) services.
- (2) A cost-recovery fee is for the provision of certain regulatory services as detailed in Section 97(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
- (3) Section 172 (1) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides that the Revenue Statement must state the criteria used to decide the amount of any cost-recovery fees.
- (4) Section 172 (1) (d) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides that if the local government conducts a business activity the Revenue Statement must state the criteria used to decide the amount of the charges for the activity's goods and services.
- (5) It is the intention of Council that, where possible, services provided by Council are fully cost recovered; however, consideration may be given where appropriate to the broad community impact that certain fees and charges may have.
- (6) In setting cost recovery and other fees and charges for goods and services, Council will apply the following criteria to be used in setting the amount of any fee or charge:
  - (a) fees associated with cost recovery (regulatory) services will be set at no more than the full cost of providing the service or taking the action for which the fee is charged;
  - (b) Council may choose to subsidise the fee from other sources (e.g. general rate revenue) where Council considers that it would not be reasonable to charge the full cost; and
  - (c) charges for commercial services will be set to recover the full cost of providing the service and, if provided by a business unit of Council, may include a component for return on capital.
- (7) Council's Fees and Charges Schedule details the fees and charges adopted by Council. Council's adopted Fees and Charges include both cost recovery and commercial user pays fees.
- (8) The cost recovery (regulatory) charges are identified as such in Council's Fees and Charges Schedule and have been determined where appropriate to recover the cost of providing the service.
- (9) The commercial user pays fees are for other services and facilities supplied by Council where the charge is not a cost-recovery fee. The criteria used to decide the amount of such fees is for Council to cover the full cost of providing the relevant services and facilities and may include a commercially based rate of return, return on capital, tax equivalents and allowances for advantages for government ownership, when provided in competition to the private sector.

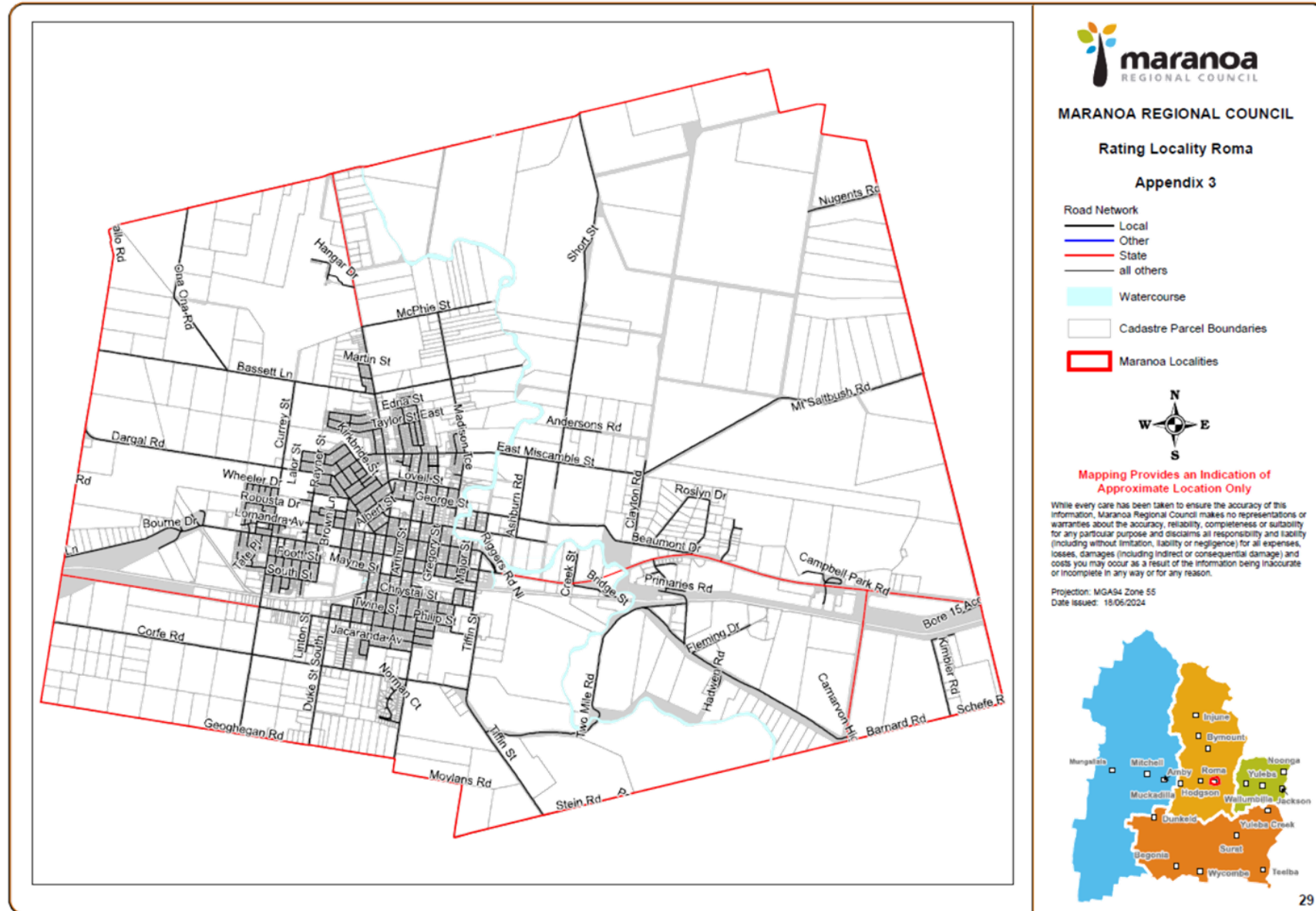
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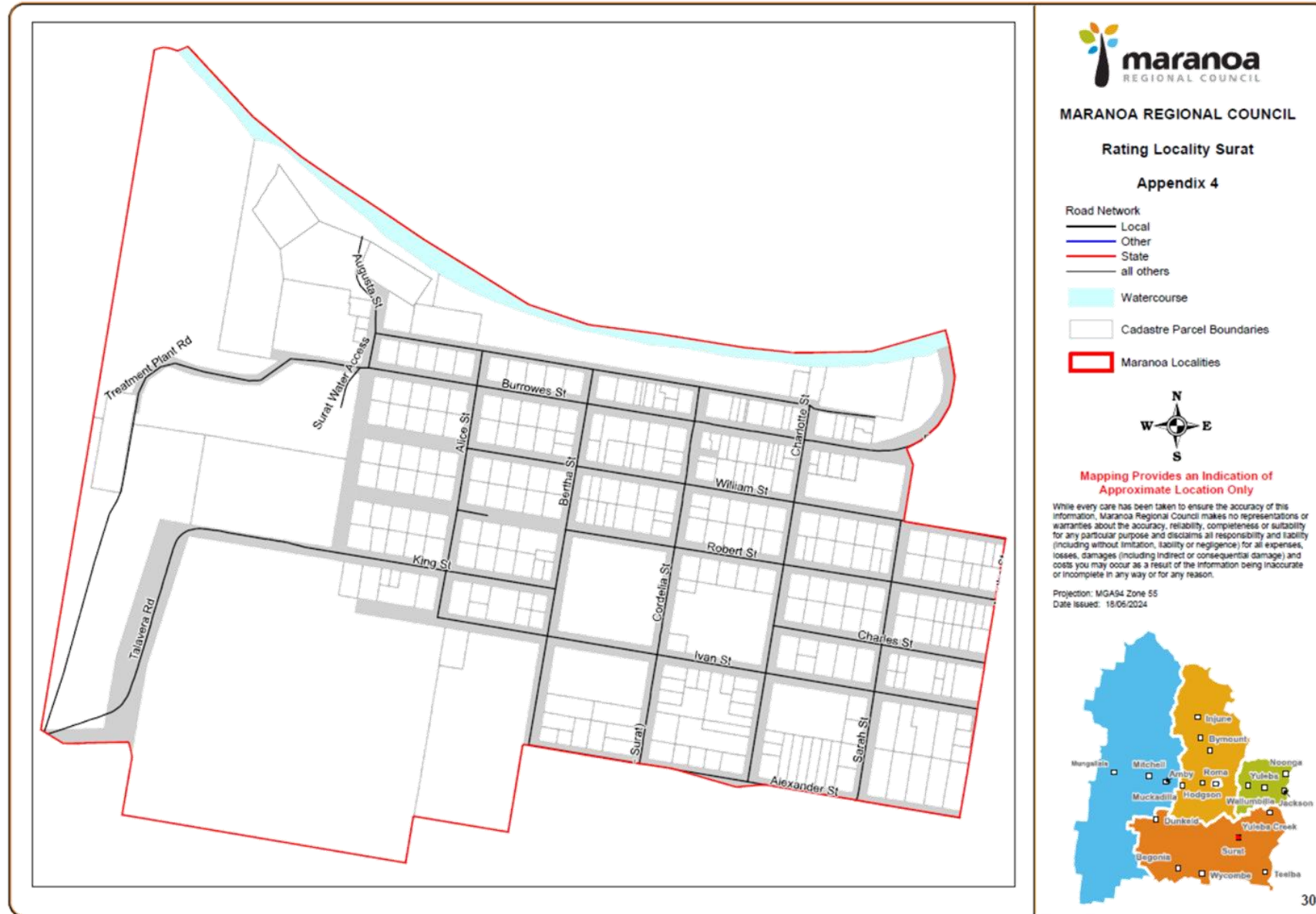
Land Use Code	Description	Land Use Code	Description
<b>Residential</b>		<b>Private Transport &amp; Storage</b>	
01	Vacant Urban Land	28	Warehouse & Bulk Stores
02	Single Unit Dwelling	29	Transport Terminal
03	Multi Unit Dwelling (Flats)	30	Service Station
04	Vacant - Large Homesite	31	Oil Depot & Refinery
05	Dwelling - Large Homesite	32	Wharves
06	Outbuildings	33	Builders Yard, Contractors Yard
07	Guest House (Private) Hotel		
08	Building Units (Primary Use Only)	34	Cold Stores - Iceworks
09	Group Title (Primary Use Only)		
<b>Retail Business &amp; Commercial</b>		<b>Industrial</b>	
10	Combined Multi Dwelling & Shops	35	General Industry
11	Shop - Single	36	Light Industry
12	Shopping Group (More than 6)	37	Noxious/Offensive Industry (including Abattoir)
13	Shopping Group (2 - 6 Shops)		
14	Shops - Main Retail (Central Business District)	38	Advertising - Hoarding
15	Shops - Secondary Retail (Fringe CBD)	39	Harbour Industries
16	Drive-in Shopping Centre	40	Extractive
17	Restaurant	<b>Other Business</b>	
18	Special Tourist Attraction	41	Child Care - excluding Kindergarten
19	Walkway	42	Hotel/Tavern
20	Marina	43	Motel
21	Residential Institutions (Non-Medical Care)	44	Nurseries (Plants)
22	Car Park	45	Theatres & Cinemas
23	Retail Warehouse	46	Drive-in Theatre
24	Sales Area Outdoors (Dealers, Boats, Cars, etc.)	47	Licensed Clubs
25	Professional Offices	48	Sports Clubs/Facilities
26	Funeral Parlour	49	Caravan Parks
27	Hospital. Conv. Homes (Medical Care)	50	Other Clubs (Non-Business)

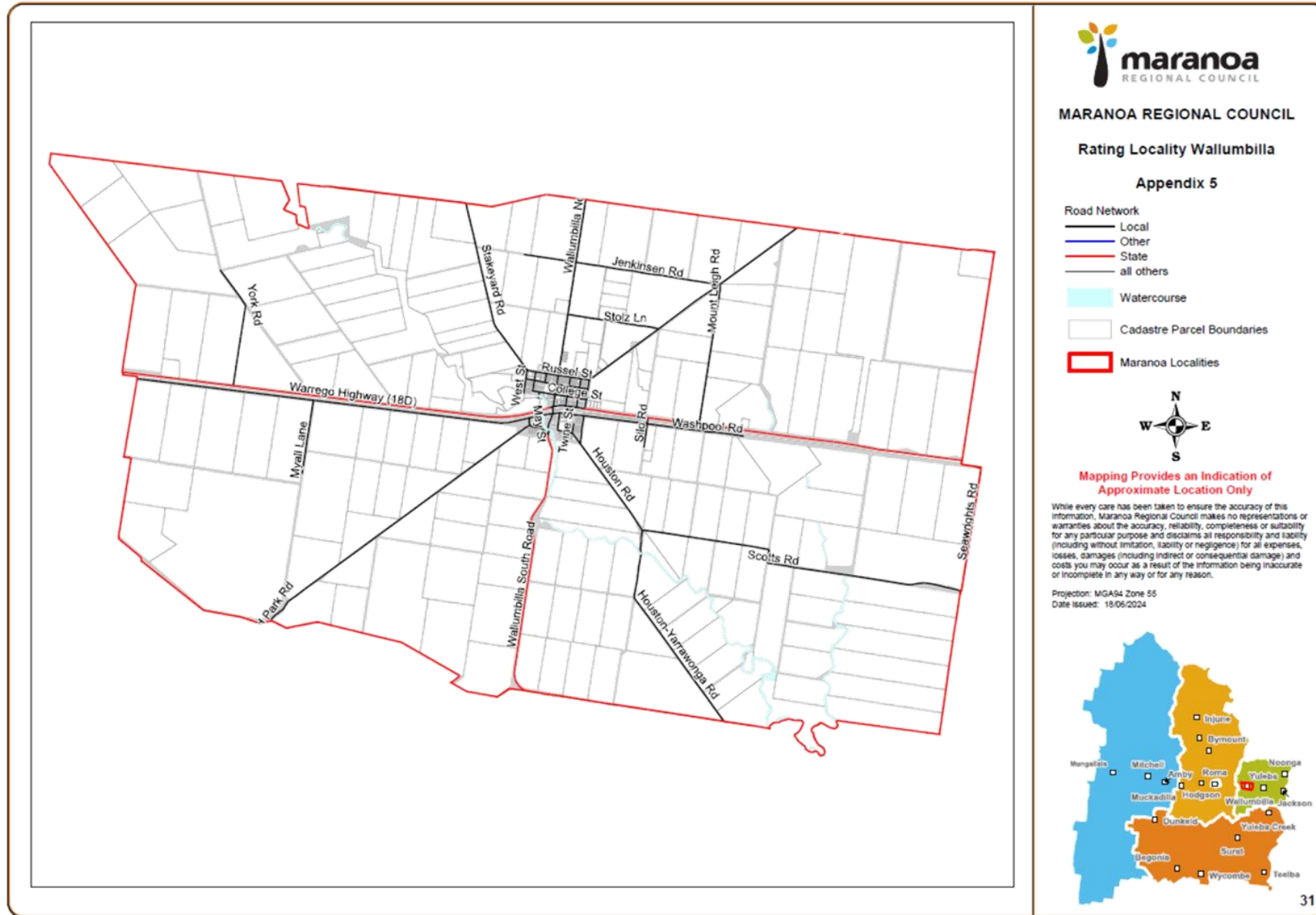
Land Use Code	Description	Land Use Code	Description
<b>Special Uses</b>		<b>Agricultural</b>	
51	Religious	71	Oil Seeds
52	Cemeteries	72	P/use-Sec 25; S/use-Higher Use
53	Commonwealth (Secondary Use Only)	73	Grains
		74	Turf Farms
54	State (Secondary Use Only)	75	Sugar Cane
55	Library	76	Tobacco
		77	Cotton
56	Sportsground, Racecourse, Airfield	78	Rice
		79	Orchards
57	Parks, Gardens	80	Tropical Fruits
58	Educational - Including Kindergarten	81	Pineapples
59	Local Authority (Secondary Use Only)	82	Vineyards
		83	Small Crops & Fodder - Irrigated
		84	Small Crops & Fodder - Non-Irrigated
<b>Sheep Grazing</b>		<b>Other Rural Uses</b>	
60	Sheep Grazing - Dry	85	Pigs
61	Sheep Breeding	86	Horses
62	Not Allocated	87	Poultry
		88	Forestry & Logs
63	Not Allocated	89	Animals - Special
		90	Stratum
<b>Cattle Grazing</b>		91	Transformers
64	Cattle Grazing & Breeding	92	Defence Force Establishment
65	Cattle Breeding & Fattening	93	Peanuts
66	Cattle Fattening	94	Vacant Rural Land (excl. 01 & 04)
		95	Reservoir, Dams, Bores
<b>Goats</b>		<b>General Industry</b>	
67	Goats	96	Public Hospital
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>		97	Welfare Homes/Institutions
68	Milk - Quota	98	Sect II(i)(vii) Applies (Secondary Use Only)
69	Milk - No Quota	99	Community Protection Centre
70	Cream		

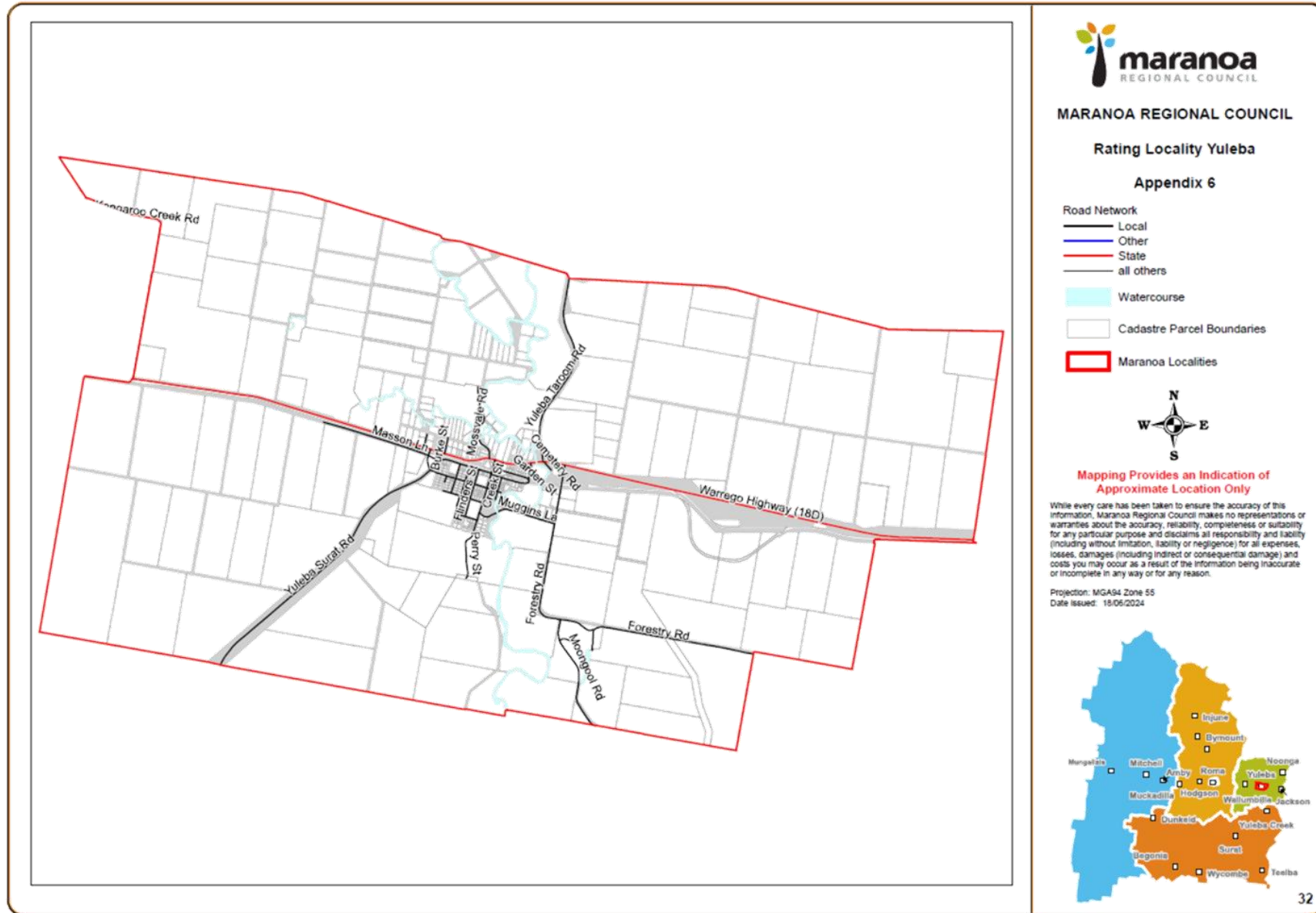


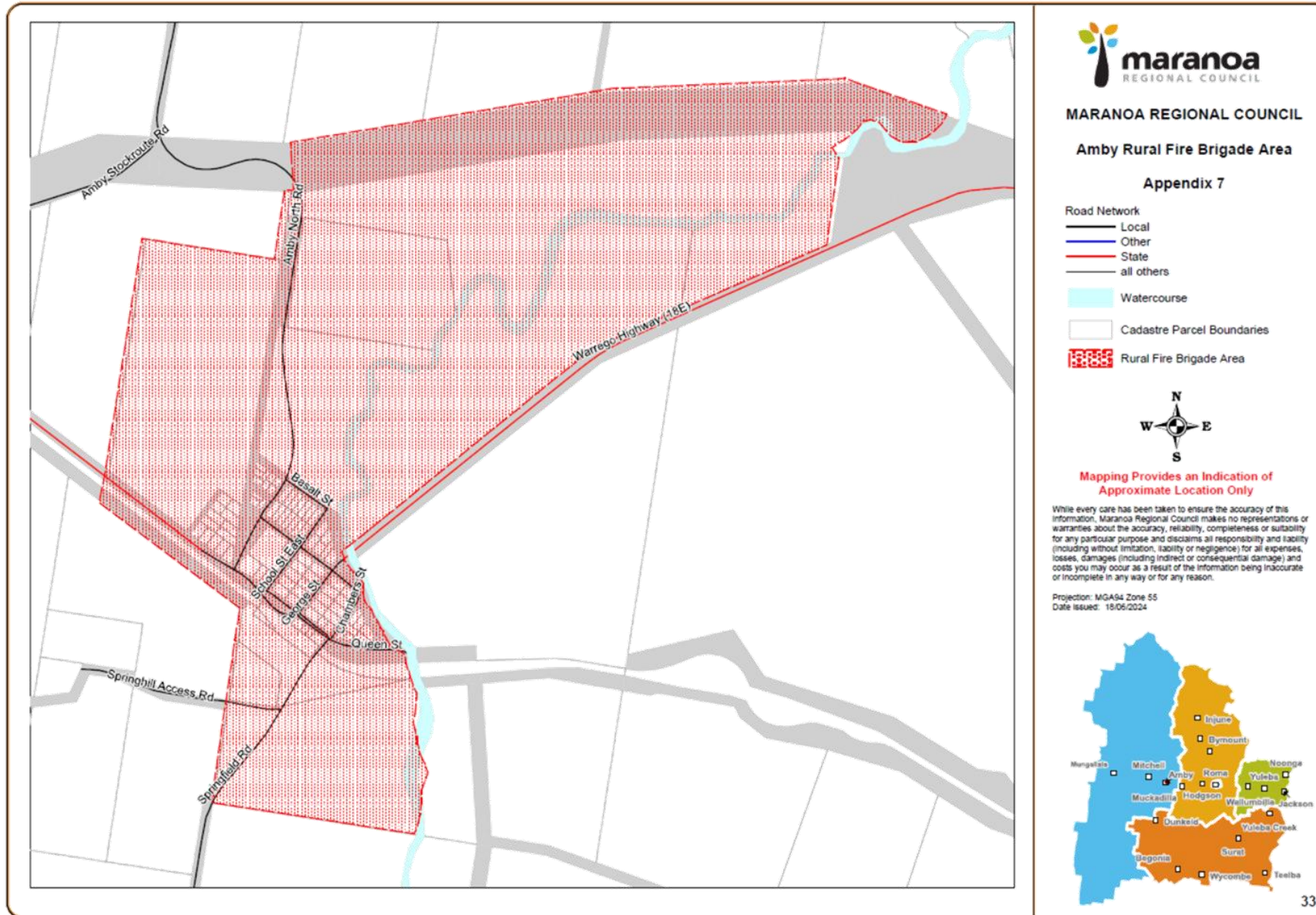


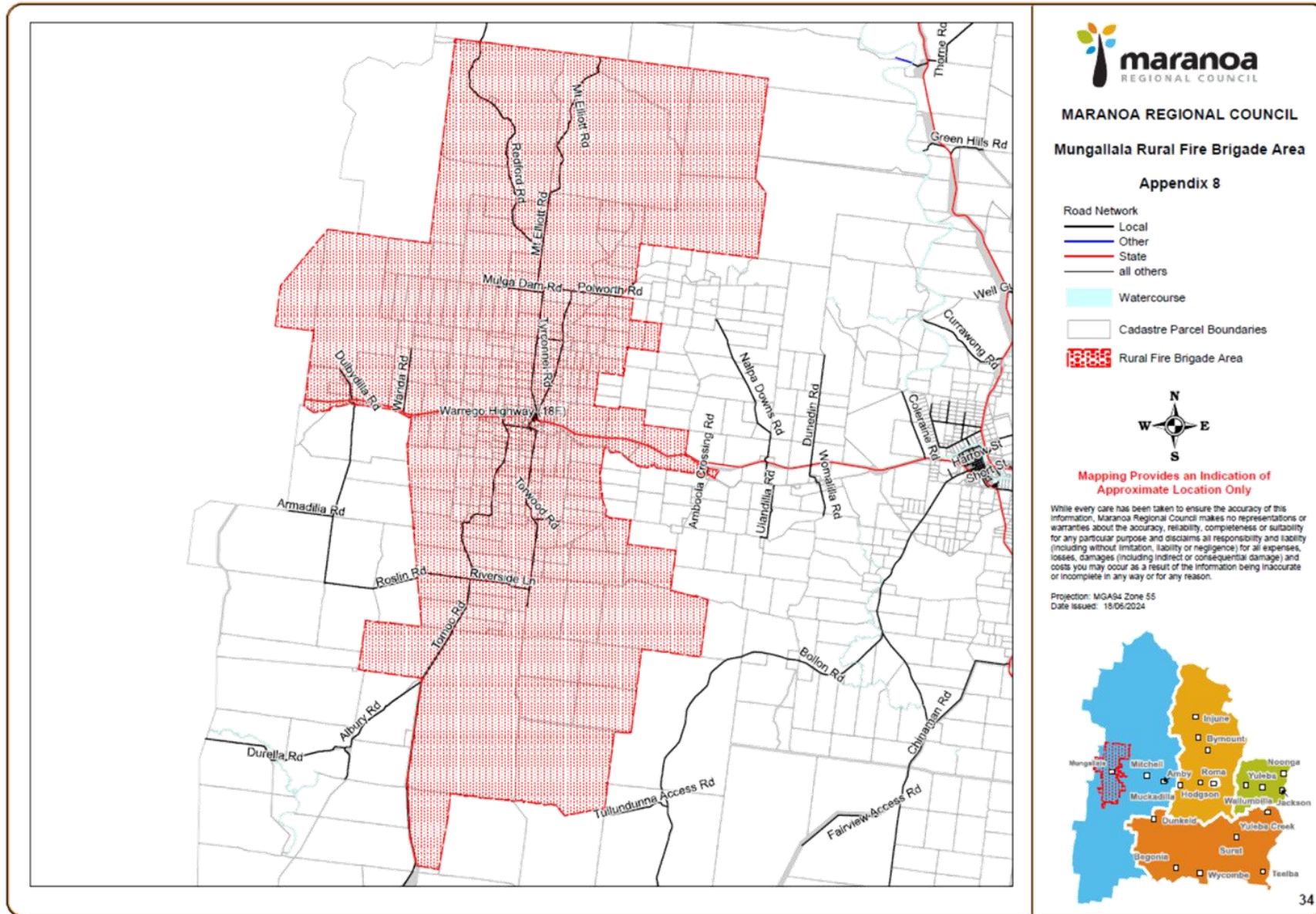


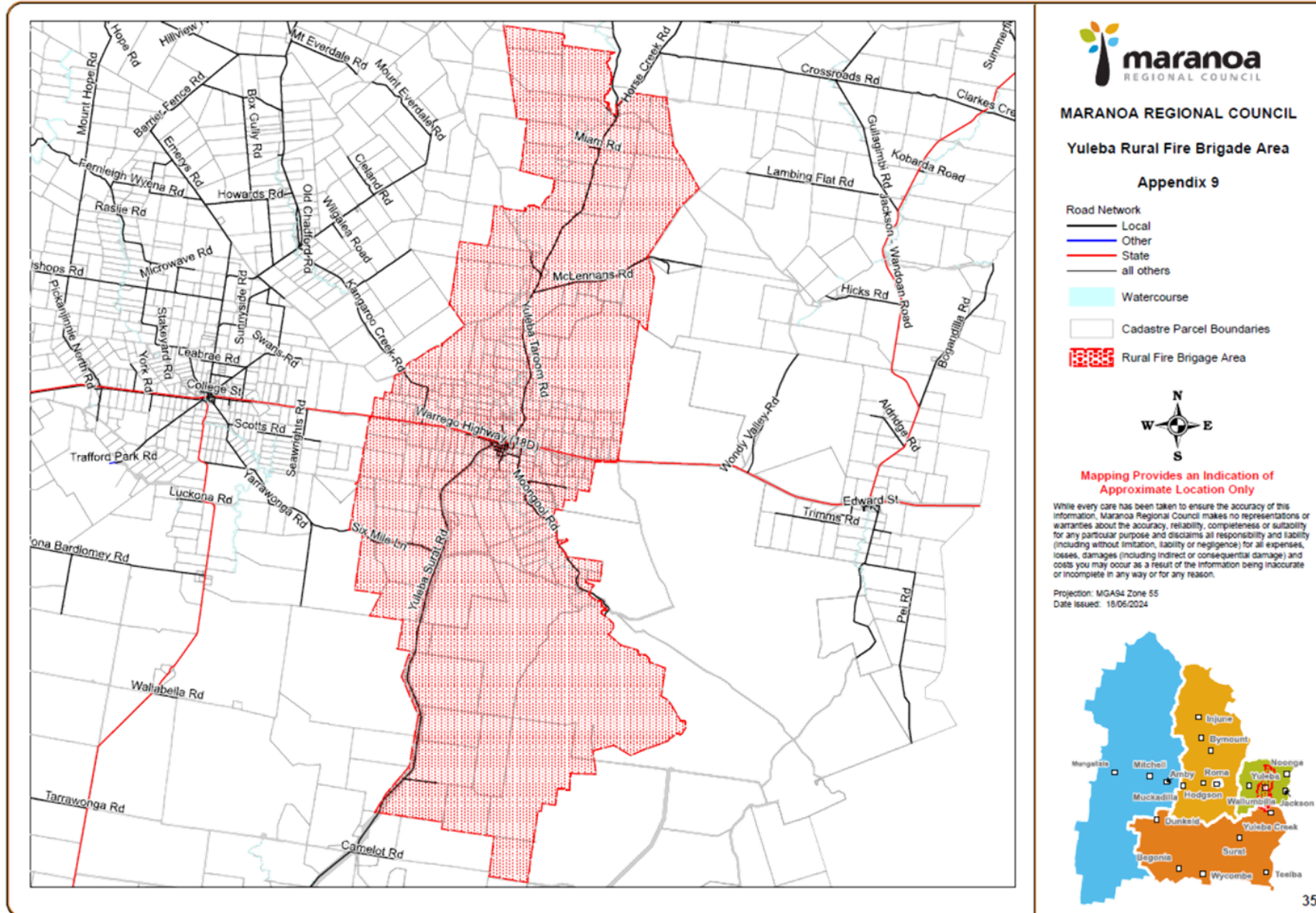


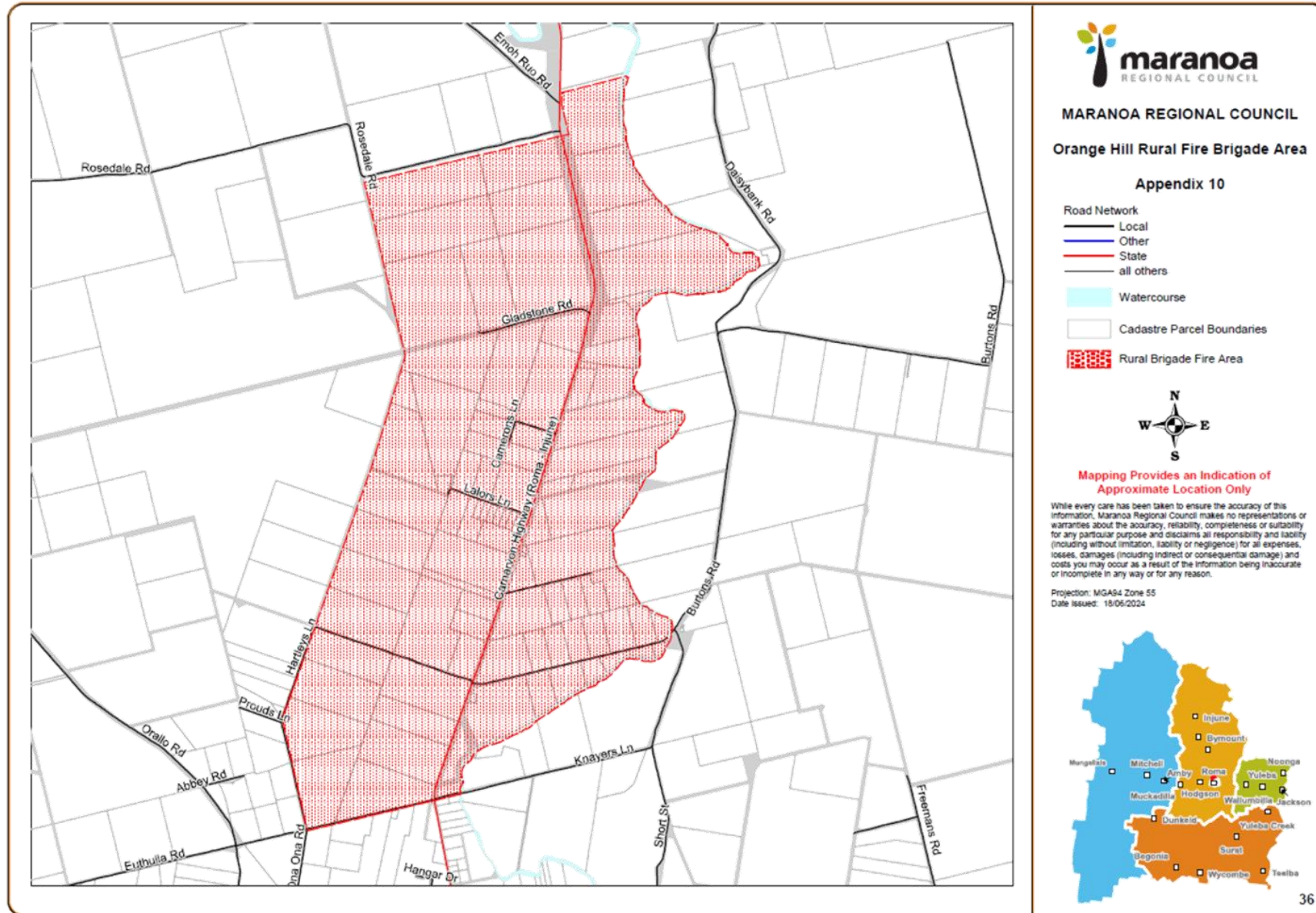














**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 23 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.4

**File Number:** D26/66384

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Adoption of 2026/27 Budget

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Financial Planning & Performance

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**Executive Summary:**

This report presents the Council proposed budget for 2026/27 for adoption.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That:

1. Pursuant to sections 169, 170 and 171 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, adopt the Budget for the 2026/27 financial year as per Attachment 1, incorporating:
  - The statement of income and expenditure;
  - The statement of financial position;
  - The statement of cash flow;
  - The statement of changes in equity;
  - The long-term financial plan;
  - The measures of financial sustainability;
  - The revenue statement;
  - The revenue policy;
  - An assessment of significant and commercial business activities;
  - The total value of the change in the rates and utility charges levied for the prior financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the 2026/27 Budget, expressed as a percentage, is a 5.82% change;
  - The Statement of Capital Works; and
  - Project Works Program.
2. Pursuant to section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, note the statement of estimated financial position for the previous financial year as included within the Budget for the 2026/27 financial year as per Attachment 1.

