SHIRE OF MURWEH

MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

22 August 2025

10:00am



Murweh Shire Council Staff receiving the Caring for Country NAIDOC Award 2025

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Murweh will be held in the Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville on 22, August 2025 at 10:00am.

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1 OPENING PRAYER

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Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

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SHIRE OF MURWEH

MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Wednesday, 16 July 2025

9.00AM



"Canvas to Catwalk" now open at Mulga Lands Gallery. Celebrating NADIOC Week

MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2025 AT 9.23AM

PRESENT: Cr S Radnedge (Mayor), Cr P Alexander, Cr T Sommerfield, Cr M Ebsworth, Cr R Eckel

IN ATTENDANCE: B Scott (Chief Executive Officer), J Kronk (Director of Corporate Services), J Barton (Director of Engineering Services), R Richen (Manager Tourism, Marketing and Events), K Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services)

1 OPENING PRAYER

Provided by Fr Peter Doohan at the start of today's proceedings and Special Budget Meeting.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Sommerfield declared that she has a Prescribed conflict of interest in the matter of Item 14.2 - as she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Charleville Performing Arts Festival.

Cr Ebsworth declared that she has a Prescribed conflict of interest in the matter of Item 14.2 - as she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Charleville Dance House.

The Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest in item 16.1 – as he has an interest in the nearby land.

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 194/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 June 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings with the below amendments being: the record of the Councillors Ebsworth and Sommerfield conflicts of Interest declarations from Declared to Prescribed as presented, and the order of Resolution 169/25 to 167/25, 167/25 to 168/25, and 168/25 to 169/25

CARRIED

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Nil

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

RESOLUTION 195/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the correspondence received post the June 2025 Council Meeting that will be of interest to Councillors.

CARRIED

10.2 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT JUNE/JULY 2025

RESOLUTION 196/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence for July 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

10.3 MURWEH SHIRE 2026 SPECIAL HOLIDAY REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 197/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council notifies the Office of Industrial Relations that it requests Friday 15 May 2026 of the nominated Charleville Show dates (14 – 16 May 2026) as the Murweh Shire 2026 special holiday being a public holiday under the *Holiday's Act 1983*, and

A half day holiday be requested for Tuesday 3 November (afternoon only) to coincide with Melbourne Cup Day as a bank holiday only for banks and insurance offices and under the Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990, and under the Public Sector Act 2022 for public service employees.

CARRIED

10.4 DRAFT COMMUNITY BUS POLICY

RESOLUTION 198/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Endorses the Community Bus Policy as presented.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to implement the policy and ensure compliance.
3. Notes that any requests for travel outside the designated shires or for uses not specific to the intent of this policy will continue to require specific Council approval with applications received 30 days prior to the planned departure date.

CARRIED

10.5 HIRE OF THE COMMUNITY BUS BY CHARLEVILLE & WESTERN AREAS ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS COMMUNITY HEALTH (CWAATSICH)

RESOLUTION 199/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council approve the use of the Murweh Shire Council Community Bus by Charleville & Western Areas Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Community Health (CWAATSICH) to transport seniors from Quilpie to attend the Seniors Games in Charleville on the following dates:

- Thursday 21 August 2025
- Friday 22 August 2025
- Saturday 23 August 2025

subject to compliance with Council's Community Bus Policy and completion of the necessary hire documentation.

CARRIED

10.6 CHANGE OF TIME FOR THE AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING TO ACCOMMODATE THE START OF SENIORS GAMES FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 2025

RESOLUTION 200/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

Approve the change of time to 10am for the August 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting on Friday 22 August 2025; and

Publish a public notice of the revised meeting date and time in accordance with Section 277 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED

10.7 WESTERN QUEENSLAND SURFACE TROUGH AND ASSOICATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING LOCAL RECOVERY PLAN

RESOLUTION 201/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council endorses the Event Specific Local Recovery Plan – Murweh Shire Council (Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, March–April 2025).

CARRIED

10.8 2025-26 GET READY QUEENSLAND GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 202/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council nominates the below pre-approved activities for the 2025-26 Get Ready Queensland Grants:

Informative literature

Information for distribution to residents and business owners, which instructs and informs on disaster preparedness tasks and contact details.

Event collateral

Funding could cover items such as banners, signage, displays, leaflets, posters, specifically relating to the grant recipient's disaster preparedness messages.

Technology-based preparedness systems

This may be infrastructure such as flood cameras or alert systems.

CARRIED

10.9 DONATION OR SPONSORSHIP REQUEST ST MARY'S SCHOOL BINGO

RESOLUTION 203/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council provides sponsorship of a Family Pass to the Cosmos Centre, Bilby Experience and the WWII Secret Base, and a donation of 6 promotional packs as prizes for the St Mary's School Bingo to raise funds for the years 5 & 6 Students Camp in October 2025.

CARRIED

10.10 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL – REVISED CRABS HALF MARATHON ROUTE SUNDAY 27 JULY

RESOLUTION 204/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approve the holding of the Charleville Runners and Bikes (CRABS) Half Marathon Route for Sunday 27 July starting at Charleville Showgrounds where runners will proceed along Partridge Street, turn left onto Diversion Road, then right onto Wellwater Road, continuing to the 10.5km turnaround point, before returning to the Showgrounds.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:20 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 10:45 AM.

Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Events entered the meeting virtually at 10.45 AM.

Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Events left the meeting at 11.04 AM.

10.11 TOURISM REPORT

Resolution 205/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the July 2025 Tourism Report.

CARRIED

The Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 11.04 AM.

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

11.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 206/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 30 June 2025, including;
1. Cash Position
2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate
3. Comparative Data
4. Capital Funding – budget vs actual
5. Road Works – budget vs actual
6. Capital Funding Detail
7. Rates Summary
8. Income Statement June 2025
9. Balance Sheet June 2025
10. Financial Statements Actual June 2025

CARRIED

11.2 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

RESOLUTION 207/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the July Human Resources Report.

CARRIED

11.3 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

RESOLUTION 208/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the July Workplace Health and Safety Report.

CARRIED

11.4 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 209/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Planning Report for the July 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

The Manager of Regulatory Services entered the meeting at 11.50 AM

11.5 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - JULY

RESOLUTION 210/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for July 2025.

CARRIED

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Due to the sensitive nature of this matter before Council, the Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest in the following matter and exited the meeting.

RESOLUTION 211/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012:

16.1 Application for Conversion Lot3 on RP55290 and Lot2 on RP55290

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - 3 (i) of the Local Government Regulations, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 212/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

16.1 APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION LOT3 ON RP55290 AND LOT2 ON RP55290

RESOLUTION 213/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council offers no objections to the Application for Conversion of Lot 3 on RP55290 and Lot 2 on RP55290, but advises the Department of Resources that Bradley's Gully traverses these parcels of land and this potential impact on the land should be considered in the freeholding process.

CARRIED

The Director of Engineering Services entered the Meeting at 12.35 PM

The Director of Engineering Services left the Meeting at 12.56 PM

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES

12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION 214/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report for July 2025.

CARRIED

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil

14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES

14.1 JUNE MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT

RESOLUTION 215/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the report from the library.

CARRIED

Cr M Ebsworth declared an Prescribed conflict of interest in the following matter and exited the meeting at 1.02 PM

Cr T Sommerfield declared an Prescribed conflict of interest in the following matter and exited the meeting at 1.02 PM.

14.2 COUNCIL ASSISTANCE 2025-2026 ROUND 1 (GENERAL)

RESOLUTION 216/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approves the Community Assistance Grants for assistance required up to 31 Dec 2025 as tabled for the estimated amount of: $ 74,388.00.

CARRIED

Cr M Ebsworth returned to the meeting at 1.13 PM

Cr T Sommerfield returned to the meeting at 1.13 PM.

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

16 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1:05pm.

SHIRE OF MURWEH
MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

Special Council Meeting

2025-2026 Budget

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Wednesday, 16 July 2025

8:00AM



Lego at the Charleville Library

MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2025 AT 8:08AM

PRESENT: Cr S Radnedge (Mayor), Cr R Eckel, Cr P Alexander, Cr T Sommerfield, Cr M Ebsworth

IN ATTENDANCE: C Alexander (Contract Accountant), B Scott (Chief Executive Officer), J Kronk (Director of Corporate Services)

1 OPENING PRAYER

Fr Doohan Delivered a prayer for the guidance of Council.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

Nil

MAYOR'S WELCOME

It is with much pleasure that I commence this Special Budget Meeting of Murweh Shire Council.

Today we will look to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget for the of Murweh Shire Council.

Today's budget adoption is the culmination of many months of work by both our team of Councillors as well as our staff.

Following several workshops with staff and Councillors it is a privilege to be here with the relevant documents completed ready for adoption.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Councillors for the manner that you have approached the budget process over these last few months through the 2025-2026 Budget Workshops.

I would also like to thank the Council officers for your work and discussion to provide us with the information that we require to move forward and adopt a budget which is the financial plan for the year ahead.

Over the past few years Council has been fortunate to be successful with several grants as well as Queensland State and Commonwealth Government programs that have enabled the expansion and renewal of the asset base in our communities.

Through this budget process we have identified the need to focus our efforts on the critical assets that enable our community to function – for example town, shire and rural roads; airports; town water and wastewater assets.

In turning our attention to Council's critical assets, we have identified the need to look after these assets and plan for their renewal and replacement to ensure the reliability, safety and regulatory compliance of these services to the Murweh Shire communities.

To that end – in the coming years residents will see Council has a more of a focus on looking after the important assets that we already have, in preference to building the popular new things that will definitely increase our asset base, but have a negative impact on Council's over all finances and ability to service what we already have.

We want to see the public use assets in our communities (parks, gardens, sporting venues) in good condition and utilised to help provide the western Queensland lifestyle that we are fortunate to enjoy here in the Murweh Shire.

We are also acutely aware that Council needs to make sure that the delivery of community services is in line with the expectations of our constituents. Your Council is committed to continual improvement in the way in which we do business for you and on your behalf.

The budget for the 2025-2026 financial year has a distinct flavour of renewal of critical infrastructure, future planning for long-term sustainability and liveability, and consolidating the goals of Council along with securing our financial longevity.

The 2025-26 budget highlights include:

Operational spend of $38.5 Million - including depreciation and flood damage

Capital spend of $17.8 Million

Capital Grant Revenue of $12.1Million

No new borrowings

Key projects include:

Augathella CED & Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant:

Council has been funded to deliver a new sewage treatment plant in Augathella that will enable Council to safely treat the towns common effluent and remain compliant with Council's Environmental Authority.

Council will also be conducting a refurbishment of the Charleville Sewage Treatment Plant, so this asset remains functional and compliant under the Murweh Shire Council's Environmental Authority.

Charleville Airport Masterplan

Council is very aware of the importance of the Charleville Airport to our communities and surrounding areas as the enabler for the Regular Passinger Transport Services, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, regional and local aviation services, and recreational flying. To keep the Charleville Airport safe and functioning, Council needs to understand the costs and logistics associated with the renewal of runways, taxiways and parking aprons – and to achieve this, Council will require very careful financial, engineering, planning and aviation industry advice to move this asset renewal forward in a considered and fiscally responsible process.

Aurora Estate Stage 2 and Residential Housing

As the community is aware, there is a critical shortage of housing in our communities for families as well as for the persons providing medical, teaching and social services in our communities. To this end, Council has started the planning for the development and construction of a new 65 lot housing estate In Charleville. The new estate will add to the current Aurora Estate that joins Partridge St in the north-eastern end of the town. The cost of providing this development is in the order of $13.2m, and Council hopes to deliver these residential lots over the next 3 years.

Highlights

Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade	**4,709,847.30**
Alfred Street Renewal	1,500,000.00
Augathella CED Scheme	1,051,348.32
Water renewals	1,000,000.00
Rural Road Reseal - Biddenhan & Mount Tabor	640,126.00
Charleville Airport Reseal	600,000.00
Construct amenities multi-sport Charleville	551,533.87
Resheeting & Reseals - Rural	437,843.00
Resheeting & Reseals - Urban	437,842.00
Augathella CED Scheme Design	334,282.28
Aurora Estate Stage 2	336,077.91
Town Street Rehabilitation Program	300,000.00
Council Facility Infrastructure Program	300,000.00

Rates

We are well aware of the financial challenges that many are facing in the current environment.

With that in mind Council has decided that the residential rates and charges increase for the 2025-2026 year will be 5%.

This increase in in line with the increases in the costs of services and goods Council has identified that is needed to carry out Council's day-to-day business on behalf of the communities.

For a standard house block on the minimum rate using 700kL of water represents an increase of $149 per year or less than $3 per week in Charleville, $122 per year or $2.35 per week in Augathella and $99 per year $1.90 per week in Morven.

With the Valuer-General's recent revaluation of the shire, we have seen the unimproved capital value increasing by an average of 239% across the shire for 2025.

To manage the impact on rural rate payers, Council has adjusted the rate in the dollar levied to provide for only an average of a 10% increase in rural rates.

Increase in Maintenance on Rural Roads

This change will enable Council to significantly increase the rural roads maintenance budget and shows that Council is listening to it rural constituents when they discuss the condition of their access roads. For this budget, we will see a spending increase of 50% on Rural Roads which is an increase of $750,000 in the 2025-2026 year and complement the significant flood damage repairs following the March/April Surface Trough Rain and Flood event. Council is also committed to see a continual improvement to this road network with further budget allocation in the coming years.

Tourism and Commerce

Council continues to invest significantly in driving the visitor economy of the region through the operation of many of the tourism assets and events of the Murweh Shire. This provides an economic uplift through the visitor spending to support the viability of our local businesses.

To enable Council to continue this support to the commercial sector across Murweh Shire, business owners will see a moderate rate increase above that of the residential sector.

Council Business and Fiscal Responsibilities

After a successful 2024-2025 financial year Council continues to work hard to find efficiencies within the organisation. These efficiencies will allow us to build the necessary financial reserves, including a minimum of 4 months operating cash buffer and funds for the future needs of the community.

Community Engagement

Council continues to be mindful of the need to be working with the community and investing support into our not-for profit, sporting, cultural and the arts groups. With the investment of time, in-kind and financial support to community groups in excess of $250,000 – Council shows that is supports the volunteers in our communities who give their time in the community to provide a better and nicer place to live and provide the many opportunities to advance through these many sporting and cultural disciplines.

This continues to build on the significant investment over the last 3 years of more than $600,000, as Council continues to encourage our local groups to remain active and work with Council on your organisations goal, service delivery and enhancing the liveability of our communities.

Disaster Management and Community Safety

Disaster management and community safety continues to be a major focus for Council. Apart from continuing to provide community messaging on disaster management, road conditions, flood warning advice, and general safety, Council has applied for funding to repurpose the old Bureau of Meteorology weather station at the Charleville Airport precinct into a Local Disaster Coordination Centre that will be used as the command centre if Murweh Shire was experiencing a natural or manmade disaster. Council is also investing in the integrity of the flood levees in Charleville and Augathella, early warning systems, and a local road network flood height monitoring network.

Council Commitment to the Community

As a Council, my fellow Councillors and I are committed to be working towards achieving the outcomes set down in the 2025-2026 Murweh Shire Council Budget and the Operational Plan. Throughout this financial year, we will continue to be setting and adjusting the foundations that will lead Murweh Shire into a solid financial position in both the short and the longer-term, continue with strong financial and corporate governance, ensure transparency and probity, and most importantly - be your strongest advocate.

Fellow Councillors - I commit to you for your consideration the Murweh Shire Council 2025-2026 Financial Year Budget.

5 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

5.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025 - 2026

RESOLUTION 170/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council That Council as per section 104 of *the Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* section 174 adopts the Operational Plan for 2025-2026.

