



## MISSION AND VALUES OF COUNCIL

*"A Sustainable Community that is inclusive, attractive, healthy and pleasant to live in, that uses our land so as to preserve our history and environment, respects the rights and equality of our citizens and manages our future growth wisely."*

# MINUTES

FOR THE

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AT 4.00PM

**16 JULY 2012**

**OUR MISSION**

***"To provide a quality range of affordable and sustainable services to our community with a strong commitment to customer focus so that our citizens and visitors enjoy a quality lifestyle."***

**CORE VALUES OF THE SHIRE**

***The core values that underpin the achievement of the mission will be based on a strong customer service focus and a positive attitude:***

**Communication**

**Respect**

**Integrity**

**Transparency**

**Courtesy**

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**16 JULY 2012**  
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## NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Council Member,

The Shire of Broome will hold a Special Meeting of Council on Monday 16 July 2012, in the Council Chambers, corner Weld and Haas Streets, Broome, commencing at 4.00pm for the purpose of considering:

- Notice of Intension to Impose Differential Rates for 2012/13; and
- Request to Endorse the Proposed Programme and Costs for the Opening of the Broome Multipurpose Arts and Community Venue – October 12 to October 27 2012.

Regards



K R DONOHOE  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
10 July 2012

**1. OFFICIAL OPENING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 4.01pm.

**2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Attendance	Cr G T Campbell Cr A Poelina Cr Peter D Matsumoto Cr M Manado Cr E Yu Cr Philip F Matsumoto Cr J Bloom Cr D Male Cr C Mitchell	Shire President Deputy Shire President
Apologies	Andre Schonfeldt Alison Seaman	Director Development Services Council Secretary
Absent	Nil.	
Officers	Kenn Donohoe Paul Martin Brett Lowcock Theresa De Biasi Ed Nind Simon Penn	Chief Executive Officer Deputy Chief Executive Officer Director Engineering Services Manager Financial Services Accountant Media and Promotions Officer
Public Gallery	Nil	

**3. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

Nil received.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

N/A.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Nil.

**7. PETITIONS**

Nil.

**8. MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED**

Nil.

**9.**

**REPORTS  
OF  
OFFICERS**

# 9.1

## OUR PEOPLE



### ***PRIORITY STATEMENT***

Embracing our cultural diversity and the relationship between our unique heritage and people, we aim to work in partnership with the community to provide relevant, quality services and infrastructure that meet the needs and aspirations of our community and those visiting and doing business in our region.

Supporting and contributing to the well-being and safety of our community is paramount, as is our focus on community engagement and participation.

Council aims to build safe, strong and resilient communities with access to services, infrastructure and opportunities that will result in an increase in active civic participation, a reduction in anti-social behaviour and improved social cohesion.

### 9.1.1 REQUEST TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND COSTS FOR THE OPENING OF THE BROOME MULTIPURPOSE ARTS AND COMMUNITY VENUE

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Broome Multipurpose Arts and Community Venue
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	N/A
<b>FILE:</b>	CSP001.13
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Arts and Venue Coordinator
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S</b>	Manager Community Development; and Events Coordinator
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	26 June 2012

**SUMMARY:** The Broome Multipurpose Arts and Community Venue (BMACV), the Shire's second largest asset will be ready to open in October this year. This report requests Council consider the opening program for the event and associated financial implications. The report also recommends Council endorse undertaking a naming competition of the venue in the lead up to its opening.

#### BACKGROUND

Practical completion of the Broome Multi-Purpose, Arts and Community Venue (BMACV) is expected to occur mid-late September. To allow for enough lead time and minor building completion issues it is proposed that the opening period runs over 15 days from Friday 12 October to Friday 27 October 2012.

#### Previous Considerations:

Nil.

#### COMMENT

There are two issues for Council to consider in the lead up to the opening of the facility, namely what the opening event will comprise and how much Council wishes to provide for funding for the opening and secondly what the facility will be called.

