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From the Mayor

I am pleased to inform you that the Livingstone Shire Council has officially adopted the 2024-25 budget, with a strong focus on financial stability for our community, while keeping our region moving forward.

The \$168.1 million budget has been carefully considered with a strong focus on achieving economic sustainability for all ratepayers.

We have closely examined the rating and water pricing structures to strike a balance between minimising financial impacts on our community and working towards a stronger and sustainable financial position.

The average residential property will see a combined increase of all rates and charges, including water access and consumption, of 3.26%, which equates to \$3.00 per week. It is important to note that this is an average, and variations will be experienced due to the differences in property valuations.

In a positive move, we have brought forward the transition to a two-tier water consumption charge by one year and increased the first-tier allocation from 30kL to 90kL, which is higher than the average household quarterly consumption. This means that a household consuming 90kL of water will pay \$119.70, which is \$3.00 cheaper than the price charged in 2023-24.

Our Council's debt is expected to reduce by \$6.172 million to \$42.371 million, with no new borrowings planned for 2024-25.

We are managing an operating deficit of \$0.174 million to keep rates and charges as low as possible, continuing our efforts to reduce the rating burden on ratepayers.

Additionally, following the Valuer-General's shire-wide valuation for 2024, which saw a 26% increase since 2022, we have reviewed our rating category valuation bandings to smooth out the volatile impacts of valuation changes.

Council is consistently facing rising costs for materials and services required to maintain and construct our extensive infrastructure network, which includes 700km of sealed roads, 760km of unsealed roads, 400km of storm water pipes, 82 bridges and major structures, and 342.5km of sewerage pipes.

To manage this, we must take responsible measures now to set our local community on a course for controlled growth, and to ensure Livingstone Shire remains a wonderful place to live, work and play for generations to come.

I want to extend my gratitude to all Councillors and Council Officers for their efforts and input into this budget. I also want to thank the Livingstone Shire community for their confidence and understanding as we navigate these financial challenges together.

Cr Adam Belot
Mayor



Budget snapshot



\$168.1 M
total budget



\$5.8 M
buildings & facilities



\$47.8 M
capital works program



\$3 M
land & site improvements



\$120.3 M
total operational budget



\$2.7 M
plant & equipment



\$15.5 M
grant funding from State & Commonwealth



\$2.2 M
water infrastructure



\$18.3 M
roads, drainage & bridges



\$2.2 M
land development



\$13.5 M
safe & reliable sewerage services



\$3 per week
average increase in combined residential rates & charges (including water)

2024-25 Adopted water consumption charges

Tier	Consumption	Charge
Residential Tier 1	Up to 90kL per quarter	\$1.33 per kiloLitre
Residential Tier 2	Over 90kL per quarter	\$3.11 per kiloLitre
Commercial	All usage	\$3.11

For more information on this year's budget please visit **Council's website**.



2024/25 key projects

Capital project highlights

Project	Investment
Great Keppel Island Rejuvenation	\$4.6 m
Yeppoon Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Stage 1 Demolition and amenities rebuild	\$3.8 m
The Gateway Industrial Precinct - new stages	\$2.2 m
New Yeppoon Landfill Cell	\$921,000
Artillery Rd Upgrade - externally funded	\$2.7 m
Normanby St Upgrade	\$2.11 m
Matthew Flinders Dr Pavement Upgrade	\$775,000
Etna Creek Rd Pavement Upgrade	\$800,000
Jabiru Dr Extension & landfill entrance upgrade	\$400,000
Wadallah Creek Culvert Crossing Completion	\$400,000
Blackspot and footpath upgrades at Farnborough Rd, Clayton Rd, Scenic Highway, Yeppoon State High and Primary Schools	\$2 m
Emu Park Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade Completion	\$4.6 m
Scenic Highway Gravity Main	\$255,000
Sewer Relining Project	\$500,000
Tanby Rd South Sewer Network Construction	\$2.1 m
Farnborough Sewerage Mains Upgrade Design	\$135,000
Inverness Reticulation Upgrade	\$195,000
Pacific Heights Booster Pumps	\$150,000
Roslyn Bay Water Infrastructure Upgrade	\$209,000
Replacement of aging water pipework - Brae St and Normanby St	\$320,000
Farnborough Water Main	\$650,000

