

## **REVENUE SOURCES**

The principal revenue raising measures adopted by the Mareeba Shire Council for the 2014/2015 financial year are:

### **1.1.1 Differential General Rates**

Levied on all rateable parcels of land throughout the Mareeba Shire Council local government area to cover the operational, maintenance and capital expenditures associated with the governance and administration of the Council and the provision of general works and services including the construction, maintenance and management of roads and bridges, economic development, community relations, disaster management, public parks, gardens, playing grounds, recreation areas, public swimming pools, health, public conveniences, building, animal control, pest and declared weed control, environmental management, town planning, public halls, offices and libraries.

### **1.1.2 Special Rates**

Levied on specified parcels of land which will benefit from the works or services to be provided by the revenue received from the special rates. Works or services to be provided include footpath improvements, beautification works, promotional activities, regulated parking, street cleaning, street decorations, security and bridge construction.

### **1.1.3 Special Charges**

Levied on specified parcels of land which will specially benefit from or will have special access to services, facilities or activities provided or undertaken by the Council or are levies collected by Council on behalf of third parties, including volunteer brigade operations, tourism promotion, improved community services, installation and maintenance and rehabilitation of transfer stations and waste facilities, road upgrading, provision of recreation facilities, water supply extension and provision of sewerage services.

### **1.1.4 Utility Charges**

#### ***1.1.4.1. Sewerage Utility Charges***

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.

#### ***1.1.4.2. Waste Collection Utility Charges***

Levied on any land or structure where Council deems that a service will be supplied to cover the costs of operation, maintenance and capital expenditure associated with the provision of refuse services.

#### ***1.1.4.3. Water Utility Charges***

Levied on a Two Part Tariff basis where Council deems that water can be supplied to such land from the reticulated system to cover the costs of operation, maintenance and capital expenditure associated with the water supply system.

### **1.1.5 Commercial Charges (Cost Recovery Fees)**

Fees charged for provision of services or use of council facilities e.g. transfer station waste disposal fees and hire of public halls.

### **1.1.6 Regulatory Charges**

Charges for issue of licenses, approvals and permits e.g. dog registrations, food premises licenses, town planning applications; and

Charges for giving information kept under a local government act e.g. providing copies of minutes, budgets, local laws, financial statements, annual reports etc; and

Charges for seizing property or animals under a Local Government Act.

### **1.1.7 Developer Contributions/Infrastructure Charges**

Contributions paid by developers towards the cost of providing services to their particular development or local area e.g. roadworks, parks and gardens, water supply and sewerage.

### **1.1.8 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.

### **1.1.9 Loans**

Borrowings by the Council to fund specific Council projects e.g. water supply and sewerage infrastructure.

### **1.1.10 Interest on Investment**

Interest received from the investment of Council funds.

Councils are required to document the processes used to raise revenue. These documents are publicly available and include the corporate plan, operational plan, revenue policy, revenue statement and budget. To view any of these documents contact Council or visit our website <http://msc.qld.gov.au/>