

# Rate & Charges

2018-19







# RATES AND CHARGES 2018/19 - OVERVIEW

## Revenue Statement

Council's Revenue Statement for the 2018/19 financial year aims to:

- Assist the community to understand its Budget and rates and charges structure;
- Provide clear information around rate setting to help the community understand the issues;
- Comply with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The Revenue Statement is developed in accordance with the Revenue Policy 2018/19, which sets out the principles used by Council in setting rates and charges.

Revenue of \$10,446,100 will be generated in 2018/19 through net rates and charges comprised of:

- General Rates \$6,396,300
- Utility Charges \$3,843,000
- Special Rates and Charges \$ 206,800

There are a number of differential general rates and minimum general rates, which are set based on land usage and other relevant factors.

Utility Charges are made up of Water, Waste Water and Cleansing Charges. There is a Environmental Utility Charge for areas surrounding each township to use Council's Landfill facilities. Mungindi Waste Management and water charges are based on Moree Plains Shire Council charges and no changes were proposed for 2018/19.

Special Rates and Charges are made up of the Thallon Rural Fire Levy, Feral Animal Management Special Rate and Urban Animal Control Special Charge.

## Differential General Rates

For the 2018/19 financial year, Council has increased the minimum general rate across all categories by 1% from the previous financial year. Council has also applied a 3% increase across all rating categories to the rate in the dollar. Limitations have continued for some of the differential rating categories due to the volatility of the 2017/18 land revaluation. There have also been some changes to cotton gins, grain silos and petroleum rates in the dollar benchmarked with similar sized local governments. Council has also introduced a number of new categories to recognize changing industries across the Shire, such as sheep feedlots and solar farms.

The net effect of the changes to rates and utilities, and limitations working through, is approximately 6.4% increase in council's rate revenue.

The table below sets out the details:

Description	2018/19 Proposed Min General	2018/19 proposed Rate (c/\$)	Limitation
Category 1 - Residential <1 Ha	671.16	1.275178	
Category 2 - Large Residential >=1HA and <20Ha	693.48	1.066142	
Category 3 - Multi Residential	764.18	1.446836	
Category 11 - Commercial	791.74	1.235944	
Category 12 - Commercial - Other	655.3	1.066048	
Category 13 - Transformers	791.74	2.108944	
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Category 21 - Commercial Bulk Grain Depots	8000	5.885420	
Category 22 - Cotton Gins	30000	13.497120	
Category 25 - Extractive Industry <5,000 tonnes	1387.84	1.422306	
Category 26 - Extractive Industry >5,000 & <100,000 tonnes	2774.68	1.844692	
Category 27 - Extractive Industry >100,000 tonnes	5549.14	1.844692	
Category 31 - Petroleum Leases <1,000 Ha	8000	71.115482	
Category 32 - Petroleum Leases >1,000 Ha <10,000	16000	4.942768	
Category 33 - Petroleum Leases >10,000 Ha	32000	1.858068	
Category 34 - Petroleum Other <400Ha	8000	382.552640	
Category 35 - Petroleum Other >400Ha	16000	382.552640	
Category 41 - Mining Leases <50 FTE	1387.84	11.771232	
Category 42 - Mining Leases >50 FTE	11098.4	11.771232	
Category 45 - Intensive Accommodation 100 +person	11098.4	4.942890	
Category 46 - Noxious Industry	24416.36	13.496840	
Category 60 - Rural - 20 Ha - 1,000 Ha	681.76	1.242804	30%
Category 61 - Small Crops <100Ha	819.22	1.775238	30%
Category 62 - Small Crops >100Ha	2729.12	2.304146	
Category 63 - Grain Properties/Grazing Properties>1000Ha	1329.98	1.170680	30%
Category 65 - Cotton Properties <250Ha, <\$500,00ucv	2659.94	3.696074	
Category 66 - Cotton Properties <250Ha, >\$500,000ucv	2659.94	1.196014	
Category 67 - Cotton Properties >=250Ha, <500Ha, <\$240,000ucv	2753.16	1.468488	
Category 68 - Cotton Properties >=250Ha, <500Ha, >\$240,000ucv	2659.94	3.497218	
Category 69 - Cotton Properties >=500Ha, <1000Ha, <\$400,000ucv	2753.16	2.214204	30%
Category 70 - Cotton Properties >=500Ha, <1000Ha, >\$400,000ucv	2660.24	3.615766	30%
Category 71 - Cotton Properties >=1000Ha, <5000Ha	5320.98	1.971180	30%
Category 72 - Cotton Properties >=5000Ha, <10,000Ha	10641.98	1.628915	30%
Category 73 - Cotton Properties >=10,000Ha, <20,000Ha	21283.94	1.472499	30%

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Category 74 - Cotton Properties >=20,000Ha, <30,000Ha	31925.9	1.702532	
Category 75 - Cotton - Properties >30,000Ha	42567.86	2.263534	
Category 76 - Reservoirs	682.86	1.982972	30%
Category 79 - Intensive Animal Industry - Cattle/Sheep Feedlot 1,001-5,000 SCU/SSU	6768.4	1.230620	30%
Category 80 - Intensive Animal Industry - Cattle/Sheep Feedlot 5,001-10,000 SCU/SSU	11238.44	3.575614	
Category 81 - Intensive Animal Industry - Cattle/Sheep Feedlot>10,000 SCU/SSU	15532.44	5.885420	
Category 85 - Intensive Animal Industry - Piggery >400 SPU	6944.46	1.262620	
Category 90 - Solar Farm <50 MW	30000	1.300000	
Category 91 - Solar Farm >= 50 MW	70000	1.250000	

## Land Valuations

In accordance with the Land Valuation Act 2010 Council receives land valuations and these valuations are used by Council for rating purposes. A land valuation was completed in 2017 for Balonne Shire and as a result land valuations across the Shire both increased and decreased significantly. Limitations were applied to those rating categories that experienced significant increases in valuation.

