

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Kingaroy Shire Council, held in the Council Chambers, Glendon Street, Kingaroy on Tuesday 31 July 2001 at 6.34 pm.

**PRESENT** Cr KR Nunn (Mayor), Crs WD Moss, MG Shaw, GMG Wilson, CD Dalton, BJ Carroll, TW Fleischfresser, LJ Trout, AD Wieden, MA Lehmann and KM Campbell

- BUSINESS**
- (a) Consideration of Budgets for 2001/2002 to 2003/2004
  - (b) Consideration of associated funding policies (including revenue and borrowing)
  - (c) Striking of Rates for 2001/2002
  - (d) Consideration of Sundry Charges
  - (e) Consideration of any matters associated with Budgets and rating

**CONSIDERATION OF  
REVISED BUDGET  
WORKSHEETS AND  
OPERATION PLAN  
2001/2002**

**REVISED BUDGET  
WORKSHEETS 2001/2002** Councillors gave consideration to the revised Budget Worksheets 2001/2002

Moved Cr Dalton seconded Cr Wieden that the following alteration be made to the revised budget worksheets for 2001/2002.

***Planning & Natural Resource Management***

Include Environmental Levy Remitted	6,860
Delete Onground Works	(36,860)
Delete Address Salinity & Water Quality Issues	(10,000)

***Recreation, Sport***

Include Gordonbrook Recreation Area	20,000
Include Wooroolin Wetlands	5,000

Accordingly the adopted Program of Works funded from the Environmental Levy will be:

Levy		104,100	
Less Remitted		24,100	
			\$80,000
Develop Environmental Plan	18,290		
Vegetation Management Plan	8,710		
Green Corp Project	10,000		
DNR Pest Mapping System	3,000		
Gordonbrook Dam Recreation Area	20,000		
Wooroolin Wetlands	5,000		
Landfill Remediation Project	15,000		
			\$80,000
			Carried

Moved Cr Moss seconded Cr Carroll that the revised budget worksheets as amended be adopted subject to inclusion of the changes contained in the Preferred Option detailed in the Chief Executive Officer’s Amended Preliminary Budget Report as follows:

**Income**

Rates and Charges - Additional 2% increase		55,000	
Grants Commission - General Purpose	67,144		
- Roads	14,786	81,930	
NCP Review		10,000	
Gravel Operations		10,000	
Public Conveniences			
Search Fees		2,500	
			\$160,930
	<i>Total Additional Income</i>		

**Expenditure**

LRAP to be funded from Environmental Levy		(15,000)	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><del>\$175,930</del></b>

**AMENDMENT**

Moved Cr Wieden seconded Cr Trout that the revised budget worksheets as amended be adopted subject to inclusion of the following changes

**Income**

Rates and Charges - Additional 1% increase			
Plus Increase Minimum General Rate to \$300		55,000	
Grants Commission - General Purpose	67,144		
- Roads	14,786	81,930	
NCP Review		10,000	
Gravel Operations		10,000	
Public Conveniences			
Search Fees		2,500	
			\$160,930
	Total Additional Income		

**Expenditure**

LRAP to be funded from Environmental Levy (15,000)

**TOTAL \$175,930**

Lost

The motion on being put was declared carried.

Cr Wieden and Cr Wilson recorded their votes against the motion.

**REVISED OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Councillors gave consideration to the revised Operational Plan 2001/2002.

Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Shaw that the revised Operational Plan 2001/2002 including amendments made to revised budget worksheets be adopted.

Carried

**OTHER MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH BUDGETS AND RATING****CAREFLIGHT QUEENSLAND AIR MEDICAL & RESCUE SERVICE**

Forwarding a 2001-2002 Submission for Community Funding to assist the organisation

Moved Cr Dalton seconded Cr Fleischfresser that Council approve a donation of \$500

Carried

**KINGAROY & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC**

Forwarding an application form for funding in the 2001/2002 financial year

Moved Cr Trout seconded Cr Fleischfresser that Council advise it regrets it is unable to fund the proposal and the reasons be explained

Carried

**CHAHPINGAH RESERVES ASSOC INC**

Requesting Council to consider allocating funds towards improvements of the Chahpingah Recreational grounds

Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Trout that Council advise it regrets it is unable to fund the proposal and the reasons be explained