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**Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

The purpose of this report is to adopt the annual budget and associated information for the 2026/27 financial year.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

The Budget 2026/27 document includes:

- The statement of income and expenditure;
- The statement of financial position;
- The statement of cash flow;
- The statement of changes in equity;
- The long-term financial plan (also called the long-term financial forecast);
- The measures of financial sustainability (consistent with the measures outlines in the financial management (sustainability) guideline);
- The revenue statement;
- The revenue policy;
- An assessment of significant and commercial business activities;
- The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget;
- The Statement of Capital Works; and
- Project Works Program.

The budget also incorporates the estimated financial position for 2026/27 within the applicable statements.

Section 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* states that:

- (1) A local government must adopt its budget for a financial year—
- (a) after 31 May in the year before the financial year; but
  - (b) before—
    - (i) 1 August in the financial year; or
    - (ii) a later day decided by the Minister.

**Options Considered:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

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### **Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

In accordance with section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council must adopt a budget each year:

#### **Section 104 Financial management systems**

(5) *The system of financial management established by a local government must include -*  
(a) *the following financial planning documents prepared for the local government –*

- (i) *a 5-year corporate plan that incorporates community engagement;*
- (ii) *a long-term asset management plan;*
- (iii) *a long-term financial forecast;*
- (iv) *an **annual budget including revenue statement;***
- (v) *an annual operational plan; and*

### **Timelines / Deadlines:**

To be adopted prior to 31 July 2026.

### **Consultation (Internal / External):**

Councillors  
Senior Management Team  
Chief Executive Officer  
Director – Corporate Services  
Chief Financial Officer  
King & Co  
Operations Manager - Finance  
Lead Rates & Utilities Billing Officer

### **Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

N/A

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028

Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability

4.7 Transparent government

**Supporting Documentation:**

[1](#) 2026/27 Budget

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**Report authorised by:**

Director - Corporate Services

# Maranoa Regional Council **Budget** 2026 - 2027



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## Statement of Comprehensive Income

	2025/26 Estimate \$'000	2026/27 Budget \$'000	2027/28 Budget \$'000	2028/29 Budget \$'000
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>Operating revenue</b>				
Rates, levies and charges	55,608	58,891	63,300	68,087
Fees and charges	4,879	5,324	5,591	5,870
Rental income	732	757	795	834
Interest revenue	5,210	5,584	5,744	5,909
Sales revenue	19,970	20,966	21,826	22,721
Other income	6,874	4,281	4,457	4,639
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	49,641	60,018	28,679	21,399
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>142,913</b>	<b>155,821</b>	<b>130,391</b>	<b>129,460</b>
<b>Capital revenue</b>				
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	54,274	11,112	11,527	15,172
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>197,188</b>	<b>166,933</b>	<b>141,918</b>	<b>144,632</b>
<b>Capital income</b>				
Total Capital Income	533	2,484	638	1,000
<b>Total income</b>	<b>197,721</b>	<b>169,417</b>	<b>142,556</b>	<b>145,632</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Operating expenses</b>				
Employee benefits	35,212	36,981	38,360	39,698
Materials and services	80,612	87,807	58,670	53,788
Finance costs	1,917	2,116	2,065	2,252
Depreciation and amortisation	26,542	28,302	29,179	30,994
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>144,283</b>	<b>155,206</b>	<b>128,274</b>	<b>126,732</b>
<b>Capital expenses</b>				
Total Capital expenses	10,000	1,000	1,830	823
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>154,283</b>	<b>156,206</b>	<b>130,104</b>	<b>127,554</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>43,438</b>	<b>13,211</b>	<b>12,452</b>	<b>18,077</b>
<b>Operating result</b>				
Operating revenue	142,913	155,821	130,391	129,460
Operating expenses	144,283	155,206	128,274	126,732
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>(1,369)</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>2,728</b>

Statement of Financial Position				
	2025/26 Estimate \$'000	2026/27 Budget \$'000	2027/28 Budget \$'000	2028/29 Budget \$'000
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	84,188	64,703	70,150	86,608
Trade and other receivables	10,512	12,348	10,217	10,155
Inventories	2,447	2,447	2,447	2,447
Contract Assets	-	-	-	-
Other current assets	851	851	851	851
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>97,997</b>	<b>80,349</b>	<b>83,664</b>	<b>100,060</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Property, plant & equipment	1,174,636	1,204,932	1,216,973	1,222,729
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>1,174,636</b>	<b>1,204,932</b>	<b>1,216,973</b>	<b>1,222,729</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,272,633</b>	<b>1,285,280</b>	<b>1,300,637</b>	<b>1,322,789</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Trade and other payables	8,124	8,933	6,580	6,255
Contract Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Borrowings	1,075	1,541	2,004	2,377
Provisions	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979
Other current liabilities	513	523	534	544
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>13,691</b>	<b>14,976</b>	<b>13,096</b>	<b>13,155</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Trade and other payables	529	529	529	529
Borrowings	17,476	15,520	18,607	20,610
Provisions	54,197	54,304	54,411	54,519
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>72,201</b>	<b>70,352</b>	<b>73,547</b>	<b>75,658</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>85,892</b>	<b>85,328</b>	<b>86,643</b>	<b>88,813</b>
<b>Net community assets</b>	<b>1,186,741</b>	<b>1,199,952</b>	<b>1,213,994</b>	<b>1,233,976</b>
<b>Community equity</b>				
Asset revaluation surplus	523,567	523,567	525,157	527,062
Retained surplus	663,174	676,385	688,837	706,914
<b>Total community equity</b>	<b>1,186,741</b>	<b>1,199,952</b>	<b>1,213,994</b>	<b>1,233,976</b>

Statement of Cash Flows				
	2025/26 Estimate \$'000	2026/27 Budget \$'000	2027/28 Budget \$'000	2028/29 Budget \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Receipts from customers	85,197	87,010	94,726	100,791
Payments to suppliers and employees	(128,131)	(125,266)	(100,669)	(95,096)
Payments for land held as inventory	2,249	-	-	-
Interest received	5,223	5,584	5,744	5,909
Rental income	727	764	792	831
Non-capital grants and contributions	41,402	60,626	31,261	21,991
Borrowing costs	(464)	(722)	(673)	(859)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>6,203</b>	<b>27,997</b>	<b>31,182</b>	<b>33,567</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(75,962)	(58,597)	(39,630)	(34,845)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	553	2,484	638	1,000
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	52,620	11,112	11,527	15,172
Other cash flows from investing activities	(9,995)	(990)	(1,820)	(812)
<b>Net cash inflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(32,784)</b>	<b>(45,991)</b>	<b>(29,285)</b>	<b>(19,485)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	5,090	4,380
Repayment of borrowings	(1,392)	(1,491)	(1,540)	(2,003)
<b>Net cash inflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(1,392)</b>	<b>(1,491)</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>2,377</b>
<b>Total cash flows</b>				
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held</b>	<b>(27,973)</b>	<b>(19,485)</b>	<b>5,447</b>	<b>16,458</b>
<b>Opening cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>112,161</b>	<b>84,188</b>	<b>64,703</b>	<b>70,149</b>
<b>Closing cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>84,188</b>	<b>64,703</b>	<b>70,149</b>	<b>86,607</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

	2026/27 Budget \$'000	2027/28 Budget \$'000	2028/29 Budget \$'000
<b>Asset revaluation surplus</b>			
Opening balance	523,567	523,567	525,157
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	-	1,590	1,904
Closing balance	523,567	525,157	527,062
<b>Retained surplus</b>			
Opening balance	663,174	676,385	688,837
Net result	13,211	12,452	18,077
Closing balance	676,385	688,837	706,914
<b>Total</b>			
Opening balance	1,186,741	1,199,952	1,213,994
Net result	13,211	12,452	18,077
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	-	1,590	1,904
Closing balance	1,199,952	1,213,994	1,233,976

## Statement of Capital Works

	2026/27 Budget \$'000	2027/28 Budget \$'000	2028/29 Budget \$'000
<b>Capital expenditure</b>			
<b>Property</b>			
Land	-	-	-
Land improvements	4,470	-	-
<b>Total land</b>	4,470	-	-
Buildings	4,204	6,242	4,358
<b>Total buildings</b>	4,204	6,242	4,358
<b>Total property</b>	8,674	6,242	4,358
<b>Plant and equipment</b>			
Plant, machinery and equipment	7,253	7,471	7,695
Audio visual, Computers and telecommunications	-	-	-
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	7,253	7,471	7,695
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
Roads, drainage & bridges	18,604	11,001	15,512
Water	2,414	9,906	3,500
Sewer	700	759	3,650
Gas	115	-	-
Other infrastructure	19,203	4,251	130
<b>Total infrastructure</b>	41,036	25,917	22,792
<b>Total capital works expenditure</b>	<b>56,962</b>	<b>39,630</b>	<b>34,845</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Asset renewal expenditure	25,152	39,225	31,030
Asset upgrade expenditure	8,284	405	3,815
Asset expansion expenditure	14,470	-	-
New asset expenditure	9,055	-	-
<b>Total capital works expenditure</b>	<b>56,962</b>	<b>39,630</b>	<b>34,845</b>
<b>Funding sources represented by:</b>			
Grants	8,185	11,527	14,736
Contributions	2,827	-	436
Council cash	45,950	23,013	15,293
Borrowings	-	5,090	4,380
<b>Total capital works expenditure</b>	<b>56,962</b>	<b>39,630</b>	<b>34,845</b>

## Long Term Financial Plan - Statement of Comprehensive Income

	2025/26 Estimate \$'000	2026/27 Budget \$'000	2027/28 Budget \$'000	2028/29 Budget \$'000	2029/30 Forecast \$'000	2030/31 Forecast \$'000	20231/32 Forecast \$'000	2032/33 Forecast \$'000	2033/34 Forecast \$'000	2034/35 Forecast \$'000	2035/36 Forecast \$'000
<b>Income</b>											
<b>Revenue</b>											
<b>Operating revenue</b>											
Rates, levies and charges	55,608	58,891	63,300	68,087	71,486	75,064	78,914	82,884	87,065	91,467	96,105
Fees and charges	4,879	5,324	5,591	5,870	6,164	6,472	6,795	7,135	7,492	7,866	8,260
Rental income	732	757	795	834	876	920	966	1,014	1,065	1,118	1,174
Interest revenue	5,210	5,584	5,744	5,909	6,079	6,254	6,434	6,619	6,810	7,007	7,210
Sales revenue	19,970	20,966	21,826	22,721	23,652	24,622	25,632	26,682	27,776	28,915	30,101
Other income	6,874	4,281	4,457	4,639	4,830	5,028	5,234	5,448	5,672	5,904	6,146
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	49,641	60,018	28,679	21,399	20,122	20,378	20,639	20,904	21,173	21,447	21,725
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	142,913	155,821	130,391	129,460	133,208	138,737	144,614	150,688	157,053	163,726	170,722
<b>Capital revenue</b>											
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	54,274	11,112	11,527	15,172	15,078	15,988	16,582	15,412	15,784	15,535	15,696
<b>Total revenue</b>	197,188	166,933	141,918	144,632	148,287	154,726	161,196	166,099	172,837	179,261	186,417
<b>Capital income</b>											
Total Capital Income	533	2,484	638	1,000	459	1,171	1,448	959	1,000	900	900
<b>Total income</b>	197,721	169,417	142,556	145,632	148,746	155,897	162,644	167,058	173,837	180,161	187,317
<b>Expenses</b>											
<b>Operating expenses</b>											
Employee benefits	35,212	36,981	38,360	39,698	41,082	42,514	43,997	45,531	47,119	48,762	50,462
Materials and services	80,612	87,807	58,670	53,788	55,994	58,289	60,679	63,167	65,757	68,453	71,260
Finance costs	1,917	2,116	2,065	2,252	2,381	2,308	2,238	2,171	2,104	2,033	1,941
Depreciation and amortisation	26,542	28,302	29,179	30,994	32,658	34,300	36,872	38,276	37,782	40,534	43,646
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	144,283	155,206	128,274	126,732	132,115	137,412	143,785	149,144	152,762	159,782	167,309
<b>Capital expenses</b>											
Total Capital expenses	10,000	1,000	1,830	823	1,671	3,772	5,400	7,329	6,847	2,215	433
<b>Total expenses</b>	154,283	156,206	130,104	127,554	133,785	141,184	149,185	156,474	159,609	161,997	167,742
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	43,438	13,211	12,452	18,077	14,960	14,712	13,459	10,585	14,228	18,164	19,575
<b>Operating result</b>											
Operating revenue	142,913	155,821	130,391	129,460	133,208	138,737	144,614	150,688	157,053	163,726	170,722
Operating expenses	144,283	155,206	128,274	126,732	132,115	137,412	143,785	149,144	152,762	159,782	167,309
<b>Operating result</b>	(1,369)	616	2,117	2,728	1,094	1,326	828	1,543	4,291	3,944	3,413

### Long Term Financial Plan - Statement of Financial Position

	2025/26 Estimate \$'000	2026/27 Budget \$'000	2027/28 Budget \$'000	2028/29 Budget \$'000	2029/30 Forecast \$'000	2030/31 Forecast \$'000	20231/32 Forecast \$'000	2032/33 Forecast \$'000	2033/34 Forecast \$'000	2034/35 Forecast \$'000	2035/36 Forecast \$'000
<b>Assets</b>											
<b>Current assets</b>											
Cash and cash equivalents	84,188	64,703	70,150	86,608	102,042	101,330	110,305	124,086	137,814	151,507	177,924
Trade and other receivables	10,512	12,348	10,217	10,155	10,449	10,889	11,326	11,841	12,349	12,881	13,403
Inventories	2,447	2,447	2,447	2,447	2,447	2,447	2,447	2,447	2,447	2,447	2,447
Other current assets	851	851	851	851	851	851	851	851	851	851	851
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>97,997</b>	<b>80,349</b>	<b>83,664</b>	<b>100,060</b>	<b>115,788</b>	<b>115,516</b>	<b>124,929</b>	<b>139,225</b>	<b>153,460</b>	<b>167,685</b>	<b>194,624</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>											
Property, plant & equipment	1,174,636	1,204,932	1,216,973	1,222,729	1,222,512	1,238,461	1,243,931	1,242,071	1,244,027	1,249,892	1,244,676
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>1,174,636</b>	<b>1,204,932</b>	<b>1,216,973</b>	<b>1,222,729</b>	<b>1,222,512</b>	<b>1,238,461</b>	<b>1,243,931</b>	<b>1,242,071</b>	<b>1,244,027</b>	<b>1,249,892</b>	<b>1,244,676</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,272,633</b>	<b>1,285,280</b>	<b>1,300,637</b>	<b>1,322,789</b>	<b>1,338,301</b>	<b>1,353,977</b>	<b>1,368,859</b>	<b>1,381,296</b>	<b>1,397,486</b>	<b>1,417,577</b>	<b>1,439,300</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>											
<b>Current liabilities</b>											
Trade and other payables	8,124	8,933	6,580	6,255	6,496	6,747	6,989	7,279	7,561	7,853	8,136
Borrowings	1,075	1,541	2,004	2,377	2,191	2,109	2,029	2,147	2,057	2,149	2,248
Provisions	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979	3,979
Other current liabilities	513	523	534	544	555	566	578	589	601	613	625
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>13,691</b>	<b>14,976</b>	<b>13,096</b>	<b>13,155</b>	<b>13,221</b>	<b>13,401</b>	<b>13,575</b>	<b>13,994</b>	<b>14,197</b>	<b>14,594</b>	<b>14,988</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>											
Trade and other payables	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	529
Borrowings	17,476	15,520	18,607	20,610	18,819	17,110	15,481	13,734	12,078	9,929	7,681
Provisions	54,197	54,304	54,411	54,519	54,627	54,735	54,844	54,952	55,061	55,170	55,279
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>72,201</b>	<b>70,352</b>	<b>73,547</b>	<b>75,658</b>	<b>73,975</b>	<b>72,374</b>	<b>70,853</b>	<b>69,215</b>	<b>67,667</b>	<b>65,628</b>	<b>63,489</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>85,892</b>	<b>85,328</b>	<b>86,643</b>	<b>88,813</b>	<b>87,196</b>	<b>85,775</b>	<b>84,428</b>	<b>83,209</b>	<b>81,864</b>	<b>80,221</b>	<b>78,476</b>
<b>Net community assets</b>	<b>1,186,741</b>	<b>1,199,952</b>	<b>1,213,994</b>	<b>1,233,976</b>	<b>1,251,105</b>	<b>1,268,202</b>	<b>1,284,432</b>	<b>1,298,087</b>	<b>1,315,622</b>	<b>1,337,356</b>	<b>1,360,823</b>
<b>Community equity</b>											
Asset revaluation surplus	523,567	523,567	525,157	527,062	529,230	531,615	534,386	537,457	540,764	544,334	548,226
Retained surplus	663,174	676,385	688,837	706,914	721,874	736,587	750,046	760,630	774,859	793,022	812,598
<b>Total community equity</b>	<b>1,186,741</b>	<b>1,199,952</b>	<b>1,213,994</b>	<b>1,233,976</b>	<b>1,251,105</b>	<b>1,268,202</b>	<b>1,284,432</b>	<b>1,298,087</b>	<b>1,315,622</b>	<b>1,337,356</b>	<b>1,360,823</b>

## Long Term Financial Plan - Statement of Cash Flows

	2025/26 Estimate \$'000	2026/27 Budget \$'000	2027/28 Budget \$'000	2028/29 Budget \$'000	2029/30 Forecast \$'000	2030/31 Forecast \$'000	20231/32 Forecast \$'000	2032/33 Forecast \$'000	2033/34 Forecast \$'000	2034/35 Forecast \$'000	2035/36 Forecast \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>											
Receipts from customers	85,197	87,010	94,726	100,791	105,736	110,770	116,158	121,666	127,523	133,648	140,113
Payments to suppliers and employees	(128,131)	(125,266)	(100,669)	(95,096)	(98,119)	(101,838)	(105,720)	(109,693)	(113,879)	(118,207)	(122,724)
Payments for land held as inventory	2,249	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest received	5,223	5,584	5,744	5,909	6,079	6,254	6,434	6,619	6,810	7,007	7,210
Rental income	727	764	792	831	873	916	962	1,010	1,061	1,114	1,170
Non-capital grants and contributions	41,402	60,626	31,261	21,991	20,227	20,357	20,622	20,877	21,151	21,425	21,707
Borrowing costs	(464)	(722)	(673)	(859)	(988)	(915)	(844)	(777)	(710)	(639)	(547)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>6,203</b>	<b>27,997</b>	<b>31,182</b>	<b>33,567</b>	<b>33,807</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>37,613</b>	<b>39,703</b>	<b>41,957</b>	<b>44,348</b>	<b>46,929</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>											
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(75,962)	(58,597)	(39,630)	(34,845)	(30,273)	(47,864)	(39,570)	(33,345)	(36,431)	(42,830)	(34,537)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	553	2,484	638	1,000	459	1,171	1,448	959	1,000	900	900
Grants, subsidies, contributions & donations	52,620	11,112	11,527	15,172	15,078	15,988	16,582	15,412	15,784	15,535	15,696
Other cash flows from investing activities	(9,995)	(990)	(1,820)	(812)	(1,660)	(3,761)	(5,388)	(7,318)	(6,835)	(2,203)	(421)
<b>Net cash inflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(32,784)</b>	<b>(45,991)</b>	<b>(29,285)</b>	<b>(19,485)</b>	<b>(16,395)</b>	<b>(34,466)</b>	<b>(26,929)</b>	<b>(24,292)</b>	<b>(26,482)</b>	<b>(28,598)</b>	<b>(18,362)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>											
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	5,090	4,380	400	400	400	400	400	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	(1,392)	(1,491)	(1,540)	(2,003)	(2,377)	(2,190)	(2,109)	(2,029)	(2,147)	(2,057)	(2,149)
<b>Net cash inflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(1,392)</b>	<b>(1,491)</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>(1,977)</b>	<b>(1,790)</b>	<b>(1,709)</b>	<b>(1,629)</b>	<b>(1,747)</b>	<b>(2,057)</b>	<b>(2,149)</b>
<b>Total cash flows</b>											
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held</b>	<b>(27,973)</b>	<b>(19,485)</b>	<b>5,447</b>	<b>16,458</b>	<b>15,434</b>	<b>(712)</b>	<b>8,975</b>	<b>13,781</b>	<b>13,727</b>	<b>13,693</b>	<b>26,418</b>
<b>Opening cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>112,161</b>	<b>84,188</b>	<b>64,703</b>	<b>70,149</b>	<b>86,607</b>	<b>102,041</b>	<b>101,329</b>	<b>110,305</b>	<b>124,086</b>	<b>137,813</b>	<b>151,507</b>
<b>Closing cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>84,188</b>	<b>64,703</b>	<b>70,149</b>	<b>86,607</b>	<b>102,041</b>	<b>101,329</b>	<b>110,305</b>	<b>124,086</b>	<b>137,813</b>	<b>151,507</b>	<b>177,924</b>

### Long Term Financial Plan - Statement of Changes in Equity

	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Asset revaluation surplus</b>										
Opening balance	523,567	523,567	525,157	527,062	529,230	531,615	534,386	537,457	540,764	544,334
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	-	1,590	1,904	2,169	2,385	2,771	3,071	3,307	3,570	3,892
Closing balance	523,567	525,157	527,062	529,230	531,615	534,386	537,457	540,764	544,334	548,226
<b>Retained surplus</b>										
Opening balance	663,174	676,385	688,837	706,914	721,874	736,587	750,046	760,630	774,859	793,022
Net result	13,211	12,452	18,077	14,960	14,712	13,459	10,585	14,228	18,164	19,575
Closing balance	676,385	688,837	706,914	721,874	736,587	750,046	760,630	774,859	793,022	812,598
<b>Total</b>										
Opening balance	1,186,741	1,199,952	1,213,994	1,233,976	1,251,105	1,268,202	1,284,432	1,298,087	1,315,622	1,337,356
Net result	13,211	12,452	18,077	14,960	14,712	13,459	10,585	14,228	18,164	19,575
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	-	1,590	1,904	2,169	2,385	2,771	3,071	3,307	3,570	3,892
Closing balance	1,199,952	1,213,994	1,233,976	1,251,105	1,268,202	1,284,432	1,298,087	1,315,622	1,337,356	1,360,823



## Financial Sustainability Measures

Type	Measure (as per Guideline)	Target (Tier 5)	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Forecast	2030/31 Forecast	2031/32 Forecast	2032/33 Forecast	2033/34 Forecast	2034/35 Forecast	2035/36 Forecast
Financial	Council-Controlled Revenue	na	42.32%	41.21%	52.83%	57.13%	58.29%	58.77%	59.27%	59.74%	60.21%	60.67%	61.13%
Capacity	Population Growth	na	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%
Operating	Operating Surplus Ratio	Greater than -2%	-0.96%	0.40%	1.62%	2.11%	0.82%	0.96%	0.57%	1.02%	2.73%	2.41%	2.00%
Performance	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	17.94%	19.02%	24.52%	26.71%	26.08%	26.34%	26.65%	26.94%	27.24%	27.56%	27.89%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	4 months or greater	8.1 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	99.28%	108.43%	136.06%	95.37%	80.44%	149.97%	110.99%	82.38%	86.55%	99.56%	69.74%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	68.73%	65.03%	59.91%	55.12%	50.47%	46.88%	43.17%	39.47%	36.13%	33.19%	30.20%
	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	N/A	121.90%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	Less than 3 times	0.7 times	0.6 times	0.6 times	0.7 times	0.6 times	0.5 times	0.5 times	0.4 times	0.3 times	0.3 times	0.2 times



Project Works Plan	Budget (\$)
<b>Buildings</b>	
Housing renewal / upgrade program	500,000
Housing Solutions (construction) in Roma for the Maranoa	992,500
Bassett Park - Betting Area Columns	300,000
Exclusive bird netting to protect critical infrastructure and reduce biohazards	126,000
Injune Hall Restumping	1,500,000
Injune Museum Design - Stage 2	65,000
Injune Pool Entry Building Design	120,000
Mitchell Museum floor upgrade	25,000
Review design - Mitchell Multi-Purpose Facility - Hobson Place	70,000
Roma Auditorium Lighting & Lighting Control Upgrade	165,000
Senior Citizens Building Airconditioning Upgrade	150,000
Wallumbilla Showgrounds Upgrades	60,000
Yuleba Community Gym	130,000
<b>Buildings Total</b>	<b>4,203,500</b>
<b>Land &amp; Site Improvements</b>	
Roma Police Paddocks Subdivision (Dargal Road and Richardsons Lane) - Stage 1	3,000,000
Bassett Park - Poultry Pavillion upgrades	285,000
Gwydir Laycock Park Recreation Redevelopment	700,000
Muckadilla park and ablution facility improvements	60,000
Roma Netball Court resurface	125,000
Sculptures Out Back Precinct - Irrigation & Seating	300,000
<b>Land &amp; Site Improvements Total</b>	<b>4,470,000</b>
<b>Other Infrastructure</b>	
Renew and update tourism signage	20,000
Roma Denise Spencer Pool Aquatic Centre (continuation)	14,470,000
Big Rig 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Upgrades	1,000,000
Big Rig Playground fencing	22,000
CCTV Surat Entrances	25,000
Evacuation Centre Backup Power Upgrade - PCYC Roma	35,000
Evacuation Centre Backup Power Upgrade - Regional	13,500
Festoon Mounting Pole Upgrades - McDowall St, Roma	95,000
Host Server Replacement	90,000



Project Works Plan	Budget (\$)
Mitchell War Memorial Swimming Pool - Kiosk & Change Room	180,000
Mitchell waste facility Leachate control plan	100,000
Regional Playground Upgrades - Muckadilla & Wallumbilla	300,000
Regional Playground Upgrades - Nason Park / Surat Recreation Ground	500,000
Roma Dog Park Enhancement - Agility Equipment	17,807
Roma Flood Levee Enkamat Replacement	550,500
Roma Waste Facility - Stage 2 Leachate control	600,000
Surat SES Storage Facility & Marshalling Area	72,500
Wallumbilla Landfill capping and closure initial works	1,000,000
Workstation Replacement Program	112,000
<b>Other Infrastructure Total</b>	<b>19,203,307</b>
<b>Road, Drainage and Bridge Network</b>	
Alexander Avenue, Roma - extension and sealing	60,000
Alexander St (Surat) - Widen bitumen to kerb (both sides), Cordelia St to Charlotte St	245,000
Blue Hills Rd Rehabilitation, Ch 14.26 - 16.26	450,000
Bollon Road Bitumen Rehabilitation / Stabilisation - Ch 26.35 to Ch 30.65	1,161,000
Browns Lane, Roma - Upgrade Bitumen Seal, McDowall - Russell Street	160,000
Clanela Road Gravel Resheet - ch 0 - 4.38km	363,277
Crossing Construction (renewal) - Mt Owen Rd, Maranoa River Crossing	600,000
Design - Big Rig to Lake Neverfill Shared Pathway	100,000
Design - Bungil Street (Roma) - Shared Pathway from Adungadoo Pathway to Roma Touch Ovals	80,000
Donnybrook Rd Rehabilitation and widen, Ch 12.5 - 13.6	370,000
Dunkeld Road gravel resheet ch 13.60 - 26.20 km	1,071,000
Footpath - Annual Renewal Program - 2026/27	100,000
Footpath (Shared Pathway) - Miscamble Street, Roma - (southern side) Carnarvon Hwy to Arthur Street	585,000
Footpath construction - Surat, Hospital to School	350,000
Gravel Resheet Complimentary works - QRA Event 17 & 18	1,500,000
Hoganthulla/Mitchell Forestvale Road Intersection construction	1,125,000
Kerb and Channel Renewal Program - 2026/27	250,000
Overstone Road Gravel Resheet - ch 0 - 27.9km	2,314,026
Pedestrian Safety repairs - Dublin St, Mitchell (near Post Office)	35,905
Review design for the Big Rig Carpark Upgrade	25,000
Richardsons Rd - Upgrade to bitumen seal - end of seal to Bourne Dr	192,000
Rural Reseal Program 2026/27	3,286,214
Teelba Road gravel resheet ch 87.50- 96.00	867,500



Project Works Plan	Budget (\$)
Urban Reseal Program 2026/27	847,000
Westgrove Rd Rehabilitation and widening, Ch 7.52 - 8.80km	346,000
Westgrove Rd Rehabilitation, Ch 25.48 - 28.15	601,000
Womblebank Gap Road bitumen widening and rehabilitation ch 2.10 - 6.51 km	1,518,626
<b>Road, Drainage and Bridge Network Total</b>	<b>18,603,548</b>
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>	
Plant Replacement Program 2026/27	6,453,000
Replacement Loader - Roma Quarry	800,000
<b>Plant and Equipment Total</b>	<b>7,253,000</b>
<b>Gas</b>	
Gas - Pressure Transmitter Installation Project	80,000
Gas Valve Replacement Program	35,000
<b>Gas Total</b>	<b>115,000</b>
<b>Sewerage</b>	
Roma Airport Wastewater Treatment System Upgrade	400,000
Roma STP - Imhoff Tank 3 Platform Replacement	250,000
Wallumbilla Sewerage System - Design	50,000
<b>Sewerage Total</b>	<b>700,000</b>
<b>Water</b>	
Amby Water Treatment Plant Upgrades	568,418
Chlorine Gas Safety Scale Replacement Program	220,800
Mitchell Bore 1 Refurbishment Project	100,000
Mungallala Bore and reservoir Interconnection	403,000
Roma Water Tower Compound Security Upgrade	30,000
Surat Clarifier Upgrades Stage 2	500,000
Surat Water Treatment Plant Power Backup	130,000
Warrego Highway East Main Replacement	150,000
Water main renewal Timbury Street Roma Augmentation (Cottell Street to Duke Street)	185,000
Water Main Upgrade - Feather Street Roma	126,500
<b>Water Total</b>	<b>2,413,718</b>
<b>Operational Project</b>	
Authority Reflect Platform (field inspection and defect collection and management)	18,110
Corporate Communications Strategy	20,000



Project Works Plan	Budget (\$)
Teelba Stock Route Water Tank	50,000
Data capture and condition assessment - unsealed roads network	93,000
Maranoa Planning Scheme Property Report refresh	120,000
Mitchell Spa Masterplan	100,000
Software Implementation - PAYBLE Platform	50,000
Regulatory Compliance Officers - 2026 SIP	40,000
Roma History Lodge - Rectification Works	26,200
Software Capability and Utilisation Review	40,000
General Ledger Chart of Account Restructure	25,000
Waste closure sites	25,000
Waste Compliance Advisory Services	50,000
Workplace Health and Safety - Operating Initiatives	100,000
<b>Operational Project Total</b>	<b>757,310</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,719,383</b>

## Assessment of Significant Business Activities

An assessment of business activities in the financial year ending immediately before the current financial year, against the threshold for significant business activities for 2025-26 indicates that there is no business activity that meets the criteria for being a significant business activity.

