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SHIRE COUNCIL

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## A Message from the Mayor

Livingstone Shire Council has officially adopted its 2023-24 budget with a focus on ensuring the long-term financial stability and viability of the region, while keeping rate increases under CPI. The \$161 million budget is focused on leveraging strong economic growth, maintaining community assets, providing high level of service while considering the rising cost of living for families.



Brisbane's CPI is currently sitting at 7.4% and the entire Council team has worked hard to deliver a responsible and measured budget, keeping ratepayers at the forefront of our decision-making. Despite the challenging economic environment, including a soaring consumer price index (CPI), we have managed to keep the average residential rate rise to 6.5% and the average commercial property and primary production rate rise to 4.5%. 99.86% of all rateable properties will pay an overall increase of 6% or less before the early payment discount applies.

This equates to an average weekly increase of \$6.57. It's important to remember that this is an average only and that individual rates notices increases will vary depending on a property's rating category as well as the land valuation, which is determined under the Land Valuation Act 2010.

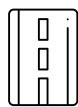
It is important to also note that 68% of all properties will pay an overall increase in rates between 4 - 6%. 71 rural properties will pay an overall increase in rates between 6 - 8%, and all other primary production properties will pay 6% or less.

It's vital to Council to bring relief in this budget for those really struggling and we have delivered a further 20% reduction to ratepayers on three separate charges, including the road network charge, natural environment charge and disaster response levy, as we continue to phase them out over 5 years.

Our 10% discount also remains for those ratepayers who pay their rates on time, along with 10 complimentary domestic waste vouchers. We have also provided close to a million dollars in rates rebates for pensioners, sporting, and not-for-profit organisations.

We understand the cost pressures each household is facing, and increasing rates is not a decision Council made lightly, but I assure everyone these decisions have been made after comprehensive discussions with the goal of providing the best outcome for our community, in the short term and long term.

## CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - \$51.1m



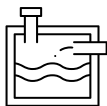
**\$15.6 MILLION**

**Investing in our transport network**



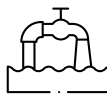
**\$3.9 MILLION**

**Investing in buildings and facilities**



**\$14.3 MILLION**

**Safe and reliable sewerage services**



**\$11.6 MILLION**

**Providing safe drinking water**



**\$0.8 MILLION**

**Investing in Land Development**



**\$3.3 MILLION**

**Plant and Equipment**

# 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 2023-24 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Rural Fire Levy\*