Carried

**ADOPTION OF RATE POLICIES****CATEGORIES/CRITERIA FOR GENERAL RATING**

The Manager of Rating & Property submitted a written report on the amended Policy "*Categories/Criteria for General Rating*"

Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Fleischfresser that the amended Policy be adopted

Carried

- EXEMPTION FROM MINIMUM GENERAL RATES – CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY SITUATED IN DIFFERENT BENEFITED AREAS** The Manager of Rating & Property submitted a written report on the amended Policy “*Exemption from Minimum General Rates – Contiguous Property situated in Different Benefited Areas*”  
Moved Cr Moss seconded Cr Lehmann that the amended Policy be adopted  
Carried
- SPECIAL CHARGE - SWICKERS** The Manager of Rating & Property submitted a written report on the Policy “*Special Charge – Swickers*”  
Moved Cr Dalton seconded Cr Moss that the Policy be adopted  
Carried
- SPECIAL RURAL FIRE CHARGE – BENEFITED AREA** The Manager of Rating & Property submitted a written report on the amended Policy “*Special Rural Fire Charge – Benefited Area*”  
Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Shaw that the amended Policy be adopted  
Carried
- SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHARGE** The Manager of Rating & Property submitted a written report on the Policy “*Special Environmental Charge*”  
Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Shaw that the Policy be adopted subject to inclusion of the words “*enhancement and*” immediately before the word “*protection*” in the second dot point in the policy  
Carried
- BASES AND PRINCIPLES OF WATER UTILITY CHARGES** The Manager of Rating & Property submitted a written report on the amended Policy “*Bases and Principles of Water utility Charges*”  
Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Shaw that the amended Policy be adopted  
Carried
- DISCOUNT ON RATES** The Manager of Rating & Property submitted a written report on the amended Policy “*Discount on Rates*”  
Moved Cr Dalton seconded Cr Shaw that the amended Policy be adopted  
Carried
- ADOPTION OF REVENUE POLICY** Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Shaw that the following Revenue Policy be adopted.

**POLICY ABOUT REVENUE FOR  
THE FINANCIAL YEAR  
ENDING**

**30 JULY, 2002**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**

- S520(1)
- S534(a)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE STANDARD 1994**

- S.3(e)
- S.8

- (1) Rates and Charges
- (2) Rebates and Concessions on Rates and Charges
- (3) Limitations on Increases in Rates and Charges
- (4) The Extent Physical and Social Infrastructure Costs for New Development are Funded
- (5) Operating Capability
- (6) Funding of Depreciation

**1. RATES AND CHARGES****1.1 General Principle**

The general principle adopted by Council in determining rates and charges for the financial year 2001/2002 shall be that wherever possible, charges shall relate directly to the services provided, eg Water Supply, Sewerage, Refuse Collection, etc. Costs which are not able to be recovered by general or utility charges shall be met by the levying of a general rate as hereinafter described.

**1.2 GENERAL RATES****1.2.1 Principles**

The Council recognises that the levying of a rate based on the unimproved value (as determined by the Department of Natural Resources) of land within the Shire is an acceptable method of funding its budget. The amount of the rate to be levied will be determined by the level of services, facilities and programmes included in its budget.

**1.2.2 Differential General Rates****(a) Reasons**

The Council recognises that different classes of land may receive differing levels or require different types of service and has determined that land will be categorised as follows for the purpose of levying differential general rates:-

**Category 1 -**

All lands categorised in accordance with the criteria adopted by Council under its General Rates Policy "Categories/Criteria for General Rating".  
(Basically Rural Lands)

## Category 2 -

All lands categorised in accordance with the criteria adopted by Council under its General Rates Policy "Categories/Criteria for General Rating".  
(Basically Urban/Rural Residential Land)

### (b) *Basis on Which Amounts Calculated*

All lands will contribute equally to the general operations of Council. Any additional funding raised from either category of land shall be used for the purpose of providing additional or higher standards of services to those lands, eg higher standard of road maintenance/construction. The amount will be determined in each year to fund budget programmes affecting each category of land.

### 1.2.3 ***Exemption from General Rating***

In addition to those properties exempted from General Rates by the Provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government Regulations 1994, the Council has exempted the following properties:-

- (a) Land in the occupation of the South Burnett National Show Society and used primarily for Showgrounds purposes.
- (b) Land in the occupation of the Board of Benevolence and Aged Masons Widows and Orphans Fund and used for charitable purposes.

