

REVENUE STATEMENT 2025 - 2026

1. Purpose

The Revenue Statement is prepared in accordance with s104(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and s169(2) and s172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

2. General Rates

Aurukun Shire Council does not levy General Rates.

3. Limitation on increases in rates and charges

Council will not be passing any resolution pursuant to s116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to limit any increase of general rates or charges.

4. Utility Charges

Council has determined that it will make and levy charges for the supply of water, sewerage and cleansing services in accordance with the provisions set out in s99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Utility Charges have been increased by 4.82% (cleansing), 5.1% (water) and 5.41% (sewerage) for the 2025-26 Annual Budget.

a) Cleansing

An annual cleansing charge for the purpose of removal and disposal of refuse for the 2025 – 2026 financial year will be set at an amount of \$1,740.00 per annum.

Council has adopted a fee structure that provides a 240 litre Wheelie Bin service to apply on all improved properties for refuse removal and disposal and levied on each separate occupancy (whether occupied or vacant). Where land is for the first time built on during the year the charge shall be made from the date the structure is occupied, calculated proportionately for the unexpired part of the year.

b) Sewerage Utility Charges

Sewerage charges shall be made for the cost of supplying a service for the removal of sewerage for the 2025 – 2026 financial year. Charges are not based on the value of land. They are levied to cover costs associated with the operation, refurbishment and maintenance of services.

Sewerage Charging Schedule:

No	Category		Charge
1	Standard	Per Pedestal	\$ 2,340.00
2	Vacant Land		\$ 545.00

c) Water Utility Charges

Water charges shall be made for the purpose of supplying water for the 2024 – 2025 financial year. Charges are not based on the value of land. They are levied

to cover costs associated with the operation, refurbishment and maintenance of services.

Water Charging Schedule:

No	Category		Charge
1	Household Connection	1 Unit	\$ 2,060.00
2	Commercial Connection	4 Units	\$ 8,240.00
3	Guesthouse/Motel	1 Unit for every 4 rooms or part thereof	
4	Vacant Block		\$ 390.00

5. Cost Recovery Fees

Council imposes cost-recovery fees for services and facilities supplied by it including (among other things) for any entitlement, facility, service or thing supplied, approval, consent, licence, permission, registration or information given, admission to any structure or place, receipt of any application, product or commodity supplied or inspection undertaken.

The quantum of each fee reflects as far and as accurately as possible the actual cost of providing these services and facilities. Pursuant to section 97(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, cost-recovery fees must not be more than the cost to Council of taking the action for which the fee is charged.

6. Business Activity Fees

Council has the power to conduct business activities and make business activity fees for services and facilities it provides on this basis. Business activity fees are made where Council provides a service and the other party to the transaction can choose whether to avail itself of the service. Business activity fees are a class of charge, which are purely commercial in application and are subject to the Commonwealth's Goods and Services Tax.

Business activity fees include but are not confined to rents, plant hire, private works and hire of facilities as contained in Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

7. Concessions

Aurukun Shire Council does not grant any concessions for rates and charges – water, sewerage and cleansing.

8. Discounts

Aurukun Shire Council does not grant any discounts for rates and charges – water, sewerage and cleansing.

9. Interest

In accordance with section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will apply a maximum interest rate of 11.64%. The interest is compounding on all overdue Charges from the date on which they became overdue.

10. Issue of Rate Notices – Utility Charges

In accordance with section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council will issue Rate Notices for all Utility Charges Annually.

11. Payment of Utility Charges

In accordance with section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the date by which Utility Charges must be paid is the date that is 30 clear days after the issue of the rate notice.