In respect to the opening it is proposed the opening comprise the following elements:

- **Pre-testing Friday 12 October - Friday 19 October.** This would provide potential users with the ability to test lights, sound and stage systems and provide any feedback prior to the opening and use. It is anticipated that participating groups and individuals may include bands, singers, historical groups, dance groups, choirs, poets, visual and performing artists. It is proposed that participation by performers and audiences during this week would be free of charge.
- **Community Celebration Saturday 20 October 9am - 6pm** The Open Day Celebration is also proposed to be a free event. The aim is to showcase a range of local talents in a festive Open Day Programme presenting the diverse capacity and uses of the venue along with elements of Broome's and the venue's history.
- **Official Opening Sunday 21 October 3.30 - 6pm** An official opening attended by invited guests including funding participants, dignitaries and stakeholders is

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proposed for Sunday 21 October from 3.30 – 6pm. This event is anticipated to include a half hour dramatic performance introduction to the uses of the venue, followed by theatre style seating of guests for appropriate speeches, finishing with Garden Theatre entertainment items, drinks and refreshments.

- ***Inaugural performance season Tuesday – Saturday 23-26 October*** The success of the launch programme could be further enhanced with a follow up performance to after the official community opening. This would provide an opportunity to showcase the venue hosting a production, concert or similar. It is proposed that the working group investigate available options and that the fees for hire are waived during the opening programme.

The 'Broome Multipurpose Arts and Community Venue' title was adopted initially to ensure that the public understood the venue to be a multi-use venue and NOT a specific performing arts centre.

The title Broome Multi-Purpose, Arts & Community Venue (BMACV) is not as user friendly and easy to pronounce as other potential names. The name also needs to contribute to the ownership and use of the facility. The Department for Culture and the Arts has confirmed that it does NOT require the new venue to be named as such. Therefore it is proposed that a community competition be held in the lead up to the venue opening event to provide a more accessible name that reflects the Broome community and promotes community ownership. The name would then be announced as part of the opening programme.

## **CONSULTATION**

Councillors  
Community members  
Department of Culture and Arts

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The table below outlines start up costs and ongoing costs involved in a service project:

**Service:**

BMACV Opening Event	Initial Cost	Lifecycle Cost (Annual)	Remarks
<b>Start Up costs</b>			
<b>Budget Impact</b>			
One-off costs for BMAC	\$7,000		Technician – 15 days
Venue opening	\$ 8,000		Catering – official opening
	\$2,000		Performance fees – official opening
	\$5,000		Interpretative material and displays
	\$6,000		Marketing and Promotions
	\$2,000		Contingency
Loan Interest			
Operational (Annual)			
Less Additional Revenue (Annual)			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>		

The table below outlines funding sources for the capital and lifecycle costs.

**Funding Source:** BMACV Opening Event

Funding Type	Capital or Start Up Expense	Life Cycle Costs (Annual)		Funding Details (eg RLCIP)	Account Number
		Cost \$	*Cost Type		
Grant					
Reserve					
Budget		\$30,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>			

It is also proposed that the venue hire fees which would have been income received by Council during the 15 days of the opening program will be waived. This totals approximately \$18,000 of income which will not be received if the venue was being hired by an external organisation.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

**Our People Goal – Foster a community environment that is accessible, affordable, inclusive, healthy and safe:**

Encourage communication.

Identify affordable services and initiatives to satisfy community needs.

Create community spaces.

Encourage recreational activity.

Facilitate a safe environment.

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Nurture and build social capital to increase community capacity.

**Our Place Goal – Help to protect the nature and built environment and cultural heritage of Broome whilst recognising the unique sense of the place:**

Preserve and promote the unique and significant historical and cultural heritage of Broome.

Retain and build on Broome’s iconic tourism assets and reputation.

Implement best practice asset management plans to optimise Shires’ infrastructure whilst minimising life cycle costs.

**Our Prosperity Goal – Create the means to enable local jobs creation and lifestyle affordability for the current and future population:**

Work with agencies and others to ensure affordable and equitable services and infrastructure.