CARRIED

5.2 REVENUE POLICY 2025-2026 LG REG. 2012 S193

RESOLUTION 171/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council in accordance with Sections 169 (2) and 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* adopts the Revenue Policy for the year 2025-26 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.3 REVENUE STATEMENT 2025-2026 LG REG. 2012 S169

RESOLUTION 172/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council in accordance with Sections 169 (2) and 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, adopts the Revenue Statement for the year 2025-26 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.4 GENERAL RATES

RESOLUTION 173/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That the Council set the following differential rating categories, minimum general rates and cents in dollar for the financial year 2025-26 as follows:

Category	Description	Cent in $	Minimum per annum
1	Charleville Residential	4.4389	$783.00
2	Augathella Residential	6.1302	$783.00
3	Augathella Non residential	5.1907	$937.00
4	Morven Residential	2.6286	$783.00
5	Morven Non residential	2.5213	$937.00
6	Rural <700 Hectares & <$100,000 ucv	1.4766	$1,291.00
7	Rural <700 Hectares & ≥$100,000 ucv	0.7048	$1,402.00
8	Rural 700 - 5,000 Hectares	0.1570	$1,960.00
9	Rural over 5,000 Hectares	0.1570	$5,111.00
10	Clubs (without poker machines)	1.0290	$783.00
11	Charleville Multi Dwellings	5.0391	$937.00
12	Charleville Commercial	7.0691	$937.00

13	Charleville Tourist Parks, Short Accommodation and Clubs	7.0691	$937.00
14	Charleville Industry	5.2797	$937.00
15	Transformer	2.2902	$1,373.00
16	Outside Urban - Other Land <700 Hectares	0.4954	$1,333.00
17	Outside Urban - Large Industry	6.2604	$5,264.00
18	Residential (NPPR)	4.8632	$858.00
20	Carbon Farms	0.1727	$8,273.00
21	Work Camps >15 persons	2.0870	$13,042.00
22	Renewable Energy 1-10 MW	2.3180	$4,438.00
23	Renewable Energy >10 MW	2.3180	$8,875.00

CARRIED

5.5 CHARLEVILLE SEWERAGE AND CLEANSING CHARGES

RESOLUTION 174/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That the following sewerage and cleansing/garbage charges be set for the 2025-26 financial year:

Sewerage

Sewerage Base Charge (First Pedestal) $ 459.00

Sewerage Reduced Rate (75%)

(Sewerage– Short Stay – Additional Pedestal) $ 344.00

Sewerage Concession Rate (60%)

(Sewerage – Additional Pedestal) $ 275.00

Charge per annum

Cleansing/Garbage

Charleville – Garbage (1st Bin) $ 393.00

Charleville – Garbage (Additional Bins) $ 415.00

Waste Levy (no bin collection service) $ 109.00

Charge per service per annum

CARRIED

5.6 AUGATHELLA CLEANSING CHARGES

RESOLUTION 175/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That the cleansing/garbage charge per service per annum be set for the 2025-26 financial year.

Augathella – Garbage (1st Bin)	$ 284.00
Augathella – Garbage (Additional Bins)	$ 306.00
Waste Levy – (no bin collection service)	$ 109.00

CARRIED

5.7 AUGATHELLA CED CHARGES & MORVEN SEPTIC CHARGES

RESOLUTION 176/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That the following CED and septic charges for Morven and Augathella be set for the 2025-26 financial year:

C.E.D - Building not specified	$ 224.00
C.E.D. - Aged Persons Complex	$ 2,239.00
C.E.D. - Business Premises	$ 546.00
C.E.D. - Church	$ 189.00
C.E.D. - Dwelling	$ 474.00
C.E.D. - Hall	$ 191.00
C.E.D. - Hospital	$ 1,567.00
C.E.D. - Hotel/Motel	$ 2,683.00
C.E.D. - Lodge	$ 191.00
C.E.D. - Public Park	$ 474.00
C.E.D. - School	$ 2,239.00
Septic	$ 480.00

CARRIED

5.8 MORVEN CLEANSING CHARGES

RESOLUTION 177/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That a cleansing/garbage charge per service per annum be set for the 2025-26 financial year.

Morven – Garbage	$ 284.00
Morven – Garbage (Additional Bins)	$ 306.00
Waste Levy (no bin collection service)	$ 109.00

CARRIED

5.9 CHARLEVILLE, AUGATHELLA & MORVEN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES

RESOLUTION 178/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That the charge for the supply of water to properties within the Charleville/Augathella/Morven Water Supply area, and surrounding properties approved by Council, be set for the 2025-26 financial year, based on the following:

Category	Description	Access Charge (per meter)	Kl Charge – Tier 1	Kl Charge – Tier 2
Vacant	Vacant Land.	$300.00	$0.25 (≤1,300kl)	$0.72 (>1,300kl)
Residential 1	2 or less single residential dwellings units on one meter.	$600.00	$0.25 (≤1,300kl)	$0.72 (>1,300kl)
Residential 2	3 or more single residential dwelling on one meter.	$1,537.00	$0.72	
Commercial 1	Rateable, non-residential land.	$600.00	$0.72	
Commercial 2	Non-Rateable, non-residential with 40 mm or less diameter meter.	$2,402.00	$0.72 (≤1,200kl)	$1.45 (>1,200kl)
Commercial 3	Caravan Parks, Hotels, Motels licensed club.	$937.00	$0.72	
Commercial 4	Non-Rateable, non-residential 1st Meter greater than 40 mm diameter (Additional meters ≤40mm in diameter to be charged at commercial 2).	$15,012.00	$0.72 (≤1,200kl)	$1.45 (>1,200kl)
Commercial 5	Sporting fields and schools, 1st Meter greater than 40 mm diameter. (Additional meters ≤40mm in diameter to be charged at commercial 2).	$15,012.00	$0.72	

CARRIED

5.10 DISCOUNT ON RATES LG REG. 2012 S130

RESOLUTION 179/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council allows, ten per cent (10%), by way of a discount on rates and charges levied by Council, (excluding interest, fire levy and excess water charges) for the 2025-26 financial year when all rates and charges are paid by the due date.

CARRIED

5.11 INTEREST ON RATES LG REG. 2012 S133

RESOLUTION 180/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That in accordance with Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012,* Council resolves that;

(1) Overdue rates will bear interest at the rate of 12.12 % per annum from the date that the rate becomes overdue; and

(2) That the amount of interest will be calculated on daily rests, applying the interest as compound interest.

CARRIED

5.12 PENSIONER REMISSION LG REG. 2012 S119

RESOLUTION 181/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That in accordance with Section 119 of the *Local Government* Regulation 2012, Council resolves to provide assistance to qualifying Age Pensioners, having a Commonwealth Government Concession Card, be granted a remission of up to $400 per annum of general rates levied for the 2025-26 financial year, under the same criteria as the State Government Pensioner Remission Scheme.

CARRIED

5.13 RATING EXEMPTIONS AND REBATES 2025-26

RESOLUTION 182/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

In terms of *the Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may:

- Rebate all or part of the rates or charges;

Owing to the significant community involvement of the following organisations, Council has resolved to rebate the payment of general rates for the financial year 2025-2026: -

1353/21000	Retirement Village, Charleville, (Burke St, Charleville)
1645/50000	Multifunctional Child Care Centre, (2 Baker St, Charleville)

1867/00000	86-88 Brunel Street, Morven. Dwelling
1907/00000	90-92 Albert Street, Morven. 2 Aged Units
1946/00000	4 Cemetery Road, Morven. Dwelling
1948/00000	4 Newton Street, Morven. Dwelling
1952/00000	6 Eurella Street, Morven. Dwelling
1967/00000	Trustees Morven Racecourse
2043/00000	Trustees Augathella Racecourse
2048/50000	Augathella Pony Club Paddock
2168/52100	Warrego Pony Club, Charleville, (Pony Club Paddock 323 ha)
2170/00000	Charleville Small Bore Rifle Club Inc. (14 Adavale Road, Charleville)
2171/10000	Charleville Field Archers Assoc Inc., (Bollon Road, Charleville)

In terms of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may exempt from rating land used for religious, charitable, educational or public purposes. The following organisations have been given exemption under this provision until further notice:-

0017/00000	Anglican Church, Augathella, (59-61 Main St, Augathella)
0084/00000	Masonic Lodge Augathella, (55-57 Cavanagh St, Augathella)
0107/00000	Catholic Church, Augathella, (96-98 Cavanagh St, Augathella)
0303/00000	Anglican Church, Charleville, (Church/Rectory, Alfred St, Charleville)
0324/00000	Historic House, Charleville, (87 Alfred St, Charleville)
0327/00000	Charleville & Dist. Senior Citizens, (107-109 Alfred St, Charleville)
0515/00000	Q.C.W.A., Charleville, (73 Galatea St, Charleville)
0604/00000	Presbyterian Church Charleville, (74-76 Church/Hall Galatea St, Charleville)
0605/00000	Masonic Lodge, Charleville, (70-72 Galatea Street, Charleville)
0612/00000	Presbyterian Church Charleville, (Residence 56 Galatea St, Charleville)
0661/00000	Saint Vincent de Paul, (63 Edward St, Charleville)
0805/00000	Catholic Church, Charleville, (Presbytery Wills/Watson St, Charleville)
0868/00000	Sisters of Mercy, Charleville, (Dwelling 92 Watson St, Charleville)
0869/11000	Girl Guides Assoc, Charleville, (80 Watson St, Charleville)
0872/00000	Catholic Church, Charleville, (School Oval 68 Watson St, Charleville)
1252/00000	Presbyterian Church, Charleville, (Dwelling 4 Warrego St, Charleville)
1288/00000	Boy Scouts Assoc, Charleville, (44 Sturt St, Charleville)
1425/30000	Lions Club of Charleville, (47 Hilda St, Charleville)
1592/00000	Jehovah Witnesses, Vacant Land, Charleville
1756/20000	Christian Outreach Centre Charleville, (Sturt St, Charleville)
1923/00000	Morven Historical Museum, Morven, (53 Albert St, Morven)
1925/00000	Morven Historical Museum, Morven, (57 Albert St, Morven)
1935/00000	Anglican Church, Morven, (Church, 33 Eurella St, Morven)
2166/00000	Royal Flying Doctor Service, (Land used for radio communications)
2303/20000	Scout Association of Australia, (Mangalore)

CARRIED

5.14 CHANGE IN RATES AND CHARGES LG REG. 2012 S169

RESOLUTION 183/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopt the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget. For the financial year 2025-26 the change is 8% average.

CARRIED

5.15 DEBT POLICY 2025-2026 LG REG 2012 S192

RESOLUTION 184/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the Debt Policy for the year 2025-26 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.16 INVESTMENT POLICY 2025-2026 LG REG 2012 S191

RESOLUTION 185/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council in accordance with the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* and Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the Investment Policy for the year 2025-26 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.17 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY AND RECOVERY OF RATES AND CHARGES POLICY.

RESOLUTION 186/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council repeal the financial hardship policy 2024-25; and resolve to adopt the Recovery of Overdue Rates & Charges Policy as amended.

CARRIED

5.18 FEES AND CHARGES 2025-2026

RESOLUTION 187/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council in accordance with Sections 97, 98, 262 (3) and 280 (2) (d) of the *Local Government Act 2009* adopt the Schedule of Regulatory Fees & Commercial Charges 2025-26 as amended.

CARRIED

5.19 ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION FOR 30 JUNE 2025

RESOLUTION 188/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That pursuant to Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Statement of Estimated Financial Position for the previous financial year to 30 June 2025 be received and its contents noted.

CARRIED

5.20 BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025-26 TO 2027-28

RESOLUTION 189/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* adopt the Budget Financial Statements for the 2025-26 financial year and the following two financial years as tabled.

CARRIED

5.21 10 YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST LG REG. 2012 S169

RESOLUTION 190/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopt the 2025-2035 long term financial forecast as tabled

.**CARRIED**

5.22 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RATIOS LG REG. 2012 S169

RESOLUTION 191/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council in accordance with Section 169 (4), (5) and (6) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopt the measures of financial sustainability as tabled.

CARRIED

5.23 CODE OF COMPETITIVE CONDUCT

RESOLUTION 192/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council in accordance with Sections 39 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopts to not apply the Code of Competitive Conduct for the following business activities for 2025-26;

- Building Certification – operating expenses of $143,240 is below the threshold of $ 340,000.
- Roads activity – operating expenses of $ 2,934,863 is above the threshold of $340,000.

However, as the Contract is awarded to Council based on quotation, Council will not apply the code of competitive conduct at this time.

CARRIED

5.24 PROCUREMENT POLICY 2025-2026 LG REG. 2012 S198

RESOLUTION 193/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council as per Section 198 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* adopts the Procurement Policy for the year 2025-26 as tabled.

CARRIED

6 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:58AM.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Nil

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

Author: **Chief Executive Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives notes the correspondence received post the July 2025 Council Meeting that will be of interest to Councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

Correspondence received post the July 2025 Council Meeting that will be of interest to councillors.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **LGAQ Membership Renewal Notice - Murweh Shire Council ⇩**
2. **CEO Andrew Chesterman Red Red Tape Reduction Taskforce ⇩**
3. **CEO DG Graeme Bolton Director-General, Department of Primary Industries Prosper 2050 ⇩**
4. **CEO State Planner Peta Harwood Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning ⇩**
5. **DG Joshua Hannan Local Government Depreciation Taskforce ⇩**
6. **DG Joshua Hannan Terms of Reference - Local Government Depreciation Taskforce ⇩**
7. **Bruce Scott Shire of Murweh Type 2 Road Train Routes Hon Ann Leahy ⇩**
8. **Mr Steven Dart District Director TMR SW SQ Road Condition Information Signs Mitchell Highway 23B B.Scott 220725 V1 ⇩**
9. **Minister McBain Letter requesting input to the Economic Reform Roundtable ⇩**
10. **Western Queensland Surface Trough and Assciated Rainfall and Flooding Murweh Shire Council ⇩**
11. **Information Sheet - 2025 Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding ⇩**
12. **Outback Recovery Campaign - Tourism Update Denise Brown ⇩**
13. **Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Murweh Shire Council CEO Jake Ellwood ⇩**
14. **QRA CEO Jake Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements – 2025/26 Trigger Points ⇩**
15. **DRFA 2025-26 Local Government Trigger Points ⇩**
16. **CEO QRA Extension of Time Request Community Relief Fund 150725 B.Scott ⇩**
17. **QRA CEO response to Mr Bruce Scott CEO Murweh Shire Council - Extension of Time Request ⇩**

18. **V24 Activation Summary Western Queensland Surface Trough Associated Rainfall Flooding 21 March - 19 May 2025** ⇩
19. **Western Queensland Surface Trough event $191 million to drive western Queensland's recovery** ⇩
20. **Withdrawn written authority - Trustee Lease over Trust Land S 64 Land Act 1994** ⇩
21. **Withdrawn written authority - Trustee Lease over Trust Land S 64 Land Act 1994** ⇩
22. **Chief Executive Officer Allocation of the 2025-26 Financial Assistance Grant to Queensland councils.** ⇩
23. **FA Grant-allocations-2025-26 (1)** ⇩
24. **Invitation International Year of the Rangelands Pastoralists Launch** ⇩
25. **Charleville Junior Rugby League Letter to Council - Baker Street Oval** ⇩
26. **Proposed Amenities and Canteen Facilities at Baker Street Oval (002)** ⇩
27. **Lea Rogers Disabled Access Charleville Racecourse Complex 140725** ⇩
28. **Lela Wackerling-Rogers Charleville Racecourse Complex 21072025 B.Scott** ⇩
29. **Thank you Bilby Experence and Charleville Visitor Information Centrre** ⇩
30. **Morven Pool Donation** ⇩
31. **Fergus Fysh Qantas Heritage Trail Sculpture** ⇩

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16 July 2025

Mr Bruce Scott OAM
Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council
PO Box 63, CHARLEVILLE
QLD, 4470

Dear Bruce,

LGAQ Membership Renewal – 2025/26

With councils now more than 12 months into their term, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) continues to provide strong support for elected members and council staff across the state.

As the Association enters its 129th year, our purpose remains unchanged – to advocate fiercely for local government, deliver trusted services, and provide the day-to-day support councils rely on to serve their communities.

Membership fees are invoiced annually in line with the LGAQ's long-standing membership formula, which considers both population and budgeted expenditure to ensure fees are distributed equitably among all member councils.

As a participating member of Local Government Mutual Services (LGMS), your council will again benefit from a rebate on annual premiums. This year, a total disbursement of $4.45 million will be returned to members, significantly offsetting overall membership costs.

A summary of recent rebates is enclosed, highlighting the LGAQ's ongoing commitment to delivering tangible value to our members over the long term.

Your council's continued membership ensures Queensland's councils remain strongly represented, well-informed, and expertly supported in all facets of their operations.

