

Budget

Budget for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2027

FY 2026-2027 Annual Budget Review

This document outlines the Tiwi Islands Regional Council's Annual Budget for the 2026/2027 Financial Year, prepared in accordance with Part 10.5 of the Local Government Act 2019. The budget presents Council's financial projections to support the delivery of services to the communities it serves.

For the financial year ending 30 June 2027, the council anticipates a **Total Income of approximately \$ 17.9 million**. This revenue is derived from a variety of sources, including:

- **\$ 4.40 million from Rates and Statutory Charges**
- **\$1.45 million from Fees and Charges**
- **\$10.70 million from Grant Income**
- **\$1.10 million from Commercial and Other Income**

The council relies heavily on **Grant Funding** to meet its Operational and Capital Expenditure needs. Of the projected \$10.7 million in grant income, approximately **38%** is expected to come from **Untied Grants**, with the remaining **62%** from **Tied Grants**.

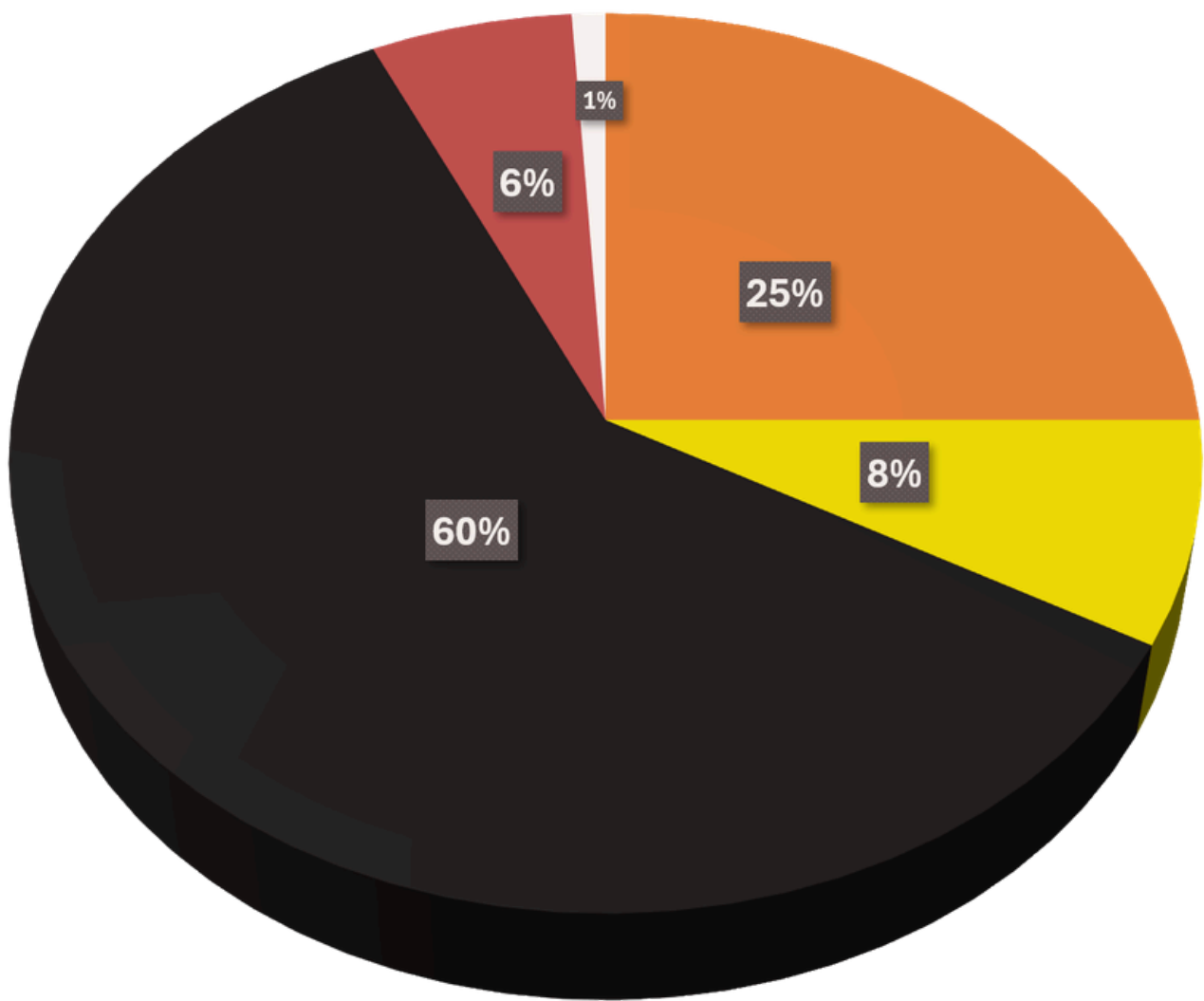
While the Council strives to provide accurate forecasts of grant revenue and related expenditures for 2026/2027 and beyond, some variability is expected due to uncertainties around the continuation and funding levels of specific programs.