Council levies Differential General Rates and the Feral Animal Management Special Rate based on the value of the land as assessed by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

## Utility Charges

For the 2018/19 financial year, Council will increase utility charges, by 3%. Council's waste collection contract was renewed in 2017/18 improving Council's door-to-door pick up service from a split-bin service to a weekly general waste and a fortnightly recycle service. The increase recognises the need to fully recover the cost of the service. With the new service, Council has set an extra charge if a ratepayer would like an additional general or recycle service. To assist pensioners, the concession allocated to the cleansing charge, as agreed during community consultation, will continue.

In the 2018/19 financial year, Council will levy the following charges for St George, Dirranbandi, Bollon, Thallon, Hebel and Nindigully where services are available:

- Water Charges – including excess and consumption charges;
- Cleansing Charges;
- Waste Water Charges.

Council will also levy the following charges to ratepayers on the Queensland side of the border within the Balonne Shire boundary in Mungindi, on a similar basis to how Moree Plains Shire Council charge their ratepayers on the NSW side. No increase is proposed for 2018/19, consistent with Moree Plains Shire Council's proposal.

Details of the charges are in the following tables:



	Water	Urban Waste Water	Base Service Cleansing	General Waste Service	Recycling Waste Service	Extra Cleansing	Unconnected Water	Unconnected Sewer	Urban Waste Water - Non Res 1-10	Urban Waste Water - Non Res 11-30	Urban Waste Water Non Res 30+	Thallon Rural Fire
<b>2018-19 - 3% increase</b>												
St George	10.40	561	442	344	98	442	10.40	189	393	302	247	1.60
Thallon	9.50		442	344	98	442	9.50					
Nindigully	0.00		442	344	98	442						
Dirranbandi	10.40	561	442	344	98		10.40	189	393	302	247	
Hebel	9.50		107				9.50					
Bollon	9.50	561	442	344	98		9.50	189	393	302		
Rural	9.50		442	344	98	442	9.50					

<b>Excess Water 2018/19</b>	<b>3.00% increase</b>
Rural Residential Bore	0.43936092
Untreated Water (Dirranbandi, Thallon, Bollon & Rural)	0.11787732
St George Bore	0.47150928
Treated Dirranbandi	1.1787732

#### Mungindi Water Charges:

Water Charge	Proposed Charge 2018-19 BSC	No of Services
Water Access Charge	320.00	63
Water Consumption per kilolitre – 0 to 750kl	1.74	
Water Consumption per kilolitre – above 751 kl	2.25	

Waste Charge	Proposed Charge 2018/19 BSC	No of Services
<b>Domestic Waste</b>		
Domestic Waste Collection	484.00	50
<b>Domestic Waste – Additional Services</b>		
Upgrade – Domestic Large Bin (240L)	79.20	7
Upgrade – Recycle Bin (360L)	27.50	1
Additional Service – Green Bin (240L)	27.50	
Additional Service – Recycle (240L)	110.00	
Additional Service – Recycle (360L)	154.00	
<b>Non Domestic Waste</b>		
Commercial Waste Collection	473.00	
Additional service – Waste (240)	165.00	
<b>Other Waste Charges</b>		
Waste Management Levy	165.00	44

#### Mungindi Waste Charges:

## Special Rates and Charges

For the 2018/19 financial year, Council will increase the Thallon Rural Fire Levy by 1.5%. The Urban Animal Management Special Charge will remain at \$21 per assessment. The Feral Animal Special Rate remains unchanged, to produce revenue up to \$170,000 across the applicable rating categories. The Environmental Special Utility Charge remains unchanged at \$50 per assessment.

## Discount

For the 2018/19 financial year, Council will allow a discount of 10% for prompt payment of rates for General Rates, Water Charges, Waste Water Charges and Cleansing Charges if all rates and charges, including arrears are paid within 30 days of issue of notice.

## Pensioner Rate Concessions

For the 2018/19 financial year, Council will grant a concession on rates for properties owned or occupied by Pensioners. This concession is equal to 100% of the General Rate - up to a maximum of \$150 per year. Council has granted an additional \$20 concession per year for cleansing to owners of qualifying premises. This concession is in addition to the 20% subsidy offered by the State Government (capped at \$200 per annum).

## Interest

For the 2018/19 financial year, Council will charge interest at 11% per annum compounding daily on all rates and charges outstanding for sixty (60) days after the date of issue.

## More information

Please refer to Council's Revenue Policy and Revenue Statement for further information. Council also has information available on its website <http://www.balonne.qld.gov.au/rates> or by contacting our administration office on (07) 46208888.





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