## Change in Rates and Charges

Pursuant to sections 169 (6) and 169 (7) of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and charges budgeted to be levied for the 2026/27 financial year compared with the rates and charges budgeted to be levied in the 2025/26 financial year is 5.82%.

For the purpose of this calculation, any discounts and rebates are excluded.

Document Control	
Policy Title	Revenue Policy
Policy Number	P26/2
Function	Rates and Utilities
Responsible Position	Coordinator Rates & Utility Billing Services
Supersedes	P25/4
Review Date	March 2027

Version	Date Endorsed by ELT	Council Meeting Date (Date of Adoption / Review)	Resolution Number
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2		26 June 2024	SMB/06.2024/02
3		19 June 2025	SMB/06.2025/02
4	26 March 2026		

### 1. Purpose

In accordance with section 104(5)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council has prepared this policy to state:

- a) The principles that Council intends to apply during the 2026/27 financial year for:
  - Levying rates and charges
  - Granting concessions for rates and charges
  - Recovering overdue rates and charges
  - Cost recovery fees and methods
- b) The purpose of the concessions; and
- c) The extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all aspects of levying rates and charges, granting concessions for rates and charges, recovering overdue rates and charges and cost recovery methods.

## 3. Statement

This policy sets out Council's principles for relating to the levying of rates and charges, granting concessions for rates and charges, recovering overdue rates and charges and cost recovery methods.

### 3.1 Principles used generally

Council intends to apply the following general principles in the 2026/27 financial year for levying of rates and charges, recovering overdue rates and charges and cost recovery methods.

- Council's legislative obligations
- The needs and expectations of the general community
- The cost of maintaining existing facilities and necessary services
- The need for additional facilities and services
- Equity by ensuring the fair and consistent application of lawful rating and charging principles, without bias, taking account of all relevant considerations, and disregarding irrelevancies such as the perceived personal wealth of individual ratepayers or ratepayer classes.

Council will also have regard to the principles of:

- Transparency of process
- Simplicity and efficient administration
- Flexibility to take account of changes in the local economy

### 3.2 Levying rates and charges

In levying rates and charges in the 2026/27 financial year Council intends to apply the following principles:

- Making clear the respective responsibilities of Council's and ratepayers in relation to the rating system
- Making the levying process, and the granting of any discount and any refund of rates and charges as simple and efficient to administer as possible
- Timing the issue of rates notices to consider the financial cycle to which the ratepayers are accustomed or may adapt to.

### 3.3 Granting concessions for rates and charges and the purpose for the concessions

In granting of concessions for rates and charges during the 2026/27 financial year Council intends to apply and be guided by the principles of:

- The same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances
- Transparency by making clear the requirements necessary to receive concessions
- Flexibility to allow Council to respond to local economic issues

Consideration may be given by Council to granting a class concession in the event all or part of the Council area is declared a natural disaster area by the State Government or impacted by a state of emergency called by the Australian Government.

#### 3.3.1 Pensioner rate concession

In accordance with Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may grant concessions for rates and charges to eligible landowner pensioners as per Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy.

#### 3.3.2 Water charges concession (Unapparent plumbing failure)

In accordance with Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may grant a part rebate of water consumption charges to landowners who incur water consumption charges because of an unapparent plumbing failure and who satisfy the criteria set down in Council's Water Meter Policy. The policy sets out the eligibility criteria to be satisfied and the manner of calculation of the rebate.

#### 3.3.3 Water charges concession (Home Haemodialysis)

In accordance with Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may grant a part rebate of water consumption charges to landowners where the occupier is receiving home haemodialysis and who satisfies the criteria set down in Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy. The policy sets out the eligibility criteria to be satisfied and the manner of calculation of the rebate.

### 3.3.4 Rates and charges hardship concession

In accordance with Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may grant a part rebate of interest on overdue rates to landowners who incur interest on overdue rates because of serious financial hardship and who satisfy the criteria set down in Council's Rates and Utilities Financial Hardship Policy. The policy sets out the eligibility criteria to be satisfied and the manner of calculation of the rebate.

### 3.4 Recovering overdue rates and charges

In recovering overdue rates and charges, Council will be guided by the principles of:

- Transparency by making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes used by Council in assisting them to meet their financial obligations
- Making the processes used to recover overdue rates and charges well defined and cost effective
- Consistency by having regard to providing the same treatment for ratepayers in similar circumstances
- Flexibility by responding where necessary to changes in the local economy

Council requires payment of rates and charges within a specified time period and will pursue the collection of overdue rates and charges diligently. The non-payment of rates and charges by the due date by some ratepayers places an unfair burden on other ratepayers who meet their legal obligations in full. However, when pursuing the collection of overdue rates and charges Council will have due concern for any financial hardship faced by ratepayers. Council's Debtor Management Policy guides the administration process that will be used in the collection of overdue rates and charges. This may include payment arrangements and/or the selection of various recovery actions, including the sale of land in accordance with legislative requirements.

### 3.5 Cost recovery methods

Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* allows Council to set cost recovery fees.

Council recognises the validity of fully imposing the user pays principle for its cost recovery fees unless the imposition of the fee is contrary to its express social, economic, environmental and other corporate goals. This is to be considered the most equitable and effective revenue approach and is founded on the basis that the Region's rating base cannot subsidise the specific users or clients of Council's regulatory products and services.

Cost recovery fees set by Council must not be more than the cost to Council of providing the service or taking the action to which the fee applies.

### 3.6 The purpose of concessions

Statutory provision exists for the Council to grant concessions of the type specified in section 121 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The concessions that Council intends to

grant, and their purpose, are as identified in section 3.3 above. Further, in considering the application of concessions, Council will be guided by the principles set out in section 3.3 above.

### **3.7 The extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development**

Council intends to fund the provision of local government trunk infrastructure for new development by the levying of infrastructure charges on new development in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*.

Council intends for new development to meet Council's additional costs of bringing forward development infrastructure and other physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development which is of sufficient level so that the availability of facilities is not adversely affected and existing ratepayers are not burdened with the cost of providing the additional infrastructure.

## **4. Definitions**

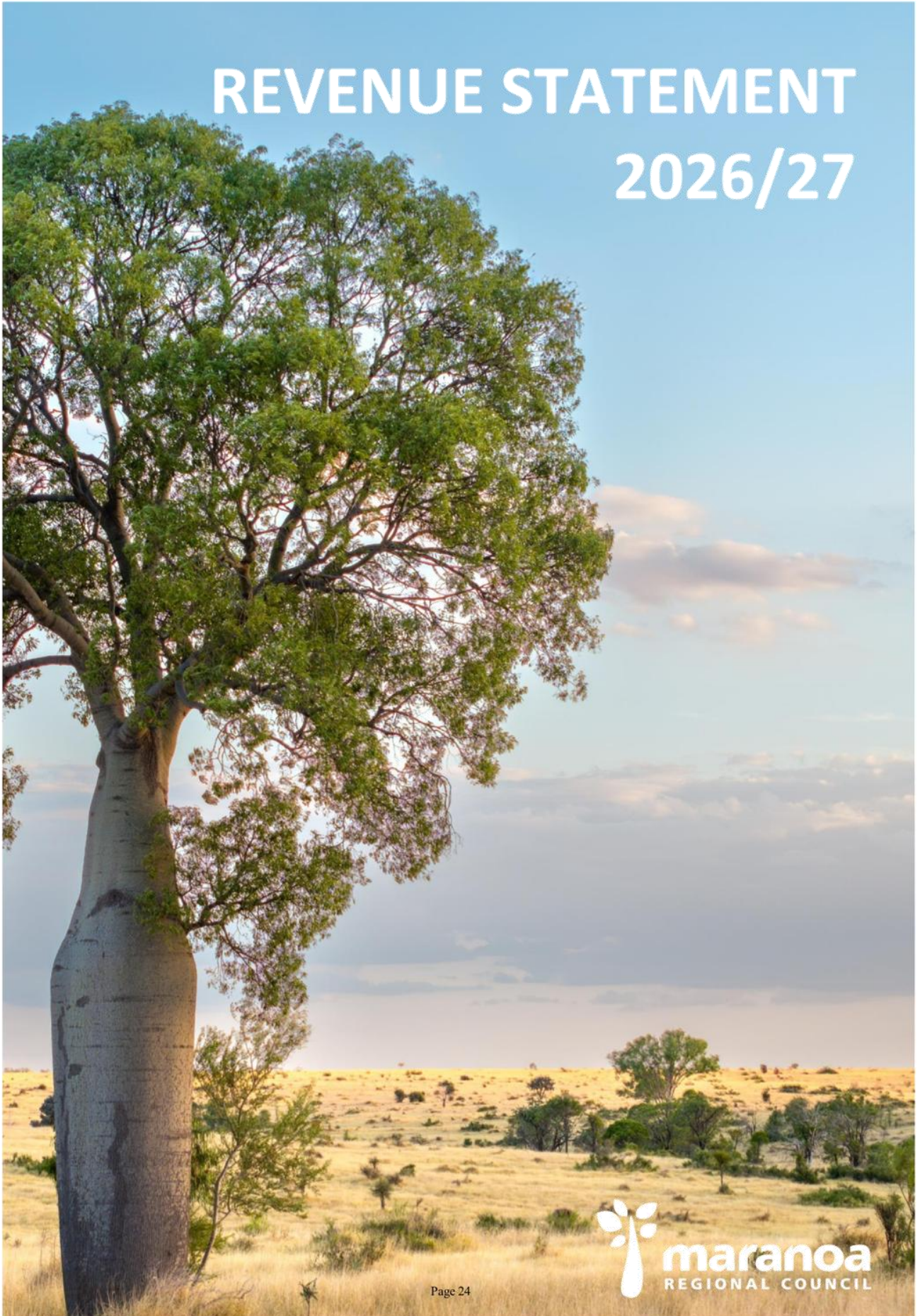
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All other definitions are as per the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

## **5. Related Policies and Legislation**

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)
- Land Valuation Act 2010 (Qld)
- Planning Act 2016 (Qld)
- Revenue Statement 2026/2027
- Fees and Charges Schedule 2026/2027
- Water Meter Policy
- Debtor Management Policy
- Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy

# REVENUE STATEMENT 2026/27



## Revenue Statement 2026/27

Pursuant to Section 169(2)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government's budget for each financial year must include a Revenue Statement.

**REVENUE STATEMENT 2026/27****PART 1 INTRODUCTION****1.1 PURPOSE**

In accordance with Section 104(5)(a)(iv) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and Sections 169(2)(b) and Section 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, this Revenue Statement inclusive of Attachment 1 (Land Use Codes), has been developed to outline for the 2026/27 financial year and includes:

- (1) the rating categories for rateable land in Council's local government area;
- (2) a description of each rating category;
- (3) the criteria used to decide the amount of cost-recovery fees;
- (4) the criteria used to determine the amount of the charges for business activities that Council conducts on a commercial basis;
- (5) the measures Council has adopted for raising revenue, including:
  - (a) an outline and explanation of the rates and charges to be levied; and
  - (b) the concessions for rates and charges to be granted;
- (6) whether Council has made a resolution limiting an increase of rates and charges.

Council will apply the principles set out in the Revenue Policy for levying rates and charges, granting concessions for rates and charges, recovering overdue rates and charges and cost-recovery methods.

**1.2 OTHER ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

- (1) Revenue Policy 2026/27
- (2) Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy (as amended from time to time)
- (3) Debtor Management Policy (as amended from time to time)
- (4) Water Meter Policy (as amended from time to time)

**PART 2 ADMINISTRATION****2.1 ISSUE OF RATES**

Rates and charges will be levied half yearly by a rate notice generally issued in August or September and February or March each financial year.

**2.2 PAYMENT PERIOD**

All rates and charges referred to in this Revenue Statement shall be levied and payable within thirty (30) clear calendar days after the rate notice has been issued, except where otherwise determined by Council.

**2.3 PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT**

The general rates levied for the 2026/27 financial year shall be subject to a discount of 5% if paid within the discount period of not less than 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice, provided that:

- (1) all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice;
- (2) all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice; and
- (3) all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment (including interest thereon to the date of payment) are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice.

**2.4 INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES OR CHARGES**

- (1) All rates and charges become overdue if they remain unpaid on the day after the due date for payment which is not less than 30 clear days from the date of issue of the rate notice.
- (2) Rates and charges which remain unpaid after the due date will incur interest at the maximum rate prescribed within section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* at a rate of 12.19% per annum compounding on daily balances.
- (3) Interest will similarly apply to all overdue rates where a concession for rates or charges has been granted pursuant to any other Council Policy or provision of the *Local Government Act 2009* or the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, except where otherwise provided.

**2.5 PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE (LUMP SUM OR BY SEPARATE AMOUNTS)**

Council offers ratepayers the opportunity to pre-pay rates either as a lump sum or through regular pre-payments. The latter has the effect of breaking up an estimate of the annual rates amount into smaller, more manageable amounts. The aim is to pay all of the rates and charges off before the end of the discount period which is the due date appearing on the rate notice.

Interest is not paid by Council to ratepayers on any credit balances.

**2.6 RECOVERY OF OVERDUE RATES & CHARGES**

Council requires payment of all rates and charges to be made by the due date appearing on the relevant rate notice and has an obligation to diligently recover overdue rates and charges. In exercising its recovery powers, Council will be guided by the principles as set out in the Revenue Policy and shall apply the rates and charges recovery process as outlined in Council's Debtor Management Policy.

**2.7 ADMINISTRATION****(1) Discount for prompt payment**

For the purpose of determining eligibility for the prompt payment discount, payment is deemed to be received on or before the due date if receipted at a Council Service Centre, an approved agency; or paid by electronic means, if the payment is recorded in Council's accounts on or before the due date.

**(2) Payments made after the due date**

It is acknowledged that there are occasions when payment by the due date is not achieved through circumstances beyond the control of the ratepayer. Section 130 (10) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides Council with a discretionary power to still allow the discount for prompt payment of rates or charges in such circumstances.

- (3) **What will be considered by Council to be beyond a ratepayer's control -**
- (a) Illness involving hospitalisation and/or incapacitation of the ratepayer at or around the time of the rates being due for discount;
  - (b) The death or major trauma (accident/ life threatening illness/ emergency operation) of the ratepayer and/or associated persons (i.e. spouse, children or parents) at or around the time of the rates being due for discount;
  - (c) The loss of records resulting from factors beyond the ratepayer's control (e.g. fire, flood etc.);
  - (d) An administrative error at the Department of Natural Resources and Mines which resulted in the rates notice being incorrectly addressed by Council;
  - (e) The return of the rate notice to Council although correctly addressed through no fault or instigation of the ratepayer and beyond the ratepayer's reasonable control; or
  - (f) An administrative error on the part of Council - in this case a discount equivalent to other ratepayers will be provided.
- (4) **What won't be considered by Council to be beyond a ratepayer's control -**
- (a) Failure of the ratepayer to ensure that Council was given correct notification of the service address for the service of rate notices prior to the issue of the relevant rate notices;
  - (b) The ratepayer has not received the relevant rate notice via post and the rate notice has not been returned to Council as 'return to sender'. Council can facilitate the delivery of rate notices through electronic means.
  - (c) Payments made by electronic means (BPay) on the due date but after the designated, published cut-off time of the ratepayer's financial institution and therefore processed by that financial institution after the due date unless evidence can be provided that an external factor has prevented the payment by this due date (for example multiple days of power failure/ disconnection to power supply) and the ratepayer has a history of timely payments and signs a statutory declaration outlining reasons; or
  - (d) Payment delays due to the post. Council now provides a number of payment methods including payment at any Post Office or by phone.

## PART 3 GENERAL RATES

## 3.1 GENERAL RATES

General rates are levied on all rateable properties in the local government area and are calculated on the basis of the value of land, except where a minimum general rate, as fixed by Council, applies.

The rateable value of land is decided by the Valuer-General appointed under the *Land Valuation Act 2010* according to:

- in the case of rural land, its unimproved capital value; or
- in all other cases, its site value.

Council will make and levy differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, on all rateable land in Council's area.

Where Council is deciding that a parcel of land is intended to be used for a particular purpose or has the potential to be used for such a purpose, it will have regard to, amongst other things, any improvements to, or activities being undertaken on, the land.

Further, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power (contained in sections 81(4) and (5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*) to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land in Council's area belongs.

Table 1 – Rating Categories

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
1	<b>Residential A (\$1 to \$40,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$1 but less than or equal to \$40,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72	0.018527	\$538
2	<b>Residential B (\$40,001 to \$70,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value of more than \$40,000 but less than or equal to \$70,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72	0.017839	\$786
3	<b>Residential C &gt;\$70,000 -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value of more than \$70,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72	0.012352	\$1,252
4	<b>Intentionally Left Blank</b>			
5	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- A (&lt;=\$40,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of less than or equal to \$40,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94	0.026734	\$718
6	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- B (\$40,001-\$70,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes, which has an area of more than 1 hectare, but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of more than \$40,000 and less than or equal to \$70,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94	0.017717	\$1,126

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
7	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- C (\$70,001-\$200,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of more than \$70,000 and less than or equal to \$200,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94	0.009926	\$1,356
8	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res-D (&gt;\$200,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes, which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of greater than \$200,000, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94	0.009104	\$2,149
9	<b>Rural &gt;=20ha - &lt;80ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 20 hectares but less than 80 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.004463	\$727
10	<b>Rural 80 to &lt;1,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 80 hectares but less than 1,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.002172	\$880
11	<b>Rural 1,000 to &lt; 5,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes, which has an area equal to or greater than 1,000 hectares but less than 5,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001790	\$880
12	<b>Rural 5,000 to &lt; 15,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 5,000 hectares but less than 15,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001534	\$1,060
13	<b>Rural 15,000 to &lt; 25,000ha-</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 15,000 hectares but less than 25,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001353	\$4,214
14	<b>Rural 25,000 to 50,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 25,000 hectares but less than or equal to 50,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001449	\$5,556

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
15	<b>Rural &gt;50,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area greater than 50,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001289	\$10,943
16	<b>Pump Sites and Bores -</b> Land owned by one or more persons for the purpose of stock water or bore supplies used to water stock or supply domestic premises	95	0.015017	\$380
17	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (1,000-1,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 1,000 and less than or equal to 1,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$1,973
18	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (2,000-2,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 2,000 and less than or equal to 2,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$3,944
19	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (3,000-3,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 3,000 and less than or equal to 3,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$5,916
20	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (4,000-4,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 4,000 and less than or equal to 4,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$7,900
21	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (5,000-7,499 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 5,000 and less than or equal to 7,499 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$9,878
22	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (7,500-9,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 7,500 and less than or equal to 9,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$14,784

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
23	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (10,000-14,999 SCU)</b> - Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 10,000 and less than or equal to 14,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$19,710
24	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (15,000-19,999 SCU)</b> - Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 15,000 and less than or equal to 19,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$29,564
25	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (&gt;=20,000 SCU)</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of greater than or equal to 20,000 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval	0.002072	\$39,416
26	<b>Caravan parks, Hotels and Motels</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purpose of caravan parks, hotels and motels other than land included in categories 59-65	42,43,47,48 and 49	0.010061	\$1,052
27	<b>Commercial -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial purposes other than land is included in categories 26, 28 to 30, 37 to 42 and 59 to 65	01-39,41- 48,72,92,96,97 or 99	0.009975	\$1,052
28	<b>Commercial/Industrial (Community Titles Scheme/Building Unit/Group Title) -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial or industrial purposes (Community Title Schemes/ Building Unit/Group Title) other than land is included in categories 26,27, 29,30,37-42 and 59-65	01-39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99	0.014787	\$1,052
29	<b>Commercial/ Industrial &gt;10Ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial or industrial purposes which has an area greater than 10 hectares, other than land is included in categories 26 to 28, 30, 37 to 42 and 59 to 65	01,04,05,06-39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99	0.008383	\$1,052
30	<b>Shopping Centre -</b> Land being used for the purpose of a shopping centre with a gross floor area exceeding 2500m <sup>2</sup> , where the land is tenanted by either a department store or large supermarket with onsite parking facilities and/or a number of specialty shops or offices with onsite parking facilities	12-16	0.053884	\$105,076

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
31	<b>Community Purposes -</b> Land used for community purposes where the land is operated on a not-for-profit basis and including land used for the purposes of sporting clubs, religious facilities, educational facilities, libraries, parks, showgrounds, racecourses, and cemeteries except where exempt under Section 93 (3) (i) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	48, 50 -59	0.003976	\$770
32	<b>Industry -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for industrial purposes other than where land is included in categories 17 to 30 or where land is included in categories 59 - 65	01,04,06- 39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99	0.012557	\$1,052
33	<b>Intentionally left blank</b>			
34	<b>Abattoir &lt; 75,000 kills -</b> Land used in whole or in part as an abattoir with less than 75,000 kills annually	Intentionally left blank	0.010358	\$885
35	<b>Abattoir &gt;= 75,000 kills -</b> Land used in whole or in part as an abattoir with greater than or equal to 75,000 kills annually	Intentionally left blank	0.010358	\$1,070
36	<b>Refinery -</b> Land used in whole or part for the purpose of a gas refinery or separation plant	31	13.676629	\$382,343
37	<b>Transformers &lt; 1MVA-</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with less than 1 MVA	91	0.103681	\$2,952
38	<b>Transformers 1 - 10MVA -</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with 1 or more MVA or less than or equal to 10 MVA	91	0.376635	\$29,489
39	<b>Transformers &gt;10MVA-</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with greater than 10 MVA	91	0.249193	\$88,465
40	<b>Renewable Energy Generation Facility -</b> Land used in whole or in part for: (a) the generation of energy from renewable resources that is connected to the main power grid; or (b) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) Note: Generation of energy for landowner's use is not included in this definition	Intentionally left blank	0.075537	\$33,207
41	<b>Multi-Use Renewable Energy Facility -</b> Land used in whole or in part for generation of energy: (a) from at least one renewable resource that is connected to the main power grid and has capacity to store renewable energy on the same parcel of land; or (b) from more than one renewable resource that are connected to the main power grid Note: Generation of energy for landowner's use is not included in this definition	Intentionally left blank	0.110926	\$41,050

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
42	<b>Battery Storage Facility -</b> Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, to store energy by means of one (1) or more battery energy storage systems that; (a) is/are connected to the main power grid; and (b) has/have the capacity to store at least one (1) megawatt of power; and (c) is not co-located on land being used as a Renewable Energy Generation Facility (40)	Intentionally left blank	0.987722	\$39,510
50	<b>Extractive/Waste A (&lt;=5,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is less than or equal to 5,000tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$1,791
51	<b>Extractive/Waste B (5,001-20,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 5,000tpa and less than or equal to 20,000 tpa.	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$2,239
52	<b>Extractive/Waste C (20,001- 50,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 20,000tpa and less than or equal to 50,000 toa.	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$8,942
53	<b>Extractive/Waste D (50,001-100,000tpa)-</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 50,000tpa and less than or equal to 100,000 tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$17,883
54	<b>Extractive/Waste E (100,001-200,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 100,000tpa and less than or equal to 200,000 tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$35,765
55	<b>Extractive/Waste F (200,001-500,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 200,000tpa and less than or equal to 500,000 tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$53,644

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
56	<b>Extractive/Waste G (&gt;500,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 500,000tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$107,287
57	<b>Extractive/Waste H (1ha-50ha, tpa unknown)-</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is unknown and the area is equal to or greater than 1 hectare but less than or equal to 50 hectares	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$8,942
58	<b>Extractive/Waste I (&gt;50ha, tpa unknown) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is unknown and the area is greater than 50 hectares	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval	0.003433	\$35,765
59	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - D (1-20) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 1 accommodation unit but less than or equal to 20 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.162987	\$4,729
60	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - E (21- 50) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 21 accommodation units but less than or equal to 50 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.722846	\$49,626
61	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - F (51- 150) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 51 accommodation unit but less than or equal to 150 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.132746	\$120,518
62	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - G (151- 250) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 151 accommodation units but less than or equal to 250 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.491380	\$356,808
63	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - A (251-500) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 250 accommodation units but less than or equal to 500 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.499769	\$593,103
64	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - B (501-750) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 500 accommodation units but less than or equal to 750 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.499771	\$1,183,844

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
65	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - C (&gt;750) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 750 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank	0.499771	\$1,774,580
66-68	Intentionally left blank			
69	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - A (&lt;=6ha) -</b> Land used in whole or part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is less than or equal to 6 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59-65	31,35 or 36	1.244630	\$37,982
70	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - B (&gt;6ha-1,000ha) -</b> Land used in whole or part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is greater than 6 hectares and less than or equal to 1,000 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59 - 65	31,35 or 37	1.689244	\$60,583
71	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - C (&gt;1,000ha) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is greater than 1,000 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59 - 65	31,35 or 37	1.689244	\$149,122
72	<b>Petroleum Leases - A (&lt;=30,000ha) -</b> Petroleum leases issued within the Region with an area equal to or less than 30,000 hectares.	40	2.382909	\$164,533
73	<b>Petroleum Lease - B Conventional gas &gt;10,000ha -</b> Petroleum leases - conventional gas - issued within the Region with an area greater than 10,000 hectares	40	2.382909	\$298,716
74	<b>Petroleum Leases - C (&gt;30,000ha) -</b> Petroleum leases issued within the Region with an area greater than 30,000 hectares	40	2.382909	\$641,358
75-79	Intentionally left blank			
80	<b>Other Land (not categorised elsewhere) -</b> Land not included in any of the other categories	Intentionally left blank	0.002499	\$864
81	<b>Rural &gt;=\$11M &amp; &lt;\$16.5M -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$11,000,000 but less than \$16,500,000	04,05,06,60-89,93,94,95	0.001664	\$22,111
82	<b>Rural &gt;=\$16.5M -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$16,500,000	04,05,06,60-89,93,94,95	0.001817	\$33,931

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
83	<b>Carbon Farming =&gt;100,000 ACCU's -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes that has been issued with 100,000 or more Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU's) which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94	0.001892	\$4,214

In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, owners of rateable land will be informed of the general rating category on their rate notice in which their land has been included and that they have the right of objection to the category to which their land is allocated. All objections must be submitted to Council's Chief Executive Officer within 30 days after the day when the rate notice was issued, and the only ground for objecting is that the owner considers the land should belong to a different rating category, having regard to the descriptions adopted by Council.

Where the rate category of any land is changed during the year, an adjustment to the differential general rate will be made from the date such changes become effective.

### 3.2 MINIMUM GENERAL RATES

Within each differential rating category, a minimum general rate has been fixed by Council pursuant to Section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to ensure all ratepayers contribute a minimum equitable amount towards Council's general revenue requirements. **Table 1- Rating Categories** details the minimum general rate fixed by Council for each differential rating category.

### 3.3 DISCOUNTED VALUATION PERIOD

The value of the relevant parcel held for development will be discounted by 40% for rating purposes in accordance with section 50(2) of the *Land Valuation Act 2010*.

The discounted valuation period, for the relevant parcel held for development, will end in accordance with section 50(3) the *Land Valuation Act 2010*.

Any parcels of land held for development under this legislation will be placed into the general rating category in which they would normally be situated.

### 3.4 LIMITATION OF INCREASE IN THE DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATE

In the 2026/27 financial year, Council will not, pursuant to section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, be limiting any increases to a differential rating category as identified in **Table 1 – Rating Categories**.

### 3.5 MISCELLANEOUS

- (1) If there is doubt about the rating category into which a parcel of rateable land is to be categorised, an appropriately authorised officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer may carry out an inspection of the land pursuant to Section 85 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and make a recommendation for the Chief Executive Officer's consideration.
- (2) The Maranoa Planning Scheme may be referred to in determining the applicable rating category for land, unless the context of the rating category description, or this Revenue Statement, otherwise requires.
- (3) As noted above, for sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council shall delegate to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the power to identify the rating category into which each parcel of rateable land in the local government area belongs.
- (4) Where a utility service (water, sewerage or waste collection) is requested to commence or found to have commenced (and not currently being charged) during the financial year the rate adjustment may be effective from the start of the current rating period of request or commencement of said service. A supplementary rate notice may be issued to the ratepayer as required.
- (5) Where a utility service (water, sewerage or waste collection) is requested to be removed or the service has been discontinued without prior notification from the ratepayer, a rate adjustment may

be effective from the first day of the next rating period. A supplementary rate notice may be issued to the ratepayer as required.