### 1.2.4 ***Minimum General Rate***

#### (a) *Reason*

The Council recognises that all parcels of land will receive a benefit from services provided and that, in some instances, the levying of a rate based on the valuation will result in some lands not contributing to the cost of such services in proportion to the benefit received. For this reason Council will apply a minimum general rate to these properties.

#### (b) *Basis on which Minimum General Rate Calculated*

Minimum general rates will be determined in each year based on the level of services provided in the budget for that year.

### 1.2.5 **Exemption from Minimum General Rate**

The Council has determined that rateable land:

- (a) Held in the ownership of organisations which perform a public service will be exempted from the requirement to pay the minimum general rate levy but if rateable will pay a valuation based rate which will be less than the minimum. The following organisations (landowners) have been deemed to perform a public service:-

- (1) District Primary Producer Associations
- (2) Local School of Arts Trustees or Committees
- (3) Local Sports or Race Committees or Trustees
- (4) Trustees of Memorial Halls
- (5) Guiding and Scouting Movement
- (6) Country Women's Associations
- (7) Red Cross Association
- (8) Rural Fire Brigades

- (b) Held in the same ownership and situated in different benefited areas, which would have been included in one valuation under Section 34 of Valuation of Land Act, but have been valued separately by the Department of Natural Resources, for the sole reason of complying with the Kingaroy Shire Council's requirement to levy different special Rates for defined Benefited Areas, be exempted from the requirement to pay the minimum general rate levy but if rateable will pay a valuation based rate which will be less than the minimum. For the purpose of this exemption such lands are described as:

- (1) Lot 8 RP 190671 Parish of Wooroolin  
(Michael G & Marita M Carroll)

- (c) Held as a Permit to Occupy for water facility purposes, namely bore and pump site and associated purposes only, will be exempted from the requirement to pay the minimum differential general rate levy but will pay a valuation based differential general rate which will be less than the minimum.

### 1.3 **SPECIAL RATES**

(a) **Reason**

The Council has determined that the debt servicing costs on historic loans raised to carry out road construction works in previously gazetted benefited areas should be repaid by the levying of a special rate. This special rate will be levied to meet the debt servicing cost of loans raised for each of the specially benefited areas and will continue until the debt is repaid for each area.

(b) ***Basis on which Special Rates Calculated***

Special rates will be calculated by dividing total debt servicing costs for each specially benefited area by the total unimproved valuation of rateable land in that area. Special rates on each property shall be calculated by multiplying the unimproved valuation of that parcel by the rate in the dollar calculated as above.

1.4 ***SPECIAL RURAL FIRE CHARGE***

(a) ***Reason***

Subsequent to the amendment to the Fire Service Act 1990, allowing Local Governments to make and levy a charge on all parcels of rateable land serviced by a Rural Fire Brigade, the Council decided to impose such a charge for those Brigades which so requested. The Malar Booie, Dangore and Stuart River Brigades requested that the charges be imposed.

(b) ***Basis on which Special Rural Fire Charge Calculated***

A special charge will be levied in respect of all parcels of rateable land defined in the Queensland Fire Service Rural Division maps of Rural Fire Boundaries, of the Malar Booie Rural Fire Brigade, the Dangore Rural Fire Brigade and the Stuart River Rural Fire Brigade. The charge will be as decided by the Council on application from the relevant Brigade and will be levied equally on each rateable assessment in that particular Brigade's area.

1.5 ***SPECIAL CHARGE - SWICKERS UPGRADED WATER SUPPLY***

(a) ***Reason***

Swickers Kingaroy Bacon Factory Pty Ltd operate an abattoir from property situated at Barkers Creek Road, Kingaroy. The operators have recently completed an upgrade of the facilities to obtain an export licence and plan further improvements / extensions to the works to expand their operations.

The site currently receives supply from the Kingaroy Water Scheme. However, the current supply did not provide sufficient flow to meet the requirements for fire safety installations installed in the building. The Council have reached agreement with Swickers Kingaroy Bacon Factory Pty Ltd on a proposal to upgrade the water supply service to enable the required fire safety installations to be met.