With the political landscape now set for the next three years, the LGAQ remains unwavering in our commitment to advocate on your behalf and provide the tools, services and support you need to meet the needs of your community.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Smith
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This financial year, the LGAQ Board declared a $4.45 million surplus distribution from the LGM scheme. This substantial rebate significantly offsets your LGAQ membership fees. The table below outlines the LGM/LGW rebates paid to your individual Council over the previous seven years:

Member Net Contribution to LGAQ

Year	LGAQ Member	LGAQ Membership Subscription ^	Direct return from LGM and LGW Insurance Schemes*	Member Net Contribution to LGAQ
2018-2019	Murweh Shire Council	$ 24,407	$ (20,796)	$ 3,611
2019-2020	Murweh Shire Council	$ 25,450	$ (19,448)	$ 6,002
2020-2021	Murweh Shire Council	$ 25,295	$ (19,250)	$ 6,045
2021-2022	Murweh Shire Council	$ 25,596	$ (20,645)	$ 4,952
2022-2023	Murweh Shire Council	$ 26,658	$ (21,207)	$ 5,451
2023-2024	Murweh Shire Council	$ 28,185	$ (19,043)	$ 9,142
2024-2025	Murweh Shire Council	$ 30,300	$ (19,063)	$ 11,237
Total		**$ 185,890**	**$ (139,450)**	**$ 46,440**

^ Excludes voluntary LGAQ Services Annual Subscription

* Includes surplus distributions and risk management rebates payable by LGM and LGW Insurance Schemes

All figures displayed exclude GST

Note 1: Membership Subscription Formula distributes aggregate subscription amount between councils on the following basis:
20% as an equal amount per council - "Flagfall Amount", 40% based on council population, 40% based on council expenditure budget

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TAX INVOICE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
95-101 ALFRED STREET
CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470

Invoice No: LG0082640
Date: 07/07/2025
Debtor Id: MURW01

Attention: Chief Executive Officer

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Description	*Exclusive GST*	*GST*	*Amoun*
LGAQ Annual Membership Subscription 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (including LGAQ Services)	49,967.27	4,996.73	54,964.0(
2025 Annual Conference Levy 2 Delegates	3,200.00	320.00	3,520.0(
Total Amount Due:	$53,167.27	$5,316.73	$58,484.0(

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Queensland Government

16 July 2025

Department of
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Mr Bruce Scott
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council

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Dear Mr Scott

I am pleased to advise that Mr Andrew Chesterman, Lead, Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce (the Taskforce) has delivered his final report to the Honourable Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers.

The Taskforce undertook significant consultation and engagement with the local government sector, receiving over 1,200 ideas and suggestions, including input from 61 councils.

The volume of responses provided from the local government sector reinforces the importance of the Taskforce's work. I would like to thank you, and your council, for working with the Taskforce and providing input throughout the project.

Please note that the Minister will write to all council Mayors advising them of the delivery of the Taskforce's final report, which will now be considered by the Queensland Government.

If you require any further information, please contact myself or email the Taskforce mailbox at lgrtr@localgovernment.qld.gov.au.

I look forward to sharing more information with you about the outcomes of the Taskforce.

Yours sincerely

Joshua Hannan
Acting Director-General

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Department of
Primary Industries

Our ref: CTS 16045/25

31 July 2025

Mr Bruce Scott
Interim Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Scott

I am writing to you regarding the Queensland Government's ambitious target to increase primary production output to $30 billion by 2030. To support this goal, we have been consulting with industry and other stakeholders since February 2025 to develop a 25-year blueprint that outlines the vision, priorities, and values for achieving this growth.

When released, *Primary Industries Prosper 2050* (Prosper 2050) will represent the first whole-of-supply-chain cross-commodity plan for Queensland's primary industries in over a decade. This plan will be supported and implemented through a series of five-year regional-based action plans (RAPs), with the first series to be developed over the coming months.

The RAPs will be shaped by local priorities and will likely include a range of priorities that will be of interest to Local Governments, such as land use planning, local biosecurity land and pest management, and local workforce solutions. As such, I invite you to consider nominating an officer from your Council to be seconded (full time or part time) into one of the North, Central or South regional Prosper 2050 teams for three months to co-design action plans with officers from the Departmental of Primary Industries. This is a key opportunity for Local Government to be directly involved in the development of the draft RAPs for public consultation.

Involving Local Government officers, along with industry and government stakeholders, in a co-design approach to developing the RAPs will foster collaboration, enabling stakeholders to address long-standing issues and create new regional growth opportunities to boost primary industry production across the State.

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For further information, or to nominate an officer to work with the department, please contact Ms Sarah Goswami, Program Executive, Prosper 2050 in the Department of Primary Industries, on 0435 641 475 or email at sarah.goswami@dpi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Graeme Bolton
Director-General
Department of Primary Industries

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Our ref: WR25/21511

18 July 2025

Mr Bruce Scott
Interim Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Scott

I am writing to inform you of some important changes to the assessment regime for solar farms in Queensland and implications this may have for your Council.

As I am sure you would be aware, throughout this year the Crisafulli Government has been acting on its election commitment to reform the assessment regime for renewables in Queensland.

On 3 February 2025, the Deputy Premier introduced regulatory changes requiring all new wind farm applications to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) to be impact assessable. Changes were also made to the wind farm State Code requiring increased consideration of the potential impacts on surrounding communities.

This initial phase of regulatory changes was complemented on 25 June 2025 with the Queensland Parliament passing the *Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Bill 2025*. Through proclamation, these amendments have come into effect on 18 July 2025.

These new regulatory provisions now require:

- Development applications for solar farms, with capacity greater than one megawatt (1MW) for a source of energy to be used other than mainly on the premises, to now be assessable by SARA as the Assesment Manager as an Impact assessable development application
- that proponents must comply with the new community benefit system prior to being able to lodge these applications with SARA

with the effect that existing applications currently under assessment by your Local Government, are from 18 July 2025, no longer properly made.

If your council has a solar farm (capacity greater than 1MW) application currently under assessment I recommend that the current Assessment Manager issue the applicant an Invalid Application Notice. This will send clear signals to applicants that, in accordance with the legislation, they now need to satisfy the requirements of the new community benefit system then to lodge a fresh application to SARA.

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This will also enable you to then remove any invalid applications from your systems. Proceeding to finalise assessments and issue decision notices contrary to the new legislative requirements will give rise to invalid approvals.

The following links to information on the Department's website may be helpful to pass on to affected applicants:

- https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-issues-and-interests/renewable-energy
- https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/community-benefit.

Thank you for turning your mind to these significant reforms to the regulatory regime for renewable energy projects in Queensland.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Sallie Battist, Manager, Planning Services, in the Department, by telephone on (07) 3452 7656 or by email at renewablesplanning@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Peta Harwood
State Planner
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Mr Bruce Scott
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Dear Mr Scott

The Queensland Government has established the *Local Government Depreciation Taskforce* (the Taskforce) to explore opportunities to enhance depreciation outcomes for councils.

I am pleased to advise that Mr Neil Castles has been appointed to lead the Taskforce, supported by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the department). The Taskforce will engage with councils, Queensland Government agencies, and the broader local government sector to identify opportunities to reduce the impact of depreciation on councils.

The Taskforce will deliver its final report for consideration to the Honourable Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers by 31 December 2025. It will focus on working collaboratively with councils across four key areas, including financial management and reporting, asset management, grants and funding, and capability and capacity building. Mr Castles will be in touch shortly to outline how councils can participate in this important work.

More information about the Taskforce, its objectives and scope are available on the department's website at www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au/depreciationtaskforce.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Deanne Stewart, Acting Executive Director, Local Government Division in the department on (07) 3452 7875 or email at deanne.stewart@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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Local Government Depreciation Taskforce

Terms of Reference

Background

The Queensland Government is committed to working in partnership with Queensland's councils to deliver an empowered, strong and sustainable local government sector.

To support the achievement of this objective, at the 2024 State Election, the Queensland Government committed to partner with stakeholders to form a taskforce to review and consider opportunities to enhance depreciation outcomes across the areas of financial management and reporting; asset management; grants and funding; and capability/capacity building.

Strategic context

Queensland's 77 councils are responsible for delivering the local infrastructure and services that make local communities great places to live.

Queensland local governments are responsible for managing large infrastructure assets and depreciation of these assets, in accordance with international accounting standards, represents a significant proportion of councils' operating expenses.

Councils' operating results and overall financial sustainability are impacted by depreciation. For many councils, assets are funded through capital grants and this income is not reflected in councils' operating income, but the depreciation for these assets is classified as an operating expense.

Asset management capability remains a challenge for many local governments, particularly in the areas of asset valuations and long-term asset management planning. Improving these areas across the sector can effectively manage the impacts of depreciation.

Purpose

The Local Government Depreciation Taskforce (the Taskforce) is established to provide advice to the Queensland Government about the challenges faced by local governments in effectively managing depreciation and present opportunities, within the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and International Accounting standards (IAS) to reduce the impact of depreciation on councils' financial sustainability.

Responsibilities

The Taskforce's main objective is to identify the challenges for local governments in managing depreciation, present opportunities to reduce the impacts of depreciation on council's sustainability and enhance stakeholder awareness of the implications of depreciation on investment decisions. The Taskforce should achieve this by providing advice, including the making of recommendations effecting local governments addressing depreciation challenges, for consideration by the Queensland Government.

The Taskforce's Recommendations should aim to achieve the main outcomes, being:

- present opportunities to reduce the impacts of depreciation on council sustainability;
- enhance the long-term sustainability of Queensland's local governments;
- provide responses to the challenges of asset management for local governments;
- increased understanding in the sector on the implications of depreciation on investment decisions for capital assets and grant funding;
- enhanced awareness of the effects of depreciation on local governments financial sustainability.

Recommendations made by the Taskforce:

- must provide a clear evidence base to support the proposed course of action including analysis on how the recommendation will support the main outcomes; and
- should identify responsible levels of government for implementation and delivery.

Scope

The Taskforce will make recommendations about opportunities to reduce the impact of depreciation on councils across the following key areas:

- Local government sustainability - opportunities to reduce the impacts of depreciation to enhance the long-term sustainability of Queensland's local governments.
- Council operations – understanding the impacts of depreciation including:
    - the implications of depreciation on investment decisions for capital assets and grant funding;
    - opportunities to improve asset management for the sector
- Project delivery - identification of depreciation challenges for the sector and enhanced stakeholder awareness of depreciation.

Additionally, the Taskforce will seek input from key stakeholders and include information in its final report about opportunities in the following areas:

- identifying challenges faced by local governments in effectively managing depreciation
- present opportunities, within relevant accounting bodies to reduce the impacts of depreciation on councils, which may include recommendations to the AASB.
- consider interjurisdictional approaches to local government depreciation.
- enhancing awareness of depreciation, including the impacts of depreciation on local government's financial performance and sustainability.

The Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers (the Minister) may ask the Taskforce to consider other matters.

Consultation

To deliver on its purpose and responsibilities the Taskforce will engage and consult widely with stakeholders, the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Queensland Treasury (QT), Queensland Audit Office (QAO), Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC), Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), Local Government Finance Professionals (LGFP), Local Government Managers Association (LGMA), and the Red Tape Reduction Taskforce on the effects of depreciation on local governments. Other identified interested parties and jurisdictions may also be consulted.

Key deliverables

The Taskforce will deliver a final report to the Minister by 31 December 2025.

The Taskforce will also deliver a draft report to the Executive Steering Committee by 31 October 2025.

Within 30 days of establishment, the Taskforce must provide a Delivery Plan to the Executive Steering Committee for endorsement.

Membership and Resources

The Taskforce will be led by Mr. Neil Castles.

The Taskforce will be supported by a secretariat and project team provided by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV).

Governance and Reporting

The Taskforce reports to the Minister.

The Taskforce will receive strategic oversight and advice from the Local Government Depreciation Executive Steering Committee (ESC), chaired by the Director-General of DLGWV. The ESC is responsible for:

- endorsing the Taskforce's delivery plan and monitoring progress in delivery of activities,
- reviewing and advising on draft and final reports
- setting the strategic direction for the Taskforce in delivering on these Terms of Reference, or other matters as directed by the Minister.

Timeframes

The Taskforce is established for the period June to December 2025.

The Taskforce's establishment may be extended or amended by the Minister.

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Minister for Local Government
Water, Fire, Disaster Recovery
And Volunteers

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28 July 2025

Dear Mr Scott

I have received representations from Mr Graeme Hoare of Martins Stock Haulage in relation to permit requirements for two sections of linking roads to the Type 1 gazetted areas being:-

- **Charleville-Bollon Road, Charleville (intersection joining Mitchell Highway onto Sturt Street)**
- **Adavale Road, Ward with continuation along Adavale Road, Charleville to the township area (intersection into Mitchell Highway)**

I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) have requested the customer (Martin's) to provide an Engineer's (RPEQ endorsed) geometric tangential swept path assessment for both TMR managed intersections.

I am aware that the livestock industry has been advocating for these sections of roadway to be added to the gazetted network for some time. Their concerns are due to permit application processes that necessitates decoupling and leaving stock unattended, to comply with requirements to cross into the approved areas and the above sections to access properties.

I have enclosed mapping for Council's consideration. Martins have submitted applications to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NVHR) for type two road train permits to go anywhere in the Murweh Shire Council area. The map shows the roads marked with pink lines.

I appreciate your investigation and advice in relation to these matters and look forward to a response.

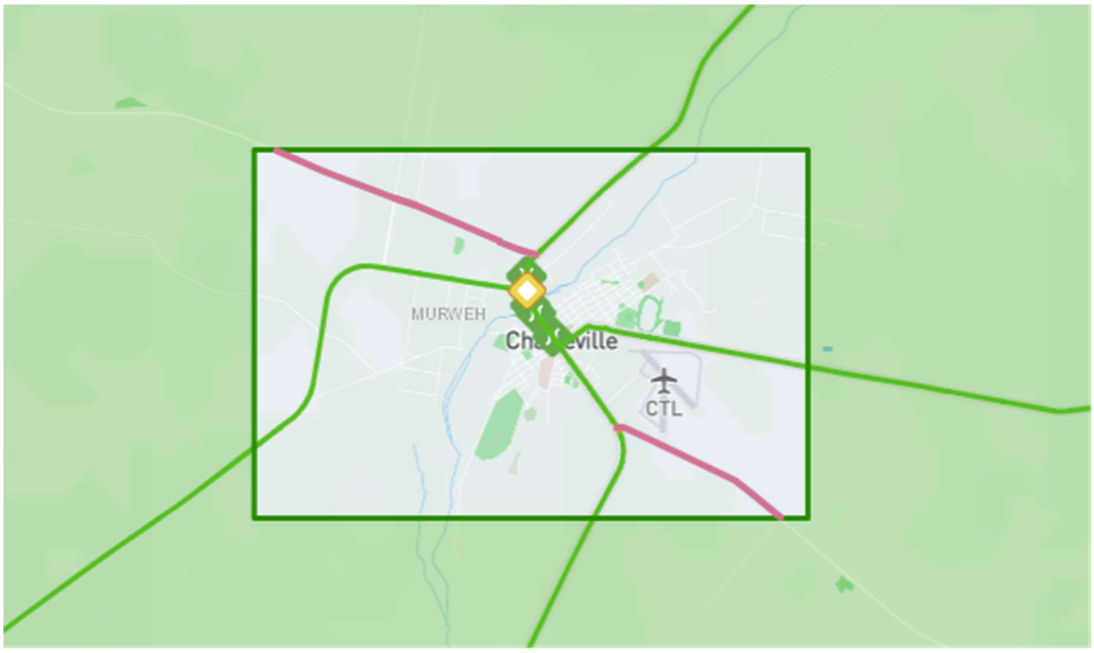
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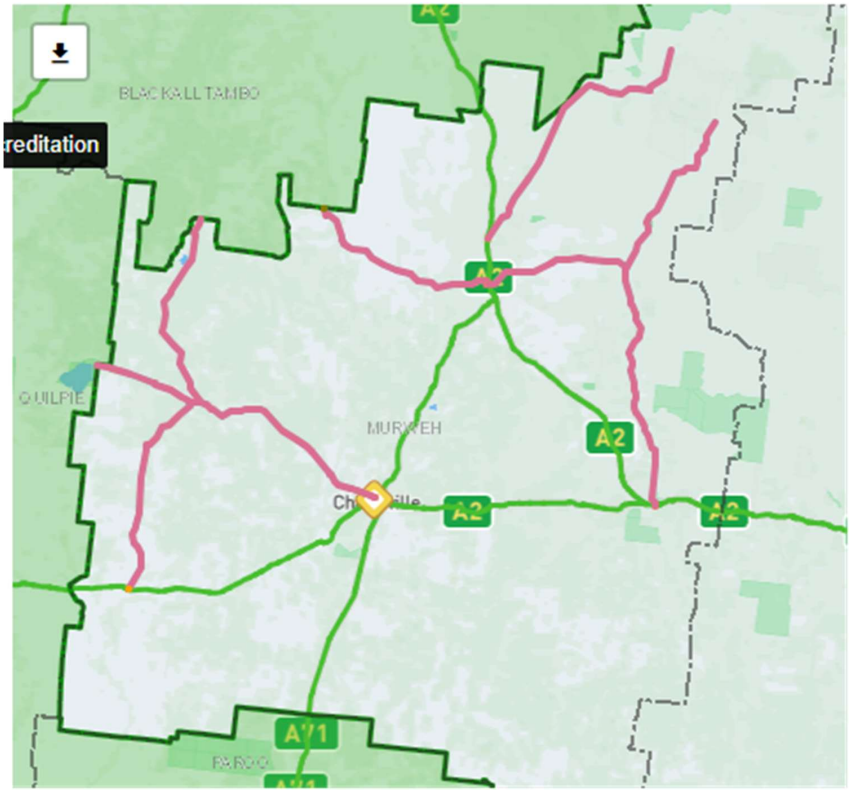
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Dear Mr Dart

Road Condition Information Sign (RCIS) Mitchell Highway (23B) Cunnamulla – Wyandra – Charleville

I am writing to you today to support the Paroo Shire Council in initiating a conversation between Paroo Shire Council, Murweh Shire Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads in relation to the possible enhancement of the electronic Road Condition signage on the Mitchell Highway between Cunnamulla and Charleville.

