



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

20th June 2005

GM3	2005/2006 FEES AND CHARGES
	FILE: A2-12 JCC

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the advertisement of the proposed 2005/2006 fees and charges with the Draft Management Plan.



As part of the Draft Management Plan, the proposed "2005/2006 Fees and Charges" document was exhibited and comments were sought regarding those fees and charges.

As at the date of adoption of the Draft Management Plan (including Fees and Charges), advice on the maximum allowable Interest Charge on Overdue Rates had not been received from the Department of Local Government. That information has now been received with the allowable maximum charge remaining at 9.00%. Council in the past has adopted the maximum as the rate to be charged. Consequently, this is the interest charge now proposed for the 2005/06 Fees and Charges for all funds.

Also as at the date of adoption of the Draft Management Plan, Council was yet to consider a report on Sewerage Pricing. At its meeting of the 10th May 2005 Council adopted the charges as per Appendices C, D and E" for inclusion in its 2005/06 Draft Management Plan.

At its meeting of 18th January, 2005, Council considered a report on the Jerseyville Sewerage scheme where it was reported that a one off fee of \$2,000 should be charged for the provision of a pump station and connection thereto, with an annual low pressure grinder pump system maintenance plan fee of \$100 also to apply. This annual fee is to be included in a maintenance agreement. Should the ratepayer decide that they wish to personally arrange maintenance of the pump system from another source this fee would not be applicable. This system is also to be utilized at Greenhill. Council needs to formally adopt the fees reported in January, for inclusion in Council's Fees and Charges.

Macleay Water has identified two (2) areas where access charges should be made. These are 'Access to the Water Supply Scheme for Non-Urban Properties' and 'Access to the Water Supply Scheme for Marginal Areas'. The proposed fee recommended for each category is \$2,500. There is no significant demand for either category, however the charge should be included in Council's Fees and Charges.

The 'Tree Preservation Order' charge for was not available as at the date of consideration of the Draft Management Plan. The charge currently applicable is \$30. It is recommended that the fee for 2005/06 remain at that level. Income raised from this fee in 2003/04 totaled \$1,860. Income for 2004/05 as at 7th June, 2005 is \$2,040.

Community Services Section advises that provision should be made for two (2) further fees to be included in the document, being:

- 1 Hire of Council Buses – Price (including GST) on application; and
- 2 Community Services policies, plans, and directories where document is greater than 20 pages - \$11.00 (GST inclusive).

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

Nil

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The Fees and Charges proposed to be set by Council are the basis for the estimated incomes as shown in the 2005/2006 Budget.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil

- ***General Manager's Review***

As per report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges applicable as from the 1st July 2005 to 30th June 2006 as attached to the 2005/2006 Draft Management Plan be adopted, subject to the following amendments:

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| 1. | Interest on Rates and Charges | 9.00% |
| 2. | Sewerage and Liquid Trade Waste Charges | As per appendices C, D and E |
| 3. | Sewerage - Provision of Low Pressure Grinder Pump and Chamber and connection | \$2000.00 |
| 4. | Sewerage - Low pressure Grinder Pump System Maintenance Plan Fee | \$100.00 |
| 5. | Water – Access to Water Supply Scheme For Non-Urban Properties | \$2500.00 |
| 6. | Water – Access to Water Supply Scheme For Marginal Areas | \$2500.00 |
| 7. | Tree Preservation Order Application Fee | \$30.00 |
| 8. | Hire of Council Buses | Price on Application |
| 9. | Community Services policies, plans, and directories | \$11.00 |
| 10. | Sewerage Access Charge – Unconnected Vacant properties | \$307.00 |
| 11. | Greenhill Sewerage Local Loan charge | \$307.00 |
| 12. | Trade Waste Fees | As per appendix F |

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