Revenue Statement 2024-2025		
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This Revenue Statement has been prepared to comply with section 104(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and in accordance with sections 169(2)(b) and 172 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

1. RATES AND CHARGES (s 94 *Local Government Act 2009*)

The Revenue Statement outlines the revenue measures adopted by Longreach Regional Council (Council) for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

For the financial year ending 30 June 2025, Council will make and levy rates and charges including:

- Differential general rates,
- Special rates and charges,
- Separate charges, and
- Utility charges for water, sewerage and waste management.

2. GENERAL RATES RATIONALE

General rates are for services, facilities and activities that are supplied or undertaken for the benefit of the community in general.

In accordance with section 74(1) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, Council calculates the rates for land by using the rateable value of the land, which is determined by the Department of Resources. The general rate could be determined by dividing the income needed from general rates by the rateable valuation of lands, however that would be inequitable due to the diversity in the Longreach region in terms of land use and location, land values, access to, and actual and potential demands for, services and facilities.

To provide a more equitable and reasonable basis for its revenue raising, Council has adopted a general rating system that takes into account a combination of specific user charges, separate charges, special rates and charges and differential general rates.

3. DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES (Chapter 4, Part 5, Division 1 *Local Government Regulation 2012*)

Council levies differential general rates, which means the amount of general rates payable for any property depends upon:

- The land's unimproved value as advised by the Department of Resources, and
- The Differential General Rating Category that Council gives to the land.

Council considers the following factors in determining the Differential General Rating Categories:

- The rateable value of the land and rates that would be payable if only one general rate was levied,
- The use of the land as it relates to actual and potential demand for Council services,
- The location of the land as it relates to actual and potential demand for Council services, and
- The impact of rateable valuations on the level of general rates to be paid.

The Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to identify the rating category applicable to each parcel of rateable land. In undertaking this task, the Chief Executive Officer will be guided by the descriptions of each category.

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	**Description**	**General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)**	**Minimum General Rate**
25 – Residential (Longreach) <1 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the township of Longreach which has an area of less than 1 Ha which is not otherwise categorised.	3.2956	$955
26 – Residential (Longreach) 1 Ha or more or rural residential	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the township of Longreach which has an area of more than 1 Ha or for rural residential purposes outside of but adjacent to Longreach town, which is not otherwise categorised.	2.1565	$955
27 - Residential (Other Towns)	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the townships of Ilfracombe, Isisford, Emmet and Yaraka which is not otherwise categorised.	1.4050	$529
28 - Multi Residential	Land used, or intended for use, in whole or in part, for long term residential purposes with multiple dwelling units within the one title.	3.9261	$1,385
44 - Commercial	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for commercial purposes, including short term accomodation in all towns unless otherwise categorised.	4.1151	$955
14 – Major Caravan Parks	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for commercial purposes of cabins, camping, caravan, campervan and motor home accommodation of 40 or more accommodation sites for the travelling public.	3.8416	$13,846
16 -Transformer Sites	Land used for the purposes of a transformer.	2.0510	$955
18 – Tourist Attractions (All areas)	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for a major tourist attraction, which is greater than 1 hectare in area.	1.1555	$5,363
19 - Not for profit	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of a not for profit activity.	1.2250	$450
21 – Horse Stable Precinct	Land in the Longreach Horse Stable Precinct used for the purposes of a horse stable.	4.9321	$625
30 - Rural <100 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is less than 100 hectares in area, except land included in category 54 to 61.	1.7688	$486
31 - Rural 100 - 1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is between 100 and 1000 hectares in area, except land included in category 54 to 61.	0.8228	$670