In conversation with Mr David Burges, Executive Officer Special Projects, Paroo Shire Council post the recent issues on this above section of the Mitchell Highway (23B) - where there were extended periods of road closures from flooding, a collapsed culvert and numerous truck and vehicle accidents - and whether there would be an appetite within the Department of Transport and Main Roads to provide additional electronic RCIS at Cunnamulla, Wyandra and Charleville to better manage the respective sections of this State controlled road (23B).

Mr Burges has canvased Murweh Shire Council's thoughts on breaking the Cunnamulla to Charleville sections of the Mitchell Highway (23B) into separable portions from Cunnamulla to Wyandra, and Wyandra to Charleville and reverse from the northern or Charleville end of this section of the Mitchell Highway (23B).

The ability to strategically manage these sections of the Mitchell Highway (23B) would allow for better controlling of local traffic when there are interruptions on either of the suggested sections of road. This suggestion would enable local traffic to transverse to their home or workplace without having to apply for a *Drive past a Restricted Road Use Notice (RRUN) Application* if there was no interruption on one or the other specific sections of this road corridor.

Murweh Shire Supports the Paroo Shire Council initiative and would welcome a conversation between our respective agencies to further a discussion on this suggestion for enhanced road corridor management.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Scott OAM
Chief Executive Officer
Local Disaster Coordinator
Murweh Shire Council

The Hon Kristy McBain MP

Minister for Emergency Management
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
Member for Eden-Monaro

Ref: MS25-002262

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

As Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, I recognise the vital role local governments play in their communities and the contribution they make to the Australian economy. I am also very aware of the critical impact of regulation both on local governments themselves but also in driving productivity across Australia.

The Australian Government is convening an Economic Reform Roundtable to unlock new ideas and build consensus around future reforms. The round table will be led by the Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP and supported by other key ministers from the Government. It will focus on lifting living standards for Australians through 3 main themes:

- Making our economy more productive.
- Building resilience in the face of global uncertainty.
- Strengthening the Budget and making it more sustainable.

While the public consultation period ahead of the Roundtable has now closed, to support the Government's consideration of these issues I am requesting your input to provide a deeper understanding of any issues with duplication of compliance and regulation your council may have experienced. If you have experience in this space you feel may be useful to share, please complete the online form available at forms.office.com/r/i7TrhqgRJb by 07 August 2025 so your feedback can be considered.

Yours sincerely



Kristy McBain MP
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Families, Seniors, Disability
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11 August 2025

Bruce Scott
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Dear Mr Scott

RE: WESTERN QUEENSLAND SURFACE TROUGH AND ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING

On 4 July 2025, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) announced the approval of the jointly funded State and Commonwealth, Category C Community Health and Wellbeing Package for Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, commencing 21 March 2025, with the Funding Guidelines for this program currently with NEMA for consideration.

On behalf of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety, through the State Portfolio of Community Recovery have been progressing the procurement process in compliance with the requirements of the Queensland Procurement Policy 2023.

As a recipient of this funding, your council will shortly be receiving correspondence in relation to the proposed procurement process for the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer (CRRO) and Council Recovery Rebuild Support Officer (CRRSO) initiatives that are contained within this package and to arrange discussions regarding the approach to implementing the approved funding.

We thank you for your patience as the funding arrangements are finalised with the Commonwealth Government and the procurement processes are undertaken and recognise the continued work that your council provides in delivering recovery support to your community.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Ms Teresa Campbell, Manager, Service Delivery and Engagement at teresa.campbell@chde.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Western Queensland Surface Trough and
Associated Rainfall and Flooding
21 March to 19 May 2025

Community Recovery and Resilience Officer (CRRO)

This information is to provide an overview regarding the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer (CRRO) role as funded under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for this event.

CRROs are employed directly by Local Councils to deliver activities that address the medium and long-term recovery and resilience building needs after a disaster event. Councils will be provided with flexibility to determine how many CRROs will be funded and where they will be located, provided they are employed within the envelope of approved funding, deliver eligible activities and costs are spent on eligible items as per the supplier guidelines.

Contracts for the CRRO Program will be managed by the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (DFSDSCS) (the department).

This funding is available to the following Local Government Areas:

- Barcaldine
- Barcoo
- Bulloo
- Longreach
- Murweh
- Paroo
- Quilpie
- Winton

CRRO Program Objectives

The objectives of the CRRO Program as detailed in the DRFA Funding Guidelines are to embed Community Recovery and Resilience Officers (CRROs) within eligible LGAs to work at the community level in addressing the immediate to medium/long-term needs of the event impacted communities, and ensuring a locally informed response and long-term sustainability.

The CRRO role will achieve this objective through:

- supporting community-informed initiatives, by facilitating linkages, collaboration and partnerships between and across groups, supporting and enabling the development and achievement of the objectives in medium to longer term recovery and resilience planning and having a focus on building upon local strengths and capabilities of the affected communities.

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- establishing a local face-to-face presence with community organisations and key community stakeholders across the affected communities to engage and identify community strengths, needs, aspirations and developmental opportunities, facilitate community planning days and to support and nurture prioritised community recovery and resilience projects.
- engaging and establishing strong working relationships with key stakeholders involved in community recovery at the local and district levels, including working with these stakeholders to ensure they can effectively plan for the long-term sustainability of their communities and are best placed to build capacity in preparedness for, and resilience to, future disasters and establish consultation processes and structures.
- supporting the development of local recovery plans that are informed by local recovery needs and implemented through community informed recovery actions.
- identifying and implementing community informed local recovery that supports and aligns with the relevant Local Recovery Plan.
- promoting disaster recovery and resilience information and sharing ideas/projects from other locations.
- engaging with other key workers involved in community recovery at a local level and establishing improved connections with local government and joint recovery planning by maintaining a focus on improving the relationship between community organisations, local government, local disaster management groups.
- identifying and implementing local community informed activities aligned with the purpose of the CRRO initiative. This will ensure that communities develop the capability to manage their own recovery, reducing reliance on government disaster-related assistance.

The outcomes of the initiatives include:

- the needs of vulnerable groups are addressed in disaster recovery
- the community is aware of the disaster recovery process
- the community can express its changing disaster recovery needs
- community members are aware of the risks of future disasters and information is available to help them to make informed risk reduction decisions
- the community has improved capacity and capability to respond to future disasters
- business and not-for-profits have in place adequate mitigation practices for risks and threats
- government, private sector and civil society and organisations are engaged in plans for mitigation and management of the recovery
- local activities are developed in line with eligible activities such as community engagement activities, education sessions, resilience activities, community events, workshops and responses that promote planning, preparedness and resilience within the impacted community.

Further information regarding outcomes and indicators can be found on the Australian Institute of Disaster Resilience (AIDR) website and within the National Disaster Recovery Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

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Eligible Activities

All costs attributed to the CRRO Program must be directly associated with the delivery of the approved program activities and must adhere to strict rules under the DRFA.

At the commencement of the program the CRRO will need to provide a Recovery and Resilience Action Plan, with updates when changes occur, to enable Community Recovery to support Councils in ensuring compliance with the requirements in the Guidelines as per Commonwealth Government and QRA requirements.

It is the responsibility of Local Councils and their CRROs to confirm the eligibility of any activities under the DRFA prior to expenditure, to avoid council being liable for ineligible costs.

CRRO Program Activities

All work undertaken by the CRRO should align with the relevant LDMG endorsed Local Recovery Plan and any event specific recovery plans.

CRRO's will

- undertake widespread community engagement activities to discuss the recovery process and to identify the needs and aspirations of diverse groups within the affected area
- arrange community training and education programs that facilitate the outcomes of the CRRO program.
- support and enable capacity and skills development of individuals and groups, businesses and service providers within the affected areas
- support and enable the development of recovery and resilience plans for the affected areas
- raise awareness of, and assist community groups to, develop their capacity to submit recovery and/or resilience project proposals under the other grants that become available during the officer's tenure
- promote disaster recovery and resilience information and share ideas/projects from other locations
- engage with other key workers involved in community recovery at a local level and establish links with workers funded under other initiatives of the Community Recovery Fund.
- participate in the LDMG and Local Human and Social Group activities and planning
- contribute to planning and needs for food security during events and recovery.

The department will work closely with Councils to integrate this work into the local disaster management group and local human and social group activity and planning.

Funding

Each CRRO will be provided with an allowance of up to $200,000 (excluding GST) per year to respond to needs identified in their planning and consultations, all costs and activities must meet eligibility requirements under the DRFA Funding Guidelines. These local activities are to enable recovery outcomes through the delivery of community engagement activities, education sessions, resilience activities, community events, workshops and responses.

As part of their planning, CRROs will be required to develop, and submit to the Department (Community Recovery) a Recovery and Resilience Action Plan and budget to demonstrate how this funding will be used. This is not intended to discourage the CRRO from accessing other funding and it is a base level of funding to support targeted activities identified in the community.

Eligible and Ineligible Program Delivery costs

Eligible costs must be directly associated with the delivery of the approved package initiatives as outlined in the Guidelines.

Eligible costs are the total costs of the initiative, less any ineligible costs and/or other funding contributions and **must be directly associated with the delivery of the approved program initiatives and activities** within the eligible timeframe.

Eligible costs are capped at approved funding value and must be supported by detailed evidence of the actual expenditure when claiming payments and acquitting the initiative.

QRA has advised that when Council engage additional service providers to conduct activities in line with the CRRO Guidelines, the provision of tax invoices from the additional service provider to council must be provided and contain clear details of the activities undertaken by the service provider and demonstrate the payment relates to eligible activities, including being able to be linked to the CRRO Action Plan.

Eligible and ineligible program delivery costs include, but are not limited to:

Eligible Program Delivery Costs	Ineligible Program Delivery Costs
• contracted Suppliers' staffing and/or salary costs associated with service delivery • contracted Suppliers' operational costs associated with delivery of the approved initiative including costs of staff travel, allowances, and accommodation • contracting fees to bring expertise and service delivery into targeted locations • costs associated with planning and facilitation of approved workshops, training and education • costs of hiring or leasing additional equipment, directly required to deliver activities e.g. phones, printers, computers and IT levies and software (refer to Purchase of new assets, below, for further details)	• non-specific or unsupported indirect and overhead costs (unless specified in Overhead costs) • ordinary wages and salaries of permanent staff and senior executive officers • legal costs • core business activities of the Supplier purchase of core business capital equipment such as motor vehicles, phones, and office equipment or furnishings (refer to Purchase of new assets, below, for further details) • profit margins of Local or State Governments • costs of duplicated initiatives approved and currently being delivered under existing DRFA funded programs will be deemed ineligible

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• non-labour expenses directly related to the delivery, including but not limited to: – catering for community meetings/events/training (e.g. light refreshments etc.) – establishing a local-face-to-face presence across the affected communities, such as community planning days, room rental or other activities – purchase of resources for community events/activities – pens, table clothes, coloured paper, bluetack etc. – facilities hire – design, print and publication of promotional/educational materials for use in delivering the approved package initiatives (e.g., community workshops, consultation, training etc.) – translation costs for targeted community audiences – advertising such as radio, print media and billboard space. – costs associated with hosting online support material	• office rental and related costs not directly related to delivering of outreach services • unsupported on-cost charges • in-kind contributions • vehicle expenses not directly related to the delivery of the package initiatives • cash prizes or commercial gifts • ongoing costs for administration, operation or maintenance costs • costs associated with the use of budget funded resources, including existing office spaces, vehicles and ongoing staff. (e.g. existing office spaces, existing leases, insurances and existing professional services). The Supplier will be liable for all costs over and above the approved capped funding amount and for all ineligible costs.

Dear Mayors and CEO's,

Earlier today, OQTA and Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) met with your Tourism Officers to discuss the upcoming 2025 Outback Recovery Campaign, supported by $2.14 million in joint Australian and Queensland Government funding. The campaign launches in mid-August to boost visitation after the March flooding. Phase 1 focuses on driving immediate bookings to impacted areas.

Key details:
• Helloworld promotion from 14 August to 11 September 2025, featuring price-led packages for nine Outback Queensland regions
• Operators must be contracted through Helloworld to participate in this part of the campaign
• Campaign promoted in NSW and Queensland via social media and Queensland.com
• Primary travel period: August to October 2025
• Secondary travel push: November 2025 to March 2026
• ATDW deals live from 18 August to 30 September 2025

Tourism Officers have been encouraged to support operators in updating their ATDW profiles, listing up to three relevant deals, and exploring cross-regional collaborations. While not all regions have Helloworld-contracted product, ATDW deals remain an important part of the campaign. OQTA and the ATDW Team are available to assist, and the attached factsheet will be shared with operators.

We welcome your feedback and high-level ideas for Phase 2 to support recovery and ongoing tourism growth.

Kind regards,
DD

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14 August 2025

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Dear Bruce

I write to remind *Murweh Shire Council* of its obligations under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), and to outline the key requirements and submission dates to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA). These apply to Emergency Works (EWK), Immediate Reconstruction Works (IRW), Counter Disaster Operations (CDO), and Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) programs.

The DRFA is a condition-based funding program and submissions must clearly demonstrate eligibility under the guidelines and the terms of the QRA-Council Head Agreement. Councils must ensure that accurate and complete submissions are provided to QRA in a timely manner to support both State and Commonwealth audit requirements. Failure to meet submission timeframes may result in claims not being considered.

I'd like to draw your attention to two upcoming deadlines:

- By **30 September 2025**, all EWK, IRW, and CDO submissions must be lodged for expenditure incurred in the 2024–25 financial year.
- By **31 March 2026**, all REPA submissions must be lodged, including those requiring estimate updates that have already undergone initial assessment. Estimate updates are only required where works will be delivered by external contractors. Councils must engage with their Regional Liaison Officer (RLO) early to ensure submissions requiring updated estimates are addressed appropriately.

Applications for extensions of time (EoT) will only be considered in truly exceptional circumstances. Approval of EoTs is not guaranteed and may be declined due to circumstances outside QRA's control. All requests must be endorsed by the RLO and approved by QRA's General Manager, Operations.

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The Commonwealth has approved accounting policy exemptions for EWK and IRW for the following events:

- North and Far North Queensland Monsoon and Flooding (29 January – 28 February 2025),
- Central Queensland Flooding (8–15 March 2024), Tropical Cyclone Alfred and Associated Severe Weather (1–16 March 2025); and
- Western Queensland Surface Trough (20 March – 2 April 2024).

For these events, councils may record eligible expenditure in the financial year in which works are completed, rather than when costs were incurred. This exemption applies only to EWK and IRW where costs are incurred across financial years. Claims must still be lodged within three months of completion of works.

I remind you that councils may engage a project manager to assist with the delivery and administration of their DRFA submissions. These costs are eligible for reimbursement where the engagement is appropriate under the DRFA.

It is expected that submissions lodged to QRA contain less than 10% ineligible costs. Submissions that exceed this threshold may be withdrawn from assessment until rectified. Where QRA identifies a pattern of high ineligible content or poor-quality submissions, QRA may exercise its rights under Clause 7.3(c) of the Head Agreement to direct Council to replace the project manager or withhold reimbursement of project management costs.

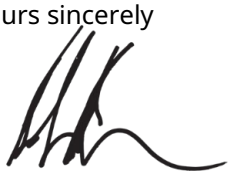
If QRA considers that information has been intentionally submitted outside of the DRFA conditions, QRA may refer the matter to the Crime and Corruption Commission.

Please liaise closely with your RLO, Gary McDonald on all matters relating to submissions, EoTs, estimate updates and exemptions via email to Gary.McDonald@qra.qld.gov.au, or telephone 0419 776 016.

You are also welcome to contact Andrew Abbott, General Manager, Operations via andrew.abbott@qra.qld.gov.au or on 0459 600 037 to discuss in more detail.

I look forward to your cooperation in these matters.

Yours sincerely



Major General Jake Ellwood (Retd)
Chief Executive Officer

Dear CEO

Please find attached the local government trigger points for the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), effective from 1 July 2025.

The trigger points are individually tailored to each Council as they are calculated based on a percentage of Council's net general rates, and are capped, at $2.2 million. Indigenous councils continue to have a nil trigger point under the DRFA.