### 3.5.1 DEFINITIONS

- (a) **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.
- (b) **Use**: Reference to the 'use' of land in terms of the rating category descriptions, includes use of the land by any party, irrespective of whether:
  - (a) that use is carried out, controlled, authorised, or otherwise permitted by the landowner; or
  - (b) the landowner derives any income or benefit from that use of the land.
- (c) **Petroleum Lease**: includes a petroleum lease under the *Petroleum Act 1923*, or the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*.
- (d) **Renewable Energy Generation Facility**: Renewable resources are naturally occurring resources that cannot be depleted and are constantly naturally replenished. This includes but not limited to solar and wind.

Renewable resources do not include fossil fuels such as gas or coal and facilities extracting or producing energy from these resources are subject to separate rating categories outlined in this statement.

For categories 59 - 65 the following definitions apply:

- (e) **Available for use**: will be taken to be effective from the date upon which the final plumbing inspection has been passed.
- (f) **Accommodation Work Camp**: is non-resident worker accommodation and refers to the use of premises for:
  - i. accommodation for non-resident workers; or
  - ii. recreation and entertainment facilities for persons residing at the premises and their visitors, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (i).<sup>2</sup>

Examples include: contractor's camp, construction camp, single person's quarters and temporary workers' accommodation.

<sup>2</sup> Draws on the definition of 'Non-resident workforce accommodation' included in Schedule 1 - Definitions of the Maranoa Planning Scheme.

An Accommodation Work Camp will be considered to be not operational when all infrastructure (buildings, water and sewerage lines etc.) are removed from the site, or if the site has been abandoned by a third party.

#### PART 4 WASTE MANAGEMENT UTILITY CHARGES

- 4.1 Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy waste management utility charges for the provision of waste collection services (including the collection, removal, storage and disposal of general waste) as detailed below in **Table 2 - Waste Management Utility Charges**.
- 4.2 Waste management utility charges are to be levied in the 2026/27 financial year on all properties, irrespective of the level of service used, within Council's declared waste collection service area.
- (1) The declared waste collection service area will be adjusted as the properties receiving or capable of receiving the service change throughout the 2026/27 financial year.
  - (2) A minimum of one (1) service will be charged to each premises or structure that appears to be in use as a dwelling, lived in or occupied or able to be lived in.
  - (3) Where there is more than one residential structure on land capable of separate occupation, a charge will be applied to each individual structure, e.g. A waste collection charge will be levied to each house, strata titled unit, granny flat, flat secondary dwelling, dual occupancy or other dwelling designed for separate occupation, regardless of whether it is occupied or not.
  - (4) Where there is a structure/s on a non-residential property capable of separate occupation, a charge will be applied to each individual structure, e.g. a waste collection charge will be levied on each shop, office, warehouse, workshop, or other commercial premises designed for separate occupation, regardless of whether it is occupied or not.

#### Opt-Out Provision for Non-Residential Properties

Non-residential properties (e.g. commercial or industrial premises) within Council's declared waste collection service area may opt out of the waste collection service, provided they meet Council's eligibility criteria for exemption. Property owners wishing to opt out must submit in writing to Council, demonstrating that they have an alternative waste management arrangement in place that complies with relevant regulations. Approval of opt-out requests is at Council's discretion.

The Waste Management Utility Charge shall fund the cost of providing a general waste kerbside collection service. This charge will be levied and recovered irrespective of whether a refuse collection service is actually provided, whether the occupier avails themselves of the service and irrespective of the premises being unoccupied for any period during the year.

**Table 2 - Waste Management Utility Charges**

Service Level	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Residential Wheelie Bin Service</b>	
240 Litre wheelie bin (each)	\$320
<b>Non-Residential Wheelie Bin Service</b>	
240 Litre wheelie bin (each)	\$320

## PART 5 SEWERAGE UTILITY CHARGES

- 5.1 Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy sewerage utility charges for the supply of sewerage services by Council, as detailed below in **Table 3 - Sewerage Utility Charges**.
- 5.2 Sewerage utility charges are to be levied in the 2026/27 financial year on all properties, connected and/or not-connected, within Council's declared sewerage service areas.
- (1) An annual sewerage utility charge will be levied on each individual land parcel (whether connected, not-connected or vacant) within Council's defined sewerage service areas in accordance with the following:
- Single residential properties are levied for the first pedestal only. No additional charges apply for extra pedestals.
  - Flats, units and residential strata title properties are levied per flat, unit or strata title unit for the first pedestal only. No additional charges apply for extra pedestals.
  - Non-residential / Non-strata properties are levied per sewerage pedestal. Example – commercial premises with three (3) pedestals will attract a charge for each pedestal.
  - Non-residential / Strata properties are levied a minimum of one sewerage charge for each strata 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.
  - Where multiple lots are included on one Rate Assessment, a sewerage charge will apply for each lot. Example – a house and vacant lot together, two (2) sewerage utility charges will be levied, unless the ratepayer is an eligible pensioner as per Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy.
  - Where a single dwelling is situated across two or more adjoining lots and are included on one Rate Assessment, Council will treat those lots on which the footprint of the building sits as if they were a single lot and will levy one (1) sewerage utility charge.
  - A separate charge for trade waste shall be applied to those properties with a Trade Waste Approval.
- (2) Council may elect to not levy sewerage utility charges against vacant land that is effectively incapable of further development or improvement. The landowner shall be responsible for demonstrating to Council an entitlement to exemption from the commencement of the rating period in which the application is made and approved by Council.

Table 3 - Sewerage Utility Charges

Service Level	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Sewerage Charge per property</b>	
Vacant Land	\$263
Urinal (600mm) (1)	\$525
1st Pedestal	\$525
2nd Pedestal	\$453
Additional Pedestals (per pedestal)	\$402
Government Pedestals	\$716
<b>Trade Waste (2)</b>	
Category 0	Nil
Category 1	\$358
Category 2	\$477
Category 3	\$716

(1) - 1 Urinal (600mm) or part thereof = 1 pedestal. Each additional 600mm will be levied as per pedestal charge rates.

(2) - Trade Waste is liquid waste produced by industry, business, trade or manufacturing premises, other than domestic sewage, illegal substances and stormwater. Definitions are in accordance with Council's Trade Waste Policy.

## PART 6 WATER UTILITY CHARGES

Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and Sections 99 and 101 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services by Council as follows:

### 6.1 METERED POTABLE WATER UTILITY CHARGES

- (1) In the 2026/27 financial year, Council will levy Metered Potable Water Utility Charges on all properties, whether connected and/or not connected, within Council's defined water reticulation service areas.
- (2) For the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, Metered Potable Water Utility Charges to be levied on properties within Council's defined water reticulation service areas will comprise:
  - (a) a fixed water access infrastructure charge (the **Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge**); and
  - (b) a variable charge for each kilolitre of water used/consumed (the **Metered Potable Water Usage Charge**).
- (3) Metered potable water access and usage charges will be levied twice yearly. Council reserves the right to read and levy water usage at intervals other than half yearly for connections as required.
- (4) The Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge will be levied on the following criteria:
  - (a) Vacant and not connected properties situated in a potable water area and not serviced with a potable water connection are levied a Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge equal to 50% of the 20mm meter connection charge.
  - (b) Single residential properties are charged a Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge based on the size of the water meter servicing the property, as the meter size reflects the infrastructure needed to accommodate the potential water usage of the property.
  - (c) Where multiple lots are included on one assessment a Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge will apply for each lot. Example – a house and vacant lot together two (2) potable water access infrastructure charges will apply, unless the ratepayer is an eligible pensioner as per Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy.
  - (d) Where a single dwelling is situated across two or more adjoining lots and are included on one Rate Assessment, Council will treat those lots on which the footprint of the building sits as if they were a single lot and will levy one Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge.
  - (e) Non strata units / flats are levied one metered potable water access infrastructure charge for each parcel based on the size of the meter/s servicing the block of flats.
  - (f) Properties with multiple connections (including non-strata units/flats with more than one metered potable water meter connected) are levied a Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge for each connection. Where an assessment comprises a Body Corporate situation, Council will charge as per the provisions of the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*.
  - (g) Strata title properties are levied a minimum Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge per strata title lot equivalent to the 20mm meter connection.
- (5) Council may elect to not levy Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charges against vacant land that is effectively incapable of further development or improvement.
- (6) The owner of the land shall be responsible for demonstrating to Council an entitlement to an exemption from the Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge.

**Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge**

The Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge levied is to be determined according to the water meter size(s) servicing the property as detailed below in **Table 4-Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge**.

**Table 4 - Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge**

Description	2026/27 Annual Charge
Vacant and not connected	\$297
20mm meter connection	\$593
25mm meter connection	\$924
30mm meter connection	\$1,333
40mm meter connection	\$2,369
50mm meter connection	\$3,702
80mm meter connection	\$9,478
100mm meter connection	\$14,809
150mm meter connection	\$18,511

New water connections will be charged in accordance with fees set out in Council's Register of Regulatory Fees and Commercial Charges.

**Metered Potable Water Usage Charge**

- (1) Charge: the per kilolitre usage charge for all users connected to the potable water supply will be \$1.08 cents per kilolitre (1,000 litres).
- (2) Reading Periods:
  - (a) readings for the purpose of calculating Metered Potable Water Usage Charges are to be conducted twice yearly. Metered Potable Water Usage Charges will be levied during each half-yearly period based on the amount of water usage since the previous billing period. Council reserves the right to read and levy Metered Potable Water Usage Charges at intervals other than half yearly for specific connections as required.
  - (b) water consumption is levied half yearly for the readings undertaken prior to 31 December 2026 and prior to 30 June 2027

Water from registered dedicated fire services is for fire emergencies and testing purposes only and no charge will be levied for the first 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 10 times the applicable charge per kilolitre, unless evidence is provided, proving that the water was used in a fire emergency, in which case charges will be at the normal rate.

**6.2 WATER USAGE CHARGE – METER REGISTERING INACCURATELY**

- (1) Where Council is satisfied that a water meter has ceased to register accurately, through no fault of the ratepayer, Council will calculate the applicable Metered Potable Water Usage Charge using all reasonable information available and in accordance with Council's Water Meters Policy (as amended from time to time).
- (2) Pursuant to section 73 *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018* a person must not tamper with a water meter. For the purposes of that section "tamper" includes tampering with the plumbing associated with the water meter in a way that may hinder the capacity of the meter to accurately measure the volume of water supplied to premises.

## 6.3 UNMETERED POTABLE WATER SERVICE CHARGE

In the 2026/27 financial year, Council will levy an Unmetered Potable Water Service Utility Charges on all properties connected or capable of being connected to a Council unmetered potable water service, at a rate determined by Council as detailed below in **Table 5 - Unmetered Potable Water Service Charge**.

Table 5 - Unmetered Potable Water Service Charge

Classification (Areas shown below are total building "Floor Areas"	Estimated average water usage of the consumers within group (kL)	\$ / Unit	Allocated Units	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Commercial, Industrial</b>				
0 - 833.91 m2	750	\$15.00	64	\$960
833.92 - 1,633.91 m2	1242	\$15.00	106	\$1,590
Every 100 m2 over 1,633.91 m2	58	\$15.00	5	\$75
<b>Laundries, Butchers, Bakers, Garages</b>				
0 - 200 m2	750	\$15.00	64	\$960
201 - 400 m2	1406	\$15.00	120	\$1,800
401 - 1,600 m2	1828	\$15.00	156	\$2,340
<b>Public Halls, Public Theatres, Meeting Places, Community Clubs &amp; Associations</b>				
0 - 200 m2	433	\$15.00	37	\$555
201 - 600 m2	843	\$15.00	72	\$1,080
<b>Hotel</b>				
Hotels	2625	\$15.00	224	\$3,360
<b>Bowls Clubs, Golf Clubs</b>				
Bowls Club	1875	\$15.00	160	\$2,400
Golf Club	1875	\$15.00	160	\$2,400
<b>Places of Worship</b>				
Churches	433	\$15.00	37	\$555

## 6.4 UNMETERED NON-POTABLE WATER CHARGE- SURAT

In the 2026/27 financial year, Council will levy Unmetered Non-Potable (raw) Water Service Utility Charges on all properties in Surat connected to Council's unmetered non-potable (raw) water service at a rate determined by Council as detailed below in **Table 6 - Unmetered Non-Potable Water Service Charge - Surat**.

Table 6 - Unmetered Non-Potable Water Charge - Surat

Classification	Unit	Estimated average water usage of the Consumers within group (kL)	2026/27 Annual Charge
Vacant land water supply connection	1	222	\$424
Private residences, Flats, CWA Hostel, Picture Theatre, Public Halls, Fire Brigade, Sawmill, Racecourse, Wild Game Boxes, Housing Commission and Government Residences, Business Premises in separate occupation or tenancy and not connected to private residence or flat.	1	222	\$424
Rural Properties including Dairy, "Dunwaitin" and "Rewfarm"	1	222	\$424
Private residence / flat with one business	1.5	333	\$636
Court House, Caravan Park, Cafe and Residence, Golf Club, Private Residences with two businesses, Industrial Estate, Macropod Processing Plants, Slaughter House.	2	444	\$848
Bowls Club, Cobb & Co Country Motel Surat	3	666	\$1,272
Royal Hotel/Motel, Warroona Retirement Village, Hospital	4	888	\$1,696
State/Pre-School	7	1,554	\$2,968

## PART 7 SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES

## 7.1 STATE GOVERNMENT PRECEPT SPECIAL RATE

- (1) Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a special rate to be known as the ("State Government Precept Special Rate") of 0.0001040 cents in the dollar on the rateable value of the rateable land to which the special charge applies, to fund the cost of the State Government Precept charge, research and 'on-ground' works.
- (2) The overall plan for the State Government Precept Special Rate is as follows:
  - (a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the cost of the State Government Precept for the Wild Dog Barrier Fence, pest and weed research and 'on-ground' works.
  - (b) The rateable land to which the special rate applies is all rateable land categorised as Category 10 (Rural 80 to 1,000ha) through to Category 15 (Rural >50,000ha), Category 81 (Rural >=\$11M & <\$16.5M) and Category 82 (Rural >=\$16.5M), in the 2026/27 financial year.
  - (c) The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$488,101. The State Government Precept Special Rate will levy an estimated \$488,101 towards the total estimated cost of carrying out the activity.
  - (d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.
- (3) The rateable land to which the special rate applies, or its occupier, specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special rate because it will provide maintenance and renewal of the wild dog barrier fence, and pest and weed research (including 'on-ground' works) which is provided by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) so as to improve the agricultural activities on the land, which will increase productivity for landholders.

## 7.2 PEST MANAGEMENT SPECIAL RATE

- (1) Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a special rate to be known as the ("Pest Management Special Rate") of 0.000170940 cents in the dollar on the rateable value of the land to which the special rate applies, to fund the cost of the Pest Management, including pest animals and pest plants, across the Maranoa Regional Council area.
- (2) The overall plan for the Pest Management Special Rate is as follows:
  - (a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the cost of pest animals and pest plants management across the Maranoa Regional Council area, including meat and factory baits for two coordinated baiting programs and ad hoc baiting, wild dog bonus payment for scalps and the treatment of high priority pest plants in accordance with Council's Pest Management Plan.
  - (b) The rateable land to which the special rate applies is all rateable land categorised as Category 10 (Rural 80 to 1,000ha) through to Category 15 (Rural >50,000ha), Category 81 (Rural >=\$11M & <\$16.5M) and Category 82 (Rural >=\$16.5M), in the 2026/27 financial year.
  - (c) The estimated cost of carrying out the activity the subject of the overall plan is \$800,553. The Pest Management Special Rate will levy an estimated \$800,553 towards the total estimated cost of carrying out the activity.
  - (d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.
- (3) The rateable land to which the special rate applies, or its occupier, specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special rate because it will provide management of pests, both animal and plant, so as to improve the agricultural activities on the land which will increase productivity for landholders.

### 7.3 RURAL FIRE BRIGADE SPECIAL CHARGE

- (1) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Sections 152ZD of the *Fire Services Act 1990*, Council will make and levy a special charge (to be known as the "Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge") as detailed in the table below **Table 7 - Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge**, on all rateable lands serviced by the rural fire brigades for Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill as identified in the locality plans comprising Appendices 7 to 10 to contribute to the operational costs of firefighting and the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades.

**Table 7 - Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge**

Rural Fire Brigade	2026/27 Annual Charge per Assessment
Amby	\$74.58
Mungallala	\$74.58
Yuleba	\$74.58
Orange Hill	\$50.00

- (2) The overall plan for the Rural Fire Brigades Special Charge is as follows:
- The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is to contribute to the operational costs of fire-fighting and the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades that operate throughout the areas of Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill.
  - The rateable land to which the plan applies is all rateable land defined by Queensland Fire Department (QFD) - Rural Fire Service as being serviced within each Rural Fire Brigade boundary, as identified in the attached Rural Fire Maps for each Brigade (Appendix 7 - 10).
  - The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$20,568. The Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge will levy an estimated amount of \$20,568.
  - The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.
- (3) The rateable land to which the special rate applies, or its occupier, specially benefit from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because these local Rural Fire Brigade units respond to emergency (fire) calls.

## PART 8 CONCESSIONS

### 8.1 PENSIONER CONCESSION

Council's Rates and Charges Rebate and Concessions Policy provides further information regarding all concessions on rates and charges.

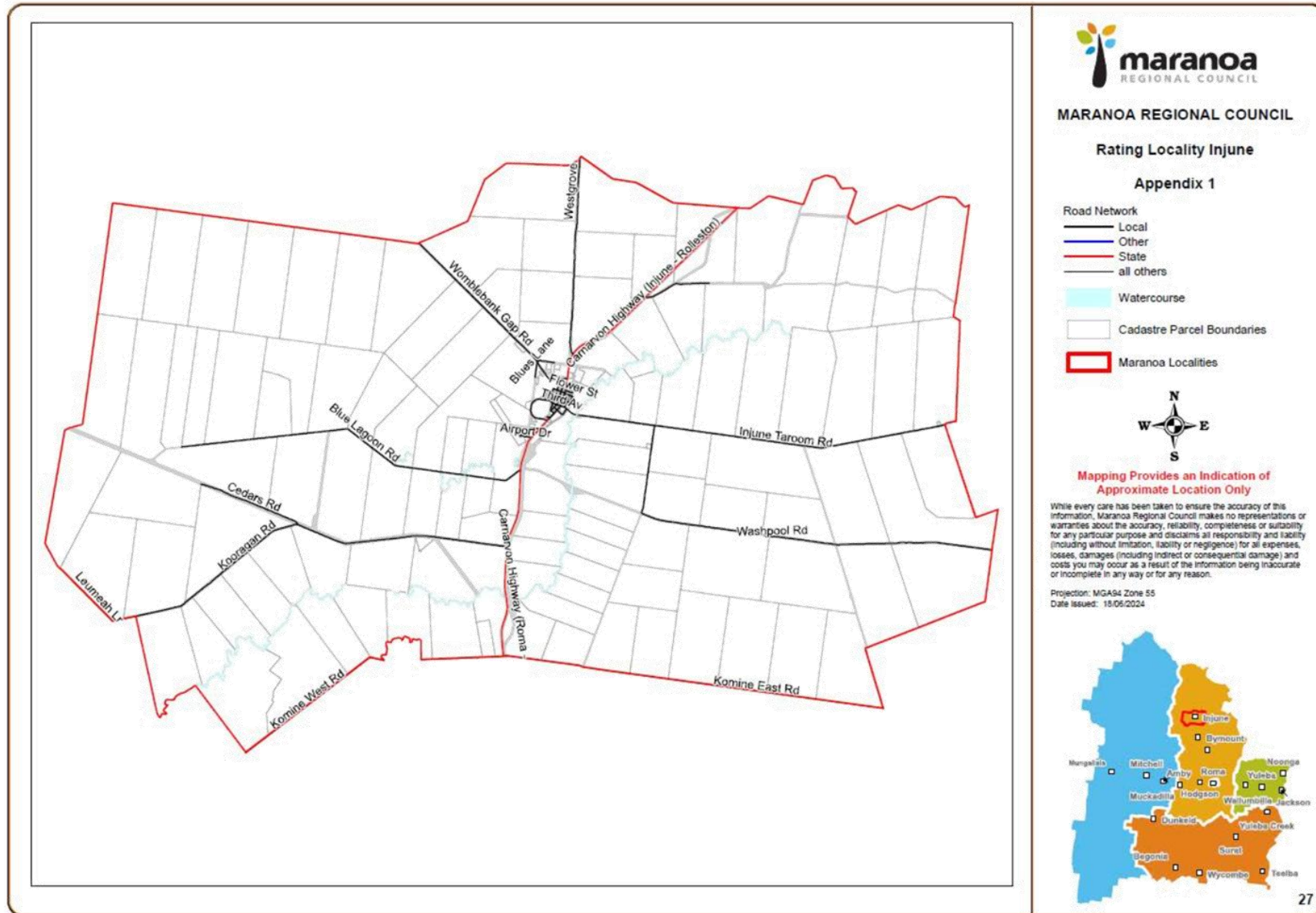
**PART 9 OTHER FEES AND CHARGES****9.1 COST RECOVERY AND OTHER FEES AND CHARGES**

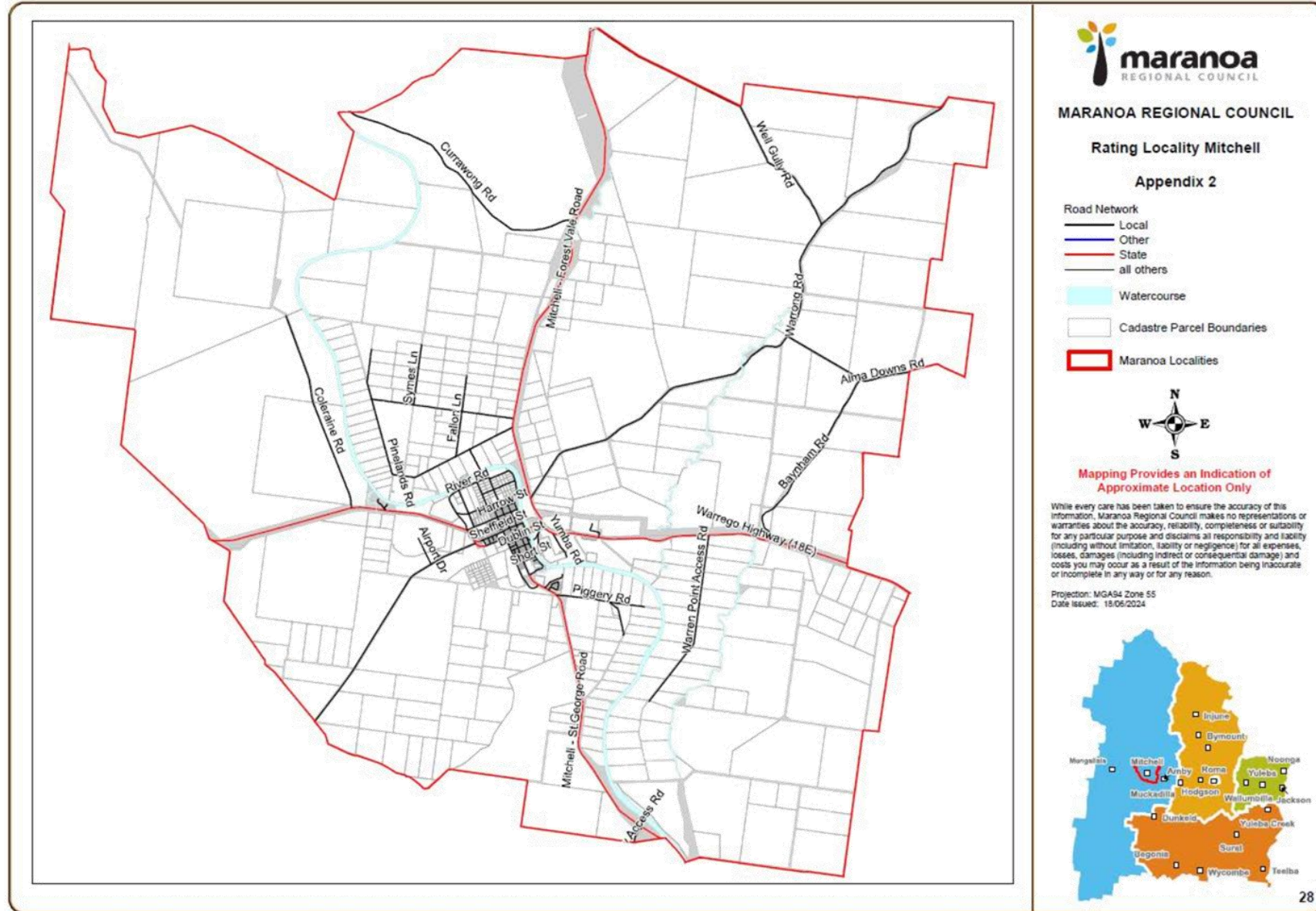
- (1) Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* allows a local government under a local law or a resolution to fix a cost-recovery fee for certain (regulatory) services.
- (2) A cost-recovery fee is for the provision of certain regulatory services as detailed in Section 97(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
- (3) Section 172 (1) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides that the Revenue Statement must state the criteria used to decide the amount of any cost-recovery fees.
- (4) Section 172 (1) (d) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides that if the local government conducts a business activity the Revenue Statement must state the criteria used to decide the amount of the charges for the activity's goods and services.
- (5) It is the intention of Council that, where possible, services provided by Council are fully cost recovered; however, consideration may be given where appropriate to the broad community impact that certain fees and charges may have.
- (6) In setting cost recovery and other fees and charges for goods and services, Council will apply the following criteria to be used in setting the amount of any fee or charge:
  - (a) fees associated with cost recovery (regulatory) services will be set at no more than the full cost of providing the service or taking the action for which the fee is charged;
  - (b) Council may choose to subsidise the fee from other sources (e.g. general rate revenue) where Council considers that it would not be reasonable to charge the full cost; and
  - (c) charges for commercial services will be set to recover the full cost of providing the service and, if provided by a business unit of Council, may include a component for return on capital.
- (7) Council's Fees and Charges Schedule details the fees and charges adopted by Council. Council's adopted Fees and Charges include both cost recovery and commercial user pays fees.
- (8) The cost recovery (regulatory) charges are identified as such in Council's Fees and Charges Schedule and have been determined where appropriate to recover the cost of providing the service.
- (9) The commercial user pays fees are for other services and facilities supplied by Council where the charge is not a cost-recovery fee. The criteria used to decide the amount of such fees is for Council to cover the full cost of providing the relevant services and facilities and may include a commercially based rate of return, return on capital, tax equivalents and allowances for advantages for government ownership, when provided in competition to the private sector.

