



BOULIA

SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Boulia Shire Council held on Tuesday 30 June 2026 commencing at 9:00 am

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.25 am.

1 Reports

1.1 Financial Statements: Long-term financial forecasts

PURPOSE:

Presentation of the long-term financial forecasts for the 10-year period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2036.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the 10-year financial forecasts as presented be accepted.

Resolution No.: 2026/B6.1

Carried

1.2 Measures of Financial Sustainability

PURPOSE:

To provide the measures of sustainability in accordance with section 169(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Norton

That the sustainability statement attached to the Measures of Financial Sustainability – Sustainability Statement report be accepted as presented.

Resolution No.: 2026/B6.2

Carried

1.3 Policy Reviews (Debt Policy and Revenue Policy)

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 Neilson

Seconded: Cr Woodhouse

1. That Policy 107 Debt Policy be adopted as presented.
2. That Policy 109 Revenue Policy be adopted as presented.

Resolution No.: 2026/B6.3

Carried

1.4 Revenue Statement 2026-2027

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 Beauchamp

Seconded: Cr Britton

1. That in accordance with Section 169(2)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2026-2027 Boulia Shire Revenue Statement be hereby adopted.
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 2026-2027 financial year be as set out in the first table appearing in Council's Revenue Statement 2026-2027.
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.
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 2026-2027 financial year be as set out in the first table appearing in Council's Revenue Statement 2026-2027.
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 2026-2027. 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.

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 2026-2027.

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 Urundangi.
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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027.
- 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.
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 2026-2027, as further detailed in Council's Revenue Statement 2026-2027.
- 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.
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 2026-2027.

The environmental separate charge shall be:

- \$52.00 per annum for all properties in the Boulia Shire.
10. That in accordance with section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 149A of the *Fire 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 2026 to 31 December 2026 – in July/August 2026; and
 - for the half year 1 January 2027 to 30 June 2027 – in January/February March 2027.

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.

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 2026.

12. 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.

13. 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.: 2026/B6.4

Carried

1.5 Fees and Charges 2026-2027

PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's register of cost-recovery fees for the new financial year, 2026-2027, 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 2026-2027 Fees and Charges as presented in the Boulia Shire Council Budget Papers 2026-2027 be hereby adopted.

Resolution No.: 2026/B6.5

Carried

1.6 Operational Plan 2026-2027

PURPOSE:

The Operational Plan from 1st July 2026 to 30th June 2027 has been prepared and is supported by the 2026-2027 budget. It reflects Council's objectives in relation to the Corporate Plan 2026-2031 and progress towards goals Council aims to achieve.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

1. That Council adopt the proposed 2026-2027 Operational Plan.
2. That the report be displayed on the Council website.
3. That the actions and deliverables from 2026-2027 Operational Plan be reported to Council on a quarterly basis as per the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Resolution No.: 2026/B6.6

Carried

1.7 Mayor's Budget Meeting Report

PURPOSE:

To provide an overview of the proposed budget for 2026-2027.

The budget overview provided by the Mayor was noted.

1.8 Proposed Budget 2026-2027 Operational & Capital and adoption of the 2026-2027 budget

PURPOSE:

To provide the proposed budget for 2026-27.

Moved: *Cr Britton*

Seconded: *Cr Neilson*

That the budget for 2026/27 as presented be adopted, incorporating:

- statement of income and expenditure
- statement of financial position
- statement of cashflow, and
- statement of changes in equity

Resolution No.: 2026/B6.7

Carried

2 Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 10.33 am.

3 Confirmed

Minutes confirmed 24 July 2026.

Resolution No.: 2026/7.3