Trigger points apply only to the Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) relief measure, which also includes Emergency Works (EW) and Immediate Reconstruction Works (IRW).

Trigger points have two purposes:

- Eligible REPA damage (including EW and IRW) must exceed a local government's trigger point for it to be activated for REPA under the DRFA.
- Local government must contribute up to its trigger point amount toward eligible REPA works.

Trigger points for all local governments can be viewed in the PDF attached or via the Queensland Reconstruction Authority website at https://www.qra.qld.gov.au/funding/drfa/local-government-trigger-points

If you have any further enquiries regarding trigger points please contact Andrew Abbott, General Manager, Operations Division, on 07 3740 1966 or email Andrew.Abbott@qra.qld.gov.au

Regards
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Local Government Trigger points for DRFA - FY 2025/26

Council Name	Net General Rates FY 2023/24 $	FY 2024/25 Maximum Trigger Point $	FY 2025/26 Maximum Trigger Point $
Aurukun Shire Council	0	0	0
Balonne Shire Council	6,597,000	49,253	49,478
Banana Shire Council	29,906,000	205,328	224,295
Barcaldine Regional Council	4,717,000	33,263	35,378
Barcoo Shire Council	1,242,000	19,208	9,315
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	3,443,000	24,713	25,823
Boulia Shire Council	1,471,000	11,288	11,033
Brisbane City Council	1,048,045,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Bulloo Shire Council	5,695,000	40,275	42,713
Bundaberg Regional Council	84,215,000	639,810	631,613
Burdekin Shire Council	29,795,000	215,138	223,463
Burke Shire Council	2,570,000	18,593	19,275
Cairns Regional Council	133,273,000	936,833	999,548
Carpentaria Shire Council	4,678,000	34,043	35,085
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	39,994,000	285,900	299,955
Central Highlands Regional Council	106,939,896	675,259	802,049
Charters Towers Regional Council	15,343,000	111,315	115,073
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
City of Gold Coast	676,562,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Cloncurry Shire Council	14,554,000	97,313	109,155
Cook Shire Council	4,739,000	34,365	35,543
Croydon Shire Council	508,000	3,608	3,810
Diamantina Shire Council	1,219,000	7,425	9,143
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
Douglas Shire Council	18,333,000	129,075	137,498
Etheridge Shire Council	2,061,667	14,441	15,463
Flinders Shire Council	2,616,000	18,285	19,620
Fraser Coast Regional Council	92,958,000	615,120	697,185
Gladstone Regional Council	95,877,000	675,585	719,078
Goondiwindi Regional Council	14,575,000	100,298	109,313
Gympie Regional Council	56,382,000	391,133	422,865
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	18,600,000	132,000	139,500
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
Ipswich City Council	213,532,845	1,475,745	1,601,496
Isaac Regional Council	64,485,265	454,415	483,639
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	595,324	0	0
Livingstone Shire Council	42,928,000	276,810	321,960
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	34,732,000	246,653	260,490
Logan City Council	210,133,000	1,431,135	1,575,998
Longreach Regional Council	5,105,000	36,293	38,288
Mackay Regional Council	117,987,056	844,575	884,903
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
Maranoa Regional Council	33,064,000	254,565	247,980

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ATTACHMENT 1 - 2025-26 Local Government Trigger Points

Local Government Trigger points for DRFA - FY 2025/26

Council Name	Net General Rates FY 2023/24 $	FY 2024/25 Maximum Trigger Point $	FY 2025/26 Maximum Trigger Point $
Mareeba Shire Council	19,476,000	139,793	146,070
McKinlay Shire Council	3,073,000	21,788	23,048
City of Moreton Bay	319,603,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Mornington Shire Council	0	0	0
Mount Isa City Council	19,157,000	127,373	143,678
Murweh Shire Council	3,793,902	25,943	28,454
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
Noosa Shire Council	67,141,247	471,251	503,559
North Burnett Regional Council	11,338,000	80,678	85,035
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	0	0	0
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
Paroo Shire Council	2,483,000	18,158	18,623
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
Quilpie Shire Council	6,573,000	49,523	49,298
Redland City Council	121,347,000	860,348	910,103
Richmond Shire Council	1,122,000	7,358	8,415
Rockhampton Regional Council	72,335,000	499,523	542,513
Scenic Rim Regional Council	47,249,000	326,198	354,368
Somerset Regional Council	24,829,020	173,696	186,218
South Burnett Regional Council	32,118,000	228,290	240,885
Southern Downs Regional Council	35,651,000	251,393	267,383
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	302,651,000	2,075,100	2,200,000
Tablelands Regional Council	28,900,000	200,543	216,750
Toowoomba Regional Council	149,975,000	1,067,925	1,124,813
Torres Shire Council	1,094,000	0	0
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	0	0	0
Townsville City Council	175,339,000	1,296,758	1,315,043
Western Downs Regional Council	82,103,000	585,390	615,773
Whitsunday Regional Council	56,890,000	405,165	426,675
Winton Shire Council	2,564,000	18,728	19,230
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	0	0	0

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14 July 2025

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Dear Major General Ellwood

Request for Extension of Time *Community Relief Fund: Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding Commencing 21 March 2025*

I am writing today to request an extension of time for projects associated with the *Community Relief Fund: Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding Commencing 21 March 2025*.

As you are well aware, Murweh Shire Council (the Council) was one of the 9 local governments identified as being eligible for funding under the $12m *Community Relief Fund* to support the delivery of essential immediate recovery activities.

Murweh Shire Council was never formally notified of the *Community Relief Fund* program after the program's approval of 02 April, and it was only that I had asked the State Recovery Coordinator for this event, Mr. Stuart McKenzie OAM on Wednesday 14 May when this program was being announced - that I had any understanding that the program was announced or about to be announced.

On Thursday 29 May 2025, I also enquired through the Queensland Reconstruction Authority Murweh Shire Council Regional Liaison Officer, Mr. Gary McDonald when the *Community Relief Fund* program was to be announced as I had not received any notification. He advised that the program had been announced and subsequently sent me the link to the program during this conversation.

Murweh Shire Council again enquired during the District Disaster Recovery Meetings as to whether there was an extension of time being considered for the delivery of the *Community Relief Fund* – where I was told by a National Emergency Management Agency person that this was the case and advice would be forthcoming.

As I had not received any advice on whether there had been an extension of time granted, I again asked the Murweh Shire Council Regional Liaison Officer, Mr Gary McDonald on the 11 July 2025 when the *Community Relief Fund* program extension of time was to be announced. When Mr. McDonald checked, he found that Murweh Shire Council had not been granted an extension of time – but other local authorities had the extension of time granted to complete their schedule of works.

Murweh Shire Council has had significant impacts to some public infrastructure as a result of the extremely heavy and prolonged rain associated with the *Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding* event.

These impacts include significant damage to the discharge area of the Bradley's Gully Diversion flood mitigation channel where it converges into the Warrego River. The saturation and inundation of subsurface of the synthetic netball and basketball courts at King Edward Park. The saturation and inundation of the lighting at the Charleville Tennis Courts on King Edward Park. Damage to the Charleville Racecourse from the intensity and volume of rain impacting and shifting the outer areas of the sand running surface to the centre of the racetrack and causing undulation to large areas of the racecourse.

Because of the widespread nature of this event, as well as the impacts from the flooding in north Queensland, Tropical Cyclone Alfred, and the east coast low pressure system in south eastern New South Wales - there has been limited access to contractors to complete minor works such as the lighting replacement and resurfacing of the netball and basketball courts.

The Charleville Racecourse has to be surveyed for the lazier guided replacement of the sand running surface which Council needs to engage a surveyor / engineer to complete. Unfortunately, our Engineering Services personnel, tip trucks and graders have been busy completing emergent works and getting the road network restored to a safe condition and at least trafficable from the impacts from the March / April event.

The repairs to the discharge of the Bradley's Gully Diversion Channel into the Warrego River requires hydrological engineering to design this process and quantities of fill, erosion protection material and concrete to repair this flood mitigation asset.

The Bradley's Gully Diversion was tested at scale for the first time in November 2024 with a 1:60-year rainfall intensity event at Charleville and possibly a 1:2000-year rainfall intensity event in the upper catchment of this watercourse where there 180mm fell in a very short period. This was the first time that this diversion experienced flood water in the high flow section of the diversion channel where the floodwater was seen to increase greatly in velocity as it entered the floodgates and discharge area.

The Bradley's Gully Diversion was again tested during the March/April *Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding* event where the diversion managed to mitigate the flooding of Charleville as it diverted the localized rainfall in the Bradley's Gully Diversion into the Warrego River prior to this flood water entering the community.

The difference in the November 2024 event and the March/April event was the level of flood water in the Warrego River. The Warrego River system was already charged with flood water from the upper catchment, which meant that the Bradley's Gully Diversion managed greater volumes of water at a higher velocity from both the Bradley's Gully and localized flood water and higher levels of water in the Warrego River than what was witnessed in November 2024.

The advice Murweh Shire Council has received from the consulting engineer / hydrologist, Mr. Evan O'Brien: is that the redundant floodgates at the discharge at the Bradley's Gully Diversion should be removed so that the diverted flood water does not increase in velocity at this point and decrease the likely hood of damage occurring during flood events.

Below is a copy of the request that the Murweh Shire Council's consulting engineer / hydrologist has made to Civil IQ to complete the engineering scope and design for the removal of the redundant floodgates and to repair the discharge area at the convergence of Bradley's Gully and the Warrego River. I will also attach the response provided by the Civil IQ to this request from Genesiss Hydrology.

Council is very conscious that this repair to the Bradley's Gully Diversion will need to be repaired prior to the 2025-26 high risk weather season. As the risk involved in this mitigation infrastructure failing could cause the inundation of approximately 400 homes and small businesses from a Bradley's Gully flood as happened in 2010, or the inundation of approximately 1180 homes and small businesses as happened in 1990 - if the Charleville Flood Levee was to fail at this location thereby exposing Charleville to the flood waters from the Warrego River.

Murweh Shire Council respectfully requests that the Queensland Reconstruction Authority consider and approve an extension of time to complete these works under the *Community Relief Fund* program and return Charleville's social and sporting infrastructure and flood mitigation infrastructure to a pre-event condition with enhanced hydrological outcomes and margin protection at the discharge area.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Scott OAM
Chief Executive Officer and Local Disaster Coordinator
Murweh Shire Council

From: Evan O'Brien
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 10:44 AM
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Cc: mark.smith@civil-iq.com.au <mark.smith@civil-iq.com.au>
Subject: Charleville Data Package

6 June 2025

Kate, Mark

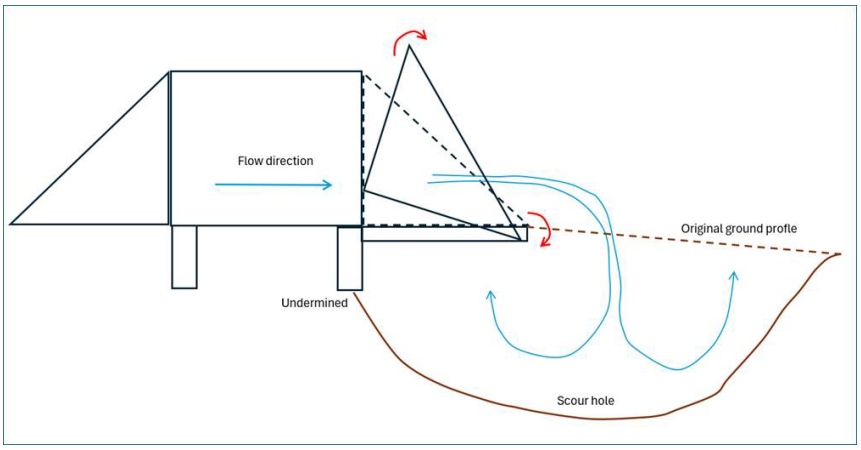
Relevant Charleville data to help in your scoping the proposal for culvert removal, channel re-profiling, and construction drawings for same.

1. Google Earth layers showing: levee alignment, culvert location, approximate area of works.
2. Levee remediation drawings and earthworks spec from 2021. Use this for general orientation of the site and conditions.
3. 2023 LiDAR data (sent separately to Mark S; he can make contours etc for you if required)
4. Photos from my recent site visit, showing the damage. For reference, culverts are 3m high, and once we drained it we found the scour hole to be about 5m deep below the apron.
5. Bradleys Gully Diversion IFC drawings and Geotech report (2011) – pending; Council is having difficulty locating these.
6. IFC drawings of the damaged culverts
7. Excerpt from my email to Council below, summarising the damage and what caused it:

1. Analysis



The proximate cause appears to be the progressive scouring of material beneath the apron and wingwalls during the recent Gully flood, leaving the concrete unsupported. The upwards bend on the dowel bars suggests that the wingwall has rotated away from the culvert, the stresses also being sufficient to cause partial collapse of the apron.



The distal cause is undersized rock protection at the outlet, due to underestimation of flow velocities and/or limited local availability of suitably size rock. The energy of the concentrated flow at the outlet has a created a scour hole that is about 3 m deep to the current water level in the hole. It may be as deep as 5 m in total. The plunging flow was energetic enough to undermine the downstream cutoff wall.

Because the culvert was installed on a skew, the failed wingwall featured a large square panel (3650 mm long by 3000 mm high, shown below) immediately adjacent to the culvert outlet, thereafter transitioning to the typical sloped wingwall profile. Loss of this panel has exposed a vertical earth face, which is unlikely to have long term stability. A concavity has formed during the recent rainfall, undermining the line of the safety fencing.





2. Proposed Actions

I don't think there's any realistic way to repair this culvert. It was redundant anyway, so removal is the best option. To affect the removal and remediation, the following tasks are required:

- **Characterise baseline hydraulic conditions.** An estimate of the peak velocity experienced during the flood, to determine if existing rock protection was adequate. If a problem can be demonstrated, it may bolster your case for obtaining funding.
- **Test future hydraulic conditions.** On the assumption that the culverts are to be entirely removed, and the surrounding land suitably filled and graded, an estimate of flood velocities can be obtained, and used to specify erosion protection details. I expect that by opening up the flow area, extra flood immunity will be gained.
- **Prepare drawings.** I will engage a civil engineering colleague to prepare a drawing set of sufficient detail to allow contractors to tender on the project. If required, we can also develop a high-level cost estimate to aid with funding applications.

Evan O'Brien

Director | Principal Engineer

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22 July 2025

Bruce Scott OAM
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Dear Bruce,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 July 2025 regarding the request for an extension of time (EOT) for projects under the Community Relief Fund for the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding event.

I appreciate the detailed information and context you have provided regarding the challenges faced by Murweh Shire Council in progressing these critical recovery works.

I understand that you have been in contact with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's (QRA) Director, Technical Services, and it has been confirmed that QRA will complete an EOT request to the Commonwealth on Council's behalf.

QRA will provide you with an update on the outcome of the EOT request as soon as it becomes available.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact your Regional Liaison Officer, Gary McDonald directly at gary.mcdonald@qra.qld.gov.au / 0419 776 016.

Yours sincerely

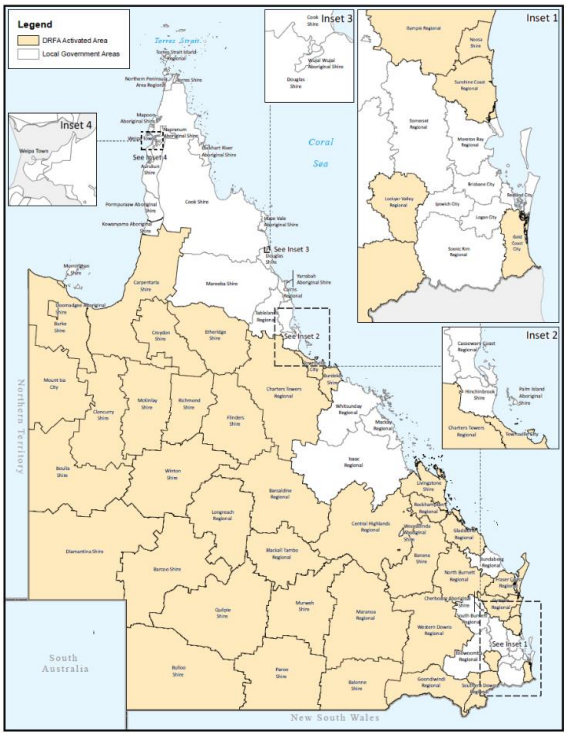
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Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event

Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding 21 March – 19 May 2025 (V24)



The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is a jointly funded program between the Australian Government and state and territory (state) governments, through which the Australian Government provides financial assistance to support state governments with disaster recovery costs.

