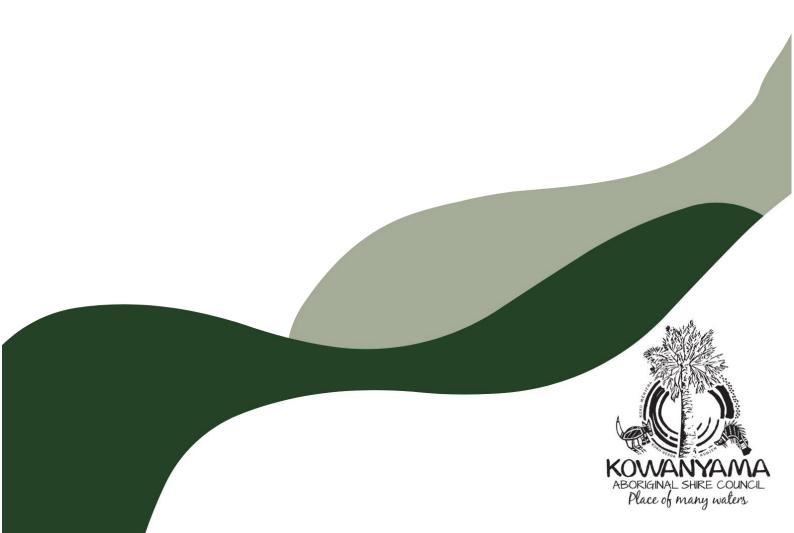


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# BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Statement of Income and Expenditure For the year ended 30 June 2025

·		Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27
	Note	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Income				
Net rates and utility charges	1	610	628	638
Total Rates and Utilitiy Charges		610	628	638
Fees and charges		489	503	511
Operating grants and subsidies	2 12,5 2,0		12,691	12,881
Rental Income		2,056	2,118	2,150
Interest revenue		494	509	516
Works for third parties		8,413	8,666	8,796
Other revenue		2,034	2,095	2,127
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>		26,418	27,210	27,618
Expenditure				
Employee expenses		11,328	11,668	11,843
Materials and services		12,637	13,016	13,211
Depreciation expenses	3	10,078	10,179	10,077
Finance and borrowing costs	4	46	47	48
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		34,089	34,910	35,179
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		(7,671)	(7,699)	(7,560)
Capital Income				
Capital grants and subsidies	2	17,641	17,994	17,634
Profit/(Loss) on sale of asset		<u>-</u>	-	<del>-</del> _
		17,641	17,994	17,634
Net Result		9,970	10,295	10,074

## KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2025

	Budget 2024/25 \$ '000	Budget 2025/26 \$ '000	Budget 2026/27 \$ '000
Current Assets			
Cash assets	20,229	21,909	22,830
Receivables	870	887	865
Inventories	650	663	646
Contract Assets	1,100	1,075	1,043
Lease Receivables	186	167	151
Non-Current Assets	23,035	24,702	25,535
Receivables	18	43	42
Lease Receivables	6,956	6,260	5,634
Property, plant and equipment	170,384	172,088	174,669
Capital works in progress	14,319	14,534	14,752
	191,676	192,925	195,097
TOTAL ASSETS	214,711	217,626	220,632
Current Liabilities			
Payables	940	959	940
Interest bearing liabilities	180	185	190
Lease Liablities	88	89	91
Provisions	857	866	857
	2,065	2,099	2,078
Non-Current Liabilities			
Interest bearing liabilities	957	808	655
Lease Liablities	551	473	392
Provisions	2,778	2,750	2,723
	4,286	4,031	3,770
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,351	6,131	5,848
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS	208,360	211,496	214,784
Community Equity			
Asset Revaluation Surplus	109,174	114,286	119,448
Retained surplus	99,186	97,210	95,336
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	208,360	211,496	214,784

# KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Budget	Budget	Budget
	Budget 2024/25 2025/26 \$ '000 \$ '000 25,924 26,702 (23,965) (24,684) 494 509 (46) (47) 2,407 2,479 (18,066) (18,519) 17,641 17,994 	2026/27	
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers	25,924	26,702	27,102
Payments to suppliers and employees	(23,965)	(24,684)	(25,057)
Interest received	494	509	516
Borrowing costs	(46)	(47)	(48)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	2,407	2,479	2,513
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(18,066)	(18,519)	(18,945)
Subsidies and contributions for new capital	17,641	17,994	17,634
Proceeds from sale of property, plant			
and equipment	-	-	-
Net cash (outflow) from investing activities	(425)	(525)	(1,311)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	(180)	(185)	(190)
Repayment of finance leases	(88)	(89)	(91)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	(268)	(274)	(281)
Net increase in cash held	1,714	1,680	921
Cash at beginning of reporting period	18,515	20,229	21,909
Cash at end of reporting period	20,229	21,909	22,830

# KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Budget 2024/25 \$ '000	Budget 2025/26 \$ '000	Budget 2026/27 \$ '000
Balance at beginning of period	201,791	218,065	230,902
Increase/Decrease in asset revaluation surplus	6,303	2,543	(16,632)
Net result for the period	9,970	10,295	10,074
Balance at end of period	218,065	230,902	224,343

### **KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the year ended 30 June 2025

		Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27
		\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
1	Rates and Utility Charges			
	Operating income			
	General rates	610	628	638
	Net rates and utility charges	610	628	638
	Percentage Change in Rates, levies and charges	3.60%	3.00%	1.50%
	Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations			
	(i) Recurrent - government grants and subsidies, and other contributions are analysed as follows.			
	General purpose grants	7,215	7,431	7,654
	Government subsidies and grants	5,106	5,259	5,227
	Total recurrent revenue	12,321	12,691	12,881
	(ii) Capital - government grants and subsidies, other contributions and donations are analysed as follows.			
	Government subsidies and grants	17,641	17,994	17,634
	Total capital revenue	17,641	17,994	17,634
3	Depreciation of non-current assets			
	Buildings	1,822	1,831	1,849
	Residential Housing	4,118	4,139	4,180
	Plant and equipment	146	147	148
	Motor Vehicles	517	520	525
	Road, drainage and bridge network	2,539	2,551	2,577
	Water	291	292	295
	Sewerage	340	341	345
	Other infrastructure assets	305	307	310
		10,078	10,128	10,229
4	Finance and Borrowing costs			
	Finance costs	40	41	42
	Bank charges	6	6	6
		46	47	48

# 2. 2024/25 LONG TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

### KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Statement of Income and Expenditure For the year ended 30 June 2025

·	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Budget 2027/28	Budget 2028/29	Budget 2029/30	Budget 2030/31	Budget 2031/32	Budget 2032/33	Budget 2033/34
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Income										
	610	628	638	647	657	667	677	687	697	708
Net rates and utility charges	610	628	638	647	657	667	677	687	697	708
Fees and charges	489	503	511	519	526	534	542	551	559	567
Operating grants and subsidies	12,321	12,691	12,881	13,074	13,270	13,469	13,671	13,876	14,085	14,296
Rental Income	2,056	2,118	2,150	2,182	2,215	2,248	2,281	2,316	2,350	2,386
Interest revenue	494	509	516	524	532	540	548	556	565	573
Works for third parties	8,413	8,666	8,796	8,928	9,062	9,198	9,336	9,476	9,618	9,762
Other revenue	2,034	2,095	2,127	2,159	2,191	2,224	2,257	2,291	2,326	2,361
Total Operating Revenue	26,418	27,210	27,618	28,033	28,453	28,880	29,313	29,753	30,199	30,652
Expenditure										
Employee expenses	11,328	11,668	11,843	12,020	12,201	12,384	12,569	12,758	12,949	13,144
Materials and services	12,637	13,016	13,211	13,409	13,611	13,815	14,022	14,232	14,446	14,663
Depreciation expenses	10,078	10,179	10,077	9,875	10,023	10,174	10,326	10,481	10,638	10,798
Finance and borrowing costs	46	47	48	49	50	50	51	52	53	53
Total Operating Expenses	34,089	34,910	35,179	35,354	35,884	36,423	36,969	37,523	38,086	38,658
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,671)	(7,699)	(7,560)	(7,321)	(7,431)	(7,542)	(7,656)	(7,770)	(7,887)	(8,005)
Capital Income										
Capital grants and subsidies	17,641	17,994	17,634	17,899	18,167	18,440	18,716	18,997	19,282	19,571
Profit/(Loss) on sale of asset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	17,641	17,994	17,634	17,899	18,167	18,440	18,716	18,997	19,282	19,571
Net Result	9,970	10,295	10,074	10,578	10,736	10,897	11,061	11,227	11,395	11,566

### KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2025

	Budget 2024/25 \$ '000	Budget 2025/26 \$ '000	Budget 2026/27 \$ '000	Budget 2027/28 \$ '000	Budget 2028/29 \$ '000	Budget 2029/30 \$ '000	Budget 2030/31 \$ '000	Budget 2031/32 \$ '000	Budget 2032/33 \$ '000	Budget 2033/34 \$ '000
Current Assets										
Cash assets	20,229	21,909	22,830	23,570	24,119	24,468	24,609	24,752	24,675	24,369
Receivables	870	887	865	883	856	847	864	882	860	868
Inventories	650	663	646	659	640	652	665	649	662	668
Contract Assets	1,100	1,075	1,043	1,303	1,303	1,303	1,303	1,303	1,303	1,303
Lease Receivables	186	167	151	136	122	110	99	89	80	72
No. 6 and American	21,749	23,459	24,342	25,112	25,615	25,968	26,139	26,282	26,196	25,905
Non-Current Assets	40									
Receivables	18	43	42	41	39	37	35	36	33	31
Lease Receivables	6,956	6,260	5,634	5,071	4,564	4,107	3,696	3,327	2,994	2,695
Property, plant and equipment	170,384	172,088	174,669	177,289	179,949	181,748	183,565	185,401	187,255	189,128
Capital works in progress	14,319	14,534	14,752	14,973	15,198	15,426	15,657	15,892	16,130	16,372
	191,676	192,925	195,097	197,374	199,749	201,318	202,954	204,656	206,413	208,226
TOTAL ASSETS	213,425	216,384	219,439	222,486	225,364	227,286	229,093	230,938	232,609	234,131
Current Liabilities										
Payables	940	959	940	931	945	949	940	931	940	954
Interest bearing liabilities	180	185	190	196	201	207	213	-	-	-
Lease Liablities	88	89	91	92	93	95	96	98	99	101
Provisions	857	866	857	848	840	857	874	865	856	848
	2,065	2,099	2,078	2,067	2,079	2,108	2,123	1,893	1,895	1,902
Non-Current Liabilities										
Interest bearing liabilities	957	808	655	498	337	171	-	-	-	-
Lease Liablities	551	473	392	307	220	130	36	650	564	474
Provisions	2,778	2,750	2,723	2,696	2,750	2,805	2,777	2,749	2,721	2,668
	4,286	4,031	3,770	3,501	3,306	3,105	2,812	3,399	3,285	3,142
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,351	6,131	5,848	5,568	5,386	5,213	4,935	5,292	5,181	5,045
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS	207,074	210,253	213,591	216,918	219,978	222,073	224,158	225,646	227,428	229,086
Community Equity										
Asset Revaluation Surplus	109,174	114,286	119,448	124,688	130,007	135,406	140,858	146,365	151,927	157,545
Retained surplus	99,186	97,210	95,336	218,357	221,404	223,487	225,560	227,038	228,812	230,462
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	207,074	210,253	213,591	218,357	221,404	223,487	225,560	227,038	228,812	230,462

### KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Budget 2024/25 \$ '000	Budget 2025/26 \$ '000	Budget 2026/27 \$ '000	Budget 2027/28 \$ '000	Budget 2028/29 \$ '000	Budget 2029/30 \$ '000	Budget 2030/31 \$ '000	Budget 2031/32 \$ '000	Budget 2032/33 \$ '000	Budget 2033/34 \$ '000
Cash flows from operating activities										
Receipts from customers	25,924	26,702	27,102	27,509	27,921	28,340	28,765	29,197	29,635	30,079
Payments to suppliers and employees	(23,965)	(24,684)	(25,057)	(25,430)	(25,811)	(26,198)	(26,591)	(26,990)	(27,395)	(27,806)
Interest received	494	509	516	524	532	540	548	556	565	573
Borrowing costs	(46)	(47)	(48)	(49)	(50)	(50)	(51)	(52)	(53)	(53)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	2,407	2,479	2,513	2,554	2,592	2,631	2,671	2,711	2,751	2,793
Cash flows from investing activities										
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(18,066)	(18,519)	(18,945)	(19,425)	(19,916)	(20,420)	(20,937)	(21,468)	(22,011)	(22,569)
Subsidies and contributions for new capital	17,641	17,994	17,634	17,899	18,167	18,440	18,716	18,997	19,282	19,571
Proceeds from sale of property, plant										
and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash (outflow) from investing activities	(425)	(525)	(1,311)	(1,526)	(1,749)	(1,981)	(2,221)	(2,470)	(2,729)	(2,998)
Cash flows from financing activities										
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	(180)	(185)	(190)	(196)	(201)	(207)	(213)	-	-	-
Repayment of finance leases	(88)	(89)	(91)	(92)	(93)	(95)	(96)	(98)	(99)	(101)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	(268)	(274)	(281)	(288)	(295)	(302)	(309)	(98)	(99)	(101)
Net increase in cash held	1,714	1,680	921	740	549	349	141	143	(77)	(306)
Cash at beginning of reporting period	18,515	20,229	21,909	22,830	23,570	24,119	24,468	24,609	24,752	24,675
Cash at end of reporting period	20,229	21,909	22,830	23,570	24,119	24,468	24,609	24,752	24,675	24,369

### KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
Balance at beginning of period	201,791	218,065	230,902	224,343	218,067	211,263	203,493	195,712	187,333	179,247
Increase/Decrease in asset revaluation surplus Net result for the period	6,303	2,543	(16,632)	(16,854)	(17,541)	(18,667)	(18,842)	(19,606)	(19,481)	(19,777)
	9,970	10,295	10,074	10,578	10,737	10,898	11,061	11,227	11,395	11,566
Balance at end of period	218,065	230,902	224,343	218,067	211,263	203,493	195,712	187,333	179,247	171,036



# Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

# Revenue Statement



Policy Number: KASC-STAT-006

Responsible Manager: Executive Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Legislation: Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Approval Date: 10 July 2024

- 1. Introduction
- 1.1. This Revenue Statement has been prepared in accordance with section 104 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 169 and 172 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.
- 1.2. This statement outlines and explains the revenue raising measures adopted by the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council in the preparation of its Budget for the 2024-2025 financial year.
- 1.3. It is not intended that this Revenue Statement reproduce all related policies and reference documents. Related policies and reference documents will be referred to where appropriate and will take precedence should clarification be required.
- 2. Terms and Definitions
- 2.1. In this policy:

Council Means Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

- 3. Acronyms and Abbreviations
- 3.1. In this policy:

KASC: Means Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

### 4. Legislative Requirements

4.1. Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2009 requires that a local government must comply with the requirements prescribed under a regulation regarding the financial management documents which includes an annual budget and a revenue statement.

- 4.2. Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires that a local government must prepare a revenue statement each financial year. Section 172(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires that a revenue statement must state the following:
  - a. If the local government levies differential general rates:
    - i. The rating categories for rateable land in the local government area; and
    - ii. A description of each rating category; and
  - b. If the local government levies special rates or charges for a joint government activity-a summary of the terms of the joint government activity; and
  - c. If the local government fixes a cost-recovery fee-the criteria used to decide the amount of the cost-recovery fee; and
  - d. If the local government conducts a business activity on a commercial basis the criteria used to decide the amount of the charges for the activity's goods and services.
- 4.3. Section 172(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires that the revenue statement for a financial year must include the following information for the financial year:
  - a. An outline and explanation of the measures that the local government has adopted for raising revenue, including an outline and explanation of:
    - iii. The rates and charges to be levied in the financial year; and
    - iv. The concessions for rates and charges to be granted in the financial year;
  - b. Whether the local government has made a resolution limiting an increase of rates and charges.