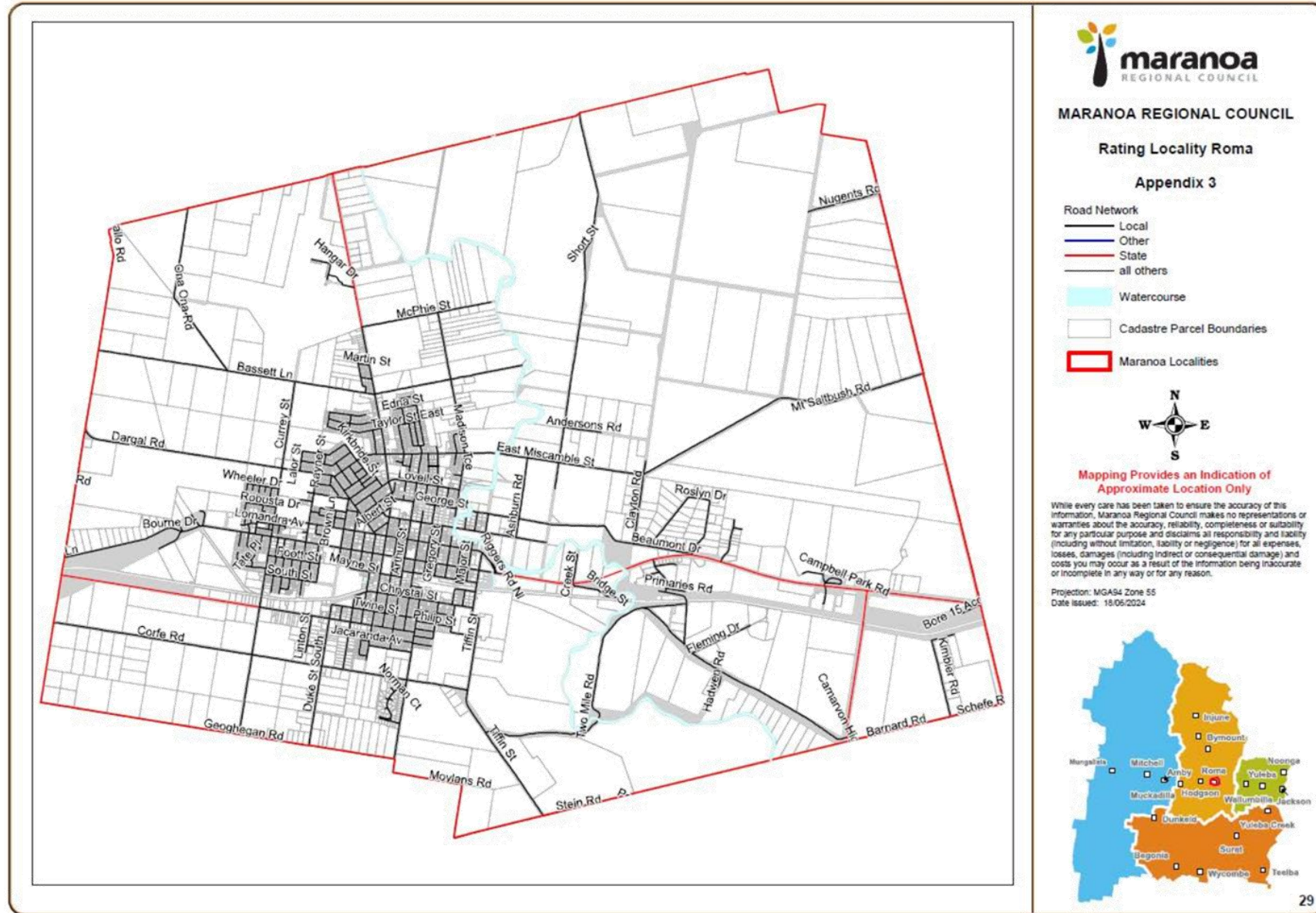
## ATTACHMENT 1- LAND USE CODES

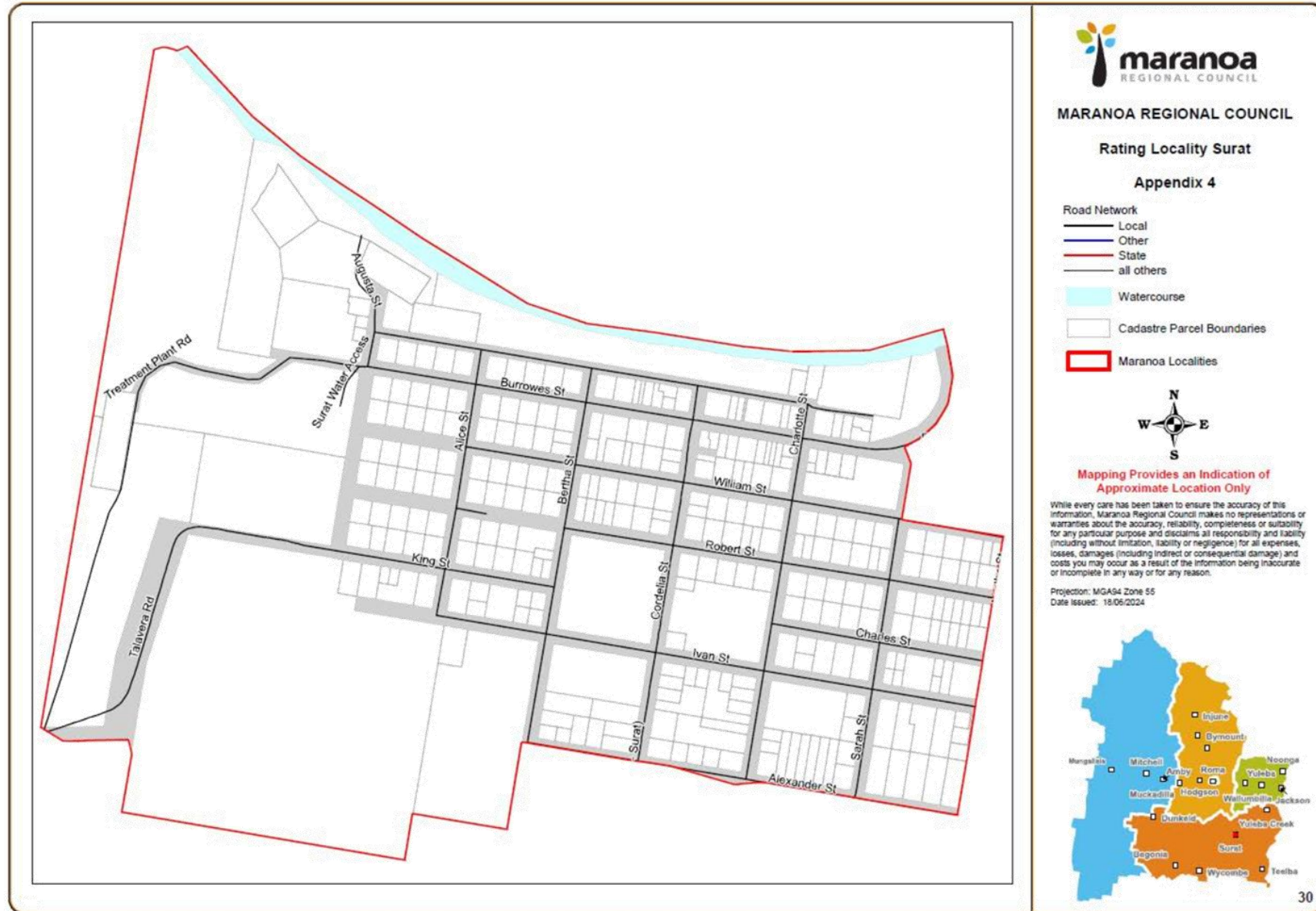
Land Use Code	Description	Land Use Code	Description
<b>Residential</b>		<b>Private Transport &amp; Storage</b>	
01	Vacant Urban Land	28	Warehouse & Bulk Stores
02	Single Unit Dwelling	29	Transport Terminal
03	Multi Unit Dwelling (Flats)	30	Service Station
04	Vacant - Large Homesite	31	Oil Depot & Refinery
05	Dwelling - Large Homesite	32	Wharves
06	Outbuildings	33	Builders Yard, Contractors Yard
07	Guest House (Private) Hotel		
08	Building Units (Primary Use Only)	34	Cold Stores - Iceworks
09	Group Title (Primary Use Only)		
<b>Retail Business &amp; Commercial</b>		<b>Industrial</b>	
10	Combined Multi Dwelling & Shops	35	General Industry
11	Shop - Single	36	Light Industry
12	Shopping Group (More than 6)	37	Noxious/Offensive Industry (including Abattoir)
13	Shopping Group (2 - 6 Shops)		
14	Shops - Main Retail (Central Business District)	38	Advertising - Hoarding
15	Shops - Secondary Retail (Fringe CBD)	39	Harbour Industries
16	Drive-in Shopping Centre	40	Extractive
17	Restaurant	<b>Other Business</b>	
18	Special Tourist Attraction	41	Child Care - excluding Kindergarten
19	Walkway	42	Hotel/Tavern
20	Marina	43	Motel
21	Residential Institutions (Non-Medical Care)	44	Nurseries (Plants)
22	Car Park	45	Theatres & Cinemas
23	Retail Warehouse	46	Drive-in Theatre
24	Sales Area Outdoors (Dealers, Boats, Cars, etc.)	47	Licensed Clubs
25	Professional Offices	48	Sports Clubs/Facilities
26	Funeral Parlour	49	Caravan Parks
27	Hospital. Conv. Homes (Medical Care)	50	Other Clubs (Non-Business)

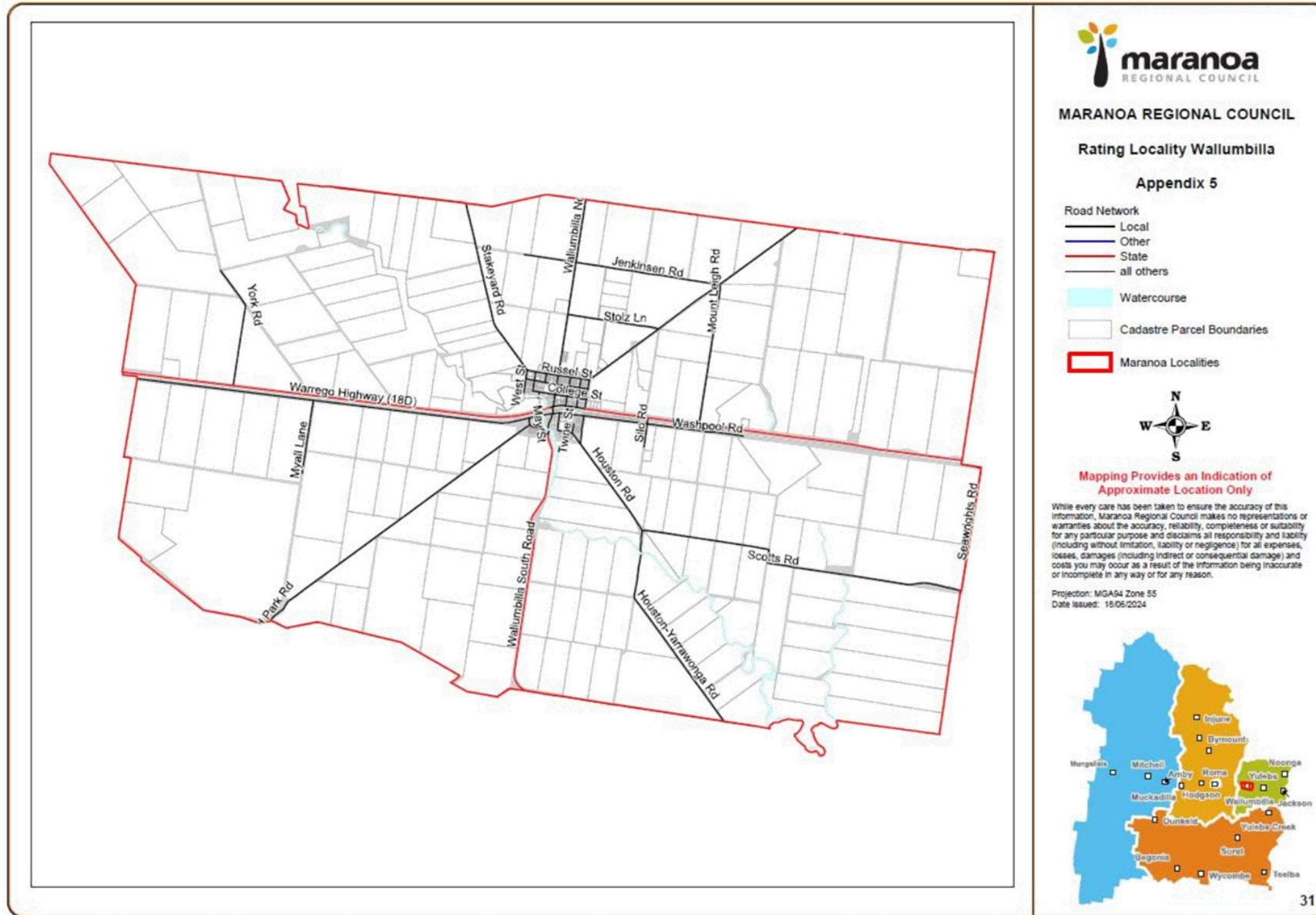
Land Use Code	Description	Land Use Code	Description
<b>Special Uses</b>		<b>Agricultural</b>	
51	Religious	71	Oil Seeds
52	Cemeteries	72	P/use-Sec 25; S/use-Higher Use
53	Commonwealth (Secondary Use Only)	73	Grains
		74	Turf Farms
54	State (Secondary Use Only)	75	Sugar Cane
55	Library	76	Tobacco
		77	Cotton
56	Sportsground, Racecourse, Airfield	78	Rice
		79	Orchards
57	Parks, Gardens	80	Tropical Fruits
58	Educational - Including Kindergarten	81	Pineapples
59	Local Authority (Secondary Use Only)	82	Vineyards
		83	Small Crops & Fodder - Irrigated
		84	Small Crops & Fodder - Non-Irrigated
<b>Sheep Grazing</b>		<b>Other Rural Uses</b>	
60	Sheep Grazing - Dry	85	Pigs
61	Sheep Breeding	86	Horses
62	Not Allocated	87	Poultry
63	Not Allocated	88	Forestry & Logs
		89	Animals - Special
<b>Cattle Grazing</b>		90	Stratum
64	Cattle Grazing & Breeding	91	Transformers
65	Cattle Breeding & Fattening	92	Defence Force Establishment
66	Cattle Fattening	93	Peanuts
		94	Vacant Rural Land (excl. 01 & 04)
<b>Goats</b>		95	Reservoir, Dams, Bores
67	Goats	<b>General Industry</b>	
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>		96	Public Hospital
68	Milk - Quota	97	Welfare Homes/Institutions
69	Milk - No Quota	98	Sect II(i)(vii) Applies (Secondary Use Only)
70	Cream	99	Community Protection Centre

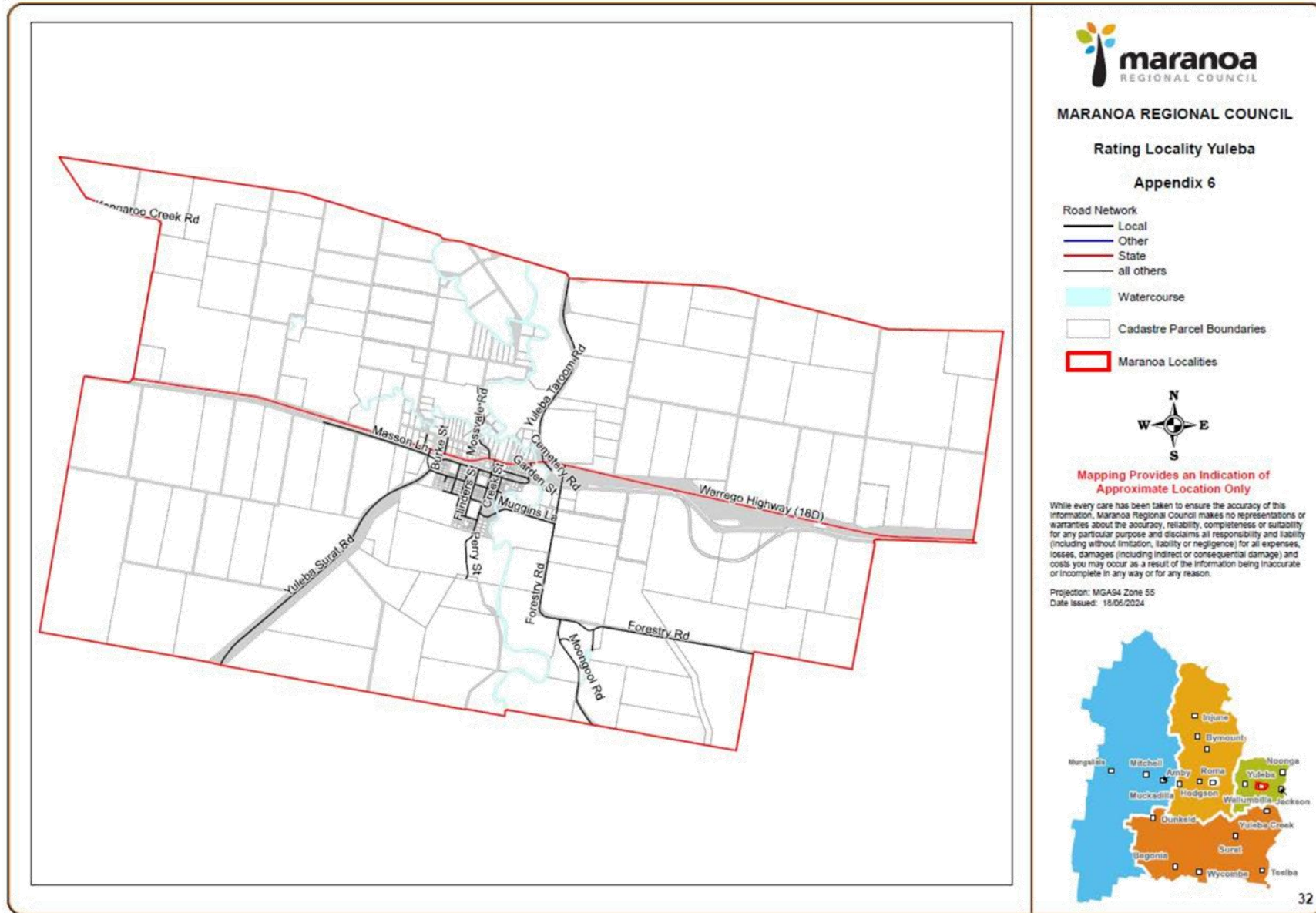


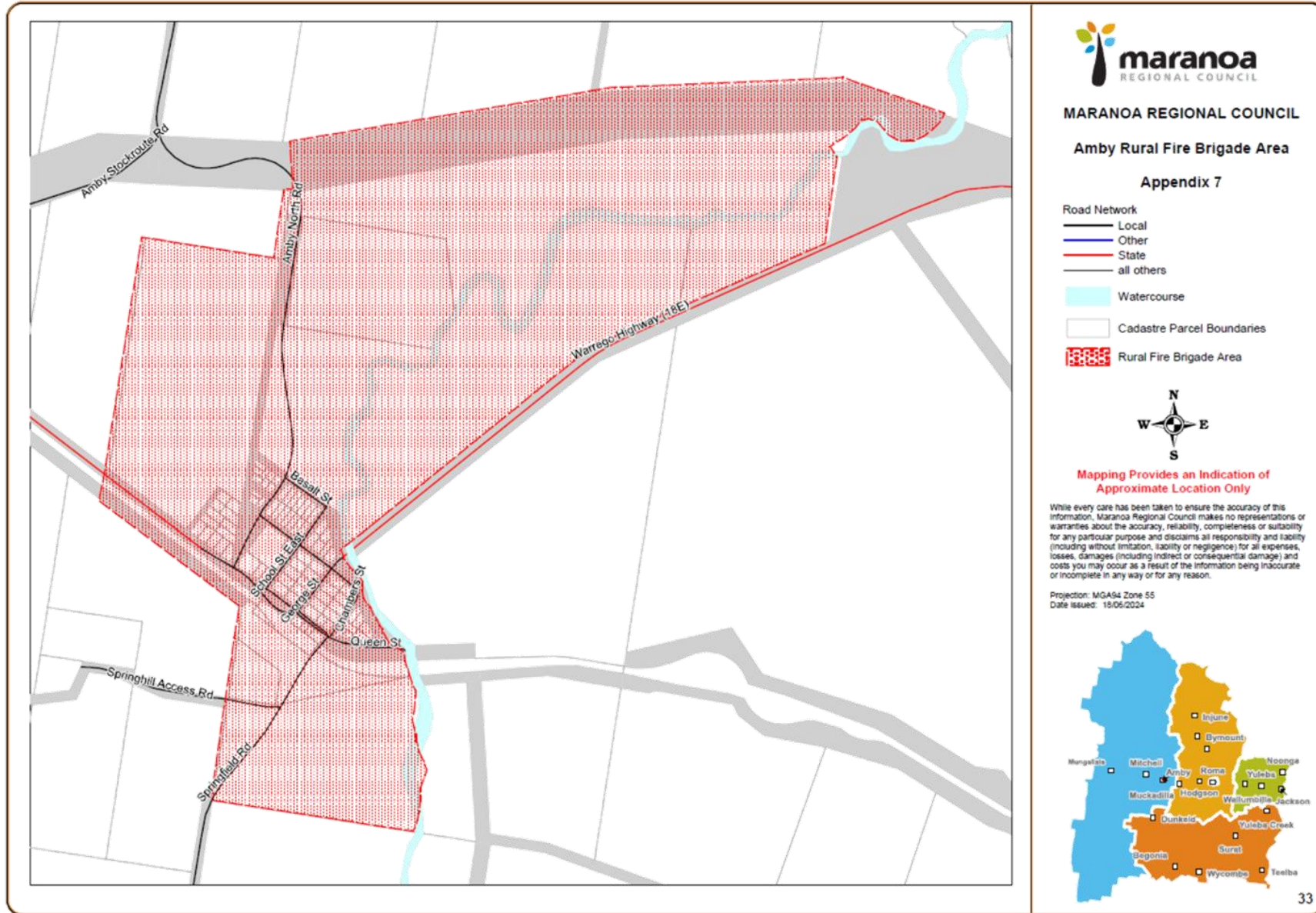


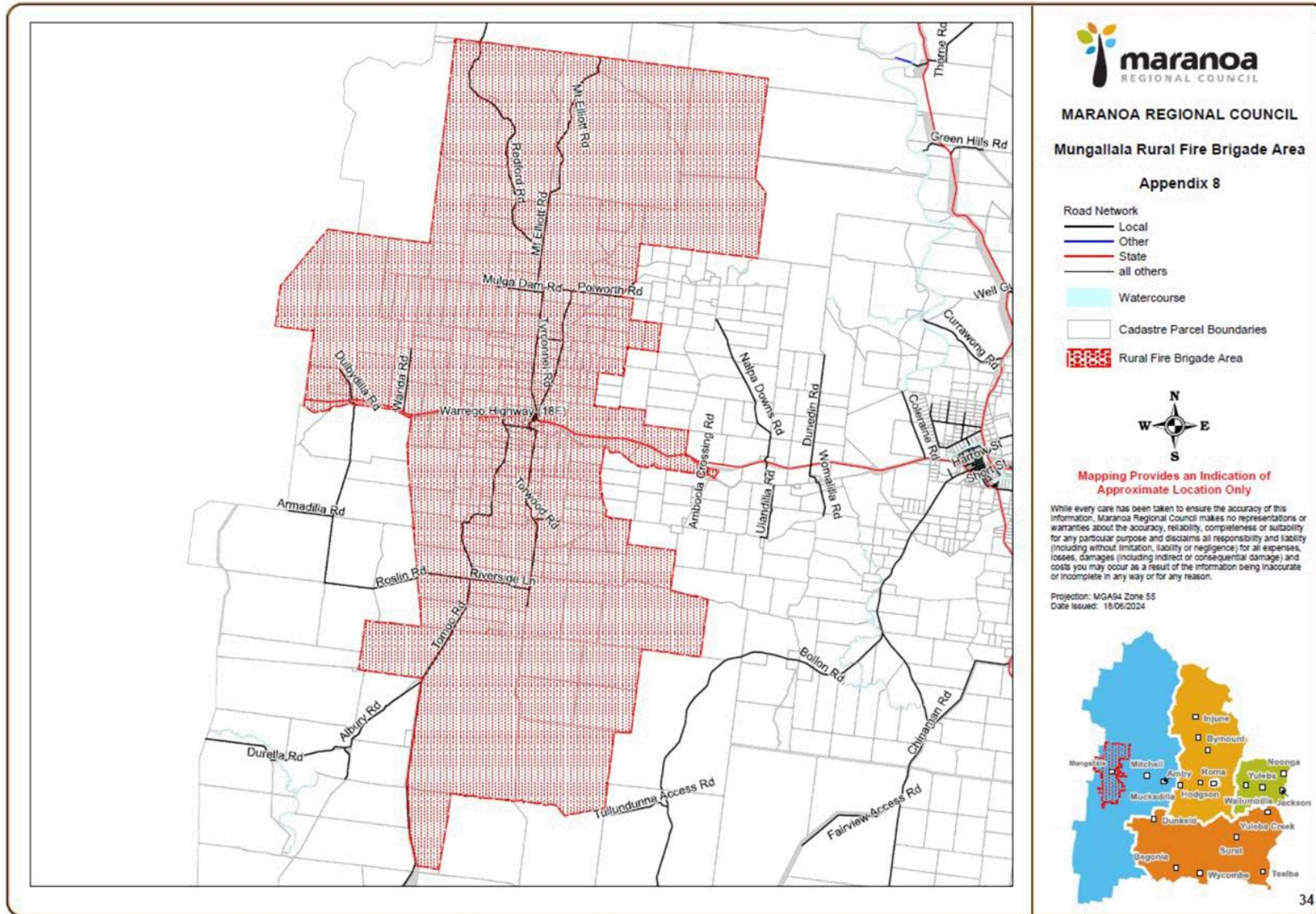


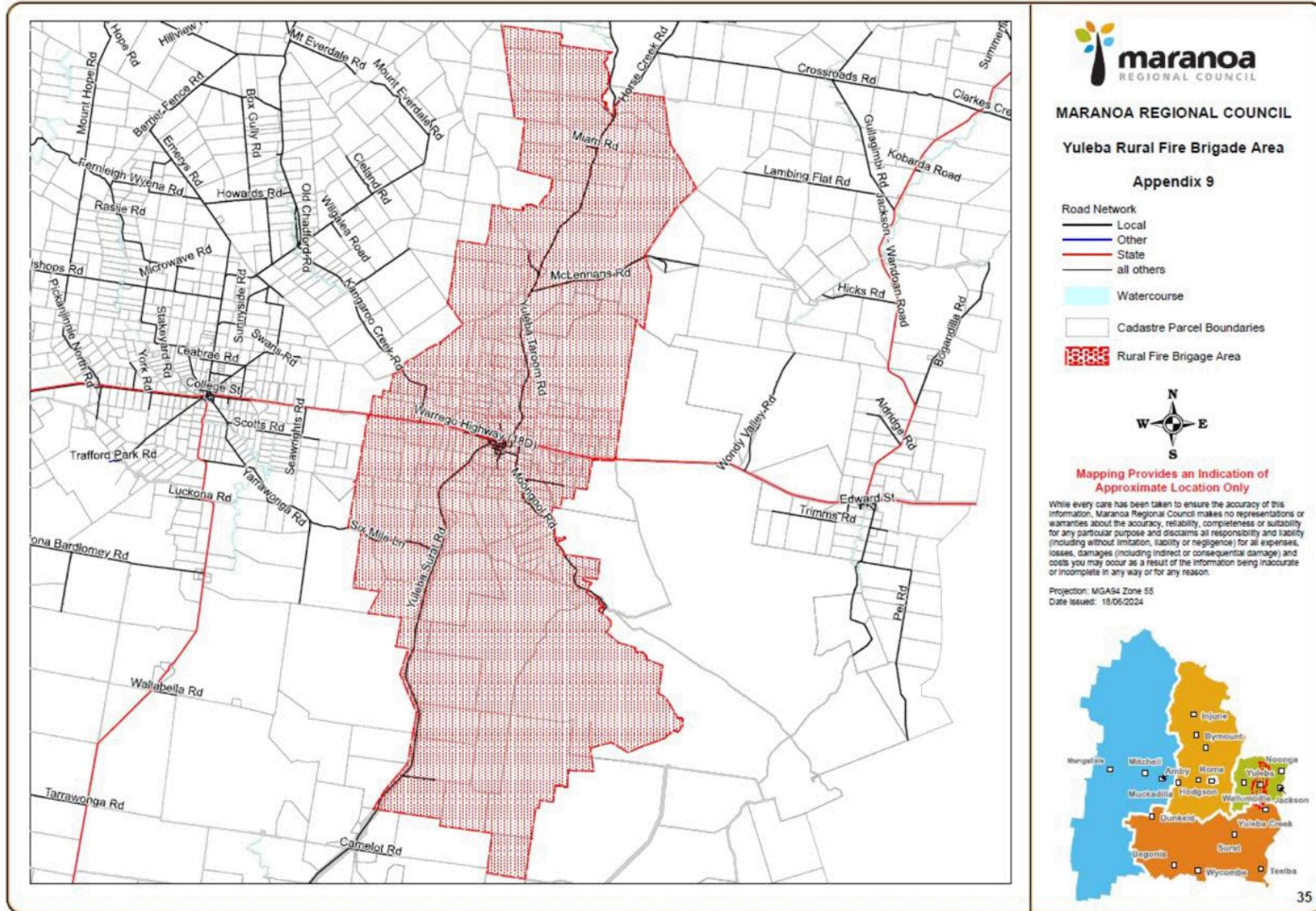


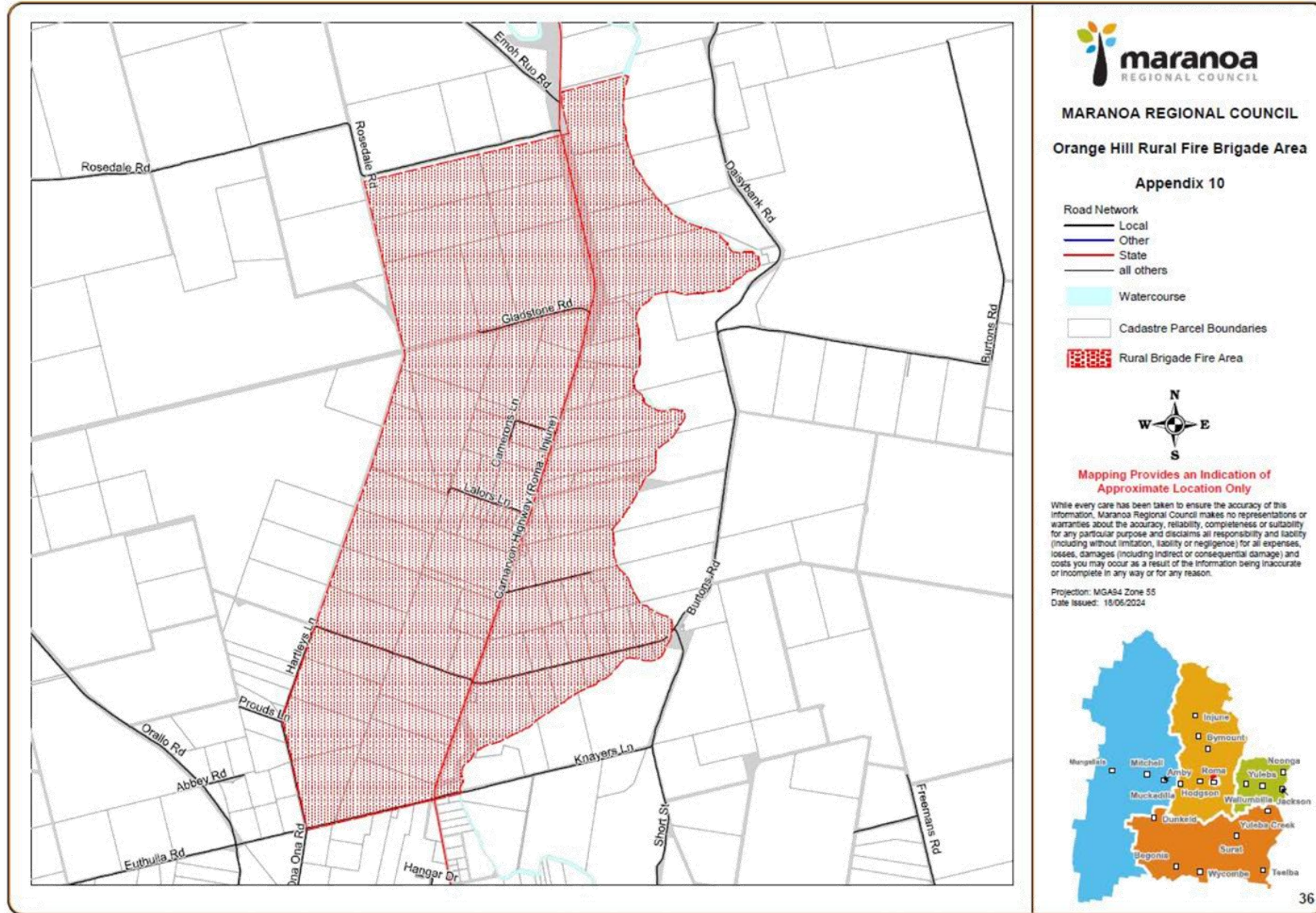












# Maranoa Regional Council Operational Plan 2026/27





## cover images

Pictured on the Front Cover of this Operational Plan are images reflecting the wonderful areas that are located throughout the Maranoa region!

### Roma & Surrounds

As you drive in from the east into Roma, you can't miss The Big Rig.

This iconic attraction takes you for a journey through the twists and drama of the early days of the gas and oil industries in Australia.

Discover the history of natural resource exploration in the Roma region as our pioneering story comes alive through interactive exhibits, machinery and equipment displays, and the insights of our knowledgeable local 'Roma Rigger' guides. Don't miss the chance to climb the 40-metre Big Rig Tower (via stairs or lift) and experience a day in the life of a rigger!

The Big Rig also houses the Roma Visitor Information Centre, your central hub for visitor information on the Roma region and Outback Queensland. Stop by for maps, brochures, souvenirs, and personalised travel advice.

### Injune & Surrounds

Injune is the gateway to the Carnarvon Gorge.

Iconic Injune signs greet you each side of town bring their own special kind of charm.

Starting off as a local initiative to bring the town a welcome sign that differed from your classic road town sign, the gateway is made of pure Injune District Ironbark.

The post-and-rail style is a tribute to the early pioneer settlers of the area.

Being constructed in 2004, locals continue to maintain the signage, whether it's the youth oiling the timber or planting trees and shrubs.

### Mitchell & Surrounds

Soak life's troubles away at the Mitchell Spa.

Greeting you as you drive into Mitchell from the east, this location just keeps on giving.

As you arrive, say hello to our friendly staff at the information centre, grab yourself a bite to eat from the Spa cafe, and build your muscle at the free community gym.

Take home more than memories and bring a bit of Mitchell with you by purchasing some goodies at the merchandise shop.

Located on the banks of the Maranoa River, 87km west of Roma, Mitchell has enough Australian history to support its own miniseries.

### Surat & Surrounds

Gallop back in time at the Cobb & Co Changing Station.

On the Great Inland Way, 78km from Roma, Surat offers visitors a chance to explore its pioneering history and learn about the town's significant involvement during the Cobb & Co era, just a stone's throw from the banks of the Balonne River.

A visit to this fascinating complex gives you free entry to a dynamic social history museum which houses, among other displays, a 14-seat replica Cobb & Co Coach, a 25,000L freshwater aquarium, the Surat on Balonne Art Gallery, and the Surat Library.

While you are there, experience another side of our locals by checking out the latest art exhibition.

### Wallumbilla, Yuleba & Surrounds

Judd's Lagoon & Wetlands is just the place for that weekend getaway you've been dreaming of.

Enjoy a night under the bright outback stars, take in the beauty of the landscape and get cozy around a campfire.