On the expenditure side, the Council projects **Total Operating Expenses of \$21.8 million**, broadly distributed across the following key categories:

- **\$7.4 million for Employment Costs**
- **\$6.6 million for Contract and Material Expenses**
- **\$4.8 million for Depreciation, Amortisation, and Impairment**
- **\$2.92 million for Other Operational Expenses**

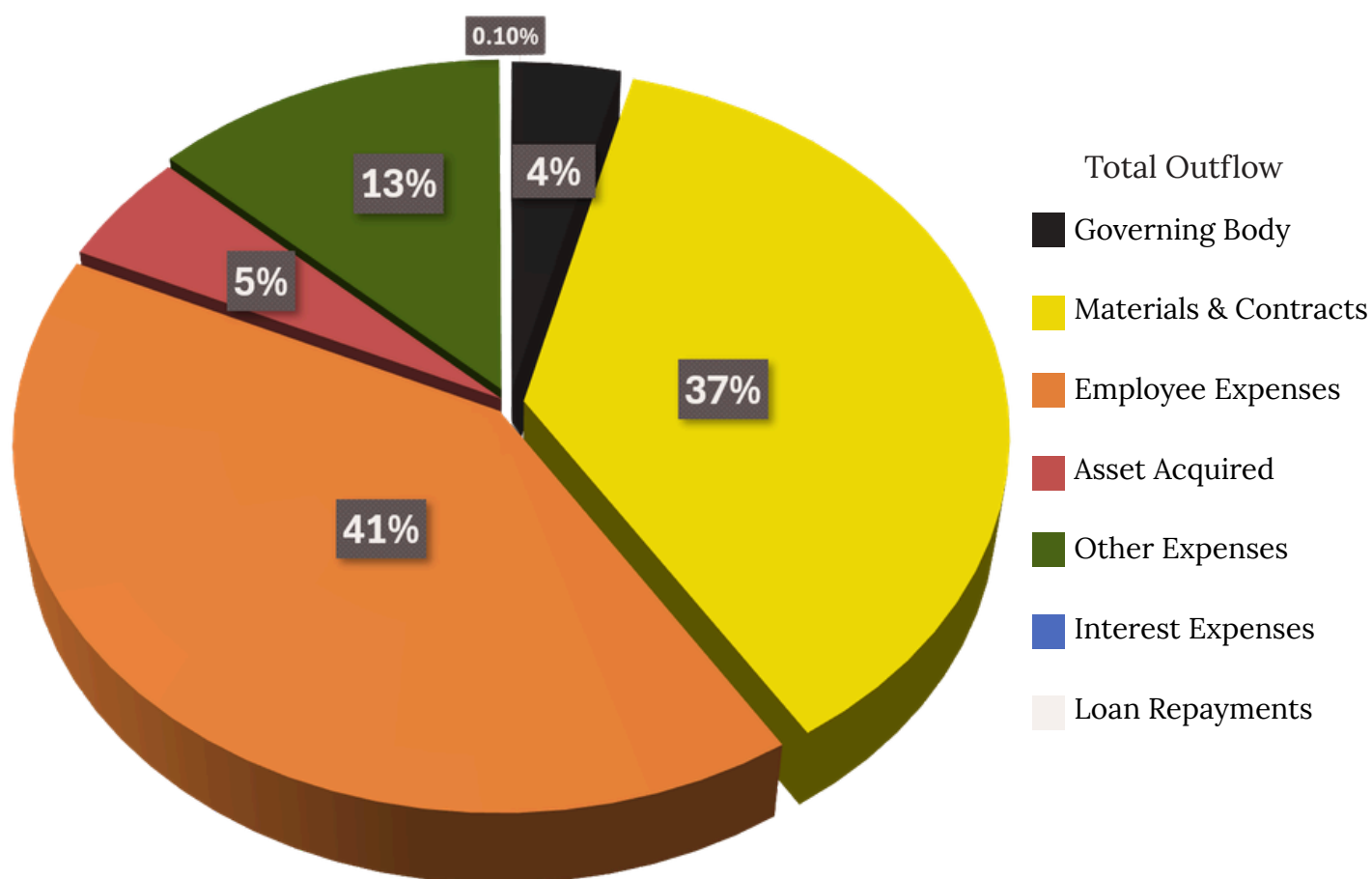
In conclusion, while Council remains dedicated to preserving Essential Services and enhancing Infrastructure, its Long-Term Financial Planning is very heavily dependent on Government Grant Funding and the challenges of managing aging assets. To ensure continued service delivery and long-term sustainability, the Council is committed to prioritising Strategic Asset Management and Diligent Financial Planning in the years ahead.