### Revenue Raising Measures

The principal revenue raising measures adopted by the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council for the - 2024-2025 financial year are:

### 5.1. General Rates

Council does not presently have the ability to apply general rates, due to there being no rateable land capable of being subject to such a charge.

5.1.1. Limitation on Increase in Rates and Charges:

As stated in paragraph 4(b) above, Council does not have the ability to levy general rates. As a consequence, Council will not be passing any resolution pursuant to section 116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to limit any increase of general rates or charges.

### 5.2. General Levy

Council will charge general levy to support local government infrastructure and operations as identified in Council's "Fees and Charges Schedule" and "Commercial Charges Schedule".

### 5.3. Utility Charge (in Lieu of Rent)

Council will charge a "Utility Charge in Lieu of rent" for all residential properties that are not charged a rental payment from Council,

or the Department of Housing and Public Works as identified in "Fees and Charges Schedule" and "Commercial Charges Schedule".

### 5.4. Utility Charges

Utility charges are made and levied for the supply of sewerage, water, and garbage services. Utility charges are levied to all land within Kowanyama, irrespective of whether the land is vacant or occupied, and whether or not it is rateable land.

Full details of the utility charges to be levied are available in "Fees and Charges Schedule" and "Commercial Charges Schedule".

In setting its utility charges for water, sewerage and waste management, Council maintains a user pays policy whereby the full costs of providing such services are paid by the users of those.

In accordance with section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council has resolved to raise and levy the following utility charges:-

### 5.5. Sewerage Utility Charges

Sewerage utility charges are levied in respect of all land where Council deems that sewerage reticulation can be provided to such land to cover the costs of operation, maintenance and capital expenditure associated with the sewerage system.

In respect of improvements erected during the year, sewerage charges shall be levied proportionally for the unexpired part of the year from the date Council determines the improvement is ready for occupation.

In circumstances where dwellings are built over the boundary line of two or more parcels and the ratepayer proves that this is the case, Council shall levy one sewerage access charge as if it were one parcel. In the situation that Council is currently charging one access charge for two parcels with a dwelling built over the boundary line, there will be no need for the ratepayer to provide further proof.

For those properties that share both residential and non-residential structures, the premises shall be considered mixed use premises attracting both unit and charge per unit factors for each type of structure.

The following sewerage charges will be levied on properties within the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council local government area per pedestal:

- Residential Dwelling \$1,473.10 and
- Non-Residential \$4,656.80.

Full details of the sewerage utility charges to be levied are available in the "Fees and Charges Schedule" and "Commercial Charges Schedule".

### 5.6. Garbage Collection Utility Charge

Garbage Collection Utility Charges for land or structures where Council deems that a service will be supplied for each structure, residence, flat, strata title unit, will be charged per annum:

- Residential Dwelling \$354.00; and
- Non-Residential \$1,324.60.

Full details of the garbage collection utility charges to be levied are available in the "Fees and Charges Schedule" and "Commercial Charges Schedule".

The service will be supplied to premises in the waste area which is defined as an area in which Council or Council's contractors provide a solid waste collection service.

In respect of improvements erected during the year, waste collection utility charges shall be levied proportionally for the unexpired part of the year from the date council determines the improvement is ready for occupation.

### 5.7. Water Utility Charges

Water utility charges are levied for land where Council deems that water can be supplied from the reticulated system and are to be levied irrespective of whether the land is vacant or occupied, and whether or not it is rateable land.

Council will levy utility charges for supplying water services on a two-part tariff system comprising of:

- a. Annual Service Charge to cover Council's fixed costs in supplying water to the Water Areas (i.e. the costs which do not vary with the amount of water reticulated including interest and redemption charges incurred by Council) and taking into account asset upgrades, replacements and provision of future needs of the water infrastructure.; and
- b. Commercial/Industrial Water Usage Charge for each kilolitre of water consumed in excess of 5,000 kilolitres, to cover Council's variable costs of operating, maintaining and managing the water supply system.

Council believes that it is equitable for all users and potential users to contribute to the costs of the water supply system by way of an access charge and consumption charge. The consumption charge for water consumed conforms to the "user pays" principle.