While you are there, immerse yourself in nature with a delightful picnic among local flora and fauna.

There is so much more to Wallumbilla, Yuleba & Surrounds!

Discover the history of what every day living used to look like by having a look in the Heritage Complex and Railway Station, Native Wells, The Old Play Shed and murals.

While you are here, visit the famous Pickanjinie Monument along the Warrego Highway, a popular attraction worth getting a selfie with.

## UNDERSTANDING THE OPERATIONAL PLAN

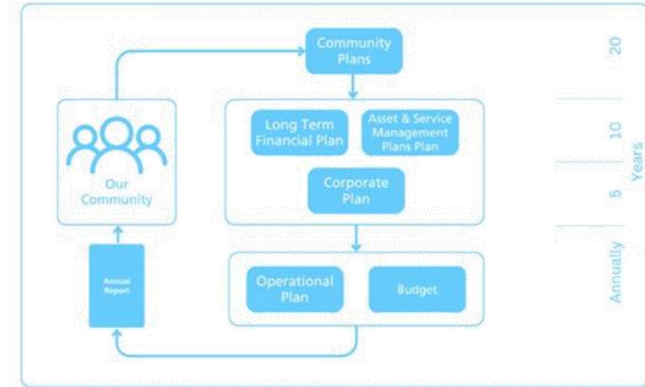
### Operational Plan 2026/27

This annual Operational Plan is the roadmap for what your Council plans to deliver for the Maranoa community in the coming year.

It is guided by the Corporate Plan, our strategic roadmap designed to align our efforts with the aspirations and priorities of our community.

We report our progress towards our the Operational Plan every three months, culminating in our Annual Report.

Together these documents form part of our Planning and Reporting Framework, through which our community can view our strategy for building our region, measure our achievements and understand our challenges.



### How to read the Operational Plan

Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
5. Natural Assets & Regional Values	10-year vision: The Maranoa's natural assets, landscapes and regional values are protected and responsibly managed and continue to sustain our communities, our regional identity and future prosperity.						
Development of regional walking and cultural spaces	Develop a phased plan for Sculptures Outback, Maranoa River Walk, Injune Rail Trail, and Muckadilla community walk, prioritising sustainable progress, identifying funding	5.1.1.1	Quarterly meetings held with Sculptures Outback, BAG, IDTA and MCA to identify and progress funding opportunities, including grants, sponsorships and other				•



## 1. Leadership & Service Delivery

10-year vision: The Maranoa is served by a trusted, capable and financially responsible Council that is guided by strong leadership and delivers effective services, and well-managed assets for the future.

Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Develop and deliver the Strategic Asset Management Framework	Develop an organisational Strategic Asset Management Framework to strengthen asset planning, financial integration and long-term sustainability.	1.1.1.1	Strategic Asset Management Framework adopted.			•	
Develop and implement a corporate Service Management Framework	Establish a consistent organisation-wide framework for defining and structuring Council services to support future planning, budgeting and reporting through Service Delivery Statements.	1.1.2.1	Corporate Service Management Framework developed and endorsed.				•
Improve financial performance reporting across all service areas	Refine, test and adopt a monthly financial reporting framework for budget managers, with outputs aligned to stakeholder needs and effective budget management.	1.1.3.1	Monthly financial reporting framework documented, communicated and training delivered across all service areas.			•	
Ensure the chart of accounts structure is fit for purpose	Undertake a review of Council's general ledger, cost centres and reporting systems to improve strategic alignment and decision-making capability.	1.1.4.1	Changes to the chart of accounts have been incorporated into the development of the 2027-2028 Budget.			•	
Design a centralised stores and logistics model to support procurement reform	As part of Council's broader procurement and organisational reform, design a region-wide stores and logistics model to improve stock management, reduce inefficiencies, and support consistent service delivery. This includes reviewing the current inventory footprint, exploring delivery models, and clarifying the future role of physical stores within the organisation.	1.1.5.1	Options developed for centralised or alternative logistics models.	•			
Capitalise on the potential of our commercial business units	Develop a strategy for Council's commercial business units to improve governance, performance, sustainability and long-term value.	1.1.6.1	Strategy for Council's commercial business units developed.		•		
Support improved service delivery at the local level, focusing on a "how can we help" approach	Continue to improve the role of local customer service, libraries, and local area staff in connecting residents to services, feedback channels and decision-making.	1.2.1.1	Communication campaign delivered that emphasis "how we can help" at a local level.		•		
		1.2.1.2	Community satisfaction with services is monitored and reported.				•




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Deliver Year 1 of the Customer Experience Strategy	Implement priority Year 1 initiatives from the Customer Experience Strategy to improve consistency, accessibility and quality of customer interactions across Council services.	1.2.2.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating improved consistency in customer experience across key service areas.				•
Implement procurement improvements to strengthen local supplier participation	Deliver priority procurement improvements that strengthen local supplier participation, improve staff use of approved procurement systems and support consistent, transparent and compliant purchasing practices.	1.3.1.1	Priority actions from the approved Local Supplier Survey Action Plan implemented and reported to Council.			•	
		1.3.1.2	Vendor Panel Marketplace supplier participation and staff adoption improved through targeted supplier engagement, staff guidance and compliance monitoring.				•
Close out all internal and external audit actions in relation to procurement	Review and action to finalisation all relevant audit actions arising from internal and external audits in relation to procurement.	1.3.2.1	All outstanding procurement actions closed prior to 30 June 2027.				•
Undertake a review of organisational health and wellbeing	Review the impact of the change to the organisational structure, undertaking an annual review of organisational health and wellbeing.	1.4.1.1	Organisational survey conducted and outcome of the review provided to Council for consideration.		•		
Produce a Learning and Development Strategy	Develop a Learning and Development Strategy to align employee capability with organisational needs and service delivery priorities.	1.4.2.1	Learning and Development Strategy prepared.		•		
Establish a business improvement program to drive efficiency and alignment	Develop and operationalise a business improvement function to identify and implement process enhancements across Council.	1.4.3.1	Business improvement framework and project pipeline developed.			•	
		1.4.3.2	At least two priority process reviews completed.				•




 <b>2. Strong Communities</b> 10-year vision: The Maranoa will be a region of safe, connected and welcoming communities, where people feel proud, belong and support each other.							
Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Maranoa Mosquito Management Plan	Develop a region-wide mosquito management plan to respond proactively to mosquito-related health risks.	2.1.1.1	Mosquito Management Plan developed, with monitoring during hatching events and controls implemented as required.		•		
Dog Registration and Compliance Program (Approved Inspection Program)	Deliver an approved selective inspection program under s.113 of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 to monitor compliance with dog registration and containment requirements, supported by community education.	2.1.2.1	Targeted urban properties inspected within the approved period, with compliance recorded and enforcement action taken where required.		•		
		2.1.2.2	Resident awareness of responsibilities under the Act increased through education activities and reporting.		•		
Sporting accessibility	Develop an action plan based on the Sporting Accessibility Audit to improve access and inclusivity in sport.	2.1.3.1	Sporting Accessibility Action Plan adopted by Council.	•			
Support sporting organisations to enhance facilities through funding assistance	Assist relevant sporting organisations to seek funding to enhance facilities.	2.1.4.1	At least five sporting clubs that use Council facilities supported to seek funding.				•
		2.1.4.2	At least two sporting clubs that own their own facilities supported to seek funding.				•
Implement Sports and Recreation Strategy	Progress priority actions from the Sports and Recreation Strategy to support participation, access to recreation opportunities and active communities across the region.	2.1.5.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating progress against the Sports and Recreation Strategy.				•
Deliver Year 1 of the Library Strategic Plan 2026-2036	Commence implementation of the Library Strategic Plan 2026-2036 by delivering priority Year 1 initiatives to strengthen library services, community access and program alignment with community needs.	2.1.6.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating progress against the Library Strategic Plan's strategic directions.				•
Support equitable access to Council facilities	Identify accessibility barriers and improvement opportunities for community sport and recreation facilities across the region.	2.1.7.1	Accessibility audit completed for community sport and recreation facilities.		•		
		2.1.7.2	Action plan prepared to address audit findings.			•	
		2.1.7.3	Community feedback collected and analysed to support continuous improvement.				•

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Update the Community and Local Area Plans	Refresh Maranoa's overarching community plan and local area plans (identity or place setting) to guide the development and aspirations of the Maranoa community (including defining what liveability means in the Maranoa).	2.1.8.1	At least five Local Area Plans completed and endorsed.				•
Develop a Community Spaces Activation Plan	Develop a coordinated plan to increase community use of selected Council-owned community spaces through programs, events, partnerships and regular activities. The plan will focus on practical activation opportunities that support community participation, local groups and better use of existing infrastructure.	2.1.9.1	Community Spaces Activation Plan developed, identifying priority locations, partnership opportunities and activation actions.			•	
		2.1.9.2	Priority activation actions commenced and reported, including available utilisation and participation data.				•
Implement the Cemetery Masterplan actions	Implement the year 1 actions from the Cemetery Masterplans.	2.1.10.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating progress against the Cemetery Masterplans.				•
Implement the Parks and Gardens service standards	Review existing standards and Parks & Gardens Service Standards.	2.1.11.1	Implementation of the Parks & Gardens Checklists.		•		
Regional Pools Strategy	Develop a regional pools strategy that will encompass the infrastructure and management of the regions pools.	2.1.12.1	Regional Pools Strategy provided to Council for consideration.		•		
Improve community communication on roadworks delivery	Develop and implement a framework that strengthens communication and engagement with residents before roadworks commence, embedding lessons from engagement trials across capital and maintenance projects.	2.2.1.1	Roadworks communication framework adopted by Council.		•		



 <b>2. Strong Communities</b> 10-year vision: The Maranoa will be a region of safe, connected and welcoming communities, where people feel proud, belong and support each other.							
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Corporate Communications and Digital Information Strategy	Implement a comprehensive Corporate Communications Strategy, including priority improvements to Council's website and digital information, to improve the effectiveness, consistency and reach of Council communications, strengthen community engagement, enhance transparency and build trust.	2.2.2.1	Corporate Communications Strategy adopted by Council.		•		
		2.2.2.2	Website and digital information review completed, with priority improvements identified and implemented or programmed.				•
Establish a social media governance framework	Undertake a structured review of Council-managed and related social media accounts, including an audit of current usage, ownership, and governance arrangements, to ensure alignment with Council's strategic objectives and strengthen consistency, risk management, and effectiveness of digital communications.	2.2.3.1	Consolidated Social Media Framework developed and endorsed, with priority actions implemented and a forward program established.			•	
Refresh and standardise Council's Corporate Style Guide	Review and refine Council's existing Corporate Style Guide, including templates and communication standards, to improve consistency, usability, and alignment with Council's identity without altering core branding.	2.2.4.1	Updated Corporate Style Guide is refined, endorsed, and adopted for use across the organisation.				•
Development of a Maranoa Housing Regional Strategy	Develop a Regional Housing Strategy for the Maranoa Region that outlines Council's commitment and approach to addressing housing supply issues across the Maranoa region.	2.3.1.1	Adoption of the Maranoa Housing Regional Strategy.	•			
Major Amendment to the Maranoa Planning Scheme	Amend the Maranoa Planning Scheme to address regional housing supply challenges, incorporate updated flood mapping, and align the planning framework with current State legislation, strategic priorities, and local development needs.	2.3.2.1	Draft Planning Scheme Amendment prepared and submitted for State Interest Review.			•	
		2.3.2.2	Public consultation completed in accordance with statutory requirements and adoption by Council.				•

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Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Develop a Council Residential Housing Strategy	Develop a strategic approach to Council-owned residential housing that clarifies the future purpose, use and management of Council's housing portfolio following Council's exit from community housing service delivery.	2.3.3.1	Council Residential Housing Portfolio Strategy developed and presented to Council for consideration.		•		
Community Organisation Capacity Building Initiative	Strengthen the capacity of community organisations to deliver impactful initiatives through practical skill development programs.	2.4.1.1	Deliver at least four capacity-building workshops.				•
Youth development and engagement	Design and implement programs that address the needs of young people and provide opportunities for physical activity, personal growth and leadership in areas where this support is limited.	2.4.2.1	Youth programs and initiatives launched in Injune, Yuleba and Wallumbilla.		•		
Youth empowerment and decision-making	Empower young people to participate in decision-making and contribute to the development of youth-focused initiatives and strategies.	2.4.3.1	Maranoa Regional Youth Council established and launched.			•	
		2.4.3.2	At least one Youth Council recommendation implemented through organisational initiatives or practices.				•
Develop a Volunteer Strategy to support local delivery and community wellbeing	Develop a Volunteer Strategy to better support, coordinate and sustain volunteer involvement, linked to outcomes of the Inquiry into Volunteering in Queensland and local stakeholder input.	2.4.4.1	Volunteer roundtables hosted in local areas.	•			
		2.4.4.2	Four roundtable initiatives delivered to assist volunteers.		•		
		2.4.4.3	Volunteer Strategy developed and adopted by Council.				•




 <b>3. Economic Strength &amp; Opportunity</b> 10-year vision: The Maranoa is an ambitious and resilient regional economy that supports local jobs, attracts investment and creates opportunities for future generations.							
Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Maranoa Economic Development Strategy	Adopt and commence implementation of the Maranoa Economic Development Strategy.	3.1.1.1	Maranoa Economic Development Strategy adopted by Council.	•			
		3.1.1.2	Maranoa Economic Development Action Plan developed and commenced.		•		
Facilitate the development of industry clusters and networks	Facilitate the development of industry clusters and/or networks to foster collaboration, build business capability and encourage knowledge sharing across priority sectors.	3.1.2.1	Minimum of two collaborative industry events or network activities delivered.				•
Establish an economic partnership relationship with the Philippines	Forge enduring international ties through an economic partnership with a community in the Philippines.	3.1.3.1	Progress the implementation of a formal economic partnership agreement.				•
Development Incentives Policy	Prepare and implement a Development Incentives Policy to attract investment, facilitate increased housing supply and commercial/industrial investment to support economic growth in the Maranoa Region.	3.2.1.1	Development Incentives Policy adopted by Council.	•			
		3.2.1.2	Undertake a targeted marketing campaign.				•
Development of an online economic development service	Develop an online economic development service to support investment attraction, business enquiry and access to regional information, including an Investment Prospectus Toolkit.	3.2.2.1	Establishment of the Online Economic Development Investment platform.		•		
Small Business Friendly Council	Implement the Small Business Friendly Council commitments, including practical actions that strengthen Council's engagement with local businesses and support participation in Queensland Small Business Month.	3.3.1.1	Quarterly reporting provided on implementation of the Small Business Friendly Council commitments.				•
		3.3.1.2	Small Business Month program delivered in partnership with local businesses, chambers and industry groups.				•

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Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Maximising Local Benefits from the 2032 Olympics	Implement a five-point strategy to identify, advocate for and leverage opportunities from the 2032 Olympics to benefit sport, recreation, tourism and the regional economy.	3.4.1.1	Five-point 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Opportunities Strategy developed.		•		
		3.4.1.2	Priority opportunities from the strategy advocated or progressed through engagement with relevant government, sporting, tourism and regional stakeholders, with outcomes reported to Council.				•
Roma Clay Target Club Olympic discipline facility	Support the Roma Clay Target Club's Games On funding application for the development of ISSF-standard Olympic Trap, Skeet and DTL shooting facilities.	3.4.2.1	Ongoing collaboration with half yearly meetings undertaken with the Roma Clay Target Club to support the Games On funding application and identify future funding opportunities where required.				•



 <b>4. Quality Infrastructure &amp; Facilities</b> 10-year vision: The Maranoa is supported by well-planned, and well-managed infrastructure and facilities that strengthens liveability, enables growth and delivers long-term value for the region.							
Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Deliver Council's strategic road programs	Execute and acquit Council's Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), Roads to Recovery (R2R) and Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) programs in accordance with funding agreements. The focus is on maximising use of external funds, ensuring compliance, and delivering measurable improvements to the regional network.	4.1.1.1	100% of Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), Roads To Recovery (R2R) and Bitumen Reseal Program expended and acquitted by 30 June 2027.				•
Review disaster management governance and coordination arrangements	Assess and refine Council's disaster management governance and coordination frameworks to maintain compliance and enhance operational capability, effectiveness and continuous improvement.	4.2.1.1	Local Disaster Management Plan and supporting sub-plans reviewed and updated annually.				•
		4.2.1.2	Annual disaster management exercise conducted, with outcomes documented and capability improvements identified.				•
Improve and maintain Council's flood warning network	Maintain, enhance and expand Council's flood warning network, including gauges, telemetry and monitoring systems, to support timely and accurate flood intelligence and decision-making.	4.2.2.1	Review of Bungil Creek monitoring equipment undertaken, including advice to residents at the outlet of the Eastern Diversion Channel and Garrabarra gauge.				•
Delivery of the Flood Damage Reconstruction Program with a Focus on Enhancing Road Network Resilience	While delivering Council's Flood Damage Reconstruction Program, proactively identify and implement opportunities to improve the resilience of Council's road network and embed learnings from recent flood events.	4.2.3.1	Recurring damage sites identified and at least five repair sites made more resilient through betterment.				•
		4.2.3.2	Full condition assessment of Council's unsealed road network completed, leveraging flood damage completion inspections.				•
Delivery of the Flood Damage Reconstruction Program	Coordinate delivery and acquittal of Council's Flood Damage Reconstruction Program to support timely asset recovery and advocate for funding arrangements that support resilient infrastructure outcomes.	4.2.4.1	Formal commitment secured from Government to review Flood Damage Guidelines following Council advocacy.			•	
		4.2.4.2	100% of flood damage funding delivered within contractual arrangement timeframes.			•	
		4.2.4.3	Final acquittal claims submitted within 3 months of completion.				•

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Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Improve resilience of critical infrastructure and essential services	Identify, assess, and prioritise risks to critical infrastructure, including telecommunications and essential services, and implement mitigation strategies to enhance resilience and continuity during disaster events.	4.2.5.1	Critical risks identified and mitigation strategies developed in consultation with relevant asset owners and incorporate into an updated Local Resilience Action Plan.				•
Community water bore facility and agreements audit	Conduct audits of community water bore facilities and associated agreements to ensure infrastructure integrity, compliance with regulations (including extraction volumes), and clarity of responsibilities with landholders and stakeholders.	4.3.1.1	All community water bore facilities and agreements are audited, with updated records and recommended actions implemented to ensure operational integrity, compliance, and clear management responsibilities.				•
Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems updated for improved site monitoring and real-time visibility Review Year 2	Conduct comprehensive site audits of Council's Water Sewerage and Gas assets across the region in collaboration with our Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition provider. These audits will validate and update system models to improve the accuracy of remote monitoring and control. Addressing any discrepancies will enhance the reliability of Council's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition network, strengthen remote monitoring capabilities, and reduce the risk of system failures.	4.3.2.1	SCADA system updated and validated to improve site monitoring and reliable real-time visibility.				•
		4.3.2.2	Staff training undertaken to enhance operator knowledge and capability in the SCADA system.				•
Enhance transport network asset management	Strengthen asset planning for Council's transport network to support capital renewal, upgrade selection and long-term network performance.	4.4.1.1	Transport network Asset Management Plans revised and updated to reflect Council's strategic objectives and current network condition.			•	



 <b>5. Natural Assets &amp; Regional Values</b> 10-year vision: The Maranoa's natural assets, landscapes and regional values are protected and responsibly managed and continue to sustain our communities, our regional identity and future prosperity.							
Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Development of regional walking and cultural spaces	Develop a phased plan for Sculptures Outback, Maranoa River Walk, Injune Rail Trail, and Muckadilla community walk, prioritising sustainable progress, identifying funding opportunities and supporting staged delivery in partnership with community organisations.	5.1.1.1	Quarterly meetings held with Sculptures Outback, Booringa Action Group, Injune District Tourism Association and Muckadilla Community Association to identify and progress funding opportunities, including grants, sponsorships and other financial support.				•
Implement Arts and Culture Strategy	Implementation of key elements from the Arts and Culture Strategy.	5.1.2.1	Priority Year 1 initiatives delivered and reported, demonstrating progress against the Arts and Culture Strategy.				•
Celebrate Roma's Dinosaur history during Queensland's Dinosaur Week 2027	Deliver a Week long celebration of both of Roma's Dinosaur discoveries through a range of activities at the Big Rig and libraries.	5.1.3.1	Deliver the Dinosaur Week Program.				•
Strategic biosecurity coordination and education	Coordinate a strategic biosecurity program that strengthens prevention, monitoring and community education to reduce the impact and spread of priority weeds and pests across the region.	5.2.1.1	Targeted biosecurity education and engagement activities delivered.			•	
		5.2.1.2	Improved compliance with biosecurity responsibilities demonstrated by landholders and stakeholders.			•	
Review and update Biosecurity Management Plan 2023-27	Review and update the Maranoa Biosecurity Management Plan to ensure it reflects current and emerging risks, legislative requirements, and Council priorities, guiding proactive weed, pest and disease management.	5.2.2.1	Updated Biosecurity Management Plan endorsed by Council, incorporating current risk assessment, updated priorities, and clear operational guidance for 2027 onwards.				•
Weed mapping and targeted management program	Enhance recording, mapping and monitoring of priority weeds across the Maranoa Region to inform targeted management, prevention, containment and eradication efforts.	5.2.3.1	Improved decision-making and prioritisation of control efforts demonstrated through targeted management actions guided by mapped data.				•
Develop a Stock Route Reserve Management Policy	Develop a policy to support the management of Council-controlled stock route reserves and rural reserves, including reserve use, fencing condition, fuel load management, maintenance responsibilities and practical land management options such as short-term agistment where appropriate.	5.2.4.1	Fencing and reserve condition audit completed, with priority risks and recommended actions identified.			•	
		5.2.4.2	Stock Route Reserve Management Policy developed, including principles for reserve use, maintenance and fuel load management.			•	

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Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Visitor Economy Strategy implementation	Implement priority elements of the Visitor Economy Strategy to enhance tourism growth and development.	5.3.1.1	Action Plans developed to support the Visitor Economy Strategy..		•		
		5.3.1.2	Destination Marketing Action Plan presented to Council.		•		
		5.3.1.3	Quarterly progress report provided outlining implementation of at least five key elements of the strategy and their outcomes.				•
Tourism product development	Support new and existing tourism operators to create high-quality and consistently delivered tourism products and increase online presence for bookable and AI-assisted itineraries.	5.3.2.1	Achieve a 20% increase in trade-ready tourism products by the end of the reporting period.				•
		5.3.2.2	Identify and support new or emerging tourism businesses and products.				•
		5.3.2.3	Audit Search Engine Optimisation content for each local area to support AI-generated itinerary visibility.				•
Tourism capability and capacity building	Coordinate tourism industry capability and capacity building, as outlined in the Visitor Economy Strategy delivered across the region to support networking, collaboration and promotion of local tourism products and experiences.	5.3.3.1	Conduct at least one industry and community development workshop, training session or meeting per quarter, with a minimum of one session focused on social media marketing.				•
Roma Revealed website renewal	Renew the Roma Revealed website to enhance functionality, user experience and visitor information.	5.3.4.1	Work with regional website owners to ensure relevant visitor information and linked content is up to date.		•		
		5.3.4.2	Relaunch the Roma Revealed website.		•		
Strengthen Regional Event Support and Promotion	Support regional event organisers and tourism operators to increase the economic and visitor benefits of events across the Maranoa by improving event promotion, supporting event readiness, encouraging longer visitor stays and connecting events with regional tourism opportunities.	5.3.5.1	Event support toolkit updated and promoted to assist organisers with event planning, promotion and visitor attraction.		•		
		5.3.5.2	Priority regional events promoted through Council and tourism channels, including Australian Tourism District Warehouse, Council event listings and Roma Revealed platforms where appropriate.				•
Review the Maranoa Waste Management Strategy	Review the Maranoa Waste Management Strategy 2024-2029 to assess performance, identify improvement opportunities and explore circular economy principles, including recycling waste collection.	5.4.1.1	Review of current strategy completed and findings endorsed by Council.		•		
		5.4.1.2	Revised action plan developed for implementation.				•



### 5. Natural Assets & Regional Values

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Operational Plan Initiative	Description of Initiative	Item	Measure of Success	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Review of bulk haulage contract and transfer station operation	Review of Bulk Haulage strategy and transfer station operational efficiency to test Council operation against contactor delivery options.	5.4.2.1	Business case developed based on bulk haulage cost and efficiency study (option for Council operation or Contactor).			•	
		5.4.2.2	Results evaluated and action plan developed.				•



**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

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**SUBJECT HEADING:** Differential General Rating Categories and Descriptions - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to determine and describe the differential rating categories of rateable land for the levying of general rates for the financial period ending 30 June 2027.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

1. Pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, the categories into 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:

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)
1	<b>Residential A (\$1 to \$40,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$1 but less than or equal to \$40,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72
2	<b>Residential B (\$40,001 to \$70,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value of more than \$40,000 but less than or equal to \$70,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72
3	<b>Residential C &gt;\$70,000 -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value of more than \$70,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72
5	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- A (&lt;=\$40,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of less than or equal to \$40,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94
6	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- B (\$40,001-\$70,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes, which has an area of more than 1 hectare, but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of more than \$40,000 and less than or equal to \$70,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94

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7	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- C (\$70,001-\$200,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of more than \$70,000 and less than or equal to \$200,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94
8	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res-D (&gt;\$200,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes, which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of greater than \$200,000, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94
9	<b>Rural &gt;=20ha - &lt;80ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 20 hectares but less than 80 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
10	<b>Rural 80 to &lt;1,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 80 hectares but less than 1,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
11	<b>Rural 1,000 to &lt; 5,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes, which has an area equal to or greater than 1,000 hectares but less than 5,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
12	<b>Rural 5,000 to &lt; 15,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 5,000 hectares but less than 15,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
13	<b>Rural 15,000 to &lt; 25,000ha-</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 15,000 hectares but less than 25,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
14	<b>Rural 25,000 to 50,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 25,000 hectares but less than or equal to 50,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
15	<b>Rural &gt;50,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area greater than 50,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
16	<b>Pump Sites and Bores -</b> Land owned by one or more persons for the purpose of stock water or bore supplies used to water stock or supply domestic premises	95
17	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (1,000-1,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 1,000 and less than or equal to 1,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval

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18	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (2,000-2,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 2,000 and less than or equal to 2,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
19	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (3,000-3,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 3,000 and less than or equal to 3,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
20	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (4,000-4,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 4,000 and less than or equal to 4,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
21	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (5,000-7,499 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 5,000 and less than or equal to 7,499 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
22	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (7,500-9,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 7,500 and less than or equal to 9,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
23	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (10,000-14,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 10,000 and less than or equal to 14,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
24	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (15,000-19,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 15,000 and less than or equal to 19,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
25	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (&gt;=20,000 SCU)</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of greater than or equal to 20,000 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
26	<b>Caravan parks, Hotels and Motels</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purpose of caravan parks, hotels and motels other than land included in categories 59-65	42,43,47,48 and 49
27	<b>Commercial -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial purposes other than land is included in categories 26, 28 to 30, 37 to 42 and 59 to 65	01-39,41- 48,72,92,96,97 or 99

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28	<p><b>Commercial/Industrial (Community Titles Scheme/Building Unit/Group Title) -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial or industrial purposes (Community Title Schemes/ Building Unit/Group Title) other than land is included in categories 26,27, 29,30,37-42 and 59-65</p>	01-39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99
29	<p><b>Commercial/ Industrial &gt;10Ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial or industrial purposes which has an area greater than 10 hectares, other than land is included in categories 26 to 28, 30, 37 to 42 and 59 to 65</p>	01,04,05,06-39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99
30	<p><b>Shopping Centre -</b> Land being used for the purpose of a shopping centre with a gross floor area exceeding 2500m2, where the land is tenanted by either a department store or large supermarket with onsite parking facilities and/or a number of specialty shops or offices with onsite parking facilities</p>	12-16
31	<p><b>Community Purposes -</b> Land used for community purposes where the land is operated on a not-for-profit basis and including land used for the purposes of sporting clubs, religious facilities, educational facilities, libraries, parks, showgrounds, racecourses, and cemeteries except where exempt under Section 93 (3) (i) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i></p>	48, 50 -59
32	<p><b>Industry -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for industrial purposes other than where land is included in categories 17 to 30 or where land is included in categories 59 - 65</p>	01,04,06- 39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99
34	<p><b>Abattoir&lt; 75,000 kills -</b> Land used in whole or in part as an abattoir with less than 75,000 kills annually</p>	Intentionally left blank
35	<p><b>Abattoir&gt;= 75,000 kills -</b> Land used in whole or in part as an abattoir with greater than or equal to 75,000 kills annually</p>	Intentionally left blank
36	<p><b>Refinery -</b> Land used in whole or part for the purpose of a gas refinery or separation plant</p>	31
37	<p><b>Transformers&lt; 1MVA-</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with less than 1 MVA</p>	91
38	<p><b>Transformers 1 - 10MVA -</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with 1 or more MVA or less than or equal to 10 MVA</p>	91
39	<p><b>Transformers &gt;10MVA-</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with greater than 10 MVA</p>	91
40	<p><b>Renewable Energy Generation Facility -</b> Land used in whole or in part for: (a) the generation of energy from renewable resources that is connected to the main power grid; or (b) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) Note: Generation of energy for landowner's use is not included in this definition</p>	Intentionally left blank
41	<p><b>Multi-Use Renewable Energy Facility -</b> Land used in whole or in part for generation of energy: (a) from at least one renewable resource that is connected to the main power grid and has capacity to store renewable energy on the same parcel of land; or (b) from more than one renewable resource that are connected to the main power grid Note: Generation of energy for landowner's use is not included in this definition</p>	Intentionally left blank

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50	<p><b>Extractive/Waste A (&lt;=5,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is less than or equal to 5,000tpa</p>	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval
51	<p><b>Extractive/Waste B (5,001-20,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 5,000tpa and less than or equal to 20,000 tpa.</p>	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval
52	<p><b>Extractive/Waste C (20,001- 50,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 20,000tpa and less than or equal to 50,000 toa.</p>	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval
53	<p><b>Extractive/Waste D (50,001-100,000tpa)-</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 50,000tpa and less than or equal to 100,000 tpa</p>	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval
54	<p><b>Extractive/Waste E (100,001-200,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 100,000tpa and less than or equal to 200,000 tpa</p>	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval
55	<p><b>Extractive/Waste F (200,001-500,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 200,000tpa and less than or equal to 500,000 tpa</p>	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval
56	<p><b>Extractive/Waste G (&gt;500,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 500,000tpa</p>	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval
57	<p><b>Extractive/Waste H (1ha-50ha,tpa unknown)-</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is unknown and the area is equal to or greater than 1 hectare but less than or equal to 50 hectares</p>	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receipt approval

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58	<b>Extractive/Waste I (&gt;50ha, tpa unknown) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is unknown and the area is greater than 50 hectares	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receival approval
59	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - D (1-20) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 1 accommodation unit but less than or equal to 20 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
60	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - E (21- 50) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 21 accommodation units but less than or equal to 50 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
61	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - F (51- 150) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 51 accommodation unit but less than or equal to 150 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
62	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - G (151- 250) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 151 accommodation units but less than or equal to 250 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
63	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - A (251-500) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 250 accommodation units but less than or equal to 500 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
64	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - B (501-750) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 500 accommodation units but less than or equal to 750 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
65	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - C (&gt;750) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 750 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
69	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - A (&lt;=6ha) -</b> Land used in whole or part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is less than or equal to 6 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59-65	31,35 or 36
70	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - B (&gt;6ha-1,000ha) -</b> Land used in whole or part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is greater than 6 hectares and less than or equal to 1,000 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59 - 65	31,35 or 37
71	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - C (&gt;1,000ha) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is greater than 1,000 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59 - 65	31,35 or 37

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72	<b>Petroleum Leases - A (&lt;=30,000ha) -</b> Petroleum leases issued within the Region with an area equal to or less than 30,000 hectares.	40
73	<b>Petroleum Lease - B Conventional gas &gt;10,000ha -</b> Petroleum leases - conventional gas - issued within the Region with an area greater than 10,000 hectares	40
74	<b>Petroleum Leases - C (&gt;30,000ha) -</b> Petroleum leases issued within the Region with an area greater than 30,000 hectares	40
80	<b>Other Land (not categorised elsewhere) -</b> Land not included in any of the other categories	Intentionally left blank
81	<b>Rural &gt;=\$11M &amp; &lt;\$16.5M -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$11,000,000 but less than \$16,500,000	04,05,06,60-89,93,94,95
82	<b>Rural &gt;=\$16.5M -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$16,500,000	04,05,06,60-89,93,94,95
83	<b>Carbon Farming =&gt;100,000 ACCU's -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes that has been issued with 100,000 or more Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU's) which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94

2. 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.

**Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

The purpose of this report is to adopt different categories of rateable land for rating purposes.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

Section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* relevantly provides that:

- (1) Before a local government levies differential general rates, it must decide the different categories (each a **rating category**) of rateable land in the local government area;
- (2) The local government must, by resolution, make the decision at the local government's budget meeting.
- (3) The resolution must state—
  - (a) the rating categories of rateable land in the local government area; and
  - (b) a description of each of the rating categories.
- (4) After the rating categories and descriptions have been decided, the local government must identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land in the local government area belongs.

(5) The local government may do so in any way it considers appropriate.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

- Pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, the categories into 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:

Category	Rating Category/Description	Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)
1	<b>Residential A (\$1 to \$40,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$1 but less than or equal to \$40,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72
2	<b>Residential B (\$40,001 to \$70,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value of more than \$40,000 but less than or equal to \$70,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72
3	<b>Residential C &gt;\$70,000 -</b> Land used or capable of being used for residential purposes which has a rateable value of more than \$70,000	01,02,03,06,08,09,72
5	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- A (&lt;=\$40,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of less than or equal to \$40,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94
6	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- B (\$40,001-\$70,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes, which has an area of more than 1 hectare, but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of more than \$40,000 and less than or equal to \$70,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94
7	<b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res- C (\$70,001-\$200,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of more than \$70,000 and less than or equal to \$200,000, which is not otherwise categorised	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94

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<b>Category</b>	<b>Rating Category/Description</b>	<b>Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Lge Housesite or Sml Rural &amp; Rural Res-D (&gt;\$200,000) -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural residential or rural purposes, which has an area of more than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares and a rateable value of greater than \$200,000, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised</p>	03,04,05,06,60-87,89,93,94
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Rural &gt;=20ha - &lt;80ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 20 hectares but less than 80 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised</p>	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Rural 80 to &lt;1,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 80 hectares but less than 1,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised</p>	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Rural 1,000 to &lt; 5,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes, which has an area equal to or greater than 1,000 hectares but less than 5,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised</p>	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Rural 5,000 to &lt; 15,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 5,000 hectares but less than 15,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised</p>	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Rural 15,000 to &lt; 25,000ha-</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 15,000 hectares but less than 25,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised</p>	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
<b>14</b>	<p><b>Rural 25,000 to 50,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area equal to or greater than 25,000 hectares but less than or equal to 50,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised</p>	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Rural &gt;50,000ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has an area greater than 50,000 hectares, other than land included in categories 81 or 82, which is not otherwise categorised</p>	04,05,06,60-89,93,94
<b>16</b>	<p><b>Pump Sites and Bores -</b> Land owned by one or more persons for the purpose of stock water or bore supplies used to water stock or supply domestic premises</p>	95

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<b>17</b>	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (1,000-1,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 1,000 and less than or equal to 1,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
<b>18</b>	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (2,000-2,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 2,000 and less than or equal to 2,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
<b>19</b>	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (3,000-3,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 3,000 and less than or equal to 3,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
<b>20</b>	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (4,000-4,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 4,000 and less than or equal to 4,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
<b>21</b>	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (5,000-7,499 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 5,000 and less than or equal to 7,499 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
<b>22</b>	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (7,500-9,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 7,500 and less than or equal to 9,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
<b>23</b>	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (10,000-14,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 10,000 and less than or equal to 14,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval

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<b>24</b>	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (15,000-19,999 SCU) -</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of more than or equal to 15,000 and less than or equal to 19,999 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
<b>25</b>	<b>Intensive Animal Ind (&gt;=20,000 SCU)</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of Intensive Animal Industry requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and having an approved capacity of greater than or equal to 20,000 standard cattle units (SCU)	65 or 66 or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval
<b>26</b>	<b>Caravan parks, Hotels and Motels</b> Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purpose of caravan parks, hotels and motels other than land included in categories <b>59-65</b>	42,43,47,48 and 49
<b>27</b>	<b>Commercial -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial purposes other than land is included in categories 26, 28 to 30, 37 to 42 and 59 to 65	01-39,41- 48,72,92,96,97 or 99
<b>28</b>	<b>Commercial/Industrial (Community Titles Scheme/Building Unit/Group Title) -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial or industrial purposes (Community Title Schemes/ Building Unit/Group Title) other than land is included in categories 26,27, 29,30,37-42 and 59-65	01-39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99
<b>29</b>	<b>Commercial/ Industrial &gt;10Ha -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for commercial or industrial purposes which has an area greater than 10 hectares, other than land is included in categories 26 to 28, 30, 37 to 42 and 59 to 65	01,04,05,06-39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99
<b>30</b>	<b>Shopping Centre -</b> Land being used for the purpose of a shopping centre with a gross floor area exceeding 2500m2, where the land is tenanted by either a department store or large supermarket with onsite parking facilities and/or a number of specialty shops or offices with onsite parking facilities	12-16
<b>31</b>	<b>Community Purposes -</b> Land used for community purposes where the land is operated on a not-for-profit basis and including land used for the purposes of sporting clubs, religious facilities, educational facilities, libraries, parks, showgrounds, racecourses, and cemeteries except where exempt under Section 93 (3) (i) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	48, 50 -59

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<b>32</b>	<b>Industry -</b> Land used or capable of being used in whole or in part for industrial purposes other than where land is included in categories 17 to 30 or where land is included in categories 59 - 65	01,04,06- 39,41-48,72,92,96,97 or 99
<b>34</b>	<b>Abattoir&lt; 75,000 kills -</b> Land used in whole or in part as an abattoir with less than 75,000 kills annually	Intentionally left blank
<b>35</b>	<b>Abattoir&gt;= 75,000 kills -</b> Land used in whole or in part as an abattoir with greater than or equal to 75,000 kills annually	Intentionally left blank
<b>36</b>	<b>Refinery -</b> Land used in whole or part for the purpose of a gas refinery or separation plant	31
<b>37</b>	<b>Transformers&lt; 1MVA-</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with less than 1 MVA	91
<b>38</b>	<b>Transformers 1 - 10MVA -</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with 1 or more MVA or less than or equal to 10 MVA	91
<b>39</b>	<b>Transformers &gt;10MVA-</b> Land used in whole or in part for a transformer with greater than 10 MVA	91
<b>40</b>	<b>Renewable Energy Generation Facility -</b> Land used in whole or in part for: (c) the generation of energy from renewable resources that is connected to the main power grid; or (d) for any purpose ancillary to or associated with (a) Note: Generation of energy for landowner's use is not included in this definition	Intentionally left blank
<b>41</b>	<b>Multi-Use Renewable Energy Facility -</b> Land used in whole or in part for generation of energy: (a) from at least one renewable resource that is connected to the main power grid and has capacity to store renewable energy on the same parcel of land; or (b) from more than one renewable resource that are connected to the main power grid Note: Generation of energy for landowner's use is not included in this definition	Intentionally left blank
<b>42</b>	<b>Battery Storage Facility -</b> Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, to store energy by means of one (1) or more battery energy storage systems that; (d) is/are connected to the main power grid; and (e) has/have the capacity to store at least one (1) megawatt of power; and (f) is not co-located on land being used as a Renewable Energy Generation Facility (40)	Intentionally left blank

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<b>52</b>	<b>Extractive/Waste C (20,001- 50,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 20,000tpa and less than or equal to 50,000 toa.	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receive approval
<b>53</b>	<b>Extractive/Waste D (50,001-100,000tpa)-</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 50,000tpa and less than or equal to 100,000 tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receive approval
<b>54</b>	<b>Extractive/Waste E (100,001-200,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 100,000tpa and less than or equal to 200,000 tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receive approval
<b>55</b>	<b>Extractive/Waste F (200,001-500,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 200,000tpa and less than or equal to 500,000 tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receive approval
<b>56</b>	<b>Extractive/Waste G (&gt;500,000tpa) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is greater than 500,000tpa	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receive approval

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<b>57</b>	<b>Extractive/Waste H (1ha-50ha, tpa unknown)-</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is unknown and the area is equal to or greater than 1 hectare but less than or equal to 50 hectares	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receival approval
<b>58</b>	<b>Extractive/Waste I (&gt;50ha, tpa unknown) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for the purposes of extractive industry and/or waste processing recycling or disposal activities, where the permitted tonnage of extractive material production and/or waste volumes per annum is unknown and the area is greater than 50 hectares	40 or has an alternative land use with an extractive and/or waste receival approval
<b>59</b>	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - D (1-20) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 1 accommodation unit but less than or equal to 20 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
<b>60</b>	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - E (21- 50) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 21 accommodation units but less than or equal to 50 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
<b>61</b>	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - F (51- 150) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 51 accommodation unit but less than or equal to 150 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
<b>62</b>	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - G (151- 250) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with greater than or equal to 151 accommodation units but less than or equal to 250 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
<b>63</b>	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - A (251-500) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 250 accommodation units but less than or equal to 500 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
<b>64</b>	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - B (501-750) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 500 accommodation units but less than or equal to 750 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank
<b>65</b>	<b>Accommodation Work Camps - C (&gt;750) -</b> Land used or available for use in whole or in part for the purpose of a large accommodation work camp with greater than 750 accommodation units, rooms, suites or similar structures	Intentionally left blank

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<b>Category</b>	<b>Rating Category/Description</b>	<b>Identification (land to which the Primary Land Use Codes apply)</b>
<b>69</b>	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - A (&lt;=6ha) -</b> Land used in whole or part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is less than or equal to 6 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59-65	31,35 or 36
<b>70</b>	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - B (&gt;6ha-1,000ha) -</b> Land used in whole or part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is greater than 6 hectares and less than or equal to 1,000 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59 - 65	31,35 or 37
<b>71</b>	<b>Other Gas &amp; Oil - C(&gt;1,000ha) -</b> Land used in whole or in part for or in association or connection with, the extraction, processing, storage or transportation of petroleum or natural gas pursuant to a lease, where the leased area is greater than 1,000 hectares other than land included in category 36 or 59 - 65	31,35 or 37
<b>72</b>	<b>Petroleum Leases - A (&lt;=30,000ha) -</b> Petroleum leases issued within the Region with an area equal to or less than 30,000 hectares.	40
<b>73</b>	<b>Petroleum Lease - B Conventional gas &gt;10,000ha -</b> Petroleum leases - conventional gas - issued within the Region with an area greater than 10,000 hectares	40
<b>74</b>	<b>Petroleum Leases - C (&gt;30,000ha) -</b> Petroleum leases issued within the Region with an area greater than 30,000 hectares	40
<b>80</b>	<b>Other Land (not categorised elsewhere) -</b> Land not included in any of the other categories	Intentionally left blank
<b>81</b>	<b>Rural &gt;=\$11M &amp; &lt;\$16.5M -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$11,000,000 but less than \$16,500,000	04,05,06,60-89,93,94,95
<b>82</b>	<b>Rural &gt;=\$16.5M -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes which has a rateable value equal to or greater than \$16,500,000	04,05,06,60-89,93,94,95
<b>83</b>	<b>Carbon Farming =&gt;100,000 ACCU's -</b> Land used or capable of being used for rural purposes that has been issued with 100,000 or more Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU's) which is not otherwise categorised	04,05,06,60-89,93,94

2. 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.

**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Nil	

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Regulation 2012**

**81 Categorisation of land for differential general rates**

- (1) Before a local government levies differential general rates, it must decide the different categories (each a **rating category**) of rateable land in the local government area.
- (2) The local government must, by resolution, make the decision at the local government's budget meeting.
- (3) The resolution must state –
  - (a) the rating categories of rateable land in the local government area; and
  - (b) a description of each of the rating categories.

*Example -*

*A resolution may state that the rating categories, and a description of each of the rating categories, are as follows -*

- (a) residential land - land that is used for residential purposes in particular urban centres, rural localities, park residential estates and coastal villages;
- (b) commercial and industrial land -land that is used solely for commerce or industry in particular urban centres and rural localities, other than land used for manufacturing sugar or another rural production industry;
- (c) grazing and livestock land - land that is used, for commercial purposes, for grazing and livestock;
- (d) sugar cane land - land that is used for producing sugar cane;
- (e) sugar milling land - land that is used for manufacturing sugar;
- (f) rural land -
  - (i)land that is not in an urban centre or locality; or
  - (ii)land that is not used for grazing and livestock; or
  - (iii)land that is not sugar cane land or sugar milling land;
- (g) other land - any other type of land.

- (4) After the rating categories and descriptions have been decided, the local government must identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land in the local government area belongs.
- (5) The local government may do so in any way it considers appropriate.
- (6) The fact that some parcels of rateable land are inadvertently not categorised does not stop differential general rates being levied on rateable land that has been categorised.

**Budget / Funding (Current and future):**

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation** (*Internal / External*):

Councillors

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director - Corporate Services

**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 22 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.6

**File Number:** D26/66047

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Declaration of Differential General Rates - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to decide the differential general rate and minimum general rates for each differential general rate category, for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, 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.

Category	Rating Category/Description	Rate in the Dollar	Min General Rate
1	Residential A (\$1 to \$40,000)	0.018527	\$538
2	Residential B (\$40,001 to \$70,000)	0.017839	\$786
3	Residential C >\$70,000	0.012352	\$1,252
5	Lge Housesite or Sml Rural & Rural Res- A (<=\$40,000)	0.026734	\$718
6	Lge Housesite or Sml Rural & Rural Res- B (\$40,001-\$70,000)	0.017717	\$1,126
7	Lge Housesite or Sml Rural & Rural Res- C (\$70,001-\$200,000)	0.009926	\$1,356
8	Lge Housesite or Sml Rural & Rural Res-D (>\$200,000)	0.009104	\$2,149
9	Rural >=20ha - <80ha	0.004463	\$727
10	Rural 80 to <1,000ha	0.002172	\$880
11	Rural 1,000 to < 5,000ha	0.001790	\$880
12	Rural 5,000 to < 15,000ha	0.001534	\$1,060
13	Rural 15,000 to < 25,000ha	0.001353	\$4,214
14	Rural 25,000 to 50,000ha	0.001449	\$5,556
15	Rural >50,000ha	0.001289	\$10,943
16	Pump Sites and Bores	0.015017	\$380
17	Intensive Animal Ind (1,000-1,999 SCU)	0.002072	\$1,973
18	Intensive Animal Ind (2,000-2,999 SCU)	0.002072	\$3,944

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19	Intensive Animal Ind (3,000-3,999 SCU)	0.002072	\$5,916
20	Intensive Animal Ind (4,000-4,999 SCU)	0.002072	\$7,900
21	Intensive Animal Ind (5,000-7,499 SCU)	0.002072	\$9,878
22	Intensive Animal Ind (7,500-9,999 SCU)	0.002072	\$14,784
23	Intensive Animal Ind (10,000-14,999 SCU)	0.002072	\$19,710
24	Intensive Animal Ind (15,000-19,999 SCU)	0.002072	\$29,564
25	Intensive Animal Ind (>=20,000 SCU)	0.002072	\$39,416
26	Caravan parks, Hotels and Motels	0.010061	\$1,052
27	Commercial	0.009975	\$1,052
28	Commercial/Industrial (Community Titles Scheme/Building Unit/Group Title)	0.014787	\$1,052
29	Commercial/ Industrial >10Ha	0.008383	\$1,052
30	Shopping Centre	0.053884	\$105,076
31	Community Purposes	0.003976	\$770
32	Industry	0.012557	\$1,052
34	Abattoir< 75,000 kills	0.010358	\$885
35	Abattoir>= 75,000 kills	0.010358	\$1,070
36	Refinery	13.676629	\$382,343
37	Transformers< 1MVA	0.103681	\$2,952
38	Transformers 1 - 10MVA	0.376635	\$29,489
39	Transformers >10MVA	0.249193	\$88,465
40	Renewable Energy Generation Facility	0.075537	\$33,207
41	Multi-Use Renewable Energy Facility	0.110926	\$41,050
42	Battery Storage Facility	0.987722	\$39,510
50	Extractive/Waste A (<=5,000tpa)	0.003433	\$1,791
51	Extractive/Waste B (5,001-20,000tpa)	0.003433	\$2,239
52	Extractive/Waste C (20,001- 50,000tpa)	0.003433	\$8,942
53	Extractive/Waste D (50,001-100,000tpa)	0.003433	\$17,883
54	Extractive/Waste E (100,001-200,000tpa)	0.003433	\$35,765
55	Extractive/Waste F (200,001-500,000tpa)	0.003433	\$53,644
56	Extractive/Waste G (>500,000tpa)	0.003433	\$107,287
57	Extractive/Waste H (1ha-50ha,tpa unknown)	0.003433	\$8,942
58	Extractive/Waste I (>50ha, tpa unknown)	0.003433	\$35,765
59	Accommodation Work Camps - D (1-20)	0.162987	\$4,729
60	Accommodation Work Camps - E (21- 50)	0.722846	\$49,626
61	Accommodation Work Camps - F (51- 150)	0.132746	\$120,518
62	Accommodation Work Camps - G (151- 250)	0.491380	\$356,808
63	Accommodation Work Camps - A (251-500)	0.499769	\$593,103
64	Accommodation Work Camps - B (501-750)	0.499771	\$1,183,844
65	Accommodation Work Camps - C (>750)	0.499771	\$1,774,580
69	Other Gas & Oil - A (<=6ha)	1.244630	\$37,982
70	Other Gas & Oil - B (>6ha-1,000ha)	1.689244	\$60,583
71	Other Gas & Oil - C (>1,000ha)	1.689244	\$149,122

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72	Petroleum Leases - A (<=30,000ha)	2.382909	\$164,533
73	Petroleum Lease - B Conventional gas >10,000ha	2.382909	\$298,716
74	Petroleum Leases - C (>30,000ha)	2.382909	\$641,358
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81	Rural >=\$11M & <\$16.5M	0.001664	\$22,111
82	Rural >=\$16.5M	0.001817	\$33,931
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**Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

The purpose of this report is to set the minimum general rates and rates in the dollar for differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

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.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

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**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Relativities between individual ratepayers and movements in valuations	Council may wish to consider the effect of the capping and the setting of the rate in the \$.

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Act 2009**

**94 Power to levy rates and charges**

- (1) Each local government –
  - (a) must levy general rates on all rateable land within the local government area; and
  - ...
- (2) A local government must decide, by resolution at the local government's budget meeting for a financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year.

**Local Government Regulation 2012**

## **77 Minimum general rates for land generally**

- (1) *A local government may fix a minimum amount of general rates.*
- (2) *The local government may identify parcels of rateable land to which a minimum amount of general rates applies in any way the local government considers appropriate.*
- (3) *However, a local government must not levy minimum general rates for a parcel of land if -*
  - (a) *the Land Valuation Act, chapter 2, part 2, division 5, subdivision 3, applies to the parcel of land; and*  
*Editor's note - Land Valuation Act, chapter 2, part 2, division 5, subdivision 3 (Discounting for subdivided land not yet developed (non-Land Act rental))*
  - (b) *the discounted valuation period for the parcel of land has not ended under that subdivision.*
- (4) *Generally, the same minimum amount of general rates must apply to all rateable land in the local government area.*
- (5) *However, a local government may fix a different minimum amount of general rates only for-*
  - (a) *if there are different rating categories of rateable land for the local government area, each different rating category; or*
  - (b) *timeshare property; or*
  - (c) *any of the following -*
    - (i) *a mining lease granted for mining for minerals over land that is not larger than 2ha;*
    - (ii) *a mining lease granted for a purpose that is associated with mining for minerals over land that is not larger than 4ha; or*
  - (d) *land that is subject to a mining claim, subject to section 79.*
- (6) *For subsection (5)(a), if a local government fixes a different minimum amount of general rates for different rating categories, the same minimum amount of general rates must apply to all rateable land belonging to a particular rating category.*

## **Local Government Regulation 2012**

### **80 Differential general rates**

- (1) *A local government may levy general rates that differ for different categories of rateable land in the local government area.*
- (2) *These rates are called differential general rates.*
- (3) *For example, a local government may decide the amount of the general rates on a parcel of residential land will be more than the general rates on the same size parcel of rural land.*
- (4) *However, the differential general rates for a category of rateable land may be the same as the differential general rates for another category of rateable land.*
- (5) *If a local government makes and levies a differential general rate for rateable land for a financial year, the local government must not make and levy a general rate for the land for the year.*
- (6) *A differential general rate may be made and levied on a lot under a community titles Act as if it were a parcel of rateable land.*

**Budget / Funding** *(Current and future):*

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation** *(Internal / External):*

Councillors

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director - Corporate Services

## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 23 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.7

**File Number:** D26/66335

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Levy and Payment of Rates and Charges -  
2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Lead Rates and Utilities Billing Officer / System  
Administrator

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### **Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to determine the issue of and period covered by a rate notice and the dates by which rates or charges must be paid.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That:

1. Pursuant to 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 be levied:
  - for the half year 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026 – in August/September 2026; and
  - for the half year 1 January 2027 to 30 June 2027 – in February/March 2027.
2. Pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be payable within thirty (30) clear calendar days after the issue of the rate notice.

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### **Context (*Why is the matter coming before Council?*):**

The purpose of this report is to determine the issue of, and period covered by, a rate notice/s for the 2026/27 financial year and the date by which rates or charges must be paid.

### **Background (*Including any previous Council decisions*):**

The setting of an appropriate rate levy including the payment of rates and charges is required to raise revenue to undertake services and projects contained within the budget.

Council has maintained a levying schedule of half yearly, being August/September and February/March each financial year, for a number of years. This provides ratepayers with consistency about when to expect rate notices for payment.

For 2026/27, the levying schedule will be August/September and February/March.

The issue of and period covered by a rate notice is also reflected in Council's Revenue Statement 2026/27 – section 2.1.

Council must set the issue of, and period covered by, a rate notice, and the date by which rates or charges must be paid for the financial period ending 30 June 2026.

The resolution must be in accordance with sections 107 and 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 114 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*.

**Options Considered:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

That:

1. Pursuant to 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 be levied:
  - for the half year 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026 – in August/September 2026; and
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**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

***Local Government Regulation 2012***  
***107 Issue of and period covered by rate notice***

(1) *A rate notice may only be issued-*

*(a) for utility charges, for a period of at least 1 month, that the local government considers appropriate; and*

- (b) for other rates or charges, for the whole or part of a financial year as the local government considers appropriate.
- (2) However, the rate notice for the rates mentioned in subsection (1)(b) must be issued for the same period for all ratepayers.
- (3) If a person who is liable to pay rates or charges for a period pays the rates or charges before the local government gives the person a rate notice for the period, the local government is not required to give the person a rate notice for the period.
- (4) However, the local government must, at least once each year, issue a rate notice for each parcel of rateable land for a period of no longer than a financial year.

### **Local Government Regulation 2012**

#### **118 When rates or charges must be paid**

- (1) A local government must decide the date by which, or the period within which, rates or charges must be paid.
- (2) The date by which, or the period within which, the rates or charges must be paid must be –
- (a) at least 30 days after the rate notice for the rates or charges is issued; and
- (b) subject to [part 10](#), the same date or period for each person liable to pay the rates or charges.
- (3) The local government must, by resolution, make the decision at its budget meeting.

### **Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990**

#### **114 Manner of giving notification**

- (1) A levy notice may be given to the owner of prescribed property –
- (a) as an item on a rate notice given to the owner in respect of that property; or
- (b) as a separate notice given before 1 January of the financial year to which the notice relates.
- (2) Where for any financial year a local government gives to the owner of prescribed property in respect of that property 2 or more rate notices, each relating to part of that financial year, a levy notice is taken to be given to the owner in accordance with subsection (1)(a) if each rate notice contains an item for the payment in respect of that property of –
- (a) such amount as bears to the total of the annual contribution for the financial year the same proportion as the period (in months) for which the rate notice is given bears to 12; and
- (b) the amount of any arrears of annual contribution.
- (3) Where notification is given as a separate notice, that notice is taken to be a rate notice under the [Local Government Act 2009](#) or, in the case of Brisbane City Council, the [City of Brisbane Act 2010](#).
- (4) A notification must not be given as an item on a rate notice unless –
- (a) where only 1 rate notice is given for a financial year—that rate notice is given before 1 January of that financial year;

*(b) where 2 or more rate notices are given for a financial year—the first of those notices is given before 1 January of that financial year.*

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

To be adopted prior to the budget.

**Consultation (Internal / External):**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director – Corporate Services  
Chief Financial Officer  
King & Co  
Operations Manager - Finance  
Lead Rates & Utilities Billing Officer

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

N/A

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.7 Transparent government

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Director - Corporate Services

**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 23 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.8

**File Number:** D26/66322

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Discount on prompt payment of rates - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

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**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to set the level of discount and discount period for the prompt payment of specified rates for the period ending 30 June 2027.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential general rates made and levied shall be subject to a discount on the differential rate of 5 per cent if paid within the discount period of not less than 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:

- (a) all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice;
- (b) all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice; and
- (c) all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment (including interest thereon to the date of payment) are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice.

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**Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

The purpose of this report is to set the level of discount and discount period for the prompt payment of specified rates for the period ending 30 June 2027.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

To encourage early payment of rates, Council will offer ratepayers a discount on payments received during the nominated discount period in accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

For discount to be allowed, full payment of all rates and charges, including overdue rates, charges, interest, fees and levies appearing on the rate notice must be received by the close of business on or before the due date.

The discount period will be a period of at least thirty (30) clear days commencing from the issue date shown on the Rate Notice and concluding on the due date shown on the Rate Notice.

The discount will only apply to Differential General Rates.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential general rates made and levied shall be subject to a discount on the differential rate of 5 per cent if paid within the discount period of not less than 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:

- (a) all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice;
- (b) all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice; and
- (c) all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment (including interest thereon to the date of payment) are paid on or before the due date appearing on the rate notice.

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**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Nil	

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Regulation 2012**

**Section 130 Discount for prompt payment of rates or charges**

- (1) A local government may decide to allow a discount for payment of rates or charges before the end of the discount period.
- (2) The amount of the discount and the discount period may differ for different rating categories of rateable land.
- (3) The **discount period** is a period that ends on or before the due date for payment.

*Examples of discount period -*

- 1 month before the due date for payment
- a period of 1 month ending 2 weeks before the due date for payment

- (4) The local government must, by resolution, make the decision at its budget meeting.

- (5) *The resolution must state –*
- (a) *whether the discount is to be –*
    - (i) *a fixed amount; or*
    - (ii) *a percentage of the rates or charges; and*
  - (b) *if the discount is to be a fixed amount - the amount; and*
  - (c) *if the discount is to be a percentage of the rates or charges—the percentage; and*
  - (d) *whether the discount applies only if –*
    - (i) *other rates or charges are paid; or*
    - (ii) *an amount, including any interest on the amount, is paid for work that was performed by the local government under a remedial notice issued under the Act; and*
  - (e) *the discount period.*
- (6) *The local government may allow more than 1 discount period for rates or charges only if the local government’s resolution –*
- (a) *states more than 1 discount period for the rates or charges; and*
  - (b) *allows a different discount for each discount period.*
- (7) *The local government may, by resolution, change the discount period to end on a later day (the **new discount day**).*
- (8) *However, if the discount period is changed under subsection (7), the local government must also, by resolution, change the due date for payment to a later day that is no earlier than the new discount day.*
- (9) *If the local government decides to allow a discount for a discount period, it must allow the discount to all ratepayers who pay the rates or charges before the end of the discount period.*
- (10) *If a local government is satisfied a ratepayer has been prevented, by circumstances beyond their control, from paying the rates or charges in time to get a discount, the local government may still allow the discount.*
- (11) *A ratepayer is not entitled to a discount for paying in full rates or charges for land by the end of a discount period if other rates or charges for the land are overdue.*

**Budget / Funding (Current and future):**

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation (Internal / External):**

Councillors

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director - Corporate Services

**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 22 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.9

**File Number:** D26/65983

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

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**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to set the level of interest on overdue rates and charges for the financial period ending 30 June 2027.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of 12.19 per cent per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges.

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**Context (*Why is the matter coming before Council?*):**

The purpose of this report is to set the level of interest on overdue rates and charges for the financial period ending 30 June 2027.

**Background (*Including any previous Council decisions*):**

All rates and charges become overdue if they remain unpaid on the day after the due date for payment which is 30 clear days from the date of issue of the rate notice.

Rates and charges which remain unpaid after the due date will incur interest at the maximum rate prescribed within section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* at a rate of 12.19% per annum compounding on daily balances.

Interest will similarly apply to all overdue rates where a concession for rates or charges has been granted pursuant to any other Council Policy or provision of the *Local Government Act 2009* or the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, except where otherwise provided.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of 12.19 per cent per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges.

**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Nil	

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Regulation 2012**

**Section 133 Interest on overdue rates or charges**

- (1) Interest is payable on overdue rates or charges from –
  - (a) the day the rates or charges become overdue; or
  - (b) a later day decided by the local government.
- (2) Interest must be calculated –
  - (a) on daily rests and as compound interest; or
  - (b) in another way the local government decides, if an equal or lower amount will be payable.
- (3) The rate of interest payable is –
  - (a) for a day before 1 July 2019 - an annual rate, of not more than 11%, decided by the local government; or
  - (b) for a day on or after 1 July 2019 - an annual rate, of not more than the prescribed rate for the day, decided by the local government.
- (4) A decision of the local government under this section must –
  - (a) apply equally to all ratepayers; and
  - (b) for a decision under subsection (3)(b)—be made by resolution at the local government's budget meeting for the financial year that includes the day to which the decision relates.
- (5) In this section -
  - bank bill yield rate, for a day, means the monthly average yield of 90-day bank accepted bills published by the Reserve Bank of Australia for the month of March in the financial year immediately before the financial year in which the day occurs.

The bank bill yield rate as at March 2026 published by the RBA was 4.19 per cent, so the maximum interest rate for the 2026/27 financial year will be 12.19 per cent.

**Budget / Funding** *(Current and future):*

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation** *(Internal / External):*

Councillors

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director - Corporate Services

## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 22 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.10

**File Number:** D26/65673

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Special Rate - Pest Management - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

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### **Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to make and levy a Special Rate for Pest Management for the 2026/27 financial year

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, Council make and levy a special rate to be known as the ("Pest Management Special Rate) of **0.00017094** cents in the dollar on the unimproved capital value of all rateable land to which the overall plan applies, to fund the cost of Pest Management, including pest animals and pest plants, across the Maranoa.

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### **Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

The purpose of this report is to make and levy a special rate, being the Pest Management Special Rate, on all rateable land categorised as Category 10 (Rural 80 to 1,000ha) through to category 15 (Rural > 50,000ha), Category 81 (Rural > = \$11M & < \$16.5M) and Category 82 (Rural >= \$16.5M), in the 2026/27 financial year.