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Category	**Description**	**General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)**	**Minimum General Rate**
32 - Rural >1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is more than 1000 hectares in area, except land included in category 54 to 61.	0.4371	$955
42 - Industrial	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for industrial purposes including transportation and storage unless otherwise categorised.	5.9011	$955
45 - Airport	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for any purpose on land designated as Longreach Airport Precinct.	5.3679	$955
50 - Small Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 0 and 10 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	1.7445	$440
51 - Medium Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 11 and 300 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.7470	$204,402
52 - Large Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 301 and 1000 people on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.7470	$408,768
53 - Extra Large Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of over 1000 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.7470	$736,049
54 - Intensive Accommodation 15 – 50 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 15 and 50 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	8.3469	$13,127
55 - Intensive Accommodation 51 – 100 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 51 and 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	$26,220
56 - Intensive Accommodation 101 – 200 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 101 and 200 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	$52,417

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Category	**Description**	**General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)**	**Minimum General Rate**
57 - Intensive Accommodation 201 – 300 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 201 and 300 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	$78,615
58 - Intensive Accommodation 301 – 400 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 301 and 400 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	$104,823
59 - Intensive Accommodation 401 – 500 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 401 and 500 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	$131,031
60 - Intensive Accommodation 501 – 600 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 501 and 600 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	$157,228
61 - Intensive Accommodation 600 + persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for more than 600 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	$183,436

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Category	**Description**	**General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)**	**Minimum General Rate**
62 - Power Station <50 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of less than 50 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	1.9597	$13,915
63 - Power Station 50 – 250 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of more than 50 MW but less than 250 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	1.9597	$39,313
64 - Power Station >250 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of more than 250 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	1.9597	$78,615
65 - Major Transmission Site >5MVA	Land used, or intended to be used, for an electricity substation with a capacity greater than 5 MVA.	1.9597	$32,761
66 - Petroleum Lease – Gas	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of gas.	26.0000	$26,220
67 - Petroleum Other	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing and/or transportation (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction /processing and/or transportation such as for example water storages, compressor stations, block valves or transportation by pipelines), excluding petroleum leases.	7.7095	$13,127
70 - Petroleum Lease –Oil < 30 wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have less than 30 wells.	26.0000	$26,220
72 - Petroleum Lease- Oil 30+ Wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have 30 wells or more.	26.0000	$157,228

Longreach Airport Precinct

For the purposes of rating, the Longreach Airport Precinct incorporates the land on assessment number A30396, and any new assessments created through sub-division and amalgamation.

4. LIMITATION ON RATE INCREASE (Chapter 4, Part 9, Division 3 *Local Government Regulation 2012*)

Council has determined that it is not appropriate to apply limits to increases applicable to any of the Differential Rating Categories identified in this Revenue Statement and will not be making a resolution to limit the increases in rates and charges for the current period.

5. SEPARATE CHARGES (s 94 *Local Government Act 2009*)

Council will make and levy pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* separate charges to defray the expense it incurs in providing identified services or facilities or engaging in identified activities for the benefit of its local governed area.

The charges are calculated on the basis of the estimated cost to Council of providing these services. Revenue raised from these charges will only be used to fund either all or part of the costs associated with the activities.

Council considers that the benefit of each service, facility or activity is shared equally by all parcels of rateable land, regardless of their value.

5.1 Environmental Levy Separate Charge

Council will make and levy a separate charge to defray part of the cost of formulating and implementing initiatives for natural resources, environmental protection and waste management strategies that contribute to these outcomes.

Council will make and levy the charge equally on all rateable land within the Longreach Regional Council area.

The amount of the Environmental Levy Special Charge will be $132 per annum per rateable assessment throughout the region.

6. SPECIAL CHARGES (s 94 *Local Government Act 2009*)

Council will make and levy pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* special charges to defray the expense it incurs in providing identified services or facilities, or engaging in identified activities because, the land or its occupiers has especially benefited, or will especially benefit from, or will have special access to the identified services, facilities or activities. Revenue raised from these rates and charges will only be used to fund the implementation program or scheme for the specific services, facilities or activities.