The Two-Tier Tariff Water Charges a Full details of the water utility charges to be levied are available in "Fees and Charges Schedule" and "Commercial Charges Schedule".

In circumstances where dwellings are built over the boundary line of two or more parcels and the ratepayer proves that this is the case, Council shall levy one water access charge as if it were one parcel. In the situation that Council is currently charging one access charge for two parcels with a dwelling built over the boundary line, there will be no need for the ratepayer to provide further proof.

In respect of improvements erected during the year, water charges shall be levied proportionally for the unexpired part of the year from the date council determines the improvement is ready for occupation. The tiered water usage charging system provides an incentive for water conservation.

### 5.7.1. Annual Service Charge

For the purposes of levying the Fixed Access Charge, each property will be assessed on the basis of location and whether it is used for residential, commercial or industrial purposes. Large commercial or industrial users are defined as those properties specifically identified as being high water consumers.

A residential access charge will be levied on each dwelling which in the case of flats or units, will be per each flat or unit.

The following water annual service charges will be levied on properties within the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council local government area per structure or unit/flat:

- Residential Dwelling \$1,473.10;
- Commercial \$4,656.80; and
- Industrial \$5,720.30.

Full details of the water annual service charges to be levied are available in the "Fees and Charges Schedule" and "Commercial Charges Schedule".

For those properties that share both residential and non-residential structures, the premises shall be considered mixed use premises attracting both residential, and non-residential or non-standard access charges for each type of structure.

### 5.7.2. Water Usage Charge

A water usage or consumption charge which covers the variable costs of supplying water to excessive water of over 5,000 kilolitres to ono-residential consumers (e.g., wages, chemicals, electricity, maintenance) with such charges to be on a two-tiered basis.

The following water usage charges will be levied on properties within the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council local government area per non-residential connection for each kilolitre in excess of 5,000 kilolitres is \$3.53 a kilolitre (excl GST).

Full details of the water annual service charges to be levied are available in the "Fees and Charges Schedule" and "Commercial Charges Schedule".

### 6. Cost-Recovery and Other Fees and Charges

Council's adopted fees and charges include a mixture of cost recovery and commercial user-pays fees. The cost-recovery (regulatory) charges are identified as such in Council's fees and charges schedule and have been determined with reference to the relevant legislation and where appropriate recover the cost of performing the function or service. Council's fees and charges register contains full details of fees and charged adopted by Council is available on council's website.

### 6.1. Criteria for Fixing of Cost Recovery Fees

Cost-recovery fees are fixed pursuant to Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009 and must not exceed the cost of providing the service for which the fee has been fixed. Such fees are therefore broadly based on the user pays principle (except where Council, at its discretion, decides to subsidise any fee or charge as a community service obligation) and take into account the following:

- a. The nature of the service provided by the Council and in respect of which the fee has been fixed e.g. issuing an approval, consent, license, registration or other authority, giving information kept under a Local Government Act 2009, seizing property or animals under a Local Government Act 2009; or performance of a function imposed on the Council under the Building Act 1975 or the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018.
- b. The amount of direct costs such as labour, plant and materials involved in the provision of the specific service for which the fee has been fixed e.g., the cost of labour and vehicle hire for annual inspection and licensing of food premises or the cost of stationery or electronic media for distribution of copies of Local Laws, Minutes, Budgets, Annual Financial Statements etc.
- c. The amount of general Council overheads consumed in the provision of the service for which the fee has been fixed e.g., office accommodation, electricity, IT facilities
- d. The hours during which the service is performed e.g., the seizure of animals outside of normal work hours (at night or on weekends).
- e. Whether the provision of the service involves the supply of an item e.g., a dog registration tag or dangerous dog collar, or the provision of sustenance e.g., feeding of impounded animals.

Full details of the Council's Fees and Charges to be levied are available in the "Fees and Charges Schedule" and "Commercial Charges Schedule".

Fees and Cost-recovery charges will be reviewed annually having regard to the criteria for fixing of cost-recovery charges specified elsewhere herein.

6.2. Application of Code of Competitive Conduct - Council Business Activities

Where an activity has been nominated as compliant with the code of competitive conduct, the principles of full cost pricing have been applied.

