



# SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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## LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Special Council Meeting  
held in the Litchfield Council Chambers  
on Wednesday 29 July 2020 at 6:00pm

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<b>Present</b>	Maree Bredhauer Christine Simpson Kirsty Sayers-Hunt Doug Barden Mathew Salter	Mayor (Chair) Deputy Mayor / Councillor Central Ward Councillor East Ward Councillor South Ward Councillor North Ward
<b>Staff</b>	Daniel Fletcher Silke Maynard Arun Dias Debbie Branson	Chief Executive Officer Director Community & Corporate Services Finance Manager Executive Assistant
<b>Public</b>	Andrew Mackay Hardy Schimmel Rachel Wright Susan Kilgour	Girraween Knuckey Lagoon  Herbert

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### 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public.

The Mayor advised that an electronic recording of the meeting will be made for minute taking purposes as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

On behalf of Council, the Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the Council meet on. The Mayor also conveyed Council's respect to the Elders past, present and future for their continuing custodianship of the land and the children of the land across generations.

**3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

**4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The Mayor advised that any member of Council who may have a conflict of interest, or a possible conflict of interest regarding any item of business to be discussed at a Council meeting or a Committee meeting should declare the conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict in accordance with its obligations under the Local Government Act and its policies regarding the same.

No disclosures of interest were declared.

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

**5.1 Hardy Schimmel - Knuckey Lagoon**

Mr Schimmel commented on the budget deficit and requested Council curtail its spending.

**5.2 Rachel Wright**

Ms Wright advised that she was attending as an interested member of the community.

**5.3 Andrew Mackay - Girraween**

Mr Mackay expressed his concern in regard to the proposed rates.

**5.4 Susan Kilgour – Herbert**

Ms Kilgour expressed her confidence in the Council and conveyed her value and respect for the members

Mayor Bredhauer thanked the members of the public for their comments.

## 6. OFFICERS REPORTS

### 6.1 Elected Member Allowances 2020-2021

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council

1. Set the Elected Member allowances for the year 2020/21 as follows:
  - Mayor \$94,887.90 for the year paid on pro rata monthly basis in arrears (base allowance \$75,116.61, electoral allowance \$19,771.29) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,753.17;
  - Deputy Mayor \$32,719.85 for the year paid on pro rata monthly basis in arrears (base allowance \$27,776.12, electoral allowance \$4,943.73) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,753.17; and
  - Councillors \$18,453.69 for the year paid on pro rata monthly basis in arrears (base allowance \$13,509.96, electoral allowance \$4,943.73) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,753.17.
2. Sets the Extra Meeting Allowance at \$140 dollars per meeting with conditions as set out in EM05 Elected Member Benefit and Support Policy.

**CARRIED (5-0)-2021/018**

### 6.2 Fees and Charges 2020-2021

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council adopts the:

1. Council Fees and Charges for 2020-2021 as presented in Attachment A to this report; and,
2. Thorak Regional Cemetery Fees and Charges for 2020-2021 as presented in Attachments B to this report.

**A Division was called  
Mayor Bredhauer, Cr Sayers-Hunt, Deputy Mayor Simpson and Cr  
Barden voted in favour of the motion  
Cr Salter voted against the motion  
CARRIED (4-1)-2021/019**

### 6.3 Rates Declaration and Rates Concession 2020-2021

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

- a) receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's certification of the assessment records in line with Section 24(1) Local Government (Accounting) Regulations as per Attachment A to this report.
- b) pursuant to Section 158 of the Local Government Act, declares the following rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2021:
  1. RATES
    - 1.1 Pursuant to Section 149 of the Act, the Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Litchfield Municipality ("the Council Area").
    - 1.2 Pursuant to Section 155 of the Act Council declares that the amount it intends to raise for general purposes by way of rates is \$8,168,316 by the application of a combination of the following fixed charges and differential valuation-based charges with minimum charges being payable:
      - A. RURAL RESIDENTIAL
        - i. With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Council Area zoned R, RR, RL, WM, CN, SL14, SL18 and FD (Excluding Portion 01872 Hundred of Ayers and Portion 01860 Hundred of Ayers) under the *NT Planning Scheme* (other than conditionally rateable land) a fixed charge of \$903.00.
      - B. URBAN RESIDENTIAL
        - i. With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Council Area zoned SD, MD, MR and SL11 under the *NT Planning Scheme* (other than conditionally rateable land), a fixed charge of \$903.00.
      - C. HORTICULTURE/AGRICULTURE
        - i. With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Council Area zoned H and A under the *NT Planning Scheme* (other than conditionally rateable land), a fixed charge of \$903.00.
      - D. COMMERCIAL
        - i. With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Council Area zoned C, CP, CV, DV (excluding NT Portion 07002), GI, LI, OR, PS, RW, SC, TC, U, SL1, SL3, SL4, SL5, SL6, SL7, SL8, SL9, SL10, SL12, SL13, SL15, SL17 and SL23 under the *NT Planning Scheme* (other than conditionally rateable land), a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate of 0.2643374% of

the unimproved capital value of the land, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that valuation-based charge being \$1,615.00;