Operational project highlights

- Capricorn Coast Water Supply Master Plan
- Lammermoor Beach Master Plan
- Sewer model for sewerage reticulation area
- Yeppoon East-West transport link feasibility study
- Local Laws Review
- Planning Scheme Review
- Local Government Infrastructure Plan Review
- Emu Park West Residential Subdivision - Stage Two
- Structure plan for South of Chandler Road and Kinka Beach
- New Safety Management System
- New Community (Corporate) Plan 2030
- Low Carbon Livingstone Strategy Review
- Capricorn Coast Region Events Strategy Review

Key Rating Information

Making and Levying of Rates

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012, the identifiers of rateable land within the boundaries of the Livingstone Shire Council area have been determined by Council and are set out in the General Rating Categories 2024-25 Schedule 1 in the Revenue Statement, which can be obtained from our website. Land use codes supplied by the Department of Resources are used to assist in determining the rating categories.

General Rate

This is determined using the property's rating category (refer to table on the reverse) which reflects the principal use of the land, in conjunction with the rateable value of the property. The minimum general rates have been set for each category in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Special Rates and Charges*

Special rates and charges are sometimes levied by Council to fund services or facilities that will especially benefit the owners of properties in a specific area. These are charged for a set number of years and revenue raised from these rates will only be used to fund the implementation program for the specific services, facilities or activities specified. Discount does not apply to these special charges.

Rural Fire Levy*

This is a special charge that Council collects on behalf of rural fire brigades to fund their services facilities and activities.

Emergency Management Levy*

This levy is applied to all Queensland properties to support fire and emergency services. The levy is a compulsory charge collected by Council on behalf of the State Government under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990.

Water Access

Water Access refers to the provision of water to a property. It also covers the costs of maintenance and operation of the water system including the water treatment plant and infrastructure.

Sewerage Charge

The charge of sewerage is set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of sewerage reticulation services provided by Council.



YOUR WASTE VOUCHERS

Access your ten annual waste vouchers effortlessly through the Livingstone Waste Wise app.

Waste vouchers are issued at the start of each financial year. Follow these steps to redeem yours:

- Visit the App Store to download the Livingstone Waste Wise App.
- Navigate to the voucher icon and follow the instructions.

Landlords, please pass eVouchers on to tenants for property upkeep. More info by [clicking here](#).

Waste and Recycling Charge

The domestic charge is based on the number of bins at the property. Commercial levy is charged per bin per collection.

Residential Waste Facility Charge

This annual charge is levied for the provision and access to waste management facilities, services and waste disposal vouchers.

Road Network Separate Charge*

The annual road network charge is levied in order to defray part of the cost of maintaining the road network within the region. This charge is levied equally to all rateable properties, including vacant land.

Natural Environment Separate Charge*

This annual charge is used to defray part of the cost of formulating and implementing initiatives for environmental protection, enhancement and conservation. This charge is levied equally to all rateable properties, including vacant land.

Disaster Response Separate Charge*

Assists in the support of the State Emergency Services including ongoing cost of maintenance for facilities and emergency equipment (vital for our volunteers to assist in the community), providing mitigation strategies based on hazards and risks from disasters in the Livingstone Shire area, as well as provide funding to recover from disaster events that impact our Shire. This charge will be levied equally on all rateable land within the Livingstone Shire Council area.

Objections

Owners of rateable land have the right to object to the category that their land is included in. All objections must be lodged on the approved form, which can be found on our website or obtained from Customer Service, within 30 days of the Rates Notice date of issue.

Time for payment

Rates and utility charges, including water consumption are due payable within 30 days of the issue of a notice to pay.

**Discount in accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 will not apply to this charge.*



OPT IN FOR E-NOTICES

Say goodbye to paper notices! Livingstone Shire property and animal owners can receive Rates, Water, and Animal correspondence electronically. Opt-in for a faster, more reliable, and eco-friendly service:

- Visit **Council's website** to complete a simple online form.
- Future notices will then be sent as an Adobe PDF to your nominated email address.