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

## 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.*

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No.	Category	Description	General Rate (cents in the \$ of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate (\$)
L1	Mainland Commercial/Light Industry <\$465,000	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is commercial and light industrial purposes and the rateable valuation is \$465,000 or less.	2.1942	2,021
L1A	Mainland Commercial/Light Industry >\$465,000	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is commercial and light industrial purposes and the rateable valuation is greater than \$465,000.	2.2938	10,303
L2	Retail Warehouse, Business/Shopping Complex, or Outdoor Sales with a gross floor area of 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 less than 3,000m2.	2.6193	5,002
L2A	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse with a floor area of 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.	3.0789	33,480
L2B	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse with a floor area greater than 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.	3.7403	257,686
L3	Heavy and Noxious Industry	Lands on the mainland 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.	3.9918	4,667
L4	Island Commercial / Industrial	Lands on the islands where the dominant use or intended use is commercial or light industrial.	1.9325	2,712
L5	Extractive >\$12,000	Lands on the mainland 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).	7.4501	8,344
L5A	Extractive <\$12,000	Lands on the mainland 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).	7.0020	4,000
L6	Other Rural	Lands where the use or intended use is non-residential rural, agricultural or farming purposes.	0.9747	2,026
L6A	Beef Cattle Production 1	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is \$1,600,000 or less.	0.9747	2,026
L6B	Beef Cattle Production 2	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is greater than \$1,600,000.	0.9036	18,705
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.	2.8053	171,820
L9	Residential 1	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is \$155,000 or less (excl. lands in any other category).	1.2715	1,105
L10	Residential 2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is between \$155,001 and \$300,000 (excl. lands in any other category).	1.0827	2,021
L11	Residential 3	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is between \$300,001 and \$700,000 (excl. lands in any other category).	0.8867	3,443
L12	Residential 4	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is single residential dwellings and the land has a rateable valuation more than \$700,000.	0.7040	6,207
L15	Large Residential 1	Lands, used or intended for use for residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is \$155,000 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).	1.4005	1,286
L16	Large Residential 2	Lands, used or intended for use for residential purposes, with a rateable valuation that is between \$155,001 and \$300,000: 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).	1.0787	2,271
L17	Large Residential 3	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, with a rateable valuation that is between \$300,001 and \$700,000: 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).	0.9933	3,645
L18	Large Residential 4 /Single Residential Dwellings only	Lands, used or intended for use for single residential dwellings, with a rateable valuation more than \$700,000: - 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).	0.7716	7,057
L21	Flats Non-Strata Residential <10 Residences	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are less than 10 self-contained dwellings (including flats, studios, cabins, dwellings or secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.4009	1,231
L21A	Flats Non-Strata Residential 10-14 Residences	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 10 to 14 self-contained dwellings (including flats, studios, cabins, dwellings or secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.4009	11,050
L21B	Flats Non-Strata Residential 15-19 Residences	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there are 15 to 19 self-contained dwellings (including flats, studios, cabins, dwellings or secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.4009	16,575
L21C	Flats Non-Strata Residential >=20 Residences	Lands used for residential purposes, on which there is greater than or equal to 20 self-contained dwellings (including flats, studios, cabins, dwellings or secondary dwellings), and the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes (excl. lands in any other category).	1.4009	22,100
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.	2.6493	2,021
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.	1.4009	1,984
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.	1.4009	1,316
L24	Vacant land >\$700,000	Vacant land where the valuation is greater than \$700,000.	2.9894	1,862
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.	1.6261	1,862
L27	Other	All lands not included elsewhere. Including but not limited to Transformers, Stratum, and Reservoirs, Dams and Bores.	2.0524	1,862
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.	2.0524	963

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## Accessible Beach - Emu Park

Did you know that Emu Park Main Beach is an accessible beach?

Council supports the opportunity for all to enjoy Livingstone's beautiful beaches by providing a Sandcruiser Beach Wheelchair, as well as improved transition onto the beach through the use of a ramp and the Mobi-mat beach matting system.

The precinct is also equipped with inclusive facilities, including amenities for individuals with disabilities, designated parking spaces, barbecue areas, and accessible pathways.

There is no need to book in advance, just ask the friendly lifeguards at Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club or staff at The Honey Bee Collective! To avoid disappointment, please check their operating times prior to visiting.



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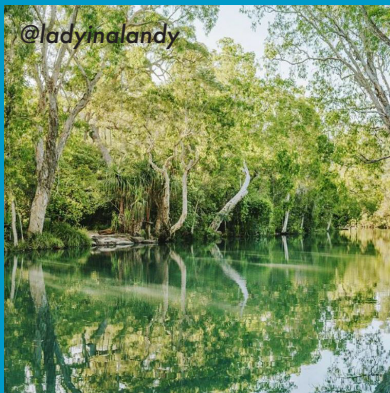
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5:30PM   BAND COMP WINNER	1PM   VIPERSNATCH
6PM   CHILLI PEACH	2PM   RUBY COME BACK
7PM   BIG TREBLE	3PM   MASTERS MAYHEM
8PM   ZAC CROSS BAND	4PM   RAINING ROSES
9:15PM INXSIVE + ENCORE	5PM   DENVAH
10:45PM   DJ SARGE	6PM   KATE MAHOOD
	7PM   THE SHORT FALL
	8PM   CHRIS BAX BAND
	9:30PM PIERCE BROTHERS
	10:30PM   DJ SARGE

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