Budgeted Inflow_FY26-27	Amount	%
Rates & Charges	4 ,397,015	25%
Fees and Charges	1 ,445,552	8%
Operating Grants and Subsidies	10,718,407	60%
Commercial and Other Income	1 ,126,344	6%
Investment Income	175,000	1%
Total Inflow	17,862,318	100%



■ Rates & Charges	■ Operating Grants & Subsidies
■ Fees & Charges	■ Commercial & Other Income
■ Investment Income	

Budgeted Outflow_FY26-27	Amount	%
Governing Body	619,406	3%
Materials and Contracts	6 ,636,906	37%
Employee Expenses	7 ,394,436	41%
Asset Acquired	883,458	5%
Other Expenses	2 ,307,275	13%
Interest Expenses	-	0%
Loan Repayments *Note 1	10,000	0.10%
Total Outflow	17,851,482	100%



Total Projected Cash Outflow Excluding Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment of \$4.8MI.

As per table 1 Budget & Long-Term Financial Plan

Note 1:

This is a principal repayment of interest free loan provided by the department in July 2008. The Council do not intend to raise any new borrowing during FY 2026-27.

A more detailed account of the Council's estimated income and expenditure is provided on the following pages.

Council has adopted a stance that ALL functions should meet an equitable share of the costs of the services that Council's infrastructure provides to enable their continued operation. In particular this means internal cost recovery (where possible) reflected in individual program budgets.

Staff housing

A fixed annual cost for staff housed by Council, charged according to the nature of the dwelling (1, 2 or 3 bedroom rates).

Motor vehicles

All budgeted for as part of fleet operations but charged according to functional use at rates that reflect daily, weekly, monthly or permanent assignment to any program or function. Where any program has been funded for the capital cost of such vehicles the cost is reduced to only cover running and service costs.

Grant administration fees

These are charged in accordance with the individual grant agreements.

ICT

A fixed annual cost for ICT equipment and services, on-charged to the programs according to services provided.

Council objectives

The Tiwi Islands Regional Council Strategic Plan sets out our goals and objectives. These goals are set out under the Strategic Plan section of this document along with Council objectives. The service delivery plans outline the indicators that Council will use to measure the success of each program in contributing to our objectives. The objectives will also be used by managers to develop work and operational plans for each program area.

Miscellaneous services

These are charged at Council's declared rates between functions, for example trades services provided to any other part of Council or machinery hire between functions. This budget also reflects a greater emphasis on cost recovery for services provided by Council to external parties and strives to avoid subsidisation of non-core services such as inter island transport.

Rates and charges for 2026/27

For the 2026-27 financial year, Rates and Charges will increase by 10% across all property categories, resulting in a Total Rates Levy of \$3,449,753. Charges for the year are projected to amount to \$844,681.

