

Adoption of Shire Plan and Declaration of Rates and Charges for 2013/14



MacDonnell Shire

Council advises that its adopted Shire Plan, including budget estimates for the 2013/14 financial year, is available from its Public Office on the corner of Bagot Street and South Terrace, Alice Springs or its website: www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 158 of the Local Government Act 2008, that the following rates and charges were declared by MacDonnell Shire Council at its Special Council Meeting held on 26 July 2013 in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

Rates

MacDonnell Shire Council (the "Council") makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act 2008 (the "Act")

1. Pursuant to Section 149 of the Act, the Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) method as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the shire area.

2. The Council intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$478,000 which will be raised by application of:

(a) Differential rates with differential minimum amounts being payable in application of each of those differential rates; or

(b) A fixed charge ("flat rate")

3. The council hereby declares the following rates:

(a) With respect to every allotment of rateable land owned by a Land Trust or Aboriginal Community living area association within the shire area that is used for residential purposes, a flat rate of \$723.25 for each allotment multiplied by:

(i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment; or

(ii) the number 1;

whichever is greater.

(b) With respect to every allotment of rateable land owned by a Land Trust or Aboriginal community living area association within the shire area that is used for commercial or business purposes, a flat rate of \$855.84 for each allotment multiplied by:

(i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment; or

(ii) the number 1;

whichever is greater.

(c) With respect to every allotment of conditionally rateable land within the shire area:

(i) A differential rate of 0.000689 multiplied by the assessed value of land held under a Pastoral Lease, with the minimum amount being payable in the application of the differential rate being \$344.49;

(ii) A differential rate of 0.00326 multiplied by the assessed value of land occupied under a Mining Tenement, being an active mining, extractive or petroleum lease, with the minimum amount being payable in the application of the differential rate being \$815.30.

(d) With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the shire area not otherwise described elsewhere in this declaration that is used for residential purposes, a flat rate of \$723.25 multiplied by:

(i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment; or

(ii) the number 1;

whichever is greater.

(e) With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the shire area not otherwise described elsewhere in this declaration that is used for commercial or business purposes, a flat rate of \$855.84 multiplied by:

(i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment; or

(ii) the number 1;

whichever is greater.

Charges

4. Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act, the Council declares the following charges in respect of the garbage collection services it provides for the benefit of all land within the following designated

communities within the shire area (except such land as Council from time to time determines to be exempt or excluded from the provision of such services or for which the Council has determined it is impractical to provide such services).

5. The designated communities within the shire area are Amoonguna, Areyonga, Docker River, Finke, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg, Imanpa, Kintore, Mt. Liebig, Papunya, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Wallace Rockhole.

6. For the purpose of paragraphs 7 (a):

- "residential dwelling" means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building on residential land and includes a unit within the meaning of Unit Titles Act.

- "residential land" means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling).

- "community tip" means a portion of land set aside in each of the Shires designated communities for rubbish disposal in trenches that is managed by the Shire"

7. The following charges are declared:

(a) A charge of \$650.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of the garbage collection service provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each residential dwelling within Amoonguna, Areyonga, Docker River, Finke, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg, Imanpa, Kintore, Mt. Liebig, Papunya, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Wallace Rockhole Communities.

(b) Other than a residential dwelling to which paragraph 7(a) applies, a charge of \$1,300 per annum for each allotment used for commercial, industrial or community use purposes in respect of the garbage collection service provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each such allotment within Amoonguna, Areyonga, Docker River, Finke, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg, Imanpa, Kintore, Mt. Liebig, Papunya, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Wallace Rockhole Communities.

8. Council intends to raise \$675,000 by these charges.

Payment of Rates and charges

9. That pursuant to section 161 of the Local Government Act 2008, Council determines that rates and charges for the year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 inclusive, shall be due and payable in two instalments on the following dates namely:

First instalment due Friday 4th October 2013

Second instalment due Friday 7th March 2014

(a) Payment of all or any remaining instalments may be made on or before the due date of the next instalment.

(b) Details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant rates notice under section 159 of the Act ("the Rates Notice").

(c) Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rate Notice.

(d) A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

Relevant Interest Rate

10. The Council fixes relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges in line with Section 162 of the Act at the rate of 17% per annum which is to be calculated on a daily basis.

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