**Our Organisation Goal – Continually enhance the Shire’s organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community:**

Encourage community engagement.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

- 1). Endorses the Opening Event Structure comprising of the following elements:
  - a). Pre-testing – Friday 12 October – Friday 19 October 2012;
  - b). Community Celebrations – Saturday 20 October 2012;
  - c). Official Opening – Sunday 21 October 2012; and
  - d). Inaugural Performance Season – Tuesday 23 to Saturday 26 October 2012.
- 2). Agrees to the formation of a Working Group to provide input to ensure community ownership of the Broome Multi-Purpose and Arts Community Venue (BMACV) Opening Programme made up of:
  - a). Councillors \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_;
  - b). Members of the Broome community as listed in Confidential Appendix A; and
  - c). Shire Officers as approved by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 3). Invites potential users of the BMACV as listed in Confidential Appendix B, be part of the pre-testing phase of the Opening Programme;
- 4). Agrees to waive venue hire fees applicable to presenters, displays and performances during the 15 day Opening Programme;
- 5). Considers an allocation of \$30,000 in the 2012/13 Budget for the opening of the BMACV; and
- 6). Endorses implementing a community competition and associated media campaign to name the venue.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

*That Council;*

- 1). *Endorses the Opening Event Structure comprising of the following elements:
  - a). *Pre-testing – Friday 12 October – Friday 19 October 2012;*
  - b). *Community Celebrations – Saturday 20 October 2012;*
  - c). *Official Opening – Sunday 21 October 2012; and*
  - d). *Inaugural Performance Season – Tuesday 23 to Saturday 26 October 2012.**
  
- 2). *Agrees to the formation of a Working Group to provide input to ensure community ownership of the Broome Multi-Purpose and Arts Community Venue (BMACV) Opening Programme made up of:
  - a). *Cr J. Bloom; Cr D. Male and Cr E Yu*
  - b). *Members of the Broome community as listed in Confidential Appendix A; and*
  - c). *Shire Officers as approved by the Chief Executive Officer.**
  
- 3). *Invites potential users of the BMACV as listed in Confidential Appendix B, be part of the pre-testing phase of the Opening Programme;*
  
- 4). *Agrees to waive venue hire fees applicable to presenters, displays and performances during the 15 day Opening Programme;*
  
- 5). *Considers an allocation of \$30,000 in the 2012/13 Budget for the opening of the BMACV; and*
  
- 6). *Endorses implementing a community competition and associated media campaign to name the venue.*

*Moved: Cr J Bloom*

*Seconded: Cr E Yu*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0**

Attachments (Confidential to Councillors and Directors only): 1 page

# 9.2

## OUR PLACE



### ***PRIORITY STATEMENT***

The Shire of Broome has an abundance of unique natural features, coastal attractions, significant streetscapes, historic precincts and a mix of old and new urban developments.

Our aim is for all communities and settled areas, including the Broom Township, to be a place where the natural environment, on which life depends, is maintained, whilst at the same time the built environment contributes to the economy and a quality lifestyle for all.

Preserving the Shire’s natural environment is a critical community outcome. Council will put into place strategies that nurture and improve the Shire’s unique environment and biodiversity.

The Shire will work in partnership with the community and other agencies to ensure responsible and accountable management of both the natural and build environments is achieved in the short term and for future generations.

There are no reports in this section.

# 9.3

## OUR PROSPERITY



### ***PRIORITY STATEMENT***

Our region has grown significantly over the past years in terms of population, economy and industry – this will continue! Balancing ecological sustainability with economic growth and retaining the ‘look and feel’ of Broome and its environs are an ongoing challenge for the region. Encouraging appropriate investment and business development opportunities to ensure a strong, diverse economic base is essential for community prosperity and the success of our future generations.

Focusing on developing clear pathways linking education with employment for our youth and the community at large is essential as we aim to retain our local people and continue to build a skilled and highly motivated workforce.