(b) ***Basis on which Swickers Special Charge Calculated***

The total estimated cost of providing the service is \$160,804.00. Agreement has been reached with Swickers Kingaroy Bacon Factory Pty Ltd that an amount of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) will be drawn down from the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) during the 2000/2001 financial year over a ten (10) year term and form part of Council's long term debt pool with QTC.

A special charge will be levied on the benefited land to repay interest and redemption on the loan.

It is proposed that the special charge will be levied commencing in the financial year 2001/2002 and concluding in the financial year 2010/2011.

1.6 ***SEPARATE RATE - ENVIRONMENTAL CHARGE***

1.6.1 ***Reason***

The Council has determined that a separate charge will be levied equally on all rateable lands in the Shire to enable Council to fund issues specifically for the protection of the environment. Such issues have been identified as:

- (a) The development of an overall environment protection plan for the whole shire.
- (b) The design and implementation of strategies and to carry out field works for the enhancement and protection of valuable natural resources including reserves, waterways, flora and fauna habitats, open space corridors, remnant vegetation etc.
- (c) To close and cap existing refuse tip sites, establish refuse transfer stations, carry out remediation works on land fill sites.
- (d) To address salinity and water quality issues.
- (e) To research control measures, carry out field trials and eradication works for environmental weeds identified in Council's Pest Management Plan.

### 1.6.2 ***Basis on which special environmental charge calculated.***

Revenue raised from this charge will only be used to fund either all or part of the costs associated with issues specifically for the protection of the environment. It is considered to be more appropriate to raise funds by a separate charge rather than from general funds to ensure the community is aware of the Council's commitment to the long term sustainability of our environment. It also considers the benefit is shared equally by all parcels of land regardless of their value.

## 1.7 ***UTILITY CHARGES***

### 1.7.1 ***Sewerage Charges***

#### (a) *Reason*

Council determines that the net cost of providing sewerage services to lands, including operating and maintenance costs, capital costs and debt servicing charges will be fully funded by a charge on those lands receiving the service or to which the service is deemed to be available.

#### (b) *Basis on which sewerage charges calculated*

The basis and principles on which sewerage charges are levied is defined in Council's adopted policy titled "Basis and Principles of Sewerage and Cleansing Charges".

### 1.7.2 ***Refuse Collection Charges - Residential and Commercial***

#### (a) *Reason*

Council determines that the net cost of providing refuse collection services including operation and maintenance costs, capital costs and debt servicing costs will be fully funded by those lands receiving the service.

#### (b) *Basis on which Refuse Collection Charges Calculated*

The basis and principles on which refuse collection charges are levied is defined in Council's adopted policy titled "Basis and Principles of Sewerage and Cleansing Charges".

### 1.7.3 **Water Supply Charges**

#### (a) *Reason*

The Council operates three separate water supply schemes, namely Kingaroy Water Supply, Kumbia Water Supply and Wooroolin Water Supply, and determines that the net cost of providing a water supply in each scheme area including operation and maintenance costs, capital costs and debt servicing costs will be fully funded by charges on those lands receiving a supply or to which a supply is deemed to be available.

#### (b) *Basis on which Water Supply Charges Calculated*

- (1) Base Charge: The cost of debt servicing charges, administration (including meter reading) and revenue capital works other than funded by developer contributions will be fully funded by a charge on those lands receiving the service or to which the service is deemed to be available in each scheme. The bases and principles on which the water supply base charges are levied are defined in Council's adopted policy titled "Basis and Principles of Water Utility Charges", and
- (2) Usage Charge: The cost of operating and maintaining a water supply in each scheme will be fully funded by a per kilolitre charge for every kilolitre of water used as measured by a meter or estimated in accordance with Council's Local Law.

### 1.8 **DISCOUNT AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR PROMPT PAYMENT OF RATES**

#### (a) *Reason*

To encourage early payment of rates, Council will offer a discount period for rates paid at least thirty (30) clear days from issue of the Rate Notice (excluding Interest, Charge for Water Used, Special Charge - Swickers and Separate Charge - Environmental Levy) except for Ratepayers approved under Council's "Extended Discount Period for Approved Pensioners" Policy, who will receive an extended period in which to pay their rates and still receive the discount for early payment.

