

**3.3 DECLARATION OF RATES & CHARGES – 2009-2010**

(FIN18:DW)

Responsible Director: Marilyn Kearney

***RECOMMENDATION***

*In respect of the 2009/10 financial and rating years and in accordance with Section 158 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council declares: -*

1. *That the estimated amount it intends to raise by general rates to be levied is \$71,219,089. Council does not intend to have a municipal charge or a service rate or charge.*
2. *That the general rates will be raised by the application of a uniform rate of .2828% (or .2828 cents in the dollar) of the site value of rateable property.*
3. *The rate specified is to be separately levied in respect of each portion of rateable land for which Council has a separate valuation (unless Council has determined a fee in lieu of rates).*
4. *That, in accordance with the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963, the amount to be paid in respect of recreation lands as defined under that Act are as follows:*

*Golf Clubs*

<i>Metropolitan</i>	<i>\$73,575</i>	
<i>Huntingdale</i>	<i>\$55,181</i>	
<i>Riversdale</i>	<i>\$56,263</i>	<u><i>\$185,019</i></u>

*Tennis Clubs*

<i>Glen Iris</i>	<i>\$1,407</i>	<u><i>\$1,407</i></u>
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*Other Clubs*

<i>Mulgrave Country Club</i>	<i>\$7,033</i>	
<i>Victorian Homing Pigeon Assoc.</i>	<i>\$ 219</i>	
<i>Oakleigh Caulfield Angling Club</i>	<i>\$ 63</i>	
<i>Hawthorn Football Club</i>	<i>\$3,750</i>	<u><i>\$11,065</i></u>
		<u><i>\$197,491</i></u>

5. *and resolves:*
  - 5.1 *That in accordance with Section 167 of the Local Government Act 1989, the rates and charges must be paid:*
    - a) in a lump sum on or before 15th February 2010 or*
    - b) by 4 instalments on or before:-*

*30 September 2009*

*30 November 2009*

*1 March 2010 and*

*31 May 2010*

*c) by 10 instalments (direct debit only) on:-*

*1 September 2009*

*1 October 2009*

*2 November 2009*

*1 December 2009*

*4 January 2010*

*1 February 2010*

*1 March 2010*

*1 April 2010*

*3 May 2010*

*1 June 2010*

*5.2 Interest will be applied in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989. The rate of the interest which is payable on the rates and charges which have not been paid by the dates specified is set as per Section 2 of The Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983.*

*5.3 For overdue non-instalment payers, Council resolves to allow an additional 21 days from the 15 February in which to pay any overdue rates, before the application of the interest referred to in 5.2 above.*

### **ANALYSIS**

Following the adoption by Council of its budget for the financial year commencing 1 July 2009, Council must declare its rates and charges in accordance with Section 158 of the Local Government Act 1989. Council needs to declare, amongst other things, that the general rates will be raised by the application of a uniform rate, which will be applicable to all rateable land within its municipal district. It is not proposed to declare any differential rates, including any Residential Use Rate.

As detailed in Council's Operating budget, total Council revenue from Rates will increase by 6.00% p.a. in 2009/10.

**VALUATION SUMMARY**

<i>Level of Value Date: 1/01/2008</i>	<i>No. Assess</i>	<i>Site Value (SV)</i>	<i>Capital Improved Value (CIV)</i>	<i>Net Annual Value (NAV)</i>
<i>Rateable</i>	<b>71,148</b>	\$25,183,553,500	\$40,165,851,500	\$2,150,346,711
<i>Cultural &amp; Recreational Land</i>	<b>8</b>	\$182,525,000	\$190,669,000	\$10,191,090
<i>Non-Rateable</i>	<b>1,443</b>	\$2,517,945,500	\$2,964,472,500	\$157,987,055
<i>Totals as at 17/04/09</i>	<b>72,599</b>	<b>\$27,884,024,000</b>	<b>\$43,320,993,000</b>	<b>\$2,318,524,856</b>

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

In addition to the currently available options to make rate payments either in full by 15 February 2010 or by four quarterly instalments due on 30 September and 30 November 2009, 1 March and 31 May 2010, Council will continue to offer ratepayers the option to pay by ten monthly instalments commencing 1 September 2009 and concluding 1 June 2010 to assist ratepayers with managing the payments over a longer period of the year. The ten monthly instalments are to be by Direct Debit only.

**CONCLUSION**

That Council declares the rate and charges for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 as detailed above.