FY 2026/27 Budget - Rates and charges table			
Charge or Rate	Application	Rate or Amount	Total to be Raised
Rate	Residential	10.61 cents in the dollar	\$3,449,753
Rate	Commercial	4.97 cents in the dollar	
Rate	Residential Tiwi resident	2.76 cents in the dollar	
Rate	Residential min amount	\$2,969.90	
Rate	Commerical min amount	\$2,969.90	
Rate	Residential Tiwi resident min amount	\$772.17	
Charge	Refuse - Residential	\$1,026.32	\$844,681
Charge	Refuse - Commercial	\$1,086.69	
Charge	Refuse - Additional refuse bin Residential	\$262.24	
Charge	Refuse - Additional refuse bin Commercial	\$337.85	
Charge	Commerical - Waste Management Charge	\$1,537.82	
Charge	Residential - Waste Management Charge	\$1,173.07	
TOTAL			\$4,294,434

Other fees and charges

A full schedule of other fees and charges is available on our website (www.tiwiislands.nt.gov.au) or refer to Appendix B at the end of this report.

Relevant interest rate

The Council fixes the relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at a rate of 18% per annum which is to be calculated on a daily basis.

Payment

The Council determines the rates and charges of this declaration must be paid within 28 days of the issue of rates notice under section 159 of the Act.

Payments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day without incurring any penalty.

Alternatively, ratepayers may opt for payments monthly or quarterly. To do so they must seek the written agreement of the Council CEO. However, where such an option is exercised if payment is not received by the end of the relevant month or quarter, it will constitute a default, and the full balance of the annual amount will become payable and recoverable immediately.

A ratepayer who fails to pay the rates and charges notified under the relevant rates notice under section 159 of the Act may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

Socio economic impact of rates

Council assessed the socio-economic impact on residents and local businesses when deliberating on residential and business rates.

TIRC recognises the circumstances of Tiwi homeowners and accordingly continues to allow concessions on their amount payable. This continued commitment to supporting Tiwi people demonstrates strong principles of social justice and creates opportunities for funds to enter into the local economy.

Council also has provisions in place for all ratepayers to be able to apply for and make periodic payments towards their rates and charges payable. This approach enables residents, of all socio-economic backgrounds, to make payments according to a fair and equitable timeframe.

Table 1. Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan

Income & Expenditure	Budget FY 2026-27	Budget FY 2027-28	Budget FY 2028-29	Budget FY 2029-30
OPERATING INCOME	A	B	C	D
Rates	3,522,546	3,874,801	4,262,281	4,688,509
Charges	874,469	961,916	1,058,107	1,163,918
Fees and Charges	1,445,552	1,590,108	1,749,119	1,924,030
Operating Grants and Subsidies	10,718,407	10,825,591	11,042,103	11,262,945
Interest / Investment Income	175,000	176,750	180,285	183,891
Commercial and Other Income	1,126,344	1,238,978	1,362,876	1,499,164
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	17,862,318	18,668,144	19,654,771	20,722,457
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
Employee Expenses	7,394,436	7,653,242	7,921,105	8,198,344
Materials and Contracts	6,636,906	7,499,438	7,960,654	8,438,293
Elected Member Allowances	436,340	451,612	467,418	483,778
Elected Member Expenses	116,996	121,091	125,329	129,716
Council Committee & LA Allowances	55,254	57,188	59,189	61,261
Council Committee & LA Expenses	10,816	11,195	11,586	11,992
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	4,831,860	4,929,860	4,724,860	4,544,860
Interest Expenses	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	2,307,275	2,538,003	2,791,803	3,070,983
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	21,789,884	23,261,628	24,061,945	24,939,227
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(3,927,565)	(4,593,484)	(4,407,175)	(4,216,770)

Table 1. Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan

Estimated Capital & Non Cash Adjustments

Capital & Non Cash Adjustments	Budget FY 2026-27	Budget FY 2027-28	Budget FY 2028-29	Budget FY 2029-30
	A	B	C	D
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(3,927,565)	(4,593,484)	(4,407,175)	(4,216,770)
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS				
Less Non-Cash Income				
Add Back Non-Cash Expense	4,831,860	4,929,860	4,724,860	4,544,860
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	4,831,860	4,929,860	4,724,860	4,544,860
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure	883,458	300,000	300,000	300,000
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Transfer to Reserves				
Other Outflows				
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(893,458)	(310,000)	(310,000)	(310,000)
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS				
Capital Grants Income *Note 2				
Prior Year Forward Tied Funding				
Other Inflow of Funds				
Transfers from Reserves				
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	-	-	-	-
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	10,837	26,376	7,685	18,090

Note 2:

2.1 The Budgeted Capital Expenditure in Infrastructure section of \$578,458 out of Wurrumiyanga Multipurpose Hall Tied Funding , which is included in Grants and Subsidies of \$ 10.718Ml.