**(b) Basis on which Discount Calculated**

- (i) For payment at least thirty (30) clear days from the date of issue of the rate notice, Ratepayers other than those approved under Council's "Extended Discount Period for Approved Pensioners" Policy, discount will be calculated at the rate of 10% per annum of total rates and charges (excluding Interest, Charge for Water Used, Special Charge - Swickers and Separate Charge - Environmental Levy).
- (ii) For payment before the last working day in January of the year following the date of issue of the relevant rate notice by Ratepayers approved under Council's "Extended Discount Period for Approved Pensioners" Policy, discount will be calculated at the rate of 10% per annum of total rates and charges (excluding Interest, Charge for Water Used, Special Charge - Swickers and Separate Charge - Environmental Levy).

**1.9 INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES****(a) Reason**

The Council has determined that rates and charges will be overdue for the charging of interest if they remain unpaid after thirty (30) days from the due date of the relevant notice.

**(b) Basis on which Interest Calculated**

Interest will be charged at the rate of 11% per annum compound, calculated on daily rests.

**1.10 GENERAL CHARGES**

General charges are based on the cost of supplying the particular service to which the charge relates. All charges are listed in the Council's Register of Charges.

**2. REBATES AND CONCESSIONS ON RATES AND CHARGES****2.1 PENSIONER CONCESSION**

The Council has determined that approved pensioners will receive an extended period within which to pay off rates and charges and still receive the benefit of discount. Refer to adopted policy titled "Extended Discount Period for Approved Pensioners" for details.

## **2.2 VACANT WATER AND SEWERAGE CHARGES - NEW SUBDIVISIONS**

Where developers are required to reticulate water and sewerage to a subdivision, an exemption from vacant water and sewerage charges will apply for a period of up to five (5) years unless there is a prior sale of such allotments, such exemption will come into effect from 1 July 2000 and will apply from the date of registration of the plan.

## **2.3 ENVIRONMENTAL CHARGE CONCESSION**

While the Council has determined that the separate rate - environmental charge should be levied equally on all rateable lands it is of the opinion that lands held in the same ownership but separated by Department of Natural Resources for valuation purposes should only receive one (1) separate charge. Where more than one (1) environmental charge is levied per ratepayer the Council has determined that on approval of a written application from the ratepayer or multiple ratepayers combined into one (1) Business Enterprise the additional charges be remitted.

## **3. LIMITATIONS ON INCREASES IN RATES AND CHARGES**

The Council believes that the level of rates and charges required to be raised in any year will be determined by the programmes and level of services to be delivered and therefore will not place arbitrary limits on rate increases on any individual property or any category of properties, or any utility charge.

## **4. THE EXTENT PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT ARE FUNDED**

4.1 The Council requires that developers fully fund all physical and social infrastructure costs within the proposed development.

4.2 Where a development uses part of the capacity of infrastructure external to that development or necessitates the provision of additional external infrastructure, then a charge is levied on the developer, appropriate to the circumstances. Council has policies setting out how specific charges are calculated.

## **5. OPERATING CAPABILITY**

It is Council's intention to maintain its operating capability.

## **6. FUNDING OF DEPRECIATION**

The Budget for 2001/2002 will be prepared on the basis of not fully funding depreciation on all existing assets.

Carried

**ADOPTION OF  
BORROWING POLICY**

Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Campbell that the following Borrowing Policy be adopted and the relevant adjustments be made to Council's Five (5) Year Forward Programme of Capital Works

- (a) New Borrowings planned for current financial year and next two financial years.

PURPOSE	AMOUNT 2001/2002 \$	AMOUNT 2002/2003 \$	AMOUNT 2003/2004 \$
Water Supply Projects	-	600,000	1,092,000
Sewerage Projects	150,000	-	-
Roadworks Projects	100,000	100,000	-
Urban & Agricultural Drainage	-	-	-
Flood Mitigation Projects	-	-	-
Plant and Equipment (Refuse)	200,000		200,000
Miscellaneous Capital Works			
(a) Library			280,000
(b) Town Hall	120,000		
(c) Office Equipment	300,000		
(d) Pool			125,000
(e) Depot		380,000	
	<b>\$870,000</b>	<b>\$1,080,000</b>	<b>\$1,697,000</b>

- (b) The purpose of new borrowings.

{Refer to (a) above}

- (c) The term over which it is planned to repay existing and proposed borrowings.