Business and Industry partnerships must be fostered to ensure sustainable economic growth is achieved, along with the provision of affordable and equitable services and infrastructure. Ensuring development meets community needs and legislative requirements whilst creating close community relationships and enhancing our understanding of local heritage and cultural issues will continue to be a major focus. The built environment must contribute to the economy, long term viability of the region and provide a quality lifestyle for all.

There are no reports in this section.

# 9.4

## OUR ORGANISATION



### **PRIORITY STATEMENT**

Council will strive to create an environment where local governance is delivered in an open and accountable manner; where we provide leadership to the region in such areas as planning and financial management; where the community has the opportunity to contribute to the Council's decision making thereby fostering ownership of strategies and initiatives.

In delivering open, accountable and inclusive governance, we will be ever mindful that we operate within a highly regulated environment that requires a high level of compliance.

Council will strive to be the conduit between the other spheres of government and the community, translating State and Federal law, policy and practice into customer focussed, on ground service delivery that support's Broome's unique lifestyle.

The Region is experiencing significant change with Council dedicated to sound governance, effective leadership and innovation, and high quality services. Building organisational capacity is a priority with a commitment to delivering services to the community in a sustainable, effective and accountable way.

**9.4.1 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPOSE 2012/2013 DIFFERENTIAL RATES**

**LOCATION/ADDRESS:** N/A  
**APPLICANT:** N/A  
**FILE:** ARA01  
**AUTHOR:** Manager Financial Services  
**CONTRIBUTOR/S** Senior Rates Officer  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil  
**DATE OF REPORT:** 11 July 2012

**SUMMARY:** This report recommends endorsement by Council for advertising of the proposed differential rates, for which public submissions are sought over a period not less than 21 days, prior to Council adopting the differential rates.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

Nil.

As part of the annual budget process Council must determine the rates in the dollar and the minimum rates to be used in the following year. Pursuant to s.6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 regarding advertising requirements, the rates in the dollars and minimum rates must be resolved prior to the budget being finalised. Once endorsed, differential rates must be advertised for a period of 21 days providing allowance for public submissions.

This year, Councillors participated in a comprehensive budget workshop on 16 July 2012, where the information tabled included a budget summary by programme, rates comparisons with neighbouring shires, account detail of all operating income and expenditure, a schedule of fees and charges, all new initiatives submitted by Councillors and staff, the Waste Management Business Unit, and all capital expenditure programmes for plant, works, parks and buildings.

The Executive have sought to implement prioritised objectives within the context of a balanced draft budget, using reasonable funding estimations. The draft budget as proposed will be based upon a general increase in rates of 8.79%, which compares to 4.95% from the previous year.

Minimum rates for all categories except Broome Tourism have received a general increase of 8.79% to a level of \$1,092 which is an \$88 increase over last year’s \$1,004 minimum rate. Minimum rates for the Broome Tourism category has been adjusted to \$1,070 to comply with the Local Government Act 1995 s6.35(4).

Differential rates proposed at the general increase of 8.79% and budgeted to be raised for 2012/2013 are shown in the following table:

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<b>RATE TYPE</b>	<b>Rate in \$</b>	<b># Of Properties</b>	<b>Rateable Value \$</b>	<b>Rate Revenue \$</b>	<b>Interim Rates \$</b>	<b>Total Revenue \$</b>
			<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Differential/General Rates</b>						
<b>Gross Rental Valuations</b>						
GRV - Broome Residential	0.076282	3924	103,613	7,904	200	8,104
GRV - Broome Residential - Vacant	0.139501	293	4,150	579		579
GRV - Broome Commercial Group	0.088711	583	52,046	4,617		4,617
GRV - Broome Tourism Group	0.111900	456	18,444	2,064		2,064
GRV - Exempt		46	2,747			
<b>Unimproved Value Valuations</b>						
UV - Dampier Pastoral	0.025130	13	5,107	128		128
UV - Dampier Mining	0.125678	28	679	85		85
UV - Dampier Coconut Wells	0.002523	35	45,685	115		115
UV - Dampier Twelve Mile	0.003547	77	32,689	116		116
UV - Dampier Skuthorpe	0.004866	7	3,362	16		16
UV - Dampier Short Stay Accommodation	0.021976	6	1,205	27		27
Dampier Commercial Operations						
UV - and Pearling	0.022443	12	2,363	53		53
UV - Dampier Horticultural	0.004308	3	1,500	7		7
<b>Sub-Totals</b>		<b>5,483</b>	<b>273,590</b>	<b>15,711</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>15,911</b>