2.2 The Budgeted Capital Expenditure in Plant & Equipment section of \$305,000 is out of internally generated surplus of the Council during the year.

Capital Expenditure and Funding

Table 2.1 By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

	Budget FY 2026-27	Budget FY 2027-28	Budget FY 2028-29	Budget FY 2029-30
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE **	A	B	C	D
Infrastructure	578,458			
Plant & Equipment	305,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Motor Vehicles	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE*	883,458	300,000	300,000	300,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY **				
Tied Funding	578,458	-	-	-
Untied Funding	305,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	883,458	300,000	300,000	300,000



Table 3.1 Budget by Planned Major Capital Works

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project	Total Prior Years A	Budget FY 2026-27 B	Budget FY 2027-28 C	Budget FY 2028-29 D	Budget FY 2029-30 E	Total Planned Budget \$ F = (A+B+C+D+E)	Expected Project Completion
Infrastructure	Wurrumiyanga Multipurpose Hall	151,989	578,458	769,553	-	-	1,500,000	31/12/2027
Plant & Machinery	Other MV / P&M	-	305,000	-	-	-	305,000	30/09/2026
	TOTAL	151,989	883,458	769,553	-		1,500,000	



Table 6.1 Annual Budget Local Authority Wise

LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2027	Regional	Wurrumiyanga	Pirlangimpi	Milikapiti	Total Annual Budget \$
OPERATING INCOME					
Rates	65,590	2,275,790	547,238	633,928	3,522,546
Charges	27,280	517,112	157,473	172,604	874,469
Fees and Charges	50,100	792,613	282,155	320,684	1,445,552
Operating Grants and Subsidies	9,215,787	1,313,120	62,996	126,504	10,718,407
Interest/Investment Income	175,000	-	-	-	175,000
Commercial and Other Income	108,210	127,120	235,714	655,300	1,126,344
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	9,641,967	5,025,755	1,285,576	1,909,020	17,862,318
OPERATING EXPENDITURE					
Employee Expenses	2,869,571	1,999,859	1,261,279	1,263,728	7,394,436
Materials and Contracts	3,445,410	1,760,063	505,675	925,758	6,636,906
Elected Member Allowances	0	156,760	70,380	209,200	436,340
Elected Member Expenses	114,008	996	996	996	116,996
Council Committee & LA Allowances	8,004	15,750	15,750	15,750	55,254
Council Committee & LA Expenses	2,600	4,508	1,704	2,004	10,816
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4,831,860	-	-	-	4,831,860
Interest Expenses	0	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	1,392,501	388,244	118,334	408,196	2,307,275
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	12,663,954	4,326,179	1,974,118	2,825,632	21,789,884
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(3,021,987)	699,576	(688,542)	(916,612)	(3,927,565)

Table 6.1 Continued...

LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2027	Regional	Wurrumiyanga	Pirlangimpi	Milikapiti	Total Annual Budget \$
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(3,021,987)	699,576	(688,542)	(916,612)	(3,927,565)
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS Less Non-Cash Income Add Back Non-Cash Expense	4,831,860	-	-	-	4,831,860
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	4,831,860	-	-	-	4,831,860
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS Capital Expenditure Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only) Transfer to Reserves Other Outflows	305,000 10,000	578,458 -	- -	- -	883,458 10,000
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(315,000)	(578,458)	0	0	(893,458)
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS Capital Grants Income Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding Other Inflow of Funds Transfer form Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	-	-	-	-	-
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	1,494,873	121,118	(688,542)	(916,612)	10,837

FY 2026-27 Budget Assumptions

- All current core services will continue to be provided by the Council.
- Due to the small rates base council is heavily reliant on territory government and commonwealth grants
- It is anticipated that the repairs, maintenance, management and development of infrastructure continue at the same level as outlined in the budget. TIRC will continue to apply for additional funding to rectify identified deficiencies in infrastructure areas.
- There are no major initiatives planned over beyond the activities identified in the Regional Plan and Budget. TIRC's current financial position does not have untied funds available for significant new initiatives. With these circumstances in mind any new major community initiatives would be entirely reliant upon the provision of additional special purpose grant funding.
- A CPI increase of 3.5% is assumed per year
- The proposed budget factors in an increase to general rates & Charges of 10% compared to last year.
- Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding and Current Year Carry Forward Tied Funding is appropriately adjusted for the preparation of this budget.