1. The balance of the existing term over which borrowings made prior to 1 July 1999 are planned to be repaid is 5.35 years.
2. The balance of the existing term over which borrowings made since the 1 July 1999 are planned to be repaid is 16.43 years.
3. It is proposed that new borrowings will be repaid over the following terms:-
  - (i) General Functions including Buildings, Road and Drainage Works, Flood Mitigation etc. 10 Years
  - (ii) Water Supply and Sewerage Works 20 Years
4. Repayment terms will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Carried

**ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

Moved Cr Shaw seconded Cr Wieden that the proposed budget for the year ending 30 June 2002 be adopted as amended as per Appendix A.

Carried

**STRIKING OF RATES AND CHARGES****General Rate:**

Moved Cr Shaw seconded Cr Dalton that in accordance with Section 966 of the Local Government Act 1993 the Kingaroy Shire Council makes differential general rates for the year ending 30 June 2002 for the reasons set out hereunder:

All lands contribute equally to the general operations of Council. However the Council recognises that different classes of land receive different levels or require different types of service. Additional funds raised through differential rates shall be used for the purpose of providing these additional or higher standards of service. Council is of the opinion that this is more equitable than compared to the rate burden that would apply under a single general rate.

Two (2) categories of land have been identified in accordance with the criteria determined by Council and contained in Councils General Rates Policy “*Categories/Criteria for General Rating*”.

The level of rate adopted for each category described above is:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Cents in the Dollar of Unimproved Valuation</i>
1	1.86¢
2	2.62¢

Further rateable land held in the ownership of the South Burnett National Show Society Kingaroy Inc as defined in Council’s General Rate Policy “*Rating Exemption - Showgrounds*” and land held in the ownership of the Board of Benevolence and Aged Masons Widows and Orphans Fund as defined in Council’s General Rate Policy “*Rating Exemption - Freemason Home*” be exempted from General Rates.

In accordance with Section 983 of the Local Government Act 1993 owners of rateable land will be informed that they have the right of objection to the category their land is included in. All objections shall be to the Chief Executive Officer, Kingaroy Shire Council and the only basis for objection shall be that at the date of issue of the rate notice having regard to the criteria adopted by Council the land should be in another category.

Carried

**Minimum General Rate:**

Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Moss that in accordance with Section 967 of the Local Government Act 1993 the Kingaroy Shire Council makes a minimum general rate of \$260 per annum for the year 2001/2002 provided that the following rateable land be exempted from the minimum general rate levy:

- (A) Land held in the ownership of organisations which perform a public service as defined in Council's General Rates Policy "*Exemption from Minimum General Rates - Organisations which perform a Public Service*"; and
- (B) Contiguous land held in the same ownership and situated in different benefited areas as defined in Council's General Rates Policy "*Exemption from Minimum General Rates - Contiguous Property Situated in Different Benefited Areas*".
- (C) Permits to Occupy for water facility purposes as defined in Council's General Rates Policy "Exemption from Minimum General Rates - Permits to Occupy for Water Facility Purposes"

Carried

**Special Rates:**

Moved Cr Moss seconded Cr Lehmann that in accordance with Section 971 of the Local Government Act 1993 that:

- (A) The Council is of the opinion that the debt servicing costs on historic loans raised to carry out road construction works in previously gazetted benefited areas should be repaid by the levying of a special rate. This special rate will be levied on each parcel of rateable land identified in the schedule contained in Council's General Rates Policy "*Special Rates Benefited Area*" to meet the debt servicing cost of loans raised for each of the specially benefited areas.
- (B) For the 2001/2002 financial year Council makes a special charge to be levied on each parcel of rateable land to meet the debt servicing costs of these historic loans raised for each specifically benefited area as follows:

Benefited Area 1 0.25 cents in dollar  
Benefited Area 2 0.21 cents in dollar  
Benefited Area 4 0.91 cents in dollar

Carried

**Special Rural Fire Charge:**

Moved Cr Moss seconded Cr Trout that in accordance with Section 971 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Section 128A of the Fire and Rescue Authority Act 1990.

