



BOULIA

SHIRE COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Budget Meeting
of the Boulia Shire Council
held on Wednesday 18 June 2025
commencing at 9:00 am**

1 Reports

1.1 Mayor's Budget Meeting Report

TITLE:	Mayor's Report 2025-2026	DOC REF: 1.1.1
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PURPOSE:

To deliver a balanced and long-term financial budget for the Boulia Shire Council.

Moved: Cr Woodhouse

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That the Council adopt the proposed 2025/26 Budget, operational and capital.

Resolution No.:2025/B6.1

Carried

1.2 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 Operational & Capital

TITLE:	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 Operational & Capital	DOC REF: 1.2.1
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PURPOSE:

Information shown on individual areas of Council and the proposed budget set for 2025-2026.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the Operational and Capital Budget as presented be adopted and be reviewed and reported on back to Council on a quarterly basis as per the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Resolution No.:2025/B6.2

Carried

1.3 Financial Statements

TITLE:	Financial Statements 2025/2026 - 2027/2028	DOC REF: 1.3.1
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PURPOSE:

Presentation of Financial Statements for the following 3 years.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the Financial Statements for 2025/26 - 2027/28 Report as presented be accepted.

Resolution No.:2025/B6.3

Carried

1.4 Measures of Financial Sustainability

TITLE:	Measures of Financial Sustainability 2025-2026	DOC REF: 1.4.1
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PURPOSE:

Ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Council through prudent financial management and budgeting.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Britton

That in accordance with Section 169(2)(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2025/2026 Boulia Shire Council Long Term Financial Forecast – 2025/2026 be hereby adopted.

Resolution No.:2025/B6.4

Carried

1.5 Policy Reviews

TITLE:	Policy Reviews	DOC REF: 1.5.1
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PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's policies in accordance with the adopted procedure to ensure that policies made by Council are compliant with legislation and are reviewed in a timely manner.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the following policies, as presented, be adopted:

- Policy 101 Purchasing and Acquisition

- Policy 107 Debt Policy
- Policy 109 Revenue Policy
- Policy 110 Internal Audit Policy
- Policy 119 Investment Policy 2025/2026
- Policy 133 Fraud and Corruption Control
- Policy 145 Community Facilities Hire
- Policy 158 Landfill Remediation
- Policy 162 Environmental Levy

Resolution No.:2025/B6.5

Carried

1.6 Revenue Statement

TITLE:	Revenue Statement 2025-2026	DOC REF: 1.6.1
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PURPOSE:

This Revenue Statement is based on the principles set out in Council's Revenue Policy and has been formulated in accordance with section 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

1. That in accordance with Section 169(2)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2025/2026 Boulia Shire Revenue Statement be hereby adopted.

Moved: Cr Woodhouse

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

2. That in accordance with section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories into which rateable land is categorised, and the description of those categories for the 2025/2026 financial year be as set out in the first table appearing in Council's Revenue Statement 2025/2026.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Norton

3. That in accordance with section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, contained in subsections (4) and (5) of section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Norton

4. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and sections 80 and 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential general rates, and minimum general rates, for the 2025/2026 financial year be as set out in the first table appearing in Council's Revenue Statement 2025/2026.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp

Seconded: Cr Neilson

5. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy cleansing utility charges, as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2025/2026. The cleansing utility charges shall be:

- \$404.00 per annum for residential occupied premises (collected once per week)
- \$207.00 per annum for Additional Bin Service at residential occupied premises (collected once per week)
- \$1,293.00 per annum for Commercial Bin Service (collected three times per week 2 bins)

Where a service is provided for only part of the year cleansing charges will be levied on a pro rata time basis. Charges for the collection of industrial and bulk waste will be based on type of waste, volume and frequency of collection. Charges will be determined on a cost recovery basis as required.

Moved: Cr Woodhouse

Seconded: Cr Norton

6. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy a waste management utility charge, as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2025/2026.

The waste management utility charge shall be:

- \$93.00 per annum for all unoccupied/vacant land in townships and all rural properties within a 30 kilometres radius of the townships of Boulia and Urandangi.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

7. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* sewerage utility charges for the 2025/2026 year are made and will be levied for the purposes of providing for the removal of refuse from all occupied premises (domestic and commercial), as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2025/2026.

- The sewerage utility charge (connected) shall be \$509.00 per annum.
- The sewerage utility charge (not connected) shall be \$205.00 per annum.
- Commercial properties shall be charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependant on its size, use and impact on these services.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

8. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Boulia Shire Council hereby levies Water Utility Charges for the Financial Year 2025/2026, as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2025/2026.

- The water utility charge shall be \$736.00 per annum.
- The vacant land water utility charge shall be \$533.00 per annum.
- Commercial properties shall be charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependant on its size, use and impact on these services.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Britton

9. That in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy an environmental separate charge, as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2025/2026.

The environmental separate charge shall be:

- \$52.00 per annum for all properties in the Boulia Shire.

Moved: Cr Woodhouse

Seconded: Cr Britton

10. That in accordance with section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 114 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:

- for half year 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025 – in August/September 2025; and
- for the half year 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026 – in February/March 2026.

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 paid within 30 clear days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp

Seconded: Cr Britton

11. That in accordance with section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a charge of 12.12% compounding interest calculated on daily rests be hereby made and levied on rates and charges that are 30 days overdue starting on 1st July 2025.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

12. That in accordance with section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a discount of 2% be allowed for all current Council residential rates & charges (excluding fire levy) if paid within 30 days of issue, and that such discount be calculated as a percentage of the gross rate/charges levied, and only be granted if all current and outstanding rates have been paid in full.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

13. That in accordance with sections 121 & 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will not charge general rates to pensioners who reside in their own premises within the townships of Boulia and Urandangi provided there are no outstanding rates from previous periods.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

14. Council offers a 30% subsidy on all services (excepting the fire levy) to pensioners who reside in their own premises within the townships of Boulia and Urandangi. This subsidy is in addition to the 20% subsidy offered by the State Government with both subsidies capped at \$180.00 per annum each.

Resolution No.: 2025/B6.6

Carried

1.7 Fees and Charges

TITLE:	2025-2026 Fees and Charges	DOC REF: 1.7.1
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PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's register of cost-recovery fees for the new financial year, 2025/2026, in accordance with the *Local Government Act* s97 and s98.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Norton

That in accordance with section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the 2025/2026 Fees and Charges as presented in the Boulia Shire Council Budget Papers 2025/2026 be hereby adopted.

Resolution No.: 2025/06.7

Carried

1.8 Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026

TITLE:	Operational Plan 2025-2026 to be adopted	DOC REF: 1.8.1
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PURPOSE:

The Operational Plan from 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026 has been prepared and is supported by the 2025-2026 budget. It reflects Council's objectives in relation to the Corporate Plan 2019-2024 (which is proposed to be extended until 30th June 2026) and progress towards goals Council aims to achieve.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

1. That Council adopted the proposed 2025-2026 Operational Plan.
2. That the report will be displayed on the Council website.
3. That the actions and deliverables from 2025-2026 Operational Plan be reported to Council on a quarterly basis as per the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Resolution No.: 2025/B6.8

Carried

2 Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 1.28 pm.

3 Confirmed

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.