In response to the disaster, assistance has been activated for the area formally defined as: *"Communities within Western Queensland affected by Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding 21 March – 19 May 2025".*

DRFA assistance measures (activated by the Queensland Government)

- Counter Disaster Operations
- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets
- Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme
- Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme
- Disaster Assistance (Primary Producer) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producer
- Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer
- Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business
- Disaster Assistance (Not-For-Profit Organisation) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Not-For-Profit Organisation

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Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Reconstruction of Public Assets	Disaster Assistance Loans for:			Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for:			Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer	Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for:		
					Not-for-Profit Organisations	Primary Producers	Small Businesses	Not-for-Profit Originations	Primary Producers	Small Businesses		Not-for-Profit Organisations	Primary Producers	Small Businesses
Balonne Shire Council	10/04/2025			10/04/2025		05/04/2025			05/04/2025		05/04/2025		28/04/2025	
Banana Shire Council	14/04/2025			14/04/2025										
Barcaldine Regional Council	31/03/2025	10/04/2025[1]	10/04/2025[2]	31/03/2025		17/04/2025			17/04/2025		17/04/2025		28/04/2025	
Barcoo Shire Council	26/03/2025	27/03/2025	27/03/2025	26/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
Blackall – Tambo Regional Council	31/03/2025			31/03/2025		17/04/2025	23/04/2025		17/04/2025	23/04/2025	17/04/2025		28/04/2025	
Boulia Shire Council	25/03/2025			25/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
Bulloo Shire Council	25/03/2025	27/03/2025	27/03/2025	25/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
Burdekin Shire Council	28/03/2025			28/03/2025										
Burke Shire Council	11/04/2025			11/04/2025										
Carpentaria Shire Council	11/04/2025			11/04/2025										
Central Highlands Regional Council	28/03/2025			28/03/2025										
Charters Towers Regional Council	10/04/2025			10/04/2025										
City of Gold Coast	01/04/2025													
Cloncurry Shire Council	04/04/2025			04/04/2025										
Croydon Shire Council	11/04/2025			11/04/2025										
Diamantina Shire Council	26/03/2025			26/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	11/04/2025			11/04/2025										
Etheridge Shire Council	04/04/2025			04/04/2025										
Flinders Shire Council	28/03/2025			28/03/2025										
Fraser Coast Regional Council	01/04/2025			23/04/2025										
Gladstone Regional Council	14/04/2025			14/04/2025										
Goondiwindi Regional Council	23/04/2025			23/04/2025										
Gympie Regional Council	11/04/2025			23/04/2025										
Livingstone Shire Council	14/04/2025			14/04/2025										

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Lockyer Valley Regional Council	10/04/2025												
Longreach Shire Council	26/03/2025	29/03/2025	29/03/2025	26/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
Maranoa Regional Council	01/04/2025			01/04/2025										
McKinlay Shire Council	23/04/2025			23/04/2025										
Mount Isa City Council	11/04/2025			11/04/2025										
Murweh Shire Council	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	02/04/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
Noosa Shire Council	31/03/2025			31/03/2025										
North Burnett Regional Council	19/05/2025			19/05/2025										
Paroo Shire Council	28/03/2025	28/03/2025	28/03/2025	28/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
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Richmond Shire Council	02/04/2025			02/04/2025										
Rockhampton Regional Council	14/04/2025			14/04/2025										
Southern Downs Regional Council	23/04/2025			23/04/2025										
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DRFA Exceptional Circumstance Relief Packages

DRFA Category	Package Type	Assistance Measure
D	Betterment Program	Funding will be made available for Department of Transport and Main Roads to strengthen the resilience of access to and throughout Western and Central Queensland.
C	Community Health and Wellbeing	To conduct community health and wellbeing activities to support the recovery of communities impacted by the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding.
C	Community Relief Fund	To provide timely support to impacted councils to ensure that community members and primary producers can remove waste, clean properties, conduct carcass removal activities and progress with their recovery.
D	Coordinated Emergency Fodder Support Package	To assist primary producers with the extraordinary costs of undertaking immediate and emergency livestock welfare activities.
D	Environmental Recovery Program	To support medium to longer term-term environmental and cultural values recovery including subprograms for catchment rehabilitation and national park recovery activities.
C	Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Primary Producers	To assist primary producers directly with immediate reinstatement activities, such as repairs to infrastructure, purchase equipment and materials, clean up, remove debris, replace fencing, purchase and transport livestock and other costs associated with the recovery process.
C	Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Small Business and Not-for-Profit Organisation	To assist small business and not-for-profit organisations with clean-up and repair/restore flood damaged assets, including damage to equipment, flooring and walls in premises and undertake immediate recovery related activities.
D	Exclusion Fencing Restitution Program	To assist primary producers who rely on exclusion fencing to operate their businesses to re-establish their network of exclusion fencing to promote short,medium and longer term recovery needs.
C	Mental Health Recovery Program	To provide mental health assistance to support the recovery of people impacted by the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding event.

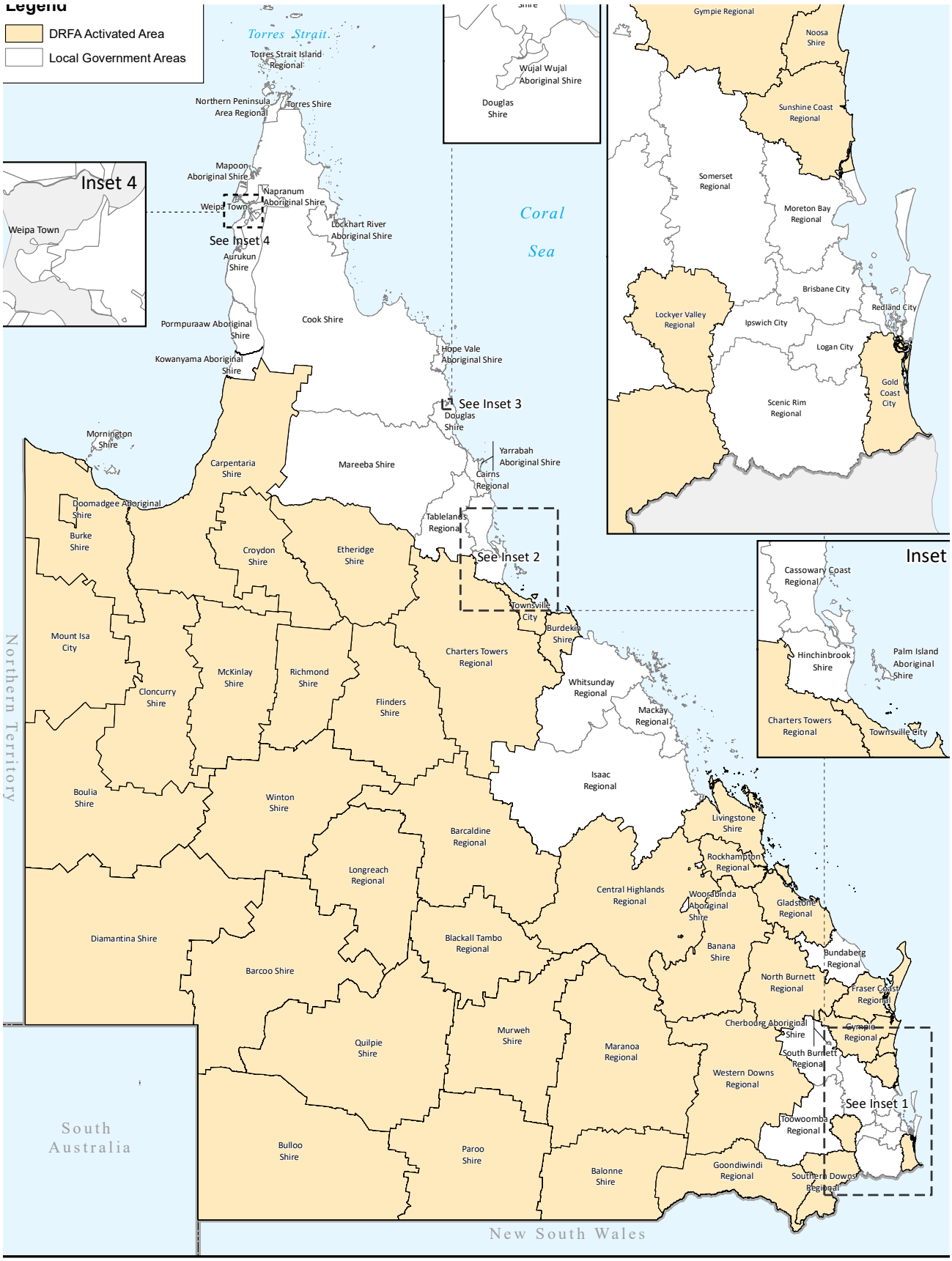
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C	Monitoring and Evaluation	Complete evaluations of the Cat C and D relief packages implemented in response to the event.
C	Primary Production Industry Support	To provide tailored holistic support of primary producers in activated local government areas (LGAs). Supporting long-term recovery in the areas of financial, production, personal and business.
D	Small Business Recovery Support	To support the economic recovery of small businesses including retail, agricultural and service-based sectors that have been significantly impacted by business disruptions, property damage or supply chain issues.
C	Sport and Recreational Community Facilities Recovery Program	To undertake the repair and rebuild of sport and recreational facilities impacted by the event.
C	Tourism Industry Recovery Support	To drive visitation to nominated LGAs to enable tourism recovery for impacted communities.

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DRFA Activation Summary (24)

Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding 21 March - 19 May 2025

0 50 100 150 200 250
Kilometres

Scale - 1:9,416,531 (at A4)

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DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme

To alleviate personal hardship and distress.

- **Emergency Hardship Assistance Grant** – provides assistance as a contribution to support people directly impacted by an eligible disaster to meet their immediate essential needs for food, clothing, medical supplies or temporary accommodation.
- **Essential Services Hardship Assistance** – provides assistance for people directly impacted by an eligible disaster to meet their immediate needs where they have experienced the loss of one or more essential services for more than five days.
- **Essential Household Contents Grant** – provides a contribution towards replacing or repairing essential household contents, such as beds, linen and whitegoods that have been lost or damaged by an eligible disaster.
- **Structural Assistance Grant** – provides a contribution towards repairs or replacement of a dwelling damaged by an eligible disaster, to return it to a safe, habitable and secure condition.

Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme

To assist residents with the inspection and reconnection of essential services that have been damaged by an eligible disaster. The scheme provides financial assistance to individuals and families as a contribution towards safety inspections of and repairs to residential essential services (i.e. electricity, gas, water and sewerage) damaged by an eligible disaster.

Contact Community Recovery on 1800 173 349 or www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp

Assistance for state and local governments:

Counter Disaster Operations

To assist local governments and state agencies to undertake activities that alleviate personal hardship and distress, address the immediate needs of individuals and protect the general public, immediately prior to, during or immediately after an eligible disaster.

Contact Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 1800 110 841 or www.qra.qld.gov.au

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (including Emergency Works and Immediate Reconstruction Works)

- **Emergency Works –** to assist local and state governments to undertake urgent activities necessary following an eligible disaster to temporarily restore an eligible essential public asset to enable it to operate/be operated at an acceptable level of efficiency to support the immediate recovery of a community.
- **Immediate Reconstruction Works –** to assist local and state governments to immediately and permanently reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function immediately after the eligible disaster.

- **Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets –** to assist local and state governments to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.

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Assistance for primary producers:

- **Disaster Assistance (Primary Producer) Loans** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist primary producers whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations.

- **Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producer** – Concessional interest rate loans to primary producers who have suffered a significant loss of income as a result of an eligible disaster by providing the essential working capital required to continue business operations.

- **Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer** – To assist primary producers impacted by an eligible disaster with the transport of livestock, fodder or water for livestock, building, fencing equipment or machinery to the primary producer's home property.

Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority on 1800 623 946 or www.qrida.qld.gov.au

Assistance for small business:

- **Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist small business whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations.

- **Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business** – Concessional interest rate loans to small business who have suffered a significant loss of income as a result of an eligible disaster by providing the essential working capital required to continue business operations.

Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority on 1800 623 946 or www.qrida.qld.gov.au

Assistance for not-for-profit organisations:

- **Disaster Assistance (Not-for-Profit Organisation) Loans** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to repair or replace the damaged assets.

- **Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Not-for-Profit Organisation** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations that have suffered a significant loss of income as a consequence of an eligible disaster, by providing a concessional loan for essential working capital required to continue operations.

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Queensland Government

Good afternoon,

We are pleased to advise that funding relief to support environmental recovery activities post the **Western Queensland Surface Trough event**, including rehabilitation of impacted catchment areas and national parks, was confirmed and announced Tuesday this week. Another $191 million to drive western Queensland's recovery - Ministerial Media Statements

Supported under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) exceptional assistance packages and jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments, the **$16 million environmental recovery package** will enable:

- Catchment rehabilitation – working with Natural Resource Management groups, councils, indigenous groups and others, focusing specifically on weed and pest incursion, as well as erosion control and biodiversity conservation measures across the impacted environments.
- Recovery across the National Park protected area estate to address visitor infrastructure losses and environmental factors.

The Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) is currently confirming the funding delivery arrangements with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), Commonwealth Government, and relevant EnvFRRG member departments and would like to offer a MS Teams session in the next few weeks to outline the details (of the environmental recovery packages for all three 2024-25 events) and answer any questions you may have. MS Teams link to be sent next week.

Note we continue to support QRA in developing the 2024-25 State Recovery and Resilience Plan which will outline this investment in recovery; and thank those who provided feedback on the draft environment recovery action plans to help in that process.
In the meantime, please contact the EnvFRRG secretariat via environmentrecovery@detsi.qld.gov.au if we can assist with anything.

Kind regards,

Secretariat to the Environment Functional Recovery and Resilience Group,

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Queensland Government

Good afternoon

Withdrawn written authority - Trustee Lease over Trust Land S 64 Land Act 1994

I am writing to you regarding the attached Written Authority No.1 (2020) Trustee lease over trust land issued to local government trustees on 30 September 2020. This written authority enabled local government trustees to enter into trustee leases of trust land without requiring a Ministerial approval under the *Land Act 1994* (Act).

Due to the amendments to the Act by the Land and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (LOLA 2024), trustees which are a state government department, local government or other statutory body can (**without the written authority**):
• approve leases on trust land; and
• take actions inconsistent with the purpose of trust land, but only where there is a management plan in place that addresses the inconsistency; and the lease or action neither diminishes the purpose of the trust land nor adversely affect the public interest; and
• make decisions or take actions on trust land which must also be consistent with the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* and the *Native Title (Queensland) Act 1993*.

As local government trustees of trust land no longer require a written authority for trustee leasing without Ministerial approval, the attached written authority has been withdrawn and can no longer be used.

In lieu of the written authority, a self-assessable framework is now available to assist trustees to make decisions on the use of trust land.
Further information is also available through the NRMMRRDs' Guideline for guidance on meeting the requirements of the Act: SLM/2024/6804 Managing actions consistent and inconsistent with the purpose of trust land

If you have any questions, please contact stateland@resources.qld.gov.au.

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Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

Written Authority No. 1 (2020) - Section 64 of the *Land Act 1994*

Trustee lease over trust land

This authority relates only to trust land under the trusteeship of the State or a local government and dispenses with the need to obtain Ministerial approval under the *Land Act 1994* for a trustee lease.

This authority though does not apply to trust land which is-
- Aboriginal trust land under the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991*[1]; or
- Torres Strait Islander trust land under the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*[2].

This authority also does not apply to a trustee lease of trust land if-
- the lease is a construction trustee lease[3]; or
- the term of the lease is for a period greater than 30 years[4].

Written authority is given to the State or a local government[5] as trustee of trust land under section 64 of the *Land Act 1994* to dispense with the need to obtain Ministerial approval for a trustee lease on the following conditions:-

A trustee lease of trust land may be entered into, and registered, provided –

a. the trustee lease is **consistent** with the purpose of the trust land[6]; and
b. the lease complies with the requirements of section 7(2) of Land Regulation 2020[7]; and
c. a copy of this Written Authority forms part of the trustee lease documents lodged for registration in the Queensland Land Registry.

Note: A trustee lease must be registered in the Queensland Land Registry[8]

All trustee leases are subject to the regulated terms in the Land Regulation 2020. If a term of a document is inconsistent with the prescribed term the prescribed term prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

This authority takes effect from the date the authority is signed and continues to take effect until it is withdrawn by written notice.

For the purposes of section 7 (2) of the Land Regulation 2020, the number identifying this authority is Written Authority No. 1 (2020).

