



## **AN AGENDA OVERVIEW OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MURWEH HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024**

### **COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES**

#### **WATER QUALITY**

The Charleville, Morven and Augathella water supplies have tested free from any contamination.

#### **SEWERAGE/WASTEWATER**

Interim solution designs are expected to be completed in August 2024. Once accepted, work may then commence to implement these designs at Augathella and Charleville with the intention to reduce any environmental harm that both plants could cause whilst new full plants are being designed and constructed.

#### **SWIMMING POOL**

Installation of the new filters at the Charleville Swimming Pool commenced on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2024. New managers are familiarising themselves with the new plant & equipment prior to the pool opening for the summer season.

#### **ART GALLERY**

A joint exhibition of Frank McCormick paintings and WOW display are currently showing until September when the Queensland Regional Art Awards Exhibition opens in Charleville.

#### **LIBRARIES**

In great news for the Morven community, Story Walk boards are to be installed in Morven once Main Roads have completed the maintenance currently being conducted on that section of the highway.

The street library has been extremely popular in the last month with people coming into the library to find out more about the facility and enquiring as to whether they are able to donate books. At the start, books were being re-stocked once or twice a week but the longer it has been there, the more locals and tourists have been putting books in themselves, which was the initial aim, as the concept of a street library is to take a book and leave a book.

#### **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – INSTALLATION OF SHADE SAIL AT CHARLEVILLE CULTURAL CENTRE**

Correspondence has been received from the Charleville Cultural Association seeking assistance with installation of a shade sail at the Cultural Centre for the comfort of members. The Centre will purchase the shade sail, and any materials needed but have asked if Council would be able to assist with the actual shade sail installation – which Council have approved.

#### **REQUEST FOR INCREASED DONATION – MORVEN STATE SCHOOL**

Morven State School has requested an increased donation towards maintenance and operation of its swimming pool. Council has donated annually to both Morven & Augathella State Schools for many years to assist in the upkeep of their pools as long as residents can access to the pools for use outside of school hours. Council approved a donation of \$13,000 to assist with the annual cost of the Morven State School pool.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PROJECT UPDATES)**

#### **OUTBACK MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA**

Work is currently progressing in line with budget but is experiencing some constraints with additional cost variations regarding fire safety standards, drainage and increased cost of materials. Council is liaising with Government departments in relation to the final reporting of Stage 1 of construction and is actively seeking funding opportunities for Stage 2 of this construction and completion of the project.

## CLUSTER FENCING

310 kms of the subsidised 411kms of the installation of cluster fencing projects has currently been completed by the five cluster Associations of Loddon, Reynella, Yanna, Myendetta and Nive.

## COSMOS CENTRE UPGRADE

Schedule of works, priorities and costs on updates and refurbishment within the Cosmos Centre's main building are currently being finalised for presentation to the Queensland Government department funding program.

## MINOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Design works are in progress and additional funding applied for through Queensland NRL for the Charleville Showground's inclusive ablution and team changing room facility.

## ENGINEERING SERVICES

Sealing works on the Adavale Road is continuing with formation works currently being undertaken. The completion of these works will see the Adavale Road sealed through Murweh Shire to the Quilpie Shire boundary.

Capital works, general maintenance, and repairs to the road network post the April heavy rains and flood event are continuing on several local roads throughout the shire -with the Director of Engineering Services providing Council with a detailed report on these activities.

## CORPORATE & REGULATORY SERVICES

### COUNCIL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Council received and approved 23 applications from the 2024-25 Community for Assistance program up to the end of 2024, totalling \$78,500.00 of Council support to community events and activities. Round 2 of the 2024-25 Community Assistance program for community events and activities up to 30 June 2025 will be advertised in coming weeks. A review of the community grants policy will be undertaken during this financial year.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The minutes from the 30 July Budget Meeting were approved at this meeting with a total budget for the 2024-25 financial year being \$45.7m. This being the first report of the financial year, and there has not been much of an impact on the annual budget yet - as projects and operational activities having just starting for the new reporting period. Rates Arrears currently sits at a net amount of a little over \$700,000 with the next rates notices due to be issued in September.

### OPERATIONAL PLAN

The Operational Plan for the last quarter of the 2023-2024 financial year was approved as per the Regulation, with the full report available online in the August Council meeting agenda.

### SNAP SEND SOLVE

Only a few Snap Send Solve users reported issues last month, and it is hoped with the additional features soon to be rolled out, which will include a form on the website, that residents will find it easier to use and Council will be able to be more accountable to the community for their requests and advice on defects.

## OFFICE OF THE CEO

### AUSTRALIAN CARAVAN CLUB HIRE OF THE CHARLEVILLE SHOWGROUNDS

The Board of the Australian Caravan Club Ltd are considering holding its National Muster in Charleville from the 12 - 19 October 2025 (8 days) and would like Council to consider a bulk rate for the hire of the Charleville Racecourse and the Charleville Showgrounds for this event. This event will bring with it a significant number of caravaners to Charleville (estimated at approximately 150 caravans) which will inject a substantial amount of money into the local Murweh Shire economy.

### 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND (LGAQ) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) will hold its 128th Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) between 21-23 October at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre with Council approving the attendance of the Mayor, Cr Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Mayor, Cr Alexander and CEO, Mr Scott at the event.