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Fees kept low to support struggling region

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Cook Shire Council has kept increases to a minimum in the 2020-21 fees and charges, to help support the region through the coronavirus pandemic.

Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said the fees and charges, which were approved at the 19 May Council meeting, recognised the significant stress COVID-19 restrictions were placing on the region. "Council recognises that businesses and the community are struggling and this has been factored in during the decision making process," Cr Scott said. "Keeping the fees low also needs to be balanced with the increased pressure placed on Council's revenue due to the coronavirus pandemic, and rising costs. In spite of this, Council has committed to keep fee increases to a minimum where possible, with many fees not rising at all."

Fees which remain unchanged include:

- Domestic waste
- Animal impoundment
- Community services

Services which are free include:

- Separated domestic waste
- Animal impoundment (first offence)
- Recreational aircraft landing

The 2020-21 fees and charges will come into effect on 1 July 2020, and will be available on Council's website. For more information contact Council's Organisational Business Services team via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4082 0500.

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