### **Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

The special rate to be known as the "Pest Management Special Rate is to fund the cost of Pest Management, including pest animals and pest plants, across the Maranoa, including meat and factory baits for two coordinated baiting programs and adhoc baiting, wild dog bonus payment for scalps and the treatment of high priority pest plants in accordance with Council's Pest Management Plan.

- a) The overall plan for the Pest Management Special Rate is as follows:
- i. The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the cost of pest animals and pest plants management across the Maranoa, including meat and factory baits for two coordinated wild dog baiting programs and adhoc baiting, wild dog bonus payment for scalps and the treatment of high priority pest plants in accordance with Council's Pest Management Plan.
  - ii. The rateable land to which the special rate applies is all rateable land categorised as Category 10 (Rural 80 to 1,000ha) through to category 15

(Rural > 50,000ha), Category 81 (Rural > = \$11M & < \$16.5M) and Category 82 (Rural >=\$16.5M), in the 2026/27 financial year.

- iii. The estimated cost of carrying out the activity the subject of the overall plan is \$800,553. The Pest Management Special Rate will levy an estimated \$800,553 towards the total estimated cost of carrying out the activity.
- iv. The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.

The rateable land or its occupier specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special rate because it will provide management of pests, both animal and plant, so as to improve the agricultural activities on the land which will increase productivity for landholders.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the provisions of Council’s 2026/27 Revenue Statement, Council make and levy a special rate to be known as the (“Pest Management Special Rate) of **0.00017094** cents in the dollar on the unimproved capital value of all rateable land to which the overall plan applies, to fund the cost of Pest Management, including pest animals and pest plants, across the Maranoa.

**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Failure to recover revenue	Without adopting the proposed pest management special rates for a financial year, Council is unable to help recover costs associated with pest management services.

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Act 2009**

**94 Power to levy rates and charges**

(1) *Each local government -*

...

(b) *may levy -*

(i) *special rates and charges*

(2) *A local government must decide, by resolution at the local government’s budget meeting for a financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year.*

## **Local Government Regulation 2012**

### **94 Levying special rates or charges**

- (1) *This section applies if a local government decides to levy special rates or charges.*
- (2) *The local government's resolution to levy special rates or charges must identify -*
  - (a) *the rateable land to which the special rates or charges apply; and*
  - (b) *the overall plan for the service, facility or activity to which the special rates or charges apply.*
- (3) *The overall plan is a document that -*
  - (a) *describes the service, facility or activity; and*
  - (b) *identifies the rateable land to which the special rates or charges apply; and*
  - (c) *states the estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan; and*
  - (d) *states the estimated time for carrying out the overall plan.*
- (4) *The local government must adopt the overall plan before, or at the same time as, the local government first resolves to levy the special rates or charges.*
- (5) *Under an overall plan, special rates or charges may be levied for 1 or more years before any of the special rates or charges are spent in carrying out the overall plan.*
- (6) *If an overall plan is for more than 1 year, the local government must also adopt an annual implementation plan for each year.*
- (7) *An annual implementation plan for a financial year is a document setting out the actions or processes that are to be carried out in the financial year for the service, facility or activity to which the special rates or charges apply.*
- (8) *The local government must adopt the annual implementation plan before or at the budget meeting for each year of the period for carrying out the overall plan.*
- (9) *The local government may at any time, by resolution, amend -*
  - (a) *an overall plan; or*
  - (b) *an annual implementation plan.*
- (10) *The local government may fix a minimum amount of the special rates or charges.*
- (11) *Subsection (12) applies if the local government decides to levy special rates or charges on particular rateable land for a service, facility or activity.*
- (12) *The amount of the special rates or charges for the particular rateable land may be different to the amount for other rateable land because, in the local government's opinion -*
  - (a) *the land or its occupier -*
    - (i) *specially benefits from the service, facility or activity; or*
    - (ii) *has or will have special access to the service, facility or activity; or*
  - (b) *the land is or will be used in a way that specially contributes to the need for the service, facility or activity; or*
  - (c) *the occupier of the land specially contributes to the need for the service, facility or activity.*
- (13) *For subsection (12), the local government may levy the special rates or charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.*
- (14) *In any proceedings about special rates or charges, a resolution or overall plan mentioned in subsection (2) is not invalid merely because the resolution or plan -*
  - (a) *does not identify all rateable land on which the special rates or charges could have been levied; or*
  - (b) *incorrectly includes rateable land on which the special rates or charges should not have been levied.*
- (15) *To remove any doubt, it is declared that a local government may make and levy a special rate or charge for a service, facility or activity whether or not supplied or undertaken by the local government itself, including a service, facility or activity supplied or undertaken by another local government -*
  - (a) *in the other local government's local government area; and*
  - (b) *conducted as a joint government activity by the local governments.*

**Budget / Funding** *(Current and future):*

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation** *(Internal / External):*

Councillors  
Director – Regional Development, Environment and Planning

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director - Corporate Services

## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 22 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.11

**File Number:** D26/65682

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Special Rate - State Government Precept -  
2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

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### **Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to make and levy a Special Rate for a State Government Precept for the 2026/27 financial year

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, Council make and levy a special rate to be known as the ("State Government Precept Special Rate) of **0.000104** cents in the dollar on the unimproved capital value of all rateable land to which the overall plan applies, to fund the cost of the State Government Precept charge, research and 'on-ground' works.

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### **Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

The purpose of this report is to make and levy a special rate, being the State Government Precept Special Rate, on all rateable land categorised as Category 10 (Rural 80 to 1,000ha) through to category 15 (Rural > 50,000ha), Category 81 (Rural > = \$11M & < \$16.5M) and Category 82 (Rural >=\$16.5M), in the 2026/27 financial year.

### **Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

The special rate to be known as the "State Government Precept Special Rate" is to fund the cost of the State Government Precept charge (Wild Dog Barrier Fence), research and 'on-ground' works.

The maintenance of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence (WDBF) is jointly funded by nine contributing local governments with matching funding from the Queensland Government. In line with previous practice, the total amount increases each year by CPI. The relative amounts that each of the nine local governments contribute is based on livestock numbers (sheep and cattle) in the protected area. A formula is used to equate sheep and cattle numbers protected by the WDBF.

It is estimated that the Council's 2026/27 annual payment to the Land Protection Fund will be approximately \$488,101.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, Council make and levy a special rate to be known as the ("State Government Precept Special Rate) of **0.000104** cents in the dollar on the unimproved capital value of all rateable land to which the overall plan applies, to fund the cost of the State Government Precept charge, research and 'on-ground' works.

**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Failure to recover revenue	Without adopting the proposed levy for the financial year, Council is unable to recover the costs levied by the state government for the Wild Dog Barrier Fence maintenance, and their pest and weed research, including 'on-ground' works

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Act 2009**

**94 Power to levy rates and charges**

(1) Each local government -

...

(b) may levy -

(i) special rates and charges

(2) A local government must decide, by resolution at the local government's budget meeting for a financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year.

**Local Government Regulation 2012**

**94 Levying special rates or charges**

(1) This section applies if a local government decides to levy special rates or charges.

(2) The local government's resolution to levy special rates or charges must identify -

(a) the rateable land to which the special rates or charges apply; and

(b) the overall plan for the service, facility or activity to which the special rates or charges apply.

(3) The overall plan is a document that -

(a) describes the service, facility or activity; and

- (b) identifies the rateable land to which the special rates or charges apply; and*
  - (c) states the estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan; and*
  - (d) states the estimated time for carrying out the overall plan.*
- (4) The local government must adopt the overall plan before, or at the same time as, the local government first resolves to levy the special rates or charges.*
- (5) Under an overall plan, special rates or charges may be levied for 1 or more years before any of the special rates or charges are spent in carrying out the overall plan.*
- (6) If an overall plan is for more than 1 year, the local government must also adopt an annual implementation plan for each year.*
- (7) An annual implementation plan for a financial year is a document setting out the actions or processes that are to be carried out in the financial year for the service, facility or activity to which the special rates or charges apply.*
- (8) The local government must adopt the annual implementation plan before or at the budget meeting for each year of the period for carrying out the overall plan.*
- (9) The local government may at any time, by resolution, amend -*
  - (a) an overall plan; or*
  - (b) an annual implementation plan.*
- (10) The local government may fix a minimum amount of the special rates or charges.*
- (11) Subsection (12) applies if the local government decides to levy special rates or charges on particular rateable land for a service, facility or activity.*
- (12) The amount of the special rates or charges for the particular rateable land may be different to the amount for other rateable land because, in the local government's opinion -*
  - (a) the land or its occupier -*
    - (i) specially benefits from the service, facility or activity; or*
    - (ii) has or will have special access to the service, facility or activity; or*
  - (b) the land is or will be used in a way that specially contributes to the need for the service, facility or activity; or*
  - (c) the occupier of the land specially contributes to the need for the service, facility or activity.*
- (13) For subsection (12), the local government may levy the special rates or charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.*
- (14) In any proceedings about special rates or charges, a resolution or overall plan mentioned in subsection (2) is not invalid merely because the resolution or plan -*
  - (a) does not identify all rateable land on which the special rates or charges could have been levied; or*
  - (b) incorrectly includes rateable land on which the special rates or charges should not have been levied.*
- (15) To remove any doubt, it is declared that a local government may make and levy a special rate or charge for a service, facility or activity whether or not supplied or undertaken by the local government itself, including a service, facility or activity supplied or undertaken by another local government -*
  - (a) in the other local government's local government area; and*
  - (b) conducted as a joint government activity by the local governments.*

**Budget / Funding (Current and future):**

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation (Internal / External):**

Councillors

Director – Regional Development, Environment and Planning

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028

Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability

4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer

Director - Corporate Services

**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 23 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.12

**File Number:** D26/66327

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to set the Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge for the period ending 30 June 2027.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That:

1. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the "Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge") as detailed in the table below on all rateable lands serviced by the rural fire brigades for Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill, to contribute to the operational costs of fire-fighting and the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades, as follows:

Rural Fire Brigade	2026/27 Annual Charge per Assessment
Amby	\$74.58
Mungallala	\$74.58
Yuleba	\$74.58
Orange Hill	\$50.00

2. The overall plan for the Rural Fire Brigades Special Charge is as follows:
  - a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is to contribute to the operational costs of fire-fighting and the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades that operate throughout the areas of Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill.
  - b) The rateable land to which the plan applies is all rateable land defined by Queensland Fire Department (QFD) – Rural Fire Service as being serviced within each Rural Fire Brigade boundary, as identified in the QFD Administrative Map for each Brigade.
  - c) The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$20,568.

- d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.
3. The rateable land or its occupier specially benefit from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because these local Rural Fire Brigade units respond to emergency (fire) calls.

**Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

The purpose of this report is to make and levy a special charge, being the Rural Fire Brigades Special Charge, on all rateable land serviced by the Rural Fire Brigades for Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill, for 2026/27.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

The setting of this charge is required to raise revenue to cover the cost of contributing to the operational costs of fire-fighting and the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades that operate throughout the areas of Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill.

Each of the rural fire brigades have provided input into the amount of the special charge on all rateable lands serviced by each Rural Fire Brigade.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

That:

1. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the “Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge”) as detailed in the table below on all rateable lands serviced by the rural fire brigades for Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill, to contribute to the operational costs of fire-fighting and the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades, as follows:

Rural Fire Brigade	2026/27 Annual Charge per Assessment
Amby	\$74.58
Mungallala	\$74.58
Yuleba	\$74.58
Orange Hill	\$50.00

2. The overall plan for the Rural Fire Brigades Special Charge is as follows:

- a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is to contribute to the operational costs of fire-fighting and the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades that operate throughout the areas of Amby, Mungallala, Yuleba and Orange Hill.
  - b) The rateable land to which the plan applies is all rateable land defined by Queensland Fire Department (QFD) – Rural Fire Service as being serviced within each Rural Fire Brigade boundary, as identified in the QFD Administrative Map for each Brigade.
  - c) The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$20,568.
  - d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.
3. The rateable land or its occupier specially benefit from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because these local Rural Fire Brigade units respond to emergency (fire) calls.

**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Nil	

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Act 2009**

**92 Types of rates and charges**

- (1) *There are 4 types of rates and charges –*
  - (a) *general rates (including differential rates); and*
  - (b) *special rates and charges; and*
  - (c) *utility charges; and*
  - (d) *separate rates and charges.*

...
- (3) *Special rates and charges are for services, facilities and activities that have a special association with particular land because –*
  - (a) *the land or its occupier –*
    - (i) *specially benefits from the service, facility or activity; or*
    - (ii) *has or will have special access to the service, facility or activity; or*
  - (b) *the land is or will be used in a way that specially contributes to the need for the service, facility or activity; or*
  - (c) *the occupier of the land specially contributes to the need for the service, facility or activity.*  
*Examples -*  
*Special rates and charges could be levied -*

- for the cost of maintaining a road in an industrial area that is regularly used by heavy vehicles
- for the cost of replacing the drainage system in only part of the local government area
- on land that is used only by businesses that would benefit from the promotion of tourism in the local government area.

## **Local Government Regulation 2012**

### **94 Levying special rates or charges**

- (1) *This section applies if a local government decides to levy special rates or charges.*
- (2) *The local government's resolution to levy special rates or charges must identify -*
  - (a) *the rateable land to which the special rates or charges apply; and*
  - (b) *the overall plan for the service, facility or activity to which the special rates or charges apply.*
- (3) *The **overall plan** is a document that –*
  - (a) *describes the service, facility or activity; and*
  - (b) *identifies the rateable land to which the special rates or charges apply; and*
  - (c) *states the estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan; and*
  - (d) *states the estimated time for carrying out the overall plan.*
- (4) *The local government must adopt the overall plan before, or at the same time as, the local government first resolves to levy the special rates or charges.*
- (5) *Under an overall plan, special rates or charges may be levied for 1 or more years before any of the special rates or charges are spent in carrying out the overall plan.*
- (6) *If an overall plan is for more than 1 year, the local government must also adopt an annual implementation plan for each year.*
- (7) *An **annual implementation plan** for a financial year is a document setting out the actions or processes that are to be carried out in the financial year for the service, facility or activity to which the special rates or charges apply.*
- (8) *The local government must adopt the annual implementation plan before or at the budget meeting for each year of the period for carrying out the overall plan.*
- (9) *The local government may at any time, by resolution, amend –*
  - (a) *an overall plan; or*
  - (b) *an annual implementation plan.*
- (10) *The local government may fix a minimum amount of the special rates or charges.*
- (11) *Subsection (12) applies if the local government decides to levy special rates or charges on particular rateable land for a service, facility or activity.*
- (12) *The amount of the special rates or charges for the particular rateable land may be different to the amount for other rateable land because, in the local government's opinion –*
  - (a) *the land or its occupier -*
    - (i) *specially benefits from the service, facility or activity; or*
    - (ii) *has or will have special access to the service, facility or activity; or*
  - (b) *the land is or will be used in a way that specially contributes to the need for the service, facility or activity; or*
  - (c) *the occupier of the land specially contributes to the need for the service, facility or activity.*

- (13) *For subsection (12), the local government may levy the special rates or charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.*
- (14) *In any proceedings about special rates or charges, a resolution or overall plan mentioned in subsection (2) is not invalid merely because the resolution or plan –*
- (a) does not identify all rateable land on which the special rates or charges could have been levied; or*
  - (b) incorrectly includes rateable land on which the special rates or charges should not have been levied.*
- (15) *To remove any doubt, it is declared that a local government may make and levy a special rate or charge for a service, facility or activity whether or not supplied or undertaken by the local government itself, including a service, facility or activity supplied or undertaken by another local government –*
- (a) in the other local government's local government area; and*
  - (b) conducted as a joint government activity by the local governments.*

**Budget / Funding (Current and future):**

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation (Internal / External):**

Councillors

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028

Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability

4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer

Director - Corporate Services

**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 23 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.13

**File Number:** D26/66300

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Sewerage Utility Charges - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to make and levy Sewerage Utility Charges for the 2026/27 financial year

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, Council makes and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, as set out in the table below:

Service Level	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Sewerage Charge per property</b>	
Vacant Land	\$263
Urinal (600mm)	\$525
1st Pedestal	\$525
2nd Pedestal	\$453
Additional Pedestals (per pedestal)	\$402
Government Pedestals	\$716
<b>Trade Waste</b>	
Category 0	Nil
Category 1	\$358
Category 2	\$477
Category 3	\$716

**Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

This report is to set the sewerage utility charges for the financial year ended 30 June 2027 to raise revenue to undertake sewerage services contained within the budget.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

Council operates sewerage services and determines that the net cost of providing these services to lands, including operating and maintenance costs, capital costs and debt servicing charges will be funded by a charge on those lands receiving the service or to which the service is deemed to be available. Council's Revenue

Statement 2026/27, as adopted by council, provides the provisions under which all charges are determined and applied.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, Council makes and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, as set out in the table below:

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**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Failure to recover revenue	Without adopting utilities charges for a financial year, Council would forego revenue to help cover the costs of the service provision.

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Act 2009  
94 Power to levy rates and charges**

(1) Each local government –

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(b) may levy -

(ii) utility charges; and

...

(2) A local government must decide, by resolution at the local government's budget meeting for a financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year.

**Local Government Regulation 2012**

**99 Utility charges**

- (1) *A local government may levy utility charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.*
- (2) *For example, utility charges may be levied on the basis of any, or any combination, of the following –*
  - (a) *the rateable value of land;*
  - (b) *the use made of -*
    - (i) *a particular parcel of land; or*
    - (ii) *a particular structure; or*
    - (iii) *a class of land or structure;*
  - (c) *any circumstances that are peculiar to the supply of a service to -*
    - (i) *a particular parcel of land; or*
    - (ii) *a particular structure; or*
    - (iii) *a class of land or structure.*
- (3) *A local government may do 1 or both of the following -*
  - (a) *levy utility charges for services that have been supplied or are to be supplied during part of the financial year and part of another financial year;*
  - (b) *levy differing utility charges for services that have been supplied or are to be supplied during various periods in 1 or more financial years, and decide the way the charges are to be apportioned.*
- (4) *However, a local government may only levy utility charges for services -*
  - (a) *supplied in the last financial year; or*
  - (b) *supplied, or to be supplied, in the current financial year; or*
  - (c) *to be supplied in the next financial year.*

**Budget / Funding (Current and future):**

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation (Internal / External):**

Councillors

Director – Regional Development, Environment and Planning

Director – Engineering Services

Manager – Water, Sewer and Gas

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director - Corporate Services

**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 23 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.14

**File Number:** D26/66315

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Water Utility Charges - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to make and levy Water Utility Charges for the 2026/27 financial year

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That

1. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the provisions of Council's 2026/27 Revenue Statement, Council makes and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services by the Council, as set out in the tables below:

Description	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Metered Potable Water Access Infrastructure Charge</b>	
Vacant and not connected	\$297
20mm meter connection	\$593
25mm meter connection	\$924
30mm meter connection	\$1,333
40mm meter connection	\$2,369
50mm meter connection	\$3,702
80mm meter connection	\$9,478
100mm meter connection	\$14,809
150mm meter connection	\$18,511
<b>Metered Potable Water Usage Charge</b>	
The per kilolitre usage charge for all users connected to the potable water supply system in each of the nominated towns	\$1.08 cents per kilolitre (i.e. 1,000 litres)

**Table 2 - Unmetered Potable Water Service Charge**

Classification (Areas shown below are total building "Floor Areas"	Estimated average water usage of the consumers within group (kL)	\$ / Unit	Allocated Units	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Commercial, Industrial</b>				
0 - 833.91 m2	750	\$15.00	64	\$960
833.92 - 1,633.91 m2	1242	\$15.00	106	\$1,590

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Every 100 m2 over 1,633.91 m2	58	\$15.00	5	\$75
<b>Laundries, Butchers, Bakers, Garages</b>				
0 - 200 m2	750	\$15.00	64	\$960
201 - 400 m2	1406	\$15.00	120	\$1,800
401 - 1,600 m2	1828	\$15.00	156	\$2,340
<b>Public Halls, Public Theatres, Meeting Places, Community Clubs &amp; Associations</b>				
0 - 200 m2	433	\$15.00	37	\$555
201 - 600 m2	843	\$15.00	72	\$1,080
<b>Hotel</b>				
Hotels	2625	\$15.00	224	\$3,360
<b>Bowls Clubs, Golf Clubs</b>				
Bowls Club	1875	\$15.00	160	\$2,400
Golf Club	1875	\$15.00	160	\$2,400
<b>Places of Worship</b>				
Churches	433	\$15.00	37	\$555

**Table 3 - Unmetered Non-Potable Water Charge - Surat**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Estimated average water usage of the Consumers within group (kL)</b>	<b>2026/27 Annual Charge</b>
Vacant land water supply connection	1	222	\$424
Private residences, Flats, CWA Hostel, Picture Theatre, Public Halls, Fire Brigade, Sawmill, Racecourse, Wild Game Boxes, Housing Commission and Government Residences, Business Premises in separate occupation or tenancy and not connected to private residence or flat.	1	222	\$424
Rural Properties including Dairy, "Dunwaitin" and "Rewfarm"	1	222	\$424
Private residence / flat with one business	1.5	333	\$636
Court House, Caravan Park, Cafe and Residence, Golf Club, Private Residences with two businesses, Industrial Estate, Macropod Processing Plants, Slaughter House.	2	444	\$848
Bowls Club, Cobb & Co Country Motel Surat	3	666	\$1,272
Royal Hotel/Motel, Warroona Retirement Village, Hospital	4	888	\$1,696
State/Pre-School	7	1,554	\$2,968

**Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

This report is to set the water utility charges for the financial year ended 30 June 2027 to raise revenue to undertake water services contained within the budget.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

Council operates water services and determines that the net cost of providing these services to lands, including operating and maintenance costs, capital costs and debt servicing charges will be funded by a charge on those lands receiving the service or to which the service is deemed to be available. Council's Revenue Statement 2026/27, as adopted by council, provides the provisions under which all charges are determined and applied.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

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<b>Private residences, Flats, CWA Hostel, Picture Theatre, Public Halls, Fire Brigade, Sawmill, Racecourse, Wild Game Boxes, Housing Commission and Government Residences, Business Premises in separate occupation or tenancy and not connected to private residence or flat.</b>	1	222	\$424
<b>Rural Properties including Dairy, "Dunwaitin" and "Rewfarm"</b>	1	222	\$424
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**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Failure to recover revenue	Without adopting utilities charges for a financial year, Council would forego revenue to help cover the costs of the service provision.

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Act 2009**

**94 Power to levy rates and charges**

(1) Each local government –

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(ii) utility charges; and

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(2) A local government must decide, by resolution at the local government's budget meeting for a financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year.

**Local Government Regulation 2012**

**99 Utility charges**

- (1) A local government may levy utility charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.
- (2) For example, utility charges may be levied on the basis of any, or any combination, of the following –
  - (a) the rateable value of land;
  - (b) the use made of -
    - (i) a particular parcel of land; or
    - (ii) a particular structure; or
    - (iii) a class of land or structure;
  - (c) any circumstances that are peculiar to the supply of a service to -
    - (i) a particular parcel of land; or
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- (3) A local government may do 1 or both of the following -
  - (a) levy utility charges for services that have been supplied or are to be supplied during part of the financial year and part of another financial year;
  - (b) levy differing utility charges for services that have been supplied or are to be supplied during various periods in 1 or more financial years, and decide the way the charges are to be apportioned.
- (4) However, a local government may only levy utility charges for services -
  - (a) supplied in the last financial year; or
  - (b) supplied, or to be supplied, in the current financial year; or
  - (c) to be supplied in the next financial year.

**Budget / Funding (Current and future):**

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation (Internal / External):**

Councillors  
Director – Regional Development, Environment and Planning  
Director – Engineering Services  
Manager – Water, Sewer and Gas

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer  
Director - Corporate Services

**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** Special Budget 25 June 2026

**Date:** 23 June 2026

**Item Number:** 3.15

**File Number:** D26/66215

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Waste Management Utility Charges - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Rates and Utilities Billing Services

**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to make and levy Waste Management Utility Charges for the 2026/27 financial year

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That:

1. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and pursuant to the provisions of the 2026/27 Revenue Statement, Council make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services (including the collection, removal, storage and disposal of general waste) by the Council, as set out in the table below:

Service Level	2026/27 Annual Charge
<b>Residential Wheelie Bin Service</b>	
240 Litre wheelie bin (each)	\$320
<b>Non-Residential Wheelie Bin Service</b>	
240 Litre wheelie bin (each)	\$320

**Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

This report is to set the waste management utility charges for the financial year ended 30 June 2027 to raise revenue to undertake waste management services contained within the budget.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

Council has applied a waste management utility charge for the supply of waste management services (including the collection, removal, storage and disposal of general waste) by the Council.

Waste management charges shall apply to all premises within the Council area where waste services are, or can be, made available. The charge will apply irrespective of the level of the service's use.

Non-residential properties (e.g. commercial or industrial premises) within Council's declared waste collection service area may opt out of the waste collection service, provided they meet Council's eligibility criteria for exemption. Property owners wishing to opt out must submit in writing to Council, demonstrating that they have an alternative waste management arrangement in place that complies with relevant regulations. Approval of opt-out requests is at Council's discretion.

The Waste Management Utility Charge shall fund the cost of providing a general waste kerbside collection service. This charge will be levied and recovered irrespective of whether a refuse collection service is actually provided, whether the occupier avails themselves of the service and irrespective of the premises being unoccupied for any period during the year.

**Options Considered:**

Nil considered

**Recommendation:**

That:

1. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and pursuant to the provisions of the 2026/27 Revenue Statement, Council make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services (including the collection, removal, storage and disposal of general waste) by the Council, as set out in the table below:

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**Risks:**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Description of likelihood &amp; consequences</b>
Failure to recover revenue	Without adopting utilities charges for a financial year, Council would forego revenue to help cover the costs of the service provision.

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Act 2009**

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**Local Government Regulation 2012**

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  - (b) supplied, or to be supplied, in the current financial year; or
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**Budget / Funding (Current and future):**

Not applicable to this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable to this report

**Consultation (Internal / External):**

Councillors

Director – Regional Development, Environment and Planning

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable to this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028

Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability

4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer

Director - Corporate Services

## **OFFICER REPORT**

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**SUBJECT HEADING:** Significant Business Activities and the Code of Competitive Conduct - 2026/27

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Chief Financial Officer

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### **Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the identified business activities that will be conducted by Council during the 2026/27 financial year and represents the Code of Competitive Conduct assessment prescribed under the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* applicable to Maranoa Regional Council.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Notes that for the 2026/27 financial year, Council will not conduct any significant business activity.
2. Resolves for the 2026/27 financial year that under Section 47(8) of the Local Government Act 2009 the code of competitive conduct will not apply to the following business activities of Council for the reasoning that the business activities are both below the prescribed thresholds and are primarily conducted as a non-competitive community service and the costs of applying competition reforms to these activities outweigh any realisable benefits:
  - Building certifying activity;
  - Quarry operations;
  - Saleyards operations;
  - Waste management;
  - Airport operations;
  - Water and sewerage services;
  - Gas operations; and
  - Cemetery services.

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### **Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):**

Council must decide each financial year, by resolution, whether or not to apply the code of competitive conduct to a business activity prescribed under a regulation.

**Background (Including any previous Council decisions):**

The Queensland Government became a signatory to the National Competition Policy Agreement in 1995 and subsequently reforms were introduced to local government. The application of the Code of Competitive Conduct remains in place for Council's business activities under the sections 43 to 48 of the *Local Government Act 2009*. The application of the Code of Competitive Conduct requires Council to apply full cost pricing, identify the cost of any community service obligations (CSO), and eliminate the advantages and disadvantages of public ownership with that business.

Various reform options are available under legislation for identified business activities. Commercialisation or full cost pricing reforms are typically applied to larger or financially significant business activities, whilst the Code of Competitive Conduct is used for smaller or prescribed business activities. The larger the Council's business activity, the greater the financial impact on the local economy and competitors, requiring more reform to ensure competitive neutrality.

Councils must determine if their competitive activities qualify as significant business activities under the Local Government Regulation 2012 or a prescribed business activity when applying the Competitive Code of Conduct.

A review was undertaken of all Council activities (business units) in line with the Local Government Regulation 2012. It has been assessed that the code of competitive conduct will not apply to the following business activities of Council for the reasoning that the business activities are both below the prescribed thresholds and are primarily conducted as a non-competitive community service and the costs of applying competition reforms to these activities outweigh any realisable benefits:

- Building certifying activity;
- Quarry operations;
- Saleyards operations;
- Waste management;
- Airport operations;
- Water and sewerage services;
- Gas operations; and
- Cemetery services.

**Options Considered:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

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as a non-competitive community service and the costs of applying competition reforms to these activities outweigh any realisable benefits:

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**Risks:**

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Each year Council is required to decide, by resolution, whether or not to apply the code of competitive conduct to a business activity prescribed under a regulation	The consequence of not applying the code of competitive conduct to the business activities prescribed, would result in non-compliance with a legislative requirement under the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> and <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> .

**Policy and Legislative Compliance:**

**Local Government Act 2009, S47 Code of competitive conduct**

- (1) *This section is about the code of competitive conduct.*
- (2) *The **code of competitive conduct** is the code of competitive conduct prescribed under a regulation.*
- (3) *A local government must apply the code of competitive conduct to the conduct of the following business activities of the local government—*
  - (a) *a building certifying activity;*
  - (b) *a roads activity, other than a roads activity for which business is conducted only through a sole supplier arrangement.*
- (4) *A **building certifying activity** is a business activity that—*
  - (a) *involves performing building certifying functions (within the meaning of the [Building Act, section 10](#)); and*
  - (b) *is prescribed under a regulation.*
- (5) *A **roads activity** is a business activity (other than a business activity prescribed under a regulation) that involves—*
  - (a) *constructing or maintaining a State-controlled road, that the State put out to competitive tender; or*
  - (b) *submitting a competitive tender in relation to—*

- (i) constructing or maintaining a road in the local government area, that the local government put out to competitive tender; or*
- (ii) constructing or maintaining a road in another local government area, that the other local government put out to competitive tender.*
- (6) The local government must start to apply the code of competitive conduct—*
  - (a) for a building certifying activity—from the start of the financial year after the financial year in which the building certifying activity is first conducted; or*
  - (b) for a roads activity—from when the roads activity is first conducted.*
- (7) A local government must decide each financial year, by resolution, whether or not to apply the code of competitive conduct to a business activity prescribed under a regulation.*
- (8) If the local government decides not to apply the code of competitive conduct to the business activity, the resolution must state reasons for not doing so.*
- (9) Subsection (7) does not prevent the local government from applying the code of competitive conduct to any other business activities.*

**Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 38 Building certifying activity—Act, s 47(4)(b)**

*Maranoa Regional Council is not listed as a local government prescribed for Section 47(4)(b) of the Act.*

**Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 39 Prescribed business activities—Act, s 47(7)**

- (1) A business activity is prescribed for section 47(7) of the Act for a financial year if the amount of current expenditure for the business activity for the previous financial year is \$340,000 or more.*
- (2) The amount of **current expenditure** for a business activity for a financial year is the total of the following amounts spent in conducting the activity for the year—*
  - (a) operational costs;*
  - (b) administrative and overhead costs;*
  - (c) cost of resources;*
  - (d) depreciation*

**Budget / Funding (Current and future):**

Not applicable in considering this report

**Timelines / Deadlines:**

Not applicable in considering this report

**Consultation (Internal / External):**

Executive Leadership Team

**Strategic Asset Management Implications:**

*(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)*

Not applicable in considering this report

**Acronyms:**

Acronym	Description
Nil	

**Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:**

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	No
Corporate	No

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2023-2028  
Corporate Plan Pillar 4: Accountability  
4.5 Good governance framework

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

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