### 7. Other Revenue

### 7.1. Grants and Subsidies

Grants and subsidies paid by other levels of government towards Council's general operational costs e.g., Financial Assistance Grant, or for Specific Capital Projects.

### 7.2. Interest on Investment

Interest received from the investment of Council funds.

- 8. Time within which Rates and Charges must be Paid
- 8.1. All rates and charges must be paid by the date shown on the rate notice, which is a date that is at least thirty (30) days after the day the rate notice is issued.

### 9. Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

All Rates and Charges outstanding at the end of the discount period are deemed to be overdue rates and Council will apply interest at the rate of 8.00% per annum calculated on daily rests from the day after the Rates and Charges become overdue.

In accordance with section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

- a. For the 12 months ending 30 June 2024, Council will charge interest on overdue rates from the day which is 21 days after the day on which they became overdue and at the rate of 8.00% (or such other rate as may be determined pursuant to Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012) compounded on daily rests; and
- b. For the 12 months ending 30 June 2024, Council will charge interest in accordance with (a) above, in respect of overdue rates which are subject to an agreement with the property owner to pay regular instalments to avoid rate recovery action.

### 10. Refunds of Rates and Charges Payments

- 10.1. Council will only refund payments of rates and charges if the property has a credit balance. There will be no refunds of payments if the property has a debit balance.
- 10.2. Any Council errors/mistakes in levying rates or charges will only be back dated for the current financial year with a supplementary rate notice.

### 11. Collection of Outstanding Rates and Charges

11.1. Council requires payment of rates and charges within the specified period, and it is Council's policy to pursue the collection of outstanding rates and charges diligently but with due concern for the financial hardship faced by some members of the community.

11.2. To this end, Council has established administrative processes which allow for the payment of rates and charges by periodic payments and for the selection of various options (including legal action) for the recovery of debt, as set out in the attached Debt Recovery Policy.

### 12. Payment in Advance

- 12.1. Council accepts payments in advance. Interest is not payable on any credit balances held. Rates discount will apply in the event that the entire account has been paid in full by the discount due date.
- 13. Other Remission and Deferrals
- 13.1. Other remission requests, or rate deferral requests, will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- 14. Policy Review
- 14.1. The policy is to be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Framework.
- 14.2. Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council reserves the right to vary, replace, or terminate this policy from time to time.
- 15. Approval
- 15.1. This policy was duly authorised by Council on 10 July 2024 as Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council's Revenue Statement and shall hereby supersede any previous policies of the same intent.



# Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

# Revenue Policy



Policy Number: KASC-STAT-005

Responsible Manager: Executive Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Legislation: Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012 Sustainable Planning Act 2009

Planning Act 2016

Approval Date: 10 July 2024

- 1. Terms and Definitions
- 1.1. In this policy:

Council Means Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

- 2. Acronyms and Abbreviations
- 2.1. In this policy:

KASC: Means Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

- 3. Purpose of this Policy
- 3.1. The provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012 requires Council prepare and adopt this policy as part of Council's budget each year. The policy outlines the principles that Council will use for the development of Council's Budget.