6.1 Control of Pests Special Charge

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council will make and levy a special charge for the provision of pest control services through coordinated baiting programs to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on rural land as follows:

The rateable land to which the special charge applies is all rural land within the Longreach Regional Council area with an area greater than 25 hectares.

The service, facility or activity for which the special charge is made is the provision of a coordinated baiting program to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on rural land for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

The occupier of the land to be levied with the special charge will specially benefit from the pest control services as the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on the properties improves the viability of and benefits from the land for the occupier.

The estimated cost of Council implementing the Overall Plan is $165,000 of which the sum of $106,225 will be funded by this special charge.

The estimated time for implementing the Overall Plan is 12 months ending on 30 June 2025.

The special charge shall apply to each of the designated assessments listed in the table below at an annual charge of 2.85 cents per hectare for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

The amount of the special charge per assessment is:

Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge
A1608	$394.98	A1732	$50.28	A2213	$380.78	A30172	$250.61	A30449	$315.15
A1609	$1,876.44	A1739	$292.45	A2214	$272.64	A30173	$1,397.43	A40001	$428.40
A1618	$456.16	A1744	$233.89	A20117	$227.86	A30177	$255.64	A40008	$1,311.54
A1619	$351.93	A1745	$116.38	A20118	$268.68	A30178	$221.54	A40009	$202.66
A1624	$768.38	A1769	$35.75	A20120	$246.74	A30184	$932.24	A40010	$1.48
A1627	$221.28	A1804	$162.51	A20122	$870.06	A30187	$472.76	A40011	$469.13
A1629	$138.47	A1830	$140.17	A20126	$251.07	A30190	$224.99	A40012	$763.64
A1630	$585.61	A1831	$578.09	A20129	$439.03	A30192	$1,645.49	A40013	$734.20
A1631	$418.52	A1834	$87.83	A20130	$265.69	A30195	$111.11	A40015	$3,559.64
A1632	$306.87	A1844	$0.91	A20131	$54.27	A30196	$686.70	A40019	$138.20
A1633	$77.02	A1849	$921.58	A20132	$179.38	A30197	$194.13	A40020	$219.66
A1635	$342.27	A1856	$295.24	A20133	$247.12	A30199	$6.70	A40021	$896.03
A1637	$290.83	A1865	$194.20	A20137	$118.83	A30205	$652.42	A40083	$493.88
A1639	$4,936.12	A1866	$92.78	A20138	$232.53	A30209	$355.20	A40084	$385.20
A1640	$491.45	A1869	$334.86	A20139	$106.18	A30214	$9.79	A40086	$343.87
A1641	$1,623.93	A1871	$270.09	A20141	$468.22	A30223	$802.37	A40087	$613.23
A1642	$541.10	A1873	$398.45	A20147	$396.12	A30224	$2,367.92	A40088	$393.88
A1643	$198.12	A1874	$283.26	A20148	$232.45	A30225	$348.93	A40089	$470.14
A1646	$300.16	A1875	$404.66	A20149	$363.99	A30226	$875.68	A40091	$642.40
A1647	$234.50	A1876	$234.60	A20150	$243.01	A30231	$593.09	A40104	$290.36
A1648	$529.17	A1878	$10.54	A20151	$177.51	A30235	$5.16	A40105	$117.90
A1650	$1,184.90	A1881	$562.12	A20152	$210.48	A30243	$1,171.62	A40106	$79.21
A1651	$502.22	A1885	$211.09	A20153	$889.26	A30244	$821.55	A40107	$79.23
A1652	$320.10	A1888	$321.40	A20157	$2,848.98	A30247	$640.96	A40108	$0.03
A1654	$714.08	A1889	$211.04	A20158	$108.28	A30257	$313.39	A40110	$131.25
A1655	$373.33	A1892	$526.39	A20159	$231.87	A30263	$16.15	A40113	$630.24
A1657	$418.38	A1893	$133.17	A20161	$518.58	A30280	$10.16	A40122	$301.39
A1658	$625.90	A1904	$881.45	A20162	$407.94	A30292	$255.32	A40123	$943.63
A1666	$182.44	A1912	$655.04	A20163	$80.99	A30297	$555.09	A40125	$302.02
A1667	$602.27	A1918	$675.21	A20164	$221.21	A30301	$404.43	A40126	$695.09
A1672	$652.66	A1919	$488.87	A20165	$94.20	A30342	$1.41	A40111	$131.25
A1673	$262.53	A1928	$304.46	A20166	$286.28	A30351	$320.89	A40186	$106.30
A1676	$477.38	A1930	$406.38	A20167	$266.47	A30353	$106.23	A40187	$234.37
A1677	$384.44	A1931	$429.30	A20168	$94.98	A30354	$354.51	A40119	$52.06
A1679	$106.42	A1932	$365.18	A20169	$290.28	A30365	$48.75	A40128	$866.12
A1684	$329.30	A1935	$341.70	A20173	$389.37	A30395	$231.44	A40148	$960.13
A1685	$233.09	A1936	$322.79	A20174	$127.15	A30397	$309.86	A40128	$866.12
A1686	$218.74	A1979	$3.23	A20175	$290.32	A30399	$230.71	A40127	$1,142.05
A1689	$299.20	A2009	$459.37	A20176	$388.12	A30402	$7.45	A40179	$794.99
A1692	$191.82	A2023	$153.27	A20179	$349.04	A30415	$73.13	A40150	$1,178.28
A1700	$263.84	A2055	$744.42	A20180	$450.92	A30417	$457.31	A40152	$677.76
A1705	$697.98	A2077	$367.51	A20203	$347.02	A30427	$213.46	A40174	$358.98
A1712	$446.34	A2142	$500.25	A20219	$594.37	A30428	$238.88	A40188	$116.70
A1714	$1,349.14	A2143	$1,098.51	A20220	$229.44	A30432	$187.54	A40189	$118.67
A1715	$600.42	A2144	$835.17	A20224	$209.58	A30441	$437.22	A40193	$448.01
A1716	$1.17	A2145	$379.60	A20230	$89.14	A30442	$305.38		
A1718	$197.59	A2147	$288.21	A20233	$245.11	A30443	$153.01		
A1726	$370.43	A2148	$679.30	A30171	$968.13	A30445	$103.00		