You'll still be sent a link to our quarterly Reach newsletter.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Council provides various options to help ratepayers meet their rating commitments:

- 20% remission (capped at \$300 per annum) for pensioner ratepayers, on all rates levied in respect of the property the person owns and occupies (excluding special rates/charges, water consumption, and QLD State Fire Levy).
- Varied levels of concessions to Non-Profit and Charitable Community Groups, including not-for-profit Sporting Bodies.
- Deferred payment arrangements with suspended interest.

General Rate Categories

No.	Category	Description	General	Minimum General Rate (\$)
L1	Mainland Commercial/ Light Industry <\$565,000	Lands on the mainland where the dominant use or intended use is commercial and light industrial purposes and the rateable valuation is \$565,000 or less.	1.9034	2,227
L1A	Mainland Commercial/ Light Industry >\$565,000	Lands on the mainland where the dominant use or intended use is commercial and light industrial purposes and the rateable valuation is greater than \$565,000.	1.9231	11,630
L2	Retail Warehouse, Business/ Shopping Complex or Outdoor Sales with a gross floor area 400m2-3,000m2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is a retail warehouse, business/shopping complex, or outdoor sales with a gross floor area greater than 400m2 and up to 3,000m2.	2.0788	5,476
L2A	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse with a gross floor area 3,001m2-10,000m2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is a retail warehouse, business/shopping complex, major shopping centre with onsite parking with a gross floor area of 3,001m2-10,000m2.	3.0650	37,212
L2B	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse with a gross floor >10,000m2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is a retail warehouse, business/shopping complex, major shopping centre with onsite parking and a gross floor area greater 10,000m2.	3.9269	268,506
L3	Heavy and Noxious Industry	Lands where the purpose of use or intended use is a fuel dump or storage and oil refinery, heavy or general industry, or industry which emanates offensive noise, odour and dust and includes abattoirs.	3.5388	8,769
L4	Island Commercial/ Industrial	Lands on the islands where the dominant use or intended use is commercial or light industrial.	2.0524	2,915
L5	Extractive >\$12,000	Lands where the purpose of use or intended use extracts minerals or other substances from the ground or other environments including related activities and the rateable valuation is greater than \$12,000 (including mining leases).	6.4950	8,866
L5A	Extractive < \$12,000	Lands where the purpose of use or intended use extracts minerals or other substances from the ground or other environments including related activities and the rateable valuation is \$12,000 or less (including mining leases).	6.0780	4,304
L6	Other Rural	Lands where the use or intended use is non-residential rural, agricultural or farming purposes.	0.7155	2,014
L6A	Beef Cattle Production 1	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is \$2,000,000 or less.	0.7291	2,014
L6B	Beef Cattle Production 2	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is between \$2,000,001 and \$5,000,000.	0.6439	18,705
L6C	Beef Cattle Production 3	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is between \$5,000,001 and \$10,000,000	0.6631	34,100
L6D	Beef Cattle Production 4	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is greater than \$10,000,000.	0.6530	74,088
L7	Child Care	All lands used predominantly for the provision of childcare services.	1.9034	2,227
L8	Major Tourism / Accommodation Facilities	All lands where the dominant purpose for which it is used or intended for use is that of Accommodation – Tourist Facilities and the land: a) is used or intended for use commercially for that purpose; and b) is greater than 5ha. in area; and c) has or is intended to have accommodation capacity greater than 100 rooms.	2.0389	178,793
L9	Residential 1	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is \$210,000 or less (excl. lands in any other category).	1.1245	1,300
L10	Residential 2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is between \$210,001 and \$420,000 (excl. lands in any other category).	0.9248	2,290
L11	Residential 3	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is between \$420,001 and \$915,000 (excl. lands in any other category).	0.8092	3,712
L12	Residential 4 / Single Residential Dwellings only	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is single residential dwellings and the land has a rateable valuation of more than \$915,000.	0.7252	6,802
L15	Large Residential 1	Lands, used or intended for use for residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is \$210,000 or less: a) Having an area of 4000m2 or greater; or b) Having an area of less than 4000m2 but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m2 or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	1.0981	1,480
L16	Large Residential 2	Lands, used or intended for use for residential purposes, with a rateable valuation that is between \$210,001 and \$420,000: a) Having an area of 4000m2 or greater; or b) Having an area of less than 4000m2 but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m2 or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	0.8468	2,490
L17	Large Residential 3	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, with a rateable valuation that is between \$420,001 and \$915,000: a) Having an area of 4000m2 or greater; or b) Having an area of less than 4000m2 but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m2 or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	0.7775	3,800
L18	Large Residential 4 / Single Residential Dwellings only	Lands, used or intended for use for single residential dwellings, with a rateable valuation more than \$915,000: a) Having an area of 4000m2 or greater; or b) Having an area of less than 4000m2 but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m2 or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	0.7030	7,002
L21.1	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential <10 Dwellings 1	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are less than 10 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and a) The dominant use or intended use is residential purposes; and b) Rateable valuation of \$255,000 or less (excl. lands in any other category).	1.3269	1,950
L21.2	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential <10 Dwellings 2	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are less than 10 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and a) The dominant use or intended use is residential purposes; and b) Rateable valuation is greater than \$255,000 (excl. lands in any other category).	1.0913	3,435
L21A	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential 10-14 Dwellings	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 10 to 14 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.3494	13,000
L21B	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential 15-19 Dwellings	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 15 to 19 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.4056	19,500
L21C	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential 20-49 Dwellings	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 20 to 49 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.4619	26,000