Budget Initiatives

- Increased investments in upgrades of community roads in Wurrimiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti through Roads 2 Recovery funding.
- Investment in community facilities with upgrades planned for
 - Recreation Hall in Wurrumiyanga
- Investment in asset renewal and replacement programs to support reliable service delivery



Rates Declaration for 2026/27

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 241 of the Local Government Act 2019, that the following rates and charges were declared by Tiwi Islands Regional Council at the Special Council Meeting on 29 June 2026, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act 2019 in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

Rates

Tiwi Islands Regional Council ('the Council') makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act 2019 ('the Act').

1. Pursuant to Section 227 of the Act, the Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value as the basis for determining the Assessed Value of allotments within the Council area.

2. The Council, pursuant to Section 237 of the Act, declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$3,449,753 which will be raised by the application of:

(a) differential fixed charges; and

(b) differential valuation-based charges with differential minimum charges being payable in the application of those differential valuation-based charges; and

3. The Council hereby declares the following rates:

(a) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for **Residential Purposes** and where there is an Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a valuation-based charge being 10.61 % of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,969.90

multiplied by the greater of:

- the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act) on each allotment; and
- the number 1.

(b) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for a **Commercial Land Use** and where there is an Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, (excluding pastoral leases and mining tenements), a valuation-based charge being 4.97% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,871.77 multiplied by the greater of:

- the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act) on each allotment; and
- the number 1.

(c) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is **Vacant Land** and where there is an Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a valuation-based charge being 7.20% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,969.90

(d) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for **Residential Purposes**, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,969.90.

(e) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for **Commercial Land Use** (excluding pastoral leases and mining tenements), where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment a fixed charge of \$2871.77.

(f) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council that is **Vacant Land**, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment a fixed charge of \$2,969.90.

(g) With respect to each allotment of rateable land which is a **Mining Tenement** as defined in the Act, a rate of 0.009238 of the assessed value of the allotment with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$2,368.42 and on the basis of that,

- Contiguous tenements or reasonably adjacent tenements held by the same person are to be rated as if they were a single tenement.
- If the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of another interest in the land (the other interest) then:

1. If the rate calculated in accordance with this paragraph (g) is less than or equal to the rate payable for the other interest –no rate is payable for the mining tenement; or

2. If the rate is calculated in accordance with this paragraph (g) (amount A) is greater than the rate payable for the other interest (amount B) – the rate payable for the mining tenement is the difference between amount A and amount B.

(h) With respect to each allotment of rateable land which is a Pastoral Lease as defined in the Act, a rate of 0.000813 of the assessed value of the allotment with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,000.70

Charges

4. Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, the Council declares the following charges in the Council area. Council intends to raise \$844,681 by these charges.

(a) For the purposes of these charges:

- Council area' means the area of Council as defined in the Act;
- residential dwelling' means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building on residential land (whether or not it is exempt from rates) and includes a unit within the meaning of the Unit Titles Act

and the Unit Titles Schemes Act;

- 'residential land' means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling);
- 'allotment of commercial land' means land whose occupation and use of which is primarily for non-residential purposes and may be commercial or industrial by nature;
- the 'garbage collection service' comprises the collection of one garbage bin per week of a size and on days determined by the Council.

(b) Residential Garbage Collection Charge:

- The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of residential land in the Council area;
- It is the opinion of Council that such purpose is and will be of special benefit to those allotments;
- A charge of \$1,026.32 per annum per residential dwelling will apply;

(c) Waste Disposal and Management Charge:

- The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of providing the waste disposal facility to which Council is willing and able to provide access to each allotment of commercial or residential land in the Council area;
- It is the opinion of Council that such service is and will be of special benefit to those allotments;
- A charge of \$1,537.82, per annum per allotment of commercial land will apply.
- A charge of \$1,173.07, per annum per allotment of residential land will apply.

