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**BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

Of the Special (Budget) Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Thargomindah on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008 commencing at 1:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: J.C. Ferguson (Mayor)  
D.P. Clifford  
A.D. Crawford  
J.P. Cobb  
Officers: Michael Hayward (Chief Executive Officer)  
Peggy Ferguson (Secretary)

**1.0 APOLOGIES**

Resolution (No. B156-08-08)

Moved Cr J Cobb seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the apology be of Cr RJ Ferguson be accepted and that leave from attendance at the meeting be granted.

Carried

**2.0 REPORT ON FINANCIAL OPERATIONS 2007/08**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) presented a report for consideration on financial operations and financial position of Council for the 2007/08 financial year in accordance with s.521 of the Local Government Act.

Resolution (No. B157-08-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Mayor Cr JC Ferguson

THAT in accordance with Section 521 of the Local Government Act 1993, the report on Councils Financial Operations and Financial Position for the 2007/08 financial year be received.

Carried

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### 3.0 **REVENUE STATEMENT**

Resolution (No. B158-08-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

THAT in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the revenue statement as presented for the 2008/2009 financial year and included in the minutes as *Attachment A*.

Carried

### 4.0 **BORROWING POLICY**

Resolution (No. B159-08-08)

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Mayor Cr JC Ferguson

THAT in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the borrowing policy as presented for the 2008/2009 financial year and included in the minutes as *Attachment B*.

Carried

### 5.0 **BUDGET 2008/2009**

Resolution (No. B160-08-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT in accordance with section 518, section 519 and section 520 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the budget as presented for the 2008/2009 financial year and included in the minutes as *Attachment C*.

Carried

### 6.0 **ESTABLISHMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY RESERVE**

Resolution (No. B161-08-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Mayor Cr JC Ferguson

THAT in accordance with Section 33 (2) of the Local Government Finance Standards 2005 Council establish a reserve (The Sustainability Reserve) for the purpose of funding the replacement of the loss of future revenue sources.

Carried

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## 7.0 RATING CATEGORIES

### Resolution (No. B162-08-08)

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT in accordance with Division 1 Part 3 Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the following Rating Categories for the 2008/2009 financial year.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
<b>1</b>	All rateable land within the township of Thargomindah (i.e. inside the town common fence) set aside for residential development and development which supports residential development which is or can be serviced with urban infrastructure and not used for grazing, agricultural, petroleum, mineral or extractive industries production.
<b>2</b>	All rateable land within the township of Thargomindah (i.e. inside the town common fence) used for the purposes of non intensive horticulture or aquaculture production (namely fish farm and olive grove).
<b>3</b>	All rateable land within the township of Hungerford set aside for residential development and development which supports residential development which is or can be serviced with urban infrastructure and not used for grazing, agricultural, petroleum, mineral or extractive industries production.
<b>4</b>	All rateable land intended for rural purposes and primarily used for the production of grazing livestock.
<b>5</b>	All rateable land within the township of Noccundra set aside for residential development and development which supports residential development which is or can be serviced with urban infrastructure and not used for grazing, agricultural, petroleum, mineral or extractive industries production.
<b>6</b>	All rateable land recorded in council's land record as being used for the production (extraction) of oil and / or gas / petroleum and / or the treatment thereof, currently identified as the Jackson and Naccowlah oil and gas facility and by virtue of it's operation impacts significantly on the economic, environmental, and social welfare aspects of the local community. Owing to the nature and size of it's operation is a large consumer of council services particularly roads.
<b>7</b>	All rateable land recorded in council's land record as being used for the production (extraction) of gas petroleum and / or oil identified as the South West Queensland gas centre and by virtue of it's operation impacts significantly on the economic, environmental and social welfare aspects of the local community. owing to the nature and size of it's operation is a large consumer of council services particularly roads.