6.2 Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme Special Charge

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council will make and levy a special charge for the provision of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme on certain rural properties.

The Overall Plan for the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme Special Charge was adopted by Council at its 21 July 2016 Budget Meeting and amended at subsequent Budget Meetings. Council now amends the Overall Plan to read as follows:

- The service, facility or activity is the borrowing of funds to implement the project, purchase materials and construct exclusion fencing that controls pest animals for the identified rateable land to which the special charge will apply;
- The Scheme is intended to be cost neutral to Council. It does not involve a loan arrangement with landowners but is implemented through the exercise of Council's statutory powers under the *Local Government Act 2009* and the Local Government Regulations 2012.
- Council has borrowed funds from the Queensland Treasury Corporation (**QTC**) to fund the Scheme.
- The rateable land which has been identified in the Overall Plan (or its occupier) specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because the provision of the exclusion fencing empowers a landholder or group of landholders to develop an integrated property pest management plan involving baiting, trapping and shooting to control pest animals and improve the economic viability of this land for grazing purposes. The rateable land to which the special charge will apply are the properties listed in Table 4A below.
- The amount of Special Charge will differ for each parcel of identified rateable land according to the level of benefit that the property receives from the provision of the exclusion fencing. The level of benefit for each property will be determined according to the total costs associated with Council's borrowing from QTC, the purchase of materials and construction of fencing. Special Charges will be levied and paid over 20 years for each of the parcels of identified rateable land from the commencement of the arrangement with each property.
- The Total Cost for each parcel of rateable land to determine the amount of Special Charge under the Scheme will be calculated as follows:
    - the net cost of materials and construction paid by Council; plus
    - the notional interest on the net cost of materials and construction paid by Council for the first two-year period where no Special Charges will be levied for a parcel of identified rateable land; plus
    - the QTC Administration fee; plus
    - Council's 2% Administration fee which will be calculated on the sum of costs noted above (**Total Cost**)
- Special Charges will then be levied by Council as follows:
    - For years one and two of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will not be levied;
    - For years three to five of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will be levied to cover notional interest only on the Total Cost of the Scheme for that property; and
    - For years six to twenty of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will be levied to cover repayment of the Total Cost of the Scheme for that property and notional interest on outstanding amounts for the remaining term.
- The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is $17.8 million. This figure includes all of the costs associated with the installation of the exclusion fencing, administrative costs, and interest and fees charged on the Total Cost for each parcel of identified rateable land;
- The estimated time for carrying out the Overall Plan is 22 years, with the Overall Plan commencing on 1 July 2016 and concluding on 30 June 2038. The first fence construction on a parcel of identified rateable land commenced in 2017 and the final Special Charge for the Overall Plan will be levied by Council in 2038;