(d) Commercial Garbage Collection Charge:

- The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of commercial land in the Council area;
- It is the opinion of Council that such purpose is and will be of special benefit to those allotments;
- A charge of \$1,086.69 per annum per allotment of commercial land will apply;

Relevant interest rate

5. The relevant interest for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 245 of the Act at the rate of 18% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

Payment

6. The Council determines that the rates and charges declared under this declaration

must be paid within 28 days of the issue of rate notice under Section 242 of the Act. Payments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day without incurring late payment interest. A ratepayer who fails to pay their rates and charges notified under the relevant rates notice under Section 242 of the Act may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties, and cost reasonably incurred by the Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

Optional Services

7. In accordance with section 289 of the Act, Council resolves to impose the following fees for the following optional services:

- (a) a fee of \$262.24 per annum for each additional weekly garbage collection through the use of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin approved by Council in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a residential dwelling referred to in paragraph 4(b)(i),
- (b) a fee of \$337.85 per annum for each additional weekly garbage collection through the use of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin approved by Council in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of an allotment of commercial land referred to in paragraph 4(d)(i).

Heidi Dorn
Chief Executive Officer

Councillor Allowances for FY2026-27

DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL COUNCILS

REPORT ON DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2026

As per Original Paper No 629 Laid on the table 12th Mar. 2026.

As per Appendix A to the Report

Under section 7B of the Assembly Members and Statutory Offices (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006, the Tribunal determines as follows:

Title / Position	Councillor Allowances FY2026-27			
	Base Allowance	Additional	Mayor Motor Vehicle	Total Allowance
	A	B	C	D = (A+B+C)
Ordinary Council Member	\$21,960	-	-	\$21,960
Deputy Mayor	\$21,960	\$16,000	-	\$37,960
Mayor	\$25,000	\$85,280	\$40,000	\$150,280

EXTRA MEETING / ACTIVITY ALLOWANCE

4.1 An Extra Meeting / Activity Allowance of up to \$12,000 per financial year, may be accessed by all Councillors and Deputy Principal Members.

For the purpose of:

- Special Meetings of Full Council or Established Committees of Council
- Attendance of Local Authority Meetings within the Ward member is representing
- Attendance at any Functions representing Principal Member on Official Council Duties
- Attendance at any Meetings representing as an Invited Representative of Council with Council Approval
- Attendance at any Approved Extra Meetings of Council for Planning, Briefing or Information Sessions of Council Meetings

Allowances to be paid to eligible members (not including Principal Members) are:

- Fee for attendance at extra meetings or activities is the accumulated hours on any day and are as follow:
 - up to 2 hours \$200
 - between 2 and 4 hours \$300
 - more than 4 hours (maximum payable for any one day) \$500



VEHICLE ALLOWANCE

6.1 Vehicle Allowance will be available for travel undertaken by all Councillors when the travel:

- exceeds 50kms from home base 100kms return,
- travel does not occur in a council supplied and maintained vehicle;
- the Councillor is not in receipt of a motor vehicle allowance in Clause 7 below;
- the vehicle allowance is capped at \$10,000.

6.2 Vehicle Allowance will be in the form of Kilometre Allowance which will be paid at rates set by the ATO for FY 2026-27.

PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE

7.1 Principal Members of Municipal and Regional Councils are entitled to a council-maintained vehicle.

7.2 If Principal Members of Municipal and Regional Councils chose not to be provided with a Council maintained vehicle, they are entitled to Motor Vehicle Allowance, paid fortnightly or monthly, and will be:

- up to \$40,000 per year for Regional Principal Members.

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

8.1 Principal Members, Deputy Principal Members & Councillors who are required to stay away from home overnight on Approved Council Business, will be entitled to Travel Allowance.

8.2 The applicable rates to be paid are found in Table 1 Taxation Determination TD 2025/4 or any subsequent Taxation Determination made in substitution of that determination.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE

Each Elected Member is entitled to a Professional Development Allowance of \$7,500 per financial year.

Local Authority Allowances

DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

REPORT ON DETERMINATION NO.1 OF 2026

As per Original Paper No 630 Laid on the Table 12th Mar 2026.

Applicable from 01 July 2026

ALLOWANCES

The following allowances will be paid for each meeting of a Local Authority

The Chair of the Local Authority will be paid as follows:

if the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$300
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if the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$450
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if the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$600
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A member of the Local Authority will be paid as follows

if the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$200
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if the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$300
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if the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$400
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