The Hon. Dr Anthony Lynham MP
Minister for Natural Resources Mines and Energy
Date: 30 September 2020

1 See Part 15 of the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991*.
2 See Part 11 of the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*.
3 For trustee construction leases, see section 57(3) & (4) of the *Land Act 1994*.
4 For the term of a trustee lease, see section 61(1) of the *Land Act 1994*.
5 A Local Government as listed in Schedule 1 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the Brisbane City Council - *City of Brisbane Act 2010*.
6 See section 64(2) of the *Land Act 1994*.
7 See section 64(2) of the *Land Act 1994*
8 See section 57(7) of the *Land Act 1994*

Queensland Government

Dear Chief Executive Officer

On Tuesday, 5 August 2025 the Honourable Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, approved the independent Queensland Local Government Grants Commission's (QLGGC) recommendations for the allocation of the 2025-26 Financial Assistance Grant (FA Grant) to Queensland councils.

Your council can expect to receive the first quarterly payment on or soon after **Monday, 18 August 2025**.

You can find your council's allocation on the QLGGC's website here:
https://www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au/for-councils/governance/queensland-local-government-grants-commission/financial-assistance-grant

You can also find information about the FA Grant on the Australian Government's website here:
https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/local-government/financial-assistance-grant-local-government

As advised previously, the bring-forward payment that your council received in June 2025 was approximately 50% of your council's total 2025-26 FA Grant allocation. The remaining four quarterly payments are smaller and council should plan its cash flow implications accordingly.

If you have any queries, please contact the QLGGC secretariat at QLGGC.Enquiries@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au.

Best Regards

Peter Fletcher
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	2025-26 Cash Financial Assistance Grant Allocations ($)			*Payment schedule ($)*				
Council	**GPG**	**IRG**	**TOTAL**	***Bring-forward June 2025***	***1st Quarter August 2025***	***2nd Quarter November 2025***	***3rd Quarter February 2026***	***4th Quarter May 2026***
Aurukun Shire Council	4,555,476	124,014	4,679,490	2,351,873	581,904.25	581,904.25	581,904.25	581,904.25
Balonne Shire Council	9,785,428	3,743,613	13,529,041	6,798,306	1,682,683.75	1,682,683.75	1,682,683.75	1,682,683.75
Banana Shire Council	9,150,696	6,370,938	15,521,634	7,795,369	1,931,566.25	1,931,566.25	1,931,566.25	1,931,566.25
Barcaldine Regional Council	9,822,524	3,748,880	13,571,404	6,818,263	1,688,285.25	1,688,285.25	1,688,285.25	1,688,285.25
Barcoo Shire Council	6,224,062	1,568,479	7,792,541	3,914,536	969,501.25	969,501.25	969,501.25	969,501.25
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	7,403,400	2,467,907	9,871,307	4,959,258	1,228,012.25	1,228,012.25	1,228,012.25	1,228,012.25
Boulia Shire Council	7,328,693	1,366,457	8,695,150	4,368,471	1,081,669.75	1,081,669.75	1,081,669.75	1,081,669.75
Brisbane City Council	35,616,610	9,928,317	45,544,927	22,883,107	5,665,455.00	5,665,455.00	5,665,455.00	5,665,455.00
Bulloo Shire Council	7,205,173	2,037,600	9,242,773	4,642,609	1,150,041.00	1,150,041.00	1,150,041.00	1,150,041.00
Bundaberg Regional Council	2,788,724	453,238	3,241,962	1,629,325	403,159.25	403,159.25	403,159.25	403,159.25
Burdekin Shire Council	7,343,675	2,213,152	9,556,827	4,805,351	1,187,869.00	1,187,869.00	1,187,869.00	1,187,869.00
Burke Shire Council	7,041,223	1,156,987	8,198,210	4,118,852	1,019,839.50	1,019,839.50	1,019,839.50	1,019,839.50
Cairns Regional Council	4,679,199	548,410	5,227,609	2,627,601	650,002.00	650,002.00	650,002.00	650,002.00
Carpentaria Shire Council	8,467,194	2,161,554	10,628,748	5,339,650	1,322,274.50	1,322,274.50	1,322,274.50	1,322,274.50
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	3,551,766	3,030,176	6,581,942	3,308,731	818,302.75	818,302.75	818,302.75	818,302.75
Central Highlands Regional Council	2,669,713	6,872,480	9,542,193	4,784,441	1,189,438.00	1,189,438.00	1,189,438.00	1,189,438.00
Charters Towers Regional Council	7,541,514	5,698,515	13,240,029	6,650,175	1,647,463.50	1,647,463.50	1,647,463.50	1,647,463.50
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	3,075,766	69,881	3,145,647	1,581,006	391,160.25	391,160.25	391,160.25	391,160.25
Cloncurry Shire Council	8,878,384	2,334,753	11,213,137	5,632,527	1,395,152.50	1,395,152.50	1,395,152.50	1,395,152.50
Cook Shire Council	10,864,542	4,548,643	15,413,185	7,741,764	1,917,855.25	1,917,855.25	1,917,855.25	1,917,855.25
Croydon Shire Council	5,539,858	1,582,044	7,121,902	3,577,527	886,093.75	886,093.75	886,093.75	886,093.75
Diamantina Shire Council	7,124,584	816,864	7,941,448	3,990,221	987,806.75	987,806.75	987,806.75	987,806.75
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	4,643,775	111,219	4,754,994	2,389,790	591,301.00	591,301.00	591,301.00	591,301.00
Douglas Shire Council	4,924,204	1,238,745	6,162,949	3,099,023	765,981.50	765,981.50	765,981.50	765,981.50
Etheridge Shire Council	6,434,866	2,192,545	8,627,411	4,333,674	1,073,434.25	1,073,434.25	1,073,434.25	1,073,434.25
Flinders Shire Council	7,517,396	3,155,382	10,672,778	5,361,045	1,327,933.25	1,327,933.25	1,327,933.25	1,327,933.25
Fraser Coast Regional Council	3,170,736	339,155	3,509,891	1,764,228	436,415.75	436,415.75	436,415.75	436,415.75
Gladstone Regional Council	3,688,480	6,709,630	10,398,110	5,221,452	1,294,164.50	1,294,164.50	1,294,164.50	1,294,164.50
Gold Coast City Council	17,902,000	3,873,816	21,775,816	10,942,400	2,708,354.00	2,708,354.00	2,708,354.00	2,708,354.00
Goondiwindi Regional Council	6,058,152	3,643,367	9,701,519	4,875,556	1,206,490.75	1,206,490.75	1,206,490.75	1,206,490.75
Gympie Regional Council	2,354,061	5,271,387	7,625,448	3,830,745	948,675.75	948,675.75	948,675.75	948,675.75
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	5,529,969	1,554,615	7,084,584	3,561,856	880,682.00	880,682.00	880,682.00	880,682.00
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	3,999,399	129,920	4,129,319	2,075,303	513,504.00	513,504.00	513,504.00	513,504.00
Ipswich City Council	6,828,142	1,327,417	8,155,559	4,098,289	1,014,317.50	1,014,317.50	1,014,317.50	1,014,317.50
Isaac Regional Council	7,141,324	4,670,801	11,812,125	5,914,790	1,474,333.75	1,474,333.75	1,474,333.75	1,474,333.75
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	4,525,264	345,531	4,870,795	2,447,692	605,775.75	605,775.75	605,775.75	605,775.75
Livingstone Shire Council	1,683,331	2,898,441	4,581,772	2,302,455	569,829.25	569,829.25	569,829.25	569,829.25
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	5,034,503	173,226	5,207,729	2,617,227	647,625.50	647,625.50	647,625.50	647,625.50
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	1,375,697	6,421,310	7,797,007	3,912,991	971,004.00	971,004.00	971,004.00	971,004.00
Logan City Council	10,308,258	3,456,824	13,765,082	6,914,983	1,712,524.75	1,712,524.75	1,712,524.75	1,712,524.75
Longreach Regional Council	10,833,501	3,536,103	14,369,604	7,219,727	1,787,469.25	1,787,469.25	1,787,469.25	1,787,469.25
Mackay Regional Council	3,372,301	403,955	3,776,256	1,898,099	469,539.25	469,539.25	469,539.25	469,539.25
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	4,118,193	57,086	4,175,279	2,098,464	519,203.75	519,203.75	519,203.75	519,203.75
Maranoa Regional Council	7,609,158	9,244,775	16,853,933	8,463,003	2,097,732.50	2,097,732.50	2,097,732.50	2,097,732.50
Mareeba Shire Council	5,932,561	3,132,991	9,065,552	4,558,019	1,126,883.25	1,126,883.25	1,126,883.25	1,126,883.25
McKinlay Shire Council	6,500,777	2,673,026	9,173,803	4,607,311	1,141,623.00	1,141,623.00	1,141,623.00	1,141,623.00
Moreton Bay Regional Council	13,727,429	2,527,512	16,254,941	8,168,760	2,021,545.25	2,021,545.25	2,021,545.25	2,021,545.25
Mornington Shire Council	4,949,847	155,510	5,105,357	2,565,687	634,917.50	634,917.50	634,917.50	634,917.50
Mount Isa City Council	7,395,423	2,978,907	10,374,330	5,211,303	1,290,756.75	1,290,756.75	1,290,756.75	1,290,756.75
Murweh Shire Council	8,126,894	4,413,032	12,539,926	6,299,005	1,560,230.25	1,560,230.25	1,560,230.25	1,560,230.25
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	4,324,448	170,274	4,494,722	2,258,918	558,951.00	558,951.00	558,951.00	558,951.00
Noosa Shire Council	1,557,264	202,649	1,759,913	884,570	218,835.75	218,835.75	218,835.75	218,835.75
North Burnett Regional Council	7,061,026	5,761,472	12,822,498	6,441,021	1,595,369.25	1,595,369.25	1,595,369.25	1,595,369.25
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	6,039,867	357,279	6,397,146	3,215,259	795,471.75	795,471.75	795,471.75	795,471.75
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	5,147,883	42,323	5,190,206	2,604,676	646,382.50	646,382.50	646,382.50	646,382.50
Paroo Shire Council	8,183,954	2,928,272	11,112,226	5,582,046	1,382,545.00	1,382,545.00	1,382,545.00	1,382,545.00
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	4,835,244	421,636	5,256,880	2,641,538	653,835.50	653,835.50	653,835.50	653,835.50
Quilpie Shire Council	7,415,339	2,065,310	9,480,649	4,762,857	1,179,448.00	1,179,448.00	1,179,448.00	1,179,448.00
Redland City Council	4,472,259	719,517	5,191,776	2,609,251	645,631.25	645,631.25	645,631.25	645,631.25
Richmond Shire Council	6,373,063	2,317,521	8,690,584	4,365,392	1,081,298.00	1,081,298.00	1,081,298.00	1,081,298.00
Rockhampton Regional Council	2,241,885	426,730	2,668,615	1,341,108	331,876.75	331,876.75	331,876.75	331,876.75
Scenic Rim Regional Council	1,231,558	3,856,117	5,087,675	2,553,230	633,611.25	633,611.25	633,611.25	633,611.25
Somerset Regional Council	1,168,399	3,650,535	4,818,934	2,419,972	599,740.50	599,740.50	599,740.50	599,740.50
South Burnett Regional Council	2,663,568	4,527,579	7,191,147	3,612,520	894,656.75	894,656.75	894,656.75	894,656.75
Southern Downs Regional Council	2,168,990	5,524,616	7,693,606	3,863,901	957,426.25	957,426.25	957,426.25	957,426.25
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	9,860,988	1,275,651	11,136,639	5,603,541	1,383,274.50	1,383,274.50	1,383,274.50	1,383,274.50
Tablelands Regional Council	1,852,547	3,847,987	5,700,534	2,863,388	709,286.50	709,286.50	709,286.50	709,286.50
Toowoomba Regional Council	4,843,987	889,062	5,733,049	2,881,156	712,973.25	712,973.25	712,973.25	712,973.25
Torres Shire Council	8,727,232	683,909	9,411,141	4,729,707	1,170,358.50	1,170,358.50	1,170,358.50	1,170,358.50
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	16,804,039	201,957	17,005,996	8,546,281	2,114,928.75	2,114,928.75	2,114,928.75	2,114,928.75
Townsville City Council	5,373,759	900,316	6,274,075	3,153,164	780,227.75	780,227.75	780,227.75	780,227.75
Western Downs Regional Council	3,970,707	11,335,333	15,306,040	7,681,053	1,906,246.75	1,906,246.75	1,906,246.75	1,906,246.75
Whitsunday Regional Council	2,788,676	3,020,502	5,809,178	2,919,629	722,387.25	722,387.25	722,387.25	722,387.25
Winton Shire Council	6,608,771	3,585,873	10,194,644	5,119,907	1,268,684.25	1,268,684.25	1,268,684.25	1,268,684.25
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	3,737,314	55,330	3,792,644	1,906,278	471,591.50	471,591.50	471,591.50	471,591.50
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	3,626,479	17,717	3,644,196	1,831,539	453,164.25	453,164.25	453,164.25	453,164.25
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	3,211,373	58,069	3,269,442	1,643,580	406,465.50	406,465.50	406,465.50	406,465.50
Total	**488,634,464**	**198,322,666**	**686,957,130**	**345,107,322**	**85,462,452.00**	**85,462,452.00**	**85,462,452.00**	**85,462,452.00**

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22 July 2025

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Attention - Mr Jacob Barton,

I am writing on behalf of the Charleville Junior Rugby League Club, a proud and longstanding institution within our community, to respectfully request the consideration and support of the Murweh Shire Council in providing much-needed amenities and a canteen facility at our Baker Street Oval. As the club continues to grow and foster the development of young athletes, we face increasing challenges due to the lack of basic infrastructure that is vital for both player wellbeing and the broader community experience.

Background of the Club

The Charleville Junior Rugby League has been dedicated to nurturing the sporting and personal development of children and adolescents in our area. We currently cater to over 60 junior players, aged 6-12 years of age as well as their families, volunteers, and supporters. Our club is not merely a sporting team, but a hub of community engagement, inclusivity, and positive social values. We take pride in providing a safe, structured, and encouraging environment where young people can learn the values of teamwork, discipline, respect, and fair play—skills that extend well beyond the rugby pitch.

Current Facilities and Their Limitations

Despite our best efforts, the current facilities at the Baker Street Oval fall short of what is required to adequately support our players and community. At present, we do not have access to basic amenities such as:

- Modern, hygienic change rooms and toilets
- Onsite storage for equipment
- Functional canteen or food service area

This lack of infrastructure not only impacts the comfort and safety of our young athletes, but also inhibits our ability to host home games, tournaments, and community

events. Visiting teams and their families often remark on the absence of suitable amenities, which can reflect poorly on our club and, by extension, the broader community.

The Importance of Amenities for Junior Sport

Quality amenities are essential for the sustained success and safety of junior sporting clubs. Proper change rooms and sanitary facilities promote hygiene, privacy, and dignity for children, coaches, and volunteers. Accessible amenities ensure that children and adults of all abilities can participate fully in club activities, upholding the principles of inclusivity and equal opportunity.

Furthermore, adequate storage allows for the safe maintenance and management of sporting equipment, reducing the risk of loss, damage, or injury. The absence of a medical room or first-aid area is an acute concern, particularly in a contact sport such as rugby league where injuries, though rare, require prompt and effective response.

The Value of a Canteen

The addition of a canteen facility would have wide-reaching benefits. Not only would it provide players, families, and spectators with access to nutritious food and refreshments, but it would also serve as an important source of fundraising for the club. Revenue generated from canteen sales could be reinvested into club programs, equipment, and player development initiatives, ensuring the sustainability of our operations.

A canteen also acts as a social focal point, fostering connection and camaraderie among players, families, volunteers, and visitors. It provides a welcoming space for informal interactions and helps build a sense of community spirit that is essential for the long-term success of junior sport.

Community Impact and Broader Benefits

The Charleville Junior Rugby League is more than a sporting organisation; we are a vital part of the fabric of our local community. Our club provides young people with a constructive outlet for their energy, helps combat rising rates of childhood obesity and sedentary lifestyles, and offers an alternative to negative influences by promoting healthy social networks.

By investing in improved amenities and a canteen, the council will be supporting not just our club, but the entire community. Enhanced facilities will enable us to:

- Increase participation rates, especially among girls and children from diverse backgrounds
- Host larger events and competitions, attracting visitors and boosting local businesses
- Create volunteering and skill development opportunities for parents and community members
- Promote lifelong habits of physical activity, health, and well-being

Proposed Facilities and Their Features

We propose the following improvements, which could be implemented in stages as funding allows:

- **Construction of modern change rooms with accessible toilets and showers**
- **Design and installation of a canteen with food preparation and serving areas**
- **Secure storage facility for club equipment and supplies**

We are keen to work collaboratively with the council and other stakeholders to develop facility designs that reflect the needs and character of our community.