- The annual implementation plan for this special charge for the 2024/2025 financial year is the levying of the special charges as per the table that follows, for the purposes of making ongoing repayments to QTC of funds previously borrowed.
- Council will not accept any lump sum payments in settlement of amounts to be paid under the Scheme. Because the Scheme does not involve a loan arrangement, early repayment is not possible and will not be permitted by Council. No early payment discounts apply to payments of Special Charges.
- In regards to rateable assessments that are identified as land that is part of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme, if a reconfiguration of any of the rateable assessments into one or more rateable assessments occurs after the special charge has been determined for the financial year, a concession, granted pursuant to sections 120(1)(c) and 122(1)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 will be applied to the landowner as follows:
    - Council will obtain information from the original applications to the LWDEFS to determine the total length and cost per metre of the fencing on each original rateable assessment on commencement of the scheme.
    - By reference to mapping data, Council will measure the distance of the fencing on the new rateable assessments to apportion the costs of the scheme between each new assessment.
    - Council will provide a concession to each of the new rateable assessments by deducting a concession amount from the gross amount of the special charge so that the net result of the concession is that the landowner will only pay a special charge equivalent to the amount calculated in 1 and 2 above.

The amount of the special charge for each assessment for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 is set out on the next page. Those assessments that have been struck out in the schedule have been subject to a sub-division or amalgamation and the charges have been applied against the new assessments added to the schedule.

Assessment	Amount to be levied 2024/25	Assessment	Amount to be levied 2024/25	Assessment	Amount to be levied 2024/25
A1930	14,068.76	*A30443*	17,170.32	*A1849*	10,344.28
~~*A1886*~~	-	*A30297*	20,189.54	*A30209*	14,215.78
A40104	20,744.04	*A30177*	28,385.96	*A1881*	55,799.84
~~*A1695*~~	-	*A1676*	38,573.14	*A20150*	9,431.16
A40009	32,571.46	*A30196*	9,494.50	*A1912*	16,565.52
A1875	25,112.08	*A1726*	32,625.90	~~*A1891*~~	-
A30353	26,240.14	*A1935*	47,668.68	*A40125*	17,491.60
A20219	13,881.60	*A20139*	19,991.28	*A40126*	38,862.06
A1715	1,589.14	*A1692*	15,764.70	*A1642*	40,807.32
A20132	15,721.36	*A20166*	10,965.86	*A1686*	4,183.52
A20162	24,413.72	*A20175*	15,849.26	*A1667*	18,551.02
A20138	19,087.70	*A20159*	14,476.14	*A20120*	3,546.24
A20118	13,699.26	*A20164*	10,388.16	*A20141*	31,730.44
A30243	10,625.04	*A20157*	46,449.62	*A1928*	3,367.46
A20133	3,153.04	*A40105*	3,182.98	~~*A2149*~~	-
A30223	22,348.36	*A40106*	6,815.30	*A40086*	12,037.36
A20174	8,565.40	*A40107*	1,393.02	*A1631*	17,954.32
A2009	2,876.86	*A20158*	14,095.56	*A1666*	24,795.86
A20161	10,872.96	*A30351*	3,682.72	*A30226*	11,668.68
A20117	2,215.96	~~*A1634*~~	-	*A1888*	13,887.04
A30428	6,604.62	~~*A2178*~~	-	*A40084*	13,208.30
A1700	6,979.62	*A40148*	22,910.16		
A1609	44,003.68	*A20176*	25,271.92		