No.	Category	Description	General	Minimum General Rate (\$)
L21D	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential 50-99 Dwellings	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 50 to 99 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.5181	65,000
L21E	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential 100-149 Dwellings	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 100 to 149 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.5743	130,000
L21F	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential 150-199 Dwellings	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 150 to 199 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.6305	195,000
L21G	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential 200-249 Dwellings	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 200 to 249 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.6868	260,000
L21H	Multi Residential Non-Strata Residential >250 Dwellings	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 250 or more self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.7430	325,000
L22	Strata Commercial/Industrial	Lands that are part of a community title scheme, and the dominant use or intended use is commercial or industrial purposes.	2.2928	2,227
L23	Strata Residential >500m2	All land in a community title scheme where the dominant use or intended use is for residential purposes, and the individual lot size is greater than 500m2.	1.2932	2,290
L23A	Strata Residential <500m2	All land in a community title scheme where the dominant use or intended use is for residential purposes, and the individual lot size is 500m2 or less.	1.3494	1,480
L24	Vacant Land >\$915,000	Vacant land where the valuation is greater than \$915,000.	2.2490	24,800
L26	Special Uses	Lands on the mainland where the dominant use is non-commercial in nature and the land is used or intended to be used for social and community welfare, defence or education purposes.	1.2989	5,248
L27	Other	All lands not included elsewhere. Including but not limited to Transformers, Stratum, Reservoirs, Dams and Bores.	1.9328	2,240
L28	Reservoir/Pump Site	Lands where the valuation is \$10,000 or less and used for the purpose of a Reservoir, Dam, Pump site, or Bores.	0.7231	1,252
L29	Service Stations 1	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is designed for; capable of; or being used for the storage, wholesale, or retail of petroleum products including gas; and the valuation is \$750,000 or less.	2.0908	2,250
L29A	Service Stations 2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is designed for; capable of; or being used for the storage, wholesale, or retail of petroleum products including gas; and the valuation is greater than \$750,000.	1.8628	11,580
L30	Power Generation 1 (0-100MW)	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of 100 Megawatts or less (excluding transformers / substations)	2.9110	17,468
L30A	Power Generation 2 (101-200MW)	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of between 101 Megawatts and 200 Megawatts (excluding transformers / substations)	5.7082	40,757
L30B	Power Generation 3 (201MW+)	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity greater than 200 Megawatts (excluding transformers / substations)	8.5622	87,335

More information is available by viewing Council's Revenue Statement here.

Have your say

LOCAL LAWS REVIEW

Council is reviewing the current Local Laws, and proposing several improvements in the new draft Local Laws.

From permits, to pets, to driving on beaches - our Local Laws cover a wide range of activities that impact our community.

SURVEY NOW OPEN

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Feedback is open until 5pm, 11 September 2024

LIVINGSTONE HEALTH & Wellness EXPO

Join us for a **FREE** family friendly expo that brings together sports, fitness, health and wellness

14 September | 10am - 1pm
Beaman Park, Yeppoon