

Rates and Charges for Elected Members

An overview of how Council rates and charges are calculated.

Synopsis

For many councils, rates, levies, fees and charges are their main source of revenue besides Queensland and Australian Government grant funding.

Our program covers how rates and charges are calculated; the Acts and Regulations that apply to the decision-making process; and how to evaluate and determine the range of services required by councils to help establish rates charges.

Course Topics

Revenue Sources

- Rates and charges
- Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012)
- Cost recovery fees
- Other revenue sources

Legislation

- Revenue policy
- Sustainable financial management
- Costs of delivery/supply
- Revenue statement

Revenue Raising

- Identify revenue needs (planning, budgeting, and service delivery)
- What does your community want?
- Willingness to pay
- Capacity to general income
- Impact of charges
- Set rates and charges

Rating Scenarios

- Rate revenue targets
- Scenarios discussed
- Minimum general rate
- Differencing rates

Course Details

Delivery:	Inhouse/virtual
Structure:	Interactive Workshop
Time:	3 hours
Class Size:	Max 15
Cost:	On request

The Trainer



David has an extensive background in banking and finance. He worked in various roles in general and private client banking early in his career.

For the last 20 years, prior to retiring from full time employment, David worked for a Queensland State Government authority that provides lending, investment and financial advice to the Queensland State government, its agencies, and statutory bodies.

In this role,

David gained an extensive understanding of financial governance, financial sustainability and risk management relating to Queensland local governments.