<b>Minimum Rates</b>						
<b>Gross Rental Valuations</b>						
	\$					
GRV - Broome Residential	1,092	85	1,028	93		93
GRV - Broome Residential - Vacant	1,092	128	667	140		140
GRV - Broome Commercial Group	1,092	12	122	13		13
GRV - Broome Tourism Group	1,070	437	2,309	468		468
<b>Unimproved Value Valuations</b>						
UV - Dampier Pastoral	1,092	2	24	2		2
UV - Dampier Mining	1,092	41	111	45		45
UV - Dampier Coconut Wells	1,092	2	299	2		2
Dampier Commercial Operations						
UV - and Pearling	1,092	1	10	1		1
UV - Dampier Horticultural	1,092	2	200	2		2
UV - Exempt						
<b>Sub-Totals</b>		<b>710</b>	<b>4,770</b>	<b>766</b>		<b>766</b>
Concession						7

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Rateable Properties</b>	<b>6,193</b>	<b>Rates Raised</b>	<b>16,670</b>
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**COMMENT**

Rating objects of each differential rate category are shown in the attachments.

Growth

Growth in the number of rateable properties during 2011/2012 was 220 (last year 42) which contributes 3.5 % (last year 0.7 %) to Shires rate growth revenue during 2012/2013.

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Broome Residential

The Broome Residential group has been separated into developed and vacant land, as Shire has considered that with the opening up of a number of present and future residential subdivisions, it is in the interests of the community that rating policy should be designed to encourage development and discourage speculative land holding.

Tourism Differential Factor

The Shire uses differential rates on properties with commercial and tourism land use to raise proceeds for tourism initiatives and the marketing of tourism in Broome.

In the 2012/2013 draft budget rating model, the proceeds available from differential rates has been fixed at the amount of \$315,000 (as adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 April 2012). Therefore; distributions have been fixed for tourism initiatives of \$175,000 support for Australia's Northwest Association tourism marketing body; \$110,000 for the Broome Visitors Centre facility and operations; and \$30,000 for other tourism initiatives.

Gross Rental Valuations and Unimproved Valuations

The tri-annual general valuation for all gross rental valuation (GRV) properties was undertaken by the property valuers from Landgate during August 2011 and effective 1 July 2012. Adjusted valuation results were mixed and included increase in GRVs for residential properties of 6.16% and industrial properties 13.71%.

Unimproved valuation (UV) properties are valued annually and the results effective 1 July 2012 included overall reduction in UVs for 12 Mile of 5% and Coconut Well 30%.

Rates in the dollar for each rate category have been adjusted to reflect these new valuations whilst maintaining individual rate yields.

Concessional Rates

There is a concession of \$6,573 (last year \$6,644) applied as a rates waiver in the terms and conditions of lease of 1 Bagot Street to Magabala Books for 2012/2013. This is the third and final rates concession.

Rural Rating/GRV Rating Non-Rural land uses

There has been no change to the method of valuation for rural properties.

Minimum Rate

The minimum rate is consistent for all categories of rates (except Broome Tourism), rising 8.79%, and has been set at \$1,092, which is an increase of \$88 (compared to last year's rate of \$1,004 with an increase of \$62).

The minimum rate for properties in the Broome Tourism rate category has been adjusted to \$1,072 to comply with the Local Government Act 1995 s6.35(4) and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 52. The rate in the dollar has been amended to maintain yield within this rate category.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil.