7. UTILITY AND SERVICE CHARGES (s 94 *Local Government Act 2009*)

Council will make and levy utility service charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 on the basis of an equitable distribution of the burden on those who utilise, or stand to benefit from, the provision of the utility services.

7.1 Water

Water charges will be set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of water services by Council in the 2024/25 financial year. These costs include loan interest, depreciation, the cost of ongoing maintenance and operation of the system including treatment plant operations and the provision of infrastructure.

The charge for the provision of water includes a water consumption allocation for the financial year. In the case of land not connected to the Council's water supply but capable of being connected, a vacant water charge is applied to contribute toward the cost of the water supply infrastructure.

Where an assessment consumes water above the allocated amount, it will be charged for excess water usage. The first 500 kilolitres in excess of the allocation will be charged a rate of $1.37 and every kilolitre thereafter being charged at a rate of $2.72 per kilolitre.

Council will read meters as at 30 June each year. Pursuant to section 102(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before, and ends 2 weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read. If a water meter fails or registers inaccurately, the quantity of water used may be estimated by the Chief Executive Officer using the consumption for the same period in the prior year and having regard for climatic conditions.

The fixed water charges are shown in the following tables:

Longreach per connection water item number and description	**Number of units**	**Allocation (kl)**	**Fixed charge**
1) Land used for commercial, industrial, residential or recreational purposes for each dwelling or building erected on a parcel of land (except if the facility is identified separately in this table).	8	1,200	$1,438.56
2) Each additional vacant lot/parcel on an assessment being charged water. 3) Each additional shop/office of multiple shop/office facility (see **item 13**) 4) Each motel room or unit (also see **item 18a and 19a**)	2	300	$359.64
5) Vacant land within water area - not connected 6) Church or church land 7) Stables per alloyment improved (other than at Racecourse or Showgrounds)	4	600	$719.28
8) Vacant land - connected	6	900	$1,078.92
9) Restaurant/café/conference venue (or additional units if part of another facility, see **item 18a and 19a**) 10) Church hall	12	1,800	$2,157.84
11) Land used for flats, hostels, aged persons accomodation or residential multi-unit buildings for the first 2 units/flats (including owner//manager residence) (for each additional unit see **item 4**) 12) Water/sewerage pumping station, electrical sub station	16	2,400	$2,877.12
13) Supermarket (if a supermarket is part of a complex containing other uses, such other uses shall attract the charge applicable to single or multiple shop/office as per **item 3**) 14) Caravan parks each additional 20 sites a) charge for additional sites to caravan parks less than 20 sites **item 19** 15) Childcare centre or pre-school or kindergarten on separate parcel. a) additional charge if facility is included with school **item 25** 16) Police station and associated uses (other than dwelling) 17) Car wash	20	3,000	$3,596.40

Longreach per connection water item number and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
18) Hotel, motel, tavern and licensed clubs a) for each unit see **item 4**, for restaurant/café see **item 9** 19) Caravan parks less than 20 sites a) greater than 20 sites see **item 14**, for restaurant/café see **item 9** 20) Railway station and associated uses (other than dwelling) 21) Fire station and residence 22) Cemetery 23) Public toilet block, council park	40	6,000	$7,192.80
24) Racecourse	48	7,200	$8,631.36
25) School, childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten per parcel of land a) for additional childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten charges see **item 15**	60	9,000	$10,789.20