E. GAS PLANT

i. With respect to every allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council Area, comprising Hun 045 P 01860, Hun 045 P 01872 and Hun 000 P 07002, a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate 0.933826% of the unimproved capital value of the land.

F. OTHER LAND

With respect to every allotment of rateable land (other than conditionally rateable land) within the Council Area not otherwise described above, a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate of 0.2643374% of the unimproved capital value of the land with the minimum amount payable in the application of that valuation-based charge being \$1,615.00.

G. MINING TENEMENTS

With respect to every allotment of conditionally rateable land within the Council Area occupied under a mining tenement, a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate of 0.3475% of the unimproved capital value of the land with the minimum amount payable in the application of that valuation-based charge being \$890.96.

H. PASTORAL LEASES

With respect to every allotment of conditionally rateable land within the Council Area comprising a pastoral lease as defined in the *Pastoral Land Act*, a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate of 0.0306% of the unimproved capital value of the land held under the pastoral lease, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that valuation-based charge being \$376.45.

2. CHARGES

Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act, the Council declares a Waste Management Charge:

i. The purpose for which this Charge is imposed is to enable and assist Council to meet the cost of the waste disposal services, including management and operation of the three waste transfer stations, which Council provides for the benefit of all rateable land within the Council Area, other than the land described in paragraph 2 iv below, and the occupiers of such land.

ii. The amount to be raised by this Charge is \$2,941,705.

iii. The amount of the Charge declared is \$369.00 per allotment.

iv. The Charge will be levied on all rateable land within the Council Area mentioned under Sections A,B,C and F.

3. RELEVANT INTEREST RATE  
THAT the Council fixes the relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at the rate of 17% per annum which is to be calculated on a daily basis.
  4. PAYMENT  
THAT the Council determines that the Rates and Charges declared under this declaration are all due and payable in three (3) approximately equal instalments on the following dates:  
30 September 2020;  
30 November 2020; and  
28 February 2021.
- c) Declares a rates concession under section 164 of the *Local Government Act 2008*:
- i. to the value of \$60 for all rateable allotments under the rating category Rural Residential, Horticulture/Agriculture and properties under the category Urban Residential not located in Coolalinga; and
  - ii. a rates concession to the value of 4.5% to all rateable allotments under the rating category Commercial and Other land.

**A Division was called  
Mayor Bredhauer, Deputy Mayor Simpson, Cr Sayers-Hunt and Cr Barden  
voted in favour of the motion  
Cr Salter voted against the motion  
CARRIED (4-1)-2021/020**

**6.4 Municipal Plan and Budget 2020-2021 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2021-2030**

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. note submissions received for the Draft Municipal Plan 2020-2021 and Draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2021-2030 and thank all residents for their input;
2. approve of amendments to the Draft Municipal Plan 2020-2021 and Draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2021-2030 as listed in Attachment B to this report;
3. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make necessary editorial changes to the Municipal Plan 2020-2021 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2021-2030 if required; and
4. adopt the Municipal Plan 2020-2021 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2021-2030.

A Division was called  
Mayor Bredhauer, Cr Sayers-Hunt, Deputy Mayor Simpson, Cr Barden voted in  
favour of the motion  
Cr Salter voted against the motion  
**CARRIED (4-1)-2021/021**

**7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

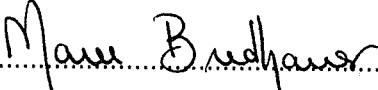
Nil.

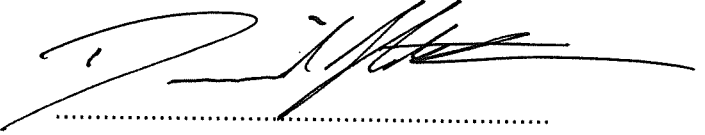
**8. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:02pm.

**MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED**

Wednesday 19 August 2020

  
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Mayor  
Maree Bredhauer

  
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Chief Executive Officer  
Daniel Fletcher