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**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT***Local Government Act, 1995**6.33. Differential general rates*

- (1) *A local government may impose differential general rates according to any, or a combination, of the following characteristics —*
  - (a) *the purpose for which the land is zoned, whether or not under a local planning scheme or improvement scheme in force under the Planning and Development Act 2005;*
  - (b) *a purpose for which the land is held or used as determined by the local government;*
  - (c) *whether or not the land is vacant land; or*
  - (d) *any other characteristic or combination of characteristics prescribed.*
- (2) *Regulations may —*
  - (a) *specify the characteristics under subsection (1) which a local government is to use; or*
  - (b) *limit the characteristics under subsection (1) which a local government is permitted to use.*
- (3) *In imposing a differential general rate a local government is not to, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed by it.*
- (4) *If during a financial year, the characteristics of any land which form the basis for the imposition of a differential general rate have changed, the local government is not to, on account of that change, amend the assessment of rates payable on that land in respect of that financial year but this subsection does not apply in any case where section 6.40(1)(a) applies.*
- (5) *A differential general rate that a local government purported to impose under this Act before the Local Government Amendment Act 2009 section 39(1)(a) came into operation is to be taken to have been as valid as if the amendment made by that paragraph had been made before the purported imposition of that rate.*

*6.35. Minimum payment*

- (1) *Subject to this section, a local government may impose on any rateable land in its district a minimum payment which is greater than the general rate which would otherwise be payable on that land.*
- (2) *A minimum payment is to be a general minimum but, subject to subsection (3), a lesser minimum may be imposed in respect of any portion of the district.*
- (3) *In applying subsection (2) the local government is to ensure the general minimum is imposed on not less than —*
  - (a) *50% of the total number of separately rated properties in the district; or*
  - (b) *50% of the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), on which a minimum payment is imposed.*
- (4) *A minimum payment is not to be imposed on more than the prescribed percentage of —*
  - (a) *the number of separately rated properties in the district; or*
  - (b) *the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), unless the general minimum does not exceed the prescribed amount.*
- (5) *If a local government imposes a differential general rate on any land on the basis that the land is vacant land it may, with the approval of the Minister, impose a*

minimum payment in a manner that does not comply with subsections (2), (3) and (4) for that land.

- (6) For the purposes of this section a minimum payment is to be applied separately, in accordance with the principles set forth in subsections (2), (3) and (4) in respect of each of the following categories —
- (a) to land rated on gross rental value;
  - (b) to land rated on unimproved value; and
  - (c) to each differential rating category where a differential general rate is imposed.

#### 6.36. Local government to give notice of certain rates

- (1) Before imposing any differential general rates or a minimum payment applying to a differential rate category under section 6.35(6)(c) a local government is to give local public notice of its intention to do so.
- (2) A local government is required to ensure that a notice referred to in subsection (1) is published in sufficient time to allow compliance with the requirements specified in this section and section 6.2(1).
- (3) A notice referred to in subsection (1) —
  - (a) may be published within the period of 2 months preceding the commencement of the financial year to which the proposed rates are to apply on the basis of the local government's estimate of the budget deficiency;
  - (b) is to contain —
    - (i) details of each rate or minimum payment the local government intends to impose;
    - (ii) an invitation for submissions to be made by an elector or a ratepayer in respect of the proposed rate or minimum payment and any related matters within 21 days (or such longer period as is specified in the notice) of the notice; and
    - (iii) any further information in relation to the matters specified in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) which may be prescribed;

and

  - (c) is to advise electors and ratepayers of the time and place where a document describing the objects of, and reasons for, each proposed rate and minimum payment may be inspected.
- (4) The local government is required to consider any submissions received before imposing the proposed rate or minimum payment with or without modification.
- (5) Where a local government —
  - (a) in an emergency, proposes to impose a supplementary general rate or specified area rate under section 6.32(3)(a); or
  - (b) proposes to modify the proposed rates or minimum payments after considering any submissions under subsection (4), it is not required to give local public notice of that proposed supplementary general rate, specified area rate, modified rate or minimum payment.

#### Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

#### 52. Minimum payment — maximum percentage — s. 6.35(4)

The percentage prescribed for the purposes of section 6.35(4) is 50%.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 2.1.5 Rural Rating Policy
- 2.1.6 Tourism Administration Policy

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As outlined, the proposed differential rates increase of 8.79%, plus interim rates of \$200,000 will yield an amount of \$16.627 million, which is calculated to meet the requirements of the current draft budget shortfall in order to provide a balanced budget.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

**Our People Goal – Foster a community environment that is accessible, affordable, inclusive, healthy and safe:**

- Encourage communication.
- Identify affordable services and initiatives to satisfy community needs.
- Create community spaces.
- Encourage recreational activity.
- Facilitate a safe environment.
- Nurture and build social capital to increase community capacity.

**Our Place Goal – Help to protect the nature and built environment and cultural heritage of Broome whilst recognising the unique sense of the place:**

- Engage with local community by presenting realistic and sustainable land use strategies for the Shire within the state and national frameworks.
- Ensure that our planning processes result in a built environment that reflects arid tropical climate design principles and historical built form.
- Nurture and protect our unique natural environment for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations.
- Preserve and promote the unique and significant historical and cultural heritage of Broome.
- Retain and build on Broome’s iconic tourism assets and reputation.
- Implement best practice asset management plans to optimise Shires’ infrastructure whilst minimising life cycle costs.

As required under the Commonwealth Government’s Bi-lateral Agreement, Council is able to mobilise resources to deliver municipal services to Indigenous communities that are compliant, effective and within Council’s capacity.

**Our Prosperity Goal – Create the means to enable local jobs creation and lifestyle affordability for the current and future population:**

Work with agencies and others to ensure affordable and equitable services and infrastructure.

Encourage the provision of affordable land for residential, industrial, commercial and community use.

Implement key economic development strategies for the Shire which are aligned to regional outcomes working through recognised planning and development groups/committees.

**Our Organisation Goal – Continually enhance the Shire’s organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community:**

Develop an organisational culture that strives for service excellence.

Review and analyse strategic and operational plans.

Manage resource allocation.

Encourage community engagement.

Manage staff attraction and retention.

Improve systems, processes and compliance.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**  
**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

*That Council resolves to endorse the following differential rates with a general increase of 8.79% across all categories and calls for public submissions under Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995.*

<b>DIFFERENTIAL RATE CATEGORY</b>	<b>CENTS IN THE DOLLAR</b>	<b>MINIMUM RATE</b>
<i>Broome Residential (GRV)</i>	<i>7.6282</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Broome Residential – Vacant (GRV)</i>	<i>13.9501</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Broome Commercial (GRV)</i>	<i>8.8711</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Broome Tourism (GRV)</i>	<i>11.1900</i>	<i>\$1070</i>
<i>Dampier Pastoral (UV)</i>	<i>2.5130</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Dampier Mining (UV)</i>	<i>12.5678</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Dampier Coconut Wells (UV)</i>	<i>0.2523</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Dampier Twelve Mile (UV)</i>	<i>0.3547</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Dampier Short Stay Accom (UV)</i>	<i>2.1976</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Dampier Pearl Leases and Commercial Operations (UV)</i>	<i>2.2443</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Dampier Horticulture (UV)</i>	<i>0.4308</i>	<i>\$1092</i>
<i>Dampier Skuthorpe (UV)</i>	<i>0.4866</i>	<i>\$1092</i>

*Moved: Cr J Bloom*

*Seconded: Cr C Mitchell*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0**

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**10.**

**REPORTS**

**OF**

**COMMITTEES**

There are no reports in this section.

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

**12. URGENT ITEMS**

Nil.

**13. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil.

**14. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

N/A.

**15. MEETING CLOSURE**

The Chairperson thanked all staff involved in preparing this Special Meeting of Council and for the collation of the Budget documentation acknowledging that it was a difficult budget to collate.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.12pm.