- (A) The Council is of the opinion that each parcel of rateable land defined in the schedule contained in Council's General Rate Policy "Special Rural Fire Charge - Benefited Area" will specially benefit to the same extent from the purchase and maintenance of equipment by each defined Rural Fire Brigades in the current or future financial years because each such parcel is within the area for which the brigade is in charge of fire fighting and fire prevention under the Fire and Rescue Authority Act 1990.
- (B) For the 2001/2002 financial year Council makes a special charge to be levied on each parcel of rateable land for the purpose of raising revenue for each defined Rural Fire Brigade to assist them with the purchase and maintenance of equipment in the current and future financial years as follows:

Malar Booie Rural Fire Brigade Benefited Area	\$30.00 pa
Stuart River Rural Fire Brigade Benefited Area	\$30.00 pa
Dangore Rural Fire Brigade Benefited Area	\$25.00 pa

Carried

**Special Charge - Swickers**

Moved Cr Shaw seconded Cr Lehmann that in accordance with Section 971 of the Local Government Act 1993

- (A) The Council is of the opinion that land owned by Swickers Kingaroy Bacon Factory Pty Ltd and identified in Council's General Rate Policy "*Special Charge - Swickers*" will specially benefit from the construction of a water main to provide sufficient flow to meet the requirements for fire safety installations installed in Swickers buildings.
- (B) Council makes a special charge of \$9,450.00 per annum for the financial year 2001/2002 to be levied on the parcels of rateable land owned by Swickers Kingaroy Bacon Factory Pty Ltd and defined in the Schedule contained in Council's General Rates Policy "*Special Charge - Swickers*" to repay the interest and redemption on the loan raised to construct the required water main.

Carried

**Special Environmental Levy:**

Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Dalton that in accordance with Section 972 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council makes a separate charge of \$20 per annum for the 2001/2002 financial year to be levied equally on all rateable properties within the Kingaroy Shire for the purpose of funding projects specifically for the protection of the environment and as outlined in Council's General Rate Policy "*Special Environmental Charge*".

Carried

**Sewerage Charges:**

Moved Cr Lehmann seconded Cr Dalton that in accordance with Section 973 of the Local Government Act 1993 and on the basis of the principles laid down in Council's General Rates Policy "*Bases and Principles of Sewerage and Cleansing Charges*", the following sewerage charges be levied for the year 2001/2002:-

- (A) In respect of all lands and premises which are connected with Council's Sewerage System:-
  - (i) A Sewerage charge of \$140 for the first water closet pedestal and \$93 for each additional water closet pedestal.
  - (ii) Each premise with garbage grinders installed - Hospitals \$22.15 per bed provided; Motels \$19.90 per pedestal connected; Private Residences \$25.70 per annum.
- (B) In respect of each allotment of vacant land:-
  - (i) A Sewerage charge of \$75.80 per allotment per annum.

Carried

**Refuse Charges:**

Moved Cr Shaw seconded Cr Campbell that in accordance with Section 973 of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis of the principles laid down in Council's General Rates Policy "*Bases and Principles of Sewerage and Cleansing Charges*" the following cleansing charges be levied for the year 2001/2002:

- (A) In respect of all lands and premises contained within the declared refuse areas of the Townships of Kingaroy, Crawford, Kumbia, Wooroolin, Memerambi, Taabinga and Kingaroy Heights Estate as defined in Council's General Rates Policy "*Declared Refuse Areas*" and in respect of all lands and premises outside the said "*Declared Refuse Areas*"
  - (i) A charge of \$70 for each standard domestic refuse service
  - (ii) A charge of \$109 for each 120 litre bin domestic refuse service
  - (iii) A charge of \$109 for each 240 litre bin domestic refuse service
- (B) In respect of all lands and premises where garbage and refuse are removed by a Commercial (Trade Waste) Collection Service:-
  - (i) A charge of \$150 for each 240 litre bin commercial refuse service.
  - (ii) A charge for each container larger than 240 litres:-
 

1.0m <sup>3</sup>	-	\$600
1.5m <sup>3</sup>	-	\$750
2.0m <sup>3</sup>	-	\$1,050
  - (iii) A charge of \$2,180 per annum for a special service to the Bunya Mountains.

Carried

**Utility Charges  
Water Supplies:**

Moved Cr Dalton seconded Cr Lehmann that in accordance with Section 973 of the Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with the "Bases and Principles of Water Utility Charges" adopted by the Council on 24th June, 1996 the charges set out hereunder, be levied in the year 2001/2002, provided that in accordance with Section 973 Subsection 7 of the Local Government Act the charge per kilolitre of water used (as measured) during the period 15 May, 2001 to 15 May, 2002 be based on the charges set out hereunder and that water used (as measured) during the period 15 May, 2002 to 15 September, 2002 be based on the charges made at the budget meeting for the 2002/2003 financial year.