	Ilfracombe, Isisford, Yaraka per connection water item and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
1)	Vacant land within water area - not connected	4	600	$424.48
2)	Vacant land - connected	6	900	$636.72
3)	Land used for commercial, industrial, residential or recreational purposes for each dwelling or building erected on a parcel of land (except if the facility is identified separately in this table).	8	1,200	$848.96
4)	Land used for a hotel, caravan park, school or recreation purposes	16	2,400	$1,697.92
5)	Public toilet block, council park	32	4,800	$3,395.84
6)	Untreated water users	Nil		

Other water charges

Where land is used for a purpose for which no charge is specified herein, the Council or the Chief Executive Officer by delegation may decide the applicable number of units and annual allowance. Notwithstanding the charges specified above, the Council may, by resolution approve a lesser charge where it considers such lesser charge is justified.

Where a service is provided for part of a year, a pro-rata charge shall be levied.

Bulk Water Utility Charges - Longreach

A charge is to be levied for the provision of bulk water for certain identified properties which will be charged at a rate per kilolitre for all water supplied and measured by a water meter. The identified properties will be billed on a quarterly basis.

The assessments to be levied for the provision of bulk water are shown in the following table:

Assessment	Charge per kl	Assessment	Charge per kl	Assessment	Charge per kl
A1308	$1.66	A1724	$1.66	A774	$1.66
A1397/A1398	$1.66	A30332	$1.66	A2226	$1.66
A1787	$1.66	A1807	$1.66	A1764	$1.66
A1790	$1.66	A1047	$1.66	A745	$1.66
A1789	$1.66	A2205	$1.66	A1783	$1.66
A1778	$1.66	A1084	$1.66	A1597	$1.66
A1786	$1.66	A30299	$1.66	A2212	$1.66
A1484	$1.66	A1590	$1.66	A2227	$1.66
A1748	$1.66	A2202	$1.66	A1806	$1.66
A1781	$1.66	A2054	$1.66	A40199	$1.66
A1793	$1.66	A30341	$1.66		
A1722	$1.66	A40200	$1.66		

Untreated Water Users - Ilfracombe

Separate to the table above, Untreated Water Users in Ilfracombe will be charged at a rate of $1.37 per kilolitre.

7.2 Sewerage

Sewerage charges will be set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of sewerage services by Council in the 2024/25 financial year. These costs include loan interest, depreciation, the cost of ongoing maintenance and operation of the system including treatment plant operations and the provision of infrastructure.

Council provides a sewerage network in the town of Longreach, and Common Effluent Drainage (CED) networks in the towns of Ilfracombe and Isisford. The sewerage charges are shown in the following table.

Charge	Charges Apply to:	Location	Annual Charge
First pedestal	Charge applied to each separate single unit dwelling and the 1st pedestal at all other connected assessments.	Longreach	$754
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	$216
Additional pedestal	Charge applied to each additional non-residential pedestal (including urinal cistern) that is connected to the sewer scheme after applicable first pedestal charge.	Longreach	$452
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	$135
Vacant sewerage	Vacant land per lot/parcel to which Council is prepared to connect a sewerage service.	Longreach	$567
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	$114

7.3 Waste management

Council make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as follows:

Location	Service	Frequency	Annual charge
All towns	Waste collection (minimum charge)	1 per week	$308.00
Longreach	Waste collection (minimum charge food related business)	2 per week	$616.00
All towns	Additional collection (for each additional bin)	1 per week	$308.00
Additional collections for Longreach businesses			
Longreach	Additional collection per week (for each bin)	1 per week	$308.00

Application of waste collection charges

Charges for new waste services will commence upon a premises being considered to be able to be occupied[1] and the delivery of the 240 litre bin to the premises by Council.

