

### **3.2. DAINTREE FERRY FEES AND CHARGES 2021-2022**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopts the Daintree Ferry Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2021/22 financial year; and**
  - 2. Delegates authority under Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate fees and charges where circumstances warrant and to make minor administrative amendments to the Schedule.**
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The schedule of fees and charges for the 2021/22 financial year was adopted on 27 April 2021. The Daintree Ferry fees were unchanged due to open negotiations in relation to the new contract. Now that Council has more clarity about the future of the Daintree Ferry operations, the new fees have been calculated.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In conjunction with the annual budget preparation, Council is required to adopt a schedule of fees and charges to be applied for each financial year. Although the schedule is adopted for the full year, should circumstances warrant, new fees can be introduced or fees amended throughout the year.

#### **COMMENT**

The 2021/22 Daintree Ferry Schedule of Fees and Charges has been developed based on the fundamental principle of financial sustainability and ensuring the actual quantum of fees imposed more accurately represents the cost to Council of providing the applicable service.

#### **PROPOSAL**

The Daintree Ferry Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2021/22 financial year is presented to Council for adoption. All fees and charges come into effect from 1 July 2021.

#### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Daintree Ferry Fees and Charges have been increased to cover the costs of acquiring the ferry and to cover the new contract costs. The Daintree Ferry also subsidises Council's general rates by providing a revenue stream for Council.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Obtaining appropriate fees for services provided will assist Council in its long-term objective of delivering balanced budgets and mitigate the risk of financial constraints restricting capacity on Council operations.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

**Economic:** Council strives to achieve economic sustainability through charging fees to the user.

**Environmental:** Nil

**Social:** Nil

## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

#### Theme 5 - Robust Governance and Efficient Service Delivery

Strong governance and financial management are the foundations of the way in which Council will conduct its business and implement the initiatives of the Corporate Plan.

**Goal 3 - We will make sound financial decisions by ensuring robust strategic planning, financial management and reporting.**

## COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

**Regulator** Council has a number of statutory obligations detailed in numerous regulations and legislative Acts. Council also makes local laws to ensure that the Shire is well governed. In fulfilling its role as regulator, Council will utilise an outcomes based approach that balances the needs of the community with social and natural justice.

**Service Provider** Council provides many services to the community from roads and waste services to libraries and recreational facilities. Services evolve over time and it is the Council's mission to ensure that these services are appropriate, delivered efficiently, and designed with the customer at the centre.

## CONSULTATION

**Internal:** Relevant officers, including management staff have been involved in the review of the Daintree Ferry Schedule of Fees and Charges & the proposed updated Fees were workshopped with Councillors.

**External:** Nil

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Daintree Ferry Schedule Fees and Charges 2021.22 [**3.2.1** - 2 pages]

## DAINTREE FERRY

Description of Fee, Charge, Penalty plus conditions	Unit	2021/22 Rate Including GST	GST	Cost Recovery Fee	Legislation & Section	LGA S97 Paragraph
<b>DAINTREE FERRY</b>						
<b>NON-CONCESSIONAL TRAVEL</b>						
<b>Motor Car &amp; Utilities (private use)</b>						
- One Way	One Way	23.00	2.09			
- Return	Return	39.00	3.55			
<b>Buses 6 to 10 seats</b>						
- One Way	One Way	24.00	2.18			
- Return	Return	42.00	3.82			
<b>Buses 11 to 20 seats</b>						
- One Way	One Way	41.00	3.73			
- Return	Return	81.00	7.36			
<b>Buses 21+ seats</b>						
- One Way	One Way	66.00	6.00			
- Return	Return	128.00	11.64			
<b>Licensed Public Transport buses</b>						
- One Way	One Way	13.00	1.18			
- Return	Return	23.00	2.09			
<b>School Buses</b>						
- One Way	One Way	13.00	1.18			
- Return	Return	20.00	1.82			
<b>Passenger, Bicycles &amp; Pedestrians</b>						
- One Way	One Way	3.00	0.27			
- Return	Return	4.00	0.36			
<b>Motor Bikes</b>						
- One Way	One Way	10.00	0.91			
- Return	Return	17.00	1.55			
<b>Trailers</b>						
- One Way	One Way	9.00	0.82			
- Return	Return	15.00	1.36			

## DAINTREE FERRY

Description of Fee, Charge, Penalty plus conditions	Unit	2021/22 Rate Including GST	GST	Cost Recovery Fee	Legislation & Section	LGA S97 Paragraph
<b>Machinery</b>						
- One Way	One Way	15.00	1.36			
- Return	Return	25.00	2.27			
Multi Day Pass (5 return car / ute trips)	Per Book	77.00	7.00			
<b>CONCESSIONAL TRAVEL</b>						
Concession cards are available for purchase for Douglas Shire Council and Wujal Wujal Shire Council areas and some areas in the Cook Shire who are generally bounded by the Bloomfield River and the Black Mountain Road/Cooktown access road. Applicants must be a ratepayer or on the Electoral Roll for these council areas.  Concession cards are issued in April 2021 and will be valid from 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2023.						
<b>Concession Card (Douglas Shire)</b>	Per Person	23.00	2.09			
<b>Visitor Ticket Books</b> Douglas Shire Council ratepayers and residents living north of the Daintree River who hold a current concessional card are entitled to purchase 2 books of 55 tickets.	Per Book	23.00	2.09			
<b>Special Concession Card (Machinery)</b> Douglas Shire Council ratepayers and residents living north of the Daintree River who hold a current concessional card are entitled to apply for the issue of special concession card for machinery.	Per Person	23.00	2.09			
<b>Concession Card (Wujal Wujal and Cook Shires)</b>	Per Person	52.00	4.73			