

### **5.13. DAINTREE RIVER FERRY - FEES AND CHARGES 2016/17**

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**DEPARTMENT:** Corporate Services

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council adopts the Daintree River Ferry Fees and Charges for the 2016/17 financial year.**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The proposed 2016/17 fees and charges for the Daintree River Ferry are presented to Council for adoption. Of the 26 fees, 18 fees remain unchanged from the fees and charges adopted for this current financial year.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In conjunction with the annual budget deliberations, Council is required to adopt a schedule of fees and charges to be applied for each financial year. In normal circumstances the Daintree River Ferry Fees and Charges would be presented to Council within this schedule. However due to timing of the 2016 local government elections, the annual budget process has been delayed and a decision on the ferry fees and charges are required to ensure pricing is in readiness for the new financial year.

#### **COMMENT**

The table below details the current fees and charges for this financial year and the proposed fees and charges for the 2016/17 financial year. The fees that have been increased from the current year have been bolded for ease of identification and the majority of fees have remained unchanged.

Description	Unit	2015/16	2016/17
<b>Motor Car &amp; Utilities (Private Use)</b>	One Way	\$14.00	\$14.00
	Return	\$25.00	<b>\$26.00</b>
<b>Buses 6 to 10 seats</b>	One Way	\$15.00	\$15.00
	Return	\$28.00	<b>\$29.00</b>
<b>Buses 11 to 20 seats</b>	One Way	\$28.00	\$28.00
	Return	\$54.00	<b>\$56.00</b>
<b>Buses 21+ seats</b>	One Way	\$43.00	<b>\$44.00</b>
	Return	\$84.00	<b>\$87.00</b>
<b>Licensed Public Transport Buses</b>	One Way	\$8.00	\$8.00
	Return	\$15.00	\$15.00
<b>School Buses</b>	One Way	\$7.00	\$7.00
	Return	\$13.00	\$13.00
<b>Passenger, Bicycles &amp; Pedestrians</b>	One Way	\$1.00	\$1.00
	Return	\$2.00	\$2.00
<b>Motor Bikes</b>	One Way	\$5.00	\$5.00
	Return	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>Trailers</b>	One Way	\$5.00	\$5.00
	Return	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>Machinery Not Carrying Primary Produce</b>	One Way	\$9.00	\$9.00
	Return	\$15.50	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>Machinery Carrying Primary Produce</b>	One Way	\$4.50	\$4.50
	Return	\$9.00	\$9.00
<b>Multi Day Pass (5 return Car/Ute trips)</b>	Per Book	\$50.00	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>Concession Cards (within Douglas Shire Council) as per policy</b>		\$15.00	\$15.00
<b>Concession Cards (Wujal Wujal and Cook Shire Council) as per policy</b>		\$37.00	\$37.00
<b>Visitor Tickets as per policy</b>	Per Book	\$15.90	<b>\$16.00</b>

## PROPOSAL

That Council adopts the proposed fees and charges for the Daintree River Ferry for the 2016/17 financial year.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Revenue generated from users of the Daintree River Ferry fund all operating expenditure and surplus funds are constrained in the Daintree River Ferry Reserve Fund to cover the whole of life operating costs associated with this service.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Ensuring sufficient funds are raised to fund operations and whole of life costs associated with this essential service ensures that Council's risks are being mitigated.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

**Economic:** Ensuring sufficient funds are generated to continue this essential road connection service enables visitors to the region access to the range of businesses located on the north side of the Daintree River. The ferry operations also hires local people in provision of the service.

**Environmental:** Nil

**Social:** The ferry service provides connectivity for residents and visitors between the north and south banks of the Daintree River.

## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

#### Theme 5 - Governance

*5.1.1 - Establish and develop long term financial, resource and infrastructure planning to ensure ongoing capacity to fund operations and capital works programs.*

## 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** Meeting the responsibilities associated with regulating activities through legislation or local law.