

The 2017/18 budget is currently on exhibition for a period of 28 days for public comment and submissions. Copies are available for viewing at the Council Chambers and the Library or online on our website.

Council has formulated a balanced budget in the estimates for 2017/18 through the application of revenue from rates and charges for the year, grants and reserves. Council has contained costs, allowing for a 2.7% staff salary increase required under the Local Government (State) Award.

What adjustments will there be to rates and charges?

Rates

Rates are to be increased in line with the limit set by the NSW Government of 1.5%. Bogan Shire had another general revaluation for the 2017/2018 rating year. However because a revaluation had only just occurred in 2016/2017 land values did not change significantly. The revaluation in 2017/2018 was due to legislation and the requirements for all Councils to align their revaluation years to apply the Fire & Emergency Services Levy. The Fire and Emergency Service Levy will show separately on rate notices for the 2017/18 year. This is a State Government levy, not a Council levy, and is being collected by Councils on the State Governments behalf.

Council acknowledges that rates are a significant expense for all our ratepayers however, this increase is necessary for us to continue to provide services to the community in a financially responsible manner. This helps ensure that we can continue to serve our local community as a Shire in our own right.

Waste and recycling charges

Waste collection and recycling charges are to be increased by approximately 10% to offset the increases in inflation and ongoing plant costs.

The waste depot charge is to be increased by approximately 10% to \$316 to pay for the additional plant costs, administration costs and longer opening hours of the Waste and Recycling depot.

Properties classified as farmland are to be levied a half Waste Depot Charge being an amount of \$158 per rateable assessment.

Water usage and access charges

Water charges have been budgeted to increase by 5% on both user and access charges for the 2017/18 rating year. Consumption charges will be \$1.97 per kilolitre and access charges for a standard 20mm access will be \$563. Water

charges did not increase in the 2016/2017 year.

Sewer charges

Sewer charges have been budgeted to not increased and will therefore remain at \$540 per residential house and \$415 per residential flat.

What projects will be done?

Council has recently completed two major projects - the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre and Bogan Shire Medical Centre.

In 2017/2018 Council has budgeted to continue upgrading playground equipment in our parks and for new footpaths and some beautification to Nymagee Street.

Council has budgeted to spend \$1.4 million on capital road works within the Shire. Included in the above amount is \$888,322 on the gravel re-sheeting of Unsealed Rural Roads and \$360,000 on the re-sealing of Local Roads.

In addition to this, Council plans to spend \$1.65 million on road maintenance works within the Shire, which includes our program of local road maintenance bitumen re-sealing of \$279,000 and around \$1,010,000 worth of gravel re-sheeting throughout the Shire. Construction of 1km of bitumen seal on Cockies Road is also planned.

Other significant allocations include the provision of a major development fund to ensure some money is available for projects such as upgrades to the Palais Theatre or Town Hall. Should grant funds become available for any of these projects Council would then be in a position to contribute to them – which is a requirement of most grants. Council is focusing on renewals and maintenance of existing assets in this years budget.

Council has budgeted to spend \$1,315,000 on renewing plant items, the major items being a new front end loader and grader at a nett cost of \$535,000. Keeping plant up-to-date is a necessary part of Councils annual budget program.

Council will spend \$7,869,000 on 700 mega litre Water Storage for the towns water security. This project is fully funded by the state government. In addition to this Council has budgeted to spend \$940,600 on renewal and upgrade of our water supply and sewerage assets in line with Council's commitment to our Strategic Business Plan.



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