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- 4. Policy Statement
- 4.1. This policy encompasses the principles to be used by Council for the:
  - a. making and levying of rates equivalent charges and utility charges
  - b. granting of concessions and rebates
  - c. recovery of overdue charges and fees
  - d. the establishment of cost-recovery methods
  - e. charging of developer infrastructure fees.
- 4.2. Council will ensure that the charges made contribute to the cost of its operations and that it is able to continue to provide services to the community at a level consistent with the growth and development of the area. In formulating this policy, Council has considered:
  - a. The interests of all people living in Council's local government area;
  - b. The efficient, effective, and proper management of Council's local government area; and
  - c. Planning for the future.
- 5. Principles for Making and Levying of Rates Equivalent Charges and Utility Charges
- 5.1. In the making of rates equivalent and utility charges the following principles will be applied:
  - a. Consider the level of revenue that can be achieved from direct user charges, grants and subsidies, contributions, and other sources
  - b. Consider the cost of maintaining existing facilities and necessary services and the need for additional facilities and services
  - c. Transparency in the making of rates equivalent and utility charges
  - d. Having in place a charging system that is simple and inexpensive to administer
  - e. Equity by taking account of the different levels of capacity to pay within the local community
  - f. Flexibility to take account of changes to the local economy
- 5.2. In levying rates equivalent and utility charges Council will apply the principles of:
  - a. Making clear what is the Council's and each ratepayer's responsibility is to the rating system
  - b. Timing any rates and charges to ensure a sustainable cash flow for the operation of Council and to spread the burden to the ratepayer over the financial year
  - c. Equity through flexible payment arrangements for ratepayers with a lower capacity to pay
- 5.3. Council may consider charging special and separate rates and charges where appropriate, to recover the costs associated with a particular service, project or facility that provides direct or additional benefit to the ratepayers or class of ratepayer.
- 6. Principles for Granting Concessions
- 6.1. In considering the application of concessions, Council will be guided by the following principles:
  - a. Ensuring the same treatment for residents and other customers who have similar circumstances
  - b. Ensuring transparency by clearly setting out the requirements necessary to receive concession
  - c. Ensuring flexibility to respond to local economic issues.
- 6.2. The predominant purpose of Granting concessions or rebates are to relieve economic hardship foe eligible not-for-profit community, recreation, and sporting groups. Council may grant concessions or rebates on a case-by-case basis if it is satisfied that any one or more of the other criteria in section 120(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 have been met.

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### 7. Principles for Recovering Overdue Charges and Fees

7.1. Council requires payment of charges and fees within the specified period, and it is Council's policy to pursue the collection of all outstanding charges and fees diligently but with due concern for financial hardship which may be faced by some members of the community.

- 7.2. Reminder notices will generally be issued within two weeks after the due date for payment. Council reserves the right to send the details of any residents and other customers that still have not paid their charges and/or fees after the due date to a Collection Agency to instigate recovery procedures unless an alternative arrangement have been made. Payment must be made within 30 days of the date of the notice.
- 7.3. In cases of financial hardship, Council may approve debt repayment arrangements for individual residents and other customers or, in instances such as natural disasters, for classes of residents and classes of other customers.
- 8. Principles for Cost-Recovery Fees
- 8.1. Council recognises the validity of maximising the use of appropriate user pay charges or cost recovery fees to reduce the burden on other funding sources. However, in setting its cost recovery fees, Council considers the need for such a fee not being more than the cost to Council of providing the service or taking the action to which, the fee applies.
- 9. Extent to Which Physical and Social Infrastructure Costs for a New Development are to be Funded by Charges for the Development
- 9.1. Council requires developers to pay reasonable and relevant contributions towards the cost of infrastructure required to support the development. In accordance with the provisions of the <u>Planning Act 2016</u> Infrastructure charges are required for roadworks, parks, drainage and water and sewerage head works where applicable.
- 10. Policy Review
- 10.1. The policy is to be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Framework.
- 10.2. Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council reserves the right to vary, replace, or terminate this policy from time to time.
- 11. Approval
- 11.1. This policy was duly authorised by Council on 10 July 2024 as Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council's Revenue Policy and shall hereby supersede any previous policies of the same intent.

# 5. MEASURES OF FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

### KOWANYAMA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Financial Sustainability Ratios For the year ended 30 June 2025

Туре	Measure	Target (Tier 8)	Forecast 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Budget 2027/28	Budget 2028/29	Budget 2029/30	Budget 2030/31	Budget 2031/32	Budget 2032/33	Budget 2033/34
Financial Capacity	Council Controlled Revenue	N/A	17%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%
	Population Growth	N/A	1,169	N/A									
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Contextual	-63%	-29%	-28%	-27%	-26%	-26%	-26%	-26%	-26%	-26%	-26%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	-6%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	7.9	N/A									
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	163%	191%	189%	188%	186%	188%	186%	190%	185%	179%	174%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	49%	52%	53%	53%	53%	54%	54%	55%	56%	57%	59%
	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	Commencing FY28	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to 3 times	0.96	0.40	0.33	0.27	0.21	0.14	0.08	0	0	0	0