If a property has one or more residential structures or units capable of separate occupation, the relevant waste collection charges will be levied for each structure or unit (including flats, studios, cabins, dwellings and secondary dwellings).

If there is more than one commercial operator on land capable of separate occupation, the owner will be charged the appropriate fee according to the quantity of collections provided.

If a collection service is cancelled, charges will not be levied in the next period. If a 240 litre bin is returned to Council in a damaged state that is not due to normal wear and tear, the ratepayer will be charged the bin repair and replacement fee identified in Council's schedule of fees and charges.

[1] ***Occupied*** *means land that has located on it, a building or structure greater than 25m², or which is used for commercial purposes (i.e., agistment, heavy vehicle parking, and commercial cultivation)*

8. TIMING FOR PAYMENT (s 118 *Local Government Regulation 2012*)

Rates, charges and utility charges referred to in the Revenue Statement shall generally be levied half yearly:

- Billing period 1 July to 31 December 2024 (issued August/September)
- Billing period 1 January to 30 June 2025 (issued February/March).

The exception will be the levying of bulk water consumption which will be levied at quarterly intervals. All rates, charges and utility charges shall be payable by the due date detailed on the rates and charges notice. Each rates and charges notice includes one half of the annual charges levied.

All rates and charges issued will be due and payable within 30 days of the issue of a notice to pay.

9. INTEREST (s 133 *Local Government Regulation 2012*)

Overdue rates and charges will bear interest at the rate of 12.35 percent per annum, compounded daily. Interest is payable from the date that the rates and charges become overdue.

10. DISCOUNT (s 130 *Local Government Regulation 2012*)

A discount of 10 percent will be allowed on gross Council rates and charges, excluding any charge specifically excluded from discount entitlement, provided payment of the full amount outstanding, including any overdue rates and interest to the date of payment, less any discount entitlement, is paid by the due date on the original rates notice.

Charges excluded from discount entitlement include:

- Bulk water consumption charges
- Excess water consumption charges
- Emergency Services Levy

11. CONCESSIONS (s 121 *Local Government Regulation 2012*)

11.1 Pensioner Subsidy

For pensioner ratepayers of their principal place of residence, Council will offer a subsidy of 39.5% (to a maximum of $940) on all rates levied in respect of the property the person owns and occupies, excluding special rates and charges, water consumption charges and the Emergency Services Levy.

A pensioner is a person who holds a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans Affairs Repatriation Health Card.

12. COST RECOVERY FEES (s 97 *Local Government Act 2009*)

Council will fix a cost recovery fee for any of the following:

- An application for, or the issue of, an approval, consent, licence, permission, registration or other authority under a local government act;
    - Recording a change of ownership;
    - Giving information kept under a local government act;
    - Seizing property or animals under a local government act; or
- Performing another responsibility imposed on Council under the Building Act or the Plumbing and Drainage Act.

The principles of full cost pricing are applied in calculating all cost recovery fees of the Council where applicable, but the fees will not exceed the cost to Council of providing the service or taking the action for which the fee is charged.

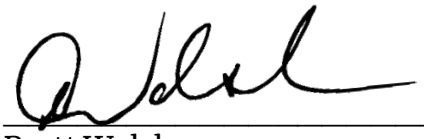
Cost Recovery Fees are listed in Council's Register of Fees and Charges.

13. OTHER FEES AND CHARGES (s 262 *Local Government Act 2009*)

Council has the power to conduct business activities and make fees and charges for services and facilities it provides on this basis. Other fees and charges are made where Council provides a service and the other party to the transaction can choose whether or not to avail itself of the service. These fees and charges will reflect full cost recovery plus a profit margin.

Other Fees and Charges are listed in Council's Register of Fees and Charges.

Authorised by resolution as at 20 June 2024:



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