Category	Criteria
8	All other rateable land used for the production of oil and / or gas not included in category 6 or 7 generally known as other petroleum leases in the shire, and by virtue of it's operation impacts on the economic, environmental and social welfare aspects of the local community.
9	All other land with a primary land use designated 'extractive' generally used for the extracting of precious metals and / or gemstones and by virtue of it's operation impacts on the economic, environmental and social welfare aspects of the local community.
10	All other rateable land in the shire.
11	All unrateable land in the shire.

Carried

## 8.0 GENERAL RATE

### Resolution (No. B163-08-08)

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Clifford

THAT pursuant to section 966, section 967 and section 969 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and in accordance with Councils Revenue Policy, Council levy differential rates for the year ending 30 June 2009 as follows:-

Category		c/\$	Minimum (\$)
1	Thargomindah (Urban)	47.062	165.00
2	Thargomindah (Non-intensive industry)	25.423	165.00
3	Hungerford (Urban)	120.827	165.00
4	Rural	1.681	165.00
5	Noccundra (Urban)	528.00	165.00
6	Jackson & Naccowlah	80.921	165.00
7	Ballera	7629.02	165.00
8	Petroleum Leases	14.614	165.00
9	Extractive Leases	55.56	165.00
10	Miscellaneous	26.215	165.00

Carried

**9.0 SEWERAGE CHARGES**Resolution (No. B164-08-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT in accordance with Section 973 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and in accordance with Council's Revenue Statement, Sewerage charges for the 2008/2009 financial year be levied at \$152.55 per unit.

Carried

**10.0 CLEANSING CHARGES**Resolution (No. B165-08-08)

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Clifford

THAT in accordance with Section 973 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and in accordance with Council's Revenue Statement, cleansing charges for the 2008/2009 financial year be levied at \$36.80 per unit.

Carried

**11.0 WATER CHARGES**Resolution (No. B166-08-08)

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr Crawford

THAT in accordance with section 973 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council adopt the following water charges, assessed on an allocation of charging units in accordance with Council's Revenue Statement.

Base Charge	Thargomindah	\$52.60 per unit
Access Charge	Hungerford	\$268.25 each residence (Treated & Untreated Water)
Excess Water	Hungerford	\$1.05 per kiloliter (Treated Water Only)

Carried

**12.0 SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES**Resolution (No. B167-08-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

THAT in accordance with Section 971 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy a special rate per annum, as indicated below, for the purpose of defraying the cost plus interest for the construction and installation of grids for the benefit of the following parcels of land in accordance with the overall plan for this scheme:-

Assessment	Property Description	Annual Charge
0335-10000-000	L4141 on PH1400:Parish Wiralla	981.97
0351-00000-000	L2914 on PH2124: Parish Wiralla	944.88

Carried

**13.0 TIME IN WHICH RATES MUST BE PAID (DISCOUNT PERIOD)**Resolution (No. B168-08-08)

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT pursuant to section 1014 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council set the date in which rates must be paid (discount period) as being 30 days from the date of the Rates Notice.

Carried

**14.0 DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT**Resolution (No. B169-08-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT in accordance with sections 1019 and section 1020 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council allow five percent (5%) discount on rates and charges levied (excluding Interest, Excess Water Charges, State Fire Services Levy and Special Rates and Charges) provided that: -

- Payment is received within the discount period (i.e. within 30 days after the date of the Rates Notice); or
- An agreement has been entered into between the ratepayer and Council that rates and charges will be paid over the course of the financial year by instalments

Carried

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**15.0 REBATES AND CONCESSIONS****Resolution (No. B170-08-08)**

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT in accordance with section 1035A (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Councils Revenue Policy, Council grant to eligible pensioners, a remission of rates equivalent to 20% of the total rates and charges levied with the maximum subsidy payable of \$180.00 per annum.

Carried

**16.0 INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES****Resolution (No. B171-08-08)**

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT pursuant to section 1018 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, interest be charged on Rates and Utility Charges during the 2008/2009 financial year at a rate of 11% (calculated on daily rests) on all properties which have outstanding balances after a clear thirty (30) days from the issue of the Rates Notice.

Carried

**17.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1:48pm.

**Confirmed / / 2008**

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**Mayor**

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