(A) Kingaroy Water Supply:

(i) Base Levy	\$111.30
(ii) Charge per kilolitre	\$0.93

(B) Kumbia Water Supply:

(i) Base Levy	\$25.50
(ii) Charge per kilolitre	\$1.16

(C) Wooroolin Water Supply:

(i) Base Levy	\$100.70
(ii) Charge per kilolitre	\$1.50

Further that Council resolves under Section 973 Subsection (11) of the Local Government Act to measure and charge for water used at approximately four (4) monthly intervals on the 15 September 2001, 15 January 2002 and 15 May 2002.

Carried

**Consideration of  
Sundry Charges**

Moved Cr Shaw seconded Cr Trout that until otherwise decided by resolution of the Council the following Sundry Charges apply:-

**SALEYARDS:**

**Annual Licence Fee:**

Sale by Auction in Pig & Calf section - per annum	440.00
Consignment only in Pig & Calf section - per annum	275.00
Sale by Auction in Cattle section +22¢ per head of stock yarded	1,650.00
Consignment only in Cattle Section	990.00

**Yard Dues:**

Cattle - per head - Open Auction	2.20
Cattle - per head - Liveweight	3.20
Calves - per head	0.80
Pigs - per head	0.80
Cattle - per head - off loaded for trans-shipment	1.35

**Agents Fees:**

Cattle - per head - Liveweight (Agents to guarantee minimum \$220.00 per sale)	1.10
Cattle - per head- Stores Sales (Other than regular Combined Agents Sale Day)	0.10
Scale Fee - per head	0.35

**Holding Fees:**

Agents - holding of cattle in Coolabunia Saleyards per annum	745.00
Ordinary - Per Head per day - under 200kg	0.35
- Per Head per day - over 200kg	0.60
(To be charged from the second day onwards in respect of cattle held in the yards but not being sold through the yards)	

**Removal and Disposal of Dead Animal** 66.00

**Yard Cleaning Fee:**

Applicable to Pigs and Calves - per head	0.05
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**Vehicle Washing Fees:**

Utilities - ½ tonne and under	1.10
Trucks - over ½ tonne - under 1 tonne	1.35
Trucks - 1 tonne and under 2 tonne	1.65
Trucks - 2 tonne and over	2.75

**Dip Fees:**

Minimum fee	7.70
Cattle and horses - per head - Adult	1.00
Sheep, goats and deer - per head	0.85
Calves - per head - under 200kg liveweight	0.55

**Cattle Saleyards - Weighing Other than at Liveweight Sales:**

Per head weighed - this charge to alter automatically to be kept in line with the normal "per head" charge	3.00
Plus for the 1st Platform weighed	7.15
Plus \$1.00 for each additional Platform.	

**Conditions:**

At least 24 hours notice must be given at the Council Office except for late curfew cattle where only 12 hours notice is required;

The Saleyards Superintendent to have authority to decide in a particular case, whether or not it is possible to weigh the cattle concerned.

**Cattle Sold At Open Auction and Weighed on Completion of Sale:**

Per head weighed - this charge to alter automatically to be kept in line with the normal "per head" charge.	1.00
Plus for the 1st Platform weighed	7.15
Plus \$1.00 for each additional Platform.	

Carried

**Discount on Rates:**

Moved Cr Shaw seconded Cr Trout that in accordance with Section 1019 of the Local Government Act 1993 discount of 10.00 per centum per annum on rates and charges levied for the year 2001/2002 exclusive of the Special Charge - Swickers, Separate Charge - Environmental Levy and Water Usage Charges be allowed as follows:

- (A) For Ratepayers other than those approved under Council’s “Extended Discount Period for Approved Pensioners” Policy, provided that all such rates and charges levied on the property are paid at least thirty clear days from the issue of the relevant rate notice.
- (B) For Ratepayers approved under Council’s “*Extended Discount Period for Approved Pensioners*” Policy, provided that all such rates and charges levied on the property are paid before the last working day in January for the year following the date of issue of the relevant rate notice.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Confirmed before me this ..... day of ..... 2001.

**MAYOR**