In closing, we respectfully request that Murweh Shire Council considers our application for enhanced amenities and a canteen facility at the Baker Street Oval. We believe that this investment will deliver lasting benefits for young people, families, and the broader community, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss our proposal further. Please let us know if you require any additional information or wish to visit our club to see firsthand the challenges and opportunities that exist.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and for your ongoing commitment to supporting grassroots sport in our community. We look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely,

Joeli-Rae Anderson
Secretary – Charleville Comets JRL

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Charleville & District Junior Rugby League
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Attention: Joeli-Rae Anderson, Secretary

Re: Proposed Amenities and Canteen Facilities at Baker Street Oval

Dear Joeli-Rae,

Murweh Shire Council commends the Charleville & District Junior Rugby League for its dedication to fostering youth participation in sport and promoting community engagement. Council recognises the importance of the proposed amenities and canteen facility at Baker Street Oval and confirms our support for this project.

While Council is not in a position to secure funding or manage the full lifecycle of the project, we are committed to working collaboratively with the Club to ensure its successful delivery. In particular, Council supports the Club in its efforts to pursue suitable funding streams and to oversee construction. Ultimately, Council is willing to accept the completed facility into our asset register and take on future maintenance and operating responsibilities.

To assist with clear expectations and roles, the table below outlines the proposed responsibilities of each party at each stage of the project:

Project Responsibilities

Project Phase	**Charleville & District Junior Rugby League (CDJRL)**	**Murweh Shire Council (MSC)**
Concept Phase	Define the functional needs and priorities for the facility. Prepare a conceptual site plan and indicative building layout.	Collaborate with CDJRL to confirm the preferred location on site and ensure alignment with future planning or service infrastructure.
Preliminary Phase	Engage with local builders and suppliers to obtain preliminary cost estimates.	Develop basic CAD drawings based on CDJRL's concept sketches to

	Prepare and submit relevant grant funding applications.	support cost estimates and funding submissions. Provide a formal letter of support confirming Council's in-principle support and outlining any in-kind contributions.
Detailed Design Phase	Finalise detailed project drawings in consultation with builders or designers. Submit plans to Council for building approval, modifying specifications as needed to suit funding criteria.	Assist in facilitating the building approval process, including waiving or reducing applicable fees where possible.
Construction Phase	Engage and manage building contractors for the duration of construction. Oversee site safety, scheduling, and delivery of the works.	Prepare the site (clearing, levelling, etc.) and provide a suitable sewerage connection point. Attend progress inspections as required and maintain open communication with CDJRL throughout the construction period.
Finalisation Phase	Complete grant acquittal requirements and ensure final documentation is provided to funders.	Formally accept the facility onto Council's asset register. Assume responsibility for future maintenance, servicing, and operational costs of the facility.

Council appreciates the initiative taken by Charleville & District Junior Rugby League and looks forward to supporting your efforts to improve community sporting infrastructure.

I look forward to discussing the project further with you in person.

Yours sincerely,

Jacob Barton
Director of Engineering Services
Murweh Shire Council

235 Taylor Street
Toowoomba Q 4350
10 July 2025

Mr Radnedge and Mr Scott
Murweh Shire Council
Alfred Street
Charleville Q 4470

Dear Sirs,

Since I have been holidaying with my grandparents, I have noticed there does not seem to be any work being done on disability access to the warrego Racetrack Building.

When I meet with you in April 2024 you were to undertake a Feasibility Study I would appreciate Knowing the outcome of that Study.

thankyou yours sincerely
Lela Wackerling Rogers

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Dear Lela,

Disability access at the Charleville Racecourse Complex New Market Room

Thank you for your letter postmarked 11 July 2025 regarding the disability access to the Warrego Racetrack building.

I appreciate your continued interest and advocacy for disabled accessible to facilities located in the Murweh Shire.

Following our meeting in April 2024, I completed a site inspection of the access provided to the New Market Room at the Charleville Racetrack Complex with the then Murweh Shire Council Director of Engineering Services. Council believes that it is feasible to provide the disabled access to the New Market Room, but unfortunately Council has no budget to complete these works at this time unless Council can gain access to grant funding in the short term. Otherwise, Council will need to complete these works when funding becomes available through Council's revenue like the rates and services charges.

While you are very right to point out that no physical works have commenced to date at the Charleville Racecourse Complex New Market Room, planning and budget considerations are ongoing for this and other important projects, and disability access to all of Council's facilities remains a priority for Council.

Thank you again for raising this matter with Council and keeping Council accountable to the public and its very important responsibilities. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you would like any further information or updates as this project progresses.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Scott OAM
Chief Executive Officer

Hi Team.

I hope this is the appropriate avenue to thank two of your staff members.

On our travels through Charleville on around July 13-15, we came across two amazing levels of Customer Service.

Our first person, Fiona, spent lots of time with us introducing us to Charleville, sussing out our likes and dislikes and subsequently handling a handful of bookings for us. She was an incredible personality and a credit to your organisation. We would have not only been lost without her, but doubt we would have spent as much time in Charleville if not for the way she looked after us. Thank You.

Our second person was Sophie, our tour guide for the Bilbie Experience. Her passion was there for all of us to see, but the way she presented her subject with humour punched in with knowledge and a plethora of empathy for these creatures was outstanding. As an experienced tour guide myself at the MCG in Melbourne, I learnt a lot from Sophie about how presentation and enthusiasm can make a difference in any tourists experience.

If these two ladies are an example of the staff you are employing, than kudos to whoever does the hiring!!

Many thanks

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Dear Chief Executive Officer,

Re: Murweh Shire Council Donation for the Morven Pool

On behalf of Morven State School and the wider Morven community, I would like to sincerely thank the Murweh Shire Council for increasing the annual donation for the Morven Pool to $13,000.

The pool is an essential part of our community, providing a safe and enjoyable space for families and children. We open it between three and seven times a week during the swimming season, and it continues to be well used and appreciated.

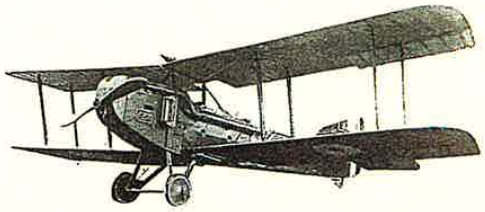
The increased support has made a real difference in covering rising operational costs and reducing the financial pressure on the school. We would be grateful if Council is able to continue supporting the pool at this level in the years ahead.
Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to our community.

Kind regards,

Hayley Rolfe
Principal, Morven State School

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Qantas Heritage Trail

Commemorating the first Air Mail and passenger flight on 2nd and 3rd November 1922.
Charleville-Tambo-Blackall-Longreach / Longreach-Winton-McKinlay-Cloncurry.

DEAR BRUCE

I have pleasure in presenting a mini desktop version of the Qantas Heritage Trail sculpture to you in appreciation of your support.

The project commemorates the first Air Mail and passenger flights linking seven outback country towns in Queensland on 2nd and 3rd November 1922.

The Trail has been a significant undertaking and only made possible with your support and that of many others.

Personally, I have found it very satisfying to have contributed to the idea behind the erection of the sculptures, as they record the support and contribution the citizens of these small western Queensland towns made to the formation of Qantas.

WITH THANKS AND BEST WISHES
FROM

10.2 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT JULY/AUGUST 2025

Author: **Mayor**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence for August 2025 Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND



Mayor's Monthly Report – July/August 2025

Date	Meeting
JULY	
17	QRA Discussion around March/April Flooding Event
18	SWROC Leadership Group Meeting – weekly catchup Meeting with Sheryl Lawton (CWAATISCH)
21	Meeting Statue of Legend (opportunity for future project)
22	SWROC Tourism Meeting about next stages – Natural Science Loop Dinner SW Hospital Service (HSCE Dr Anthony Brown, Acting HSCE Ms Rebecca Greenway)
23	WQAC Leadership Meeting Get Ready Qld Planning Meeting LDMG Debrief (March/April Flood Event) Outback Qld Tourism Board Meeting and Dinner
24	OQTA Board Meeting and Dinner
25	NAIDOC March and Awards Tourism Disaster Recovery Meeting OQTA Board Meeting - Finished
28	Meeting with RFDS CEO Meredith Staib
30	Meeting with WQPHN Sandy Gillies
31	Meeting with Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee (ERAC) in Charleville 1st day - Darling Downs Council of Mayors – online meeting

AUGUST	
1	2nd day - Darling Downs Council of Mayors – online meeting Visit to Charleville Minister Ann Leahy
4	Australian Hotel Association Dinner Visit to Charleville Minister for Tourism Andrew Powell
5	DDMG Debrief with Neighbouring Shires – March/April Flooding Event Meeting with Auditors on behalf of CWAATSICH
6	Meeting with Vital Health Jean Benham CEO Briefing Murweh Shire Council
7	TEQ Drive Tourism Webinar On-line
8	SWROC Leadership Meeting
11	Meetings in Brisbane: • Director-General of Health David Rosengreen • Chief Medical Officer Dr Catherine McDougall Meeting with Director-General Tourism Trish O'Callaghan Meeting with Director-General Josh Hannen
12	Tourism Luncheon with QMF and Gina Fairfax
13	TAFE Meeting about Future Opportunities for Murweh How to become a Teacher @ TAFE
14	Traffic Advisory Meeting Phone Meeting with Health Minister – Tim Nichols Phone Meeting with Chief Medical Officer Catherine McDougall
15	SWROC Leadership Meeting
19	Western Qld Alliance of Councils in St George Meeting with Minister Kristy McBain Meeting with Senator Anthony Chisholm Meeting with Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie Meeting with Minister Ann Leahy Meeting with Minister Main Roads Brent Mickelberg

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Mayor Evelyn Henry Health Workforce Queensland ⇩**
2. **Mayor Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP Correspondence 18072025 ⇩**
3. **Mayor Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP Development Assessment Rules 180725 ⇩**
4. **Mayor Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP Gazette 180725 ⇩**
5. **Mayor Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP Correspondence Ministerial Infrastructure Designation for social and or affordable housing ⇩**
6. **Mayor Local Government Depreciation Taskforce Minister for Local Government Water and Volunteers ⇩**
7. **Mayor Terms of Reference - Local Government Depreciation Taskforce ⇩**
8. **Mayor Red Tape Reduction Taskforce Minister Leahy ⇩**
9. **Mayor Murweh Shire Council Re flood appeal proceeds ⇩**
10. **Mayor NGA 2025 Listening Report ⇩**
11. **Mayor Murweh Area Bushfire Management Committees ⇩**
12. **Mayor Thank you Augathella Golf Club 120725 ⇩**

Hi Shaun,

Hope you're well!

It feels like ages since we were last in Charleville, but I'm excited to let you know we'll be back in October with our next GROW SWQ cohort—now in their third year of study. We'll be spending the entire weekend in Charleville again.

I'm currently working on the program and wanted to give you a heads-up—and also ask if there's anything in particular you'd recommend getting the students involved in to help showcase Charleville. These students have spent the past two years in St George and Roma, so this visit will be a great way to round out the rural immersion component of the program.

There are 19 students across mixed health disciplines, and we're also hoping the Charleville community might get involved again—just like they did three years ago.

We'll be in town from **Friday 10 October to Sunday 12 October 2025**.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Regards

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18 July 2025

Mayor Shaun Radnedge
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Dear Mayor Radnedge

I am writing to advise that on 30 June 2025 the *Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025* (the Amendment Act) was assented to by the Governor in Council, which introduces significant reforms that will strengthen social licence requirements for renewable energy projects by introducing a community benefit system into Queensland's planning framework.

Ahead of the 2024 State Election, the Crisafulli Government promised to require all renewable energy projects to be impact assessable and subject to the same rigorous approval processes as other resource projects. This election commitment was made following considerable feedback from local government and regional Queensland about the way renewable energy projects were being rolled out in their communities. In addition to this, the policy also delivers on multiple resolutions that have been passed by LGAQ Annual Conferences over the years.

Changes to the following statutory instruments will be made to operationalise the Amendment Act:

- the Planning Regulation 2017 to prescribe that solar farms are impact assessable, that the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) is the assessment manager for large scale solar farms and that applications will to be assessed against an updated State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP)
- SDAP State Code 26: Solar farm development to set out the assessment benchmarks for large scale solar farm development assessed by SARA
- SDAP State Code 23: Wind farm development to reflect revisions and amendments to align with the Amendment Act and new State Code 26
- Development Assessment Rules (DA Rules) to clarify development application processes and timeframes, including specific public notification requirements for development requiring a social impact assessment (large scale solar farms and wind farms).

The drafts of the above documents were available on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning's (the Department) website from 6 May 2025 to 3 June 2025 for comment.

In addition to the changes to existing statutory instruments listed above, a new statutory instrument has been established under the *Planning Act 2016* (the Planning Act), being a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Guideline.

As well as advising you of the above changes, I specifically write to you to advise that I have decided to make the DA Rules following consideration of all submissions, and in accordance with the requirements of section 69(3) and section 10(5) of the Planning Act.

Please find enclosed a copy of the public notice stating the day the amended DA Rules took effect and where a copy of the DA Rules may be inspected or purchased. A copy of the DA Rules is also enclosed as per section 10(6) and section 69(3) of the Planning Act.

The new DA Rules along with the new and amended statutory instruments described in this letter can be found on the Department's website at:

- https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/da-rules
- https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/state-assessment-and-referral-agency/state-development-assessment-provisions-sdap
- https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/community-benefit.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Nathan Ruhle, by email at deputy.premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au or by telephone on (07) 3719 7100.

Yours sincerely



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Chapter 1: Applications (other than applications for State facilitated development)

This chapter provides the rules for administering an ***application*** (other than an ***application for state facilitated development***).

Part 1: Application

1 Properly made application – Act, s51(6)[1]

1.1 For section 51(6) of the Act, an application is taken to be a ***properly made application*** on the day the application is received by the assessment manager, unless an ***action notice*** is given.

1.2 The assessment manager must determine, within 10 days starting the day after the assessment manager receives an application (***confirmation period***), if the application is a properly made application.

1.3 The giving of a ***confirmation notice*** or an action notice by the assessment manager ends the confirmation period on the day the ***notice*** is given to the applicant.

2 Confirmation notice

2.1 A confirmation notice can only be given for a properly made application.

2.2 The assessment manager must give the applicant a confirmation notice if any of the following apply—

(a) the application requires public notification;

(b) the application requires referral under the Act;

(c) as required in accordance with section 3.4 and 3.6.

2.3 The assessment manager may, within the confirmation period, give the applicant a confirmation notice for any application.

2.4 For sections 2.2(a) and (b), the confirmation notice must be given within the confirmation period.

3 If the application is not properly made

3.1 If the application is not a properly made application, the assessment manager must give the applicant an action notice before the end of the confirmation period. [2]

3.2 The applicant must comply with all the actions in the action notice and give notice to the assessment manager that it has complied with the action notice, within 20 days, starting the day after the day the

[1] For change applications under section 82 of the Act, section 51 of the Act is not applicable – section 79 of the Act applies instead.

[2] Where the assessment manager accepts an application in accordance with section 51(5)(c) of the Act it is considered that this is a properly made application, therefore an action notice is not required to be given.

applicant was given the action notice, or a ***further period agreed*** between the applicant and the assessment manager.

3.3 If the applicant complies with all of the actions in the action notice in accordance with section 3.2, the application is a properly made application on the day the applicant gives the assessment manager notice that the applicant has complied with the action notice.

3.4 After receiving notice under section 3.2, the assessment manager must within 5 days after the day the notice was received, give a confirmation notice to the applicant, if the applicant has complied with the action notice.

3.5 Despite section 3.2, the assessment manager may, after giving an action notice, accept the application as a properly made application in accordance with section 51(5) of the Act, despite non-compliance with an action notice.

3.6 For an application accepted as a properly made application as referred to in section 3.5:

(a) the application is taken to be a properly made application on the date the assessment manager accepts the application in accordance with section 51(6) of the Act; and

(b) the assessment manager must give a confirmation notice before the period stated in section 3.2, including any further period agreed, has ended.

3.7 If the applicant does not comply with an action notice in accordance with section 3.2, and the assessment manager has not accepted the application under section 3.5, the application is taken to have not been made.[3]

4 End of part 1

4.1 Part 1 is complete when the following occurs—

(a) the assessment manager gives a confirmation notice under section 2, section 3.4 or section 3.6 to the applicant; or

(b) if the assessment manager does not give a confirmation notice to the applicant and the application is a properly made application, when the confirmation period ends.[4]

4.2 Despite section 4.1, actions taken under sections 12.3 and 21.2 are also taken to end part 1.

[3] For this section, the development assessment process does not proceed. The lapsing provisions under section 31 do not apply.

[4] An application that does not meet the requirements of section 51(6) cannot progress beyond this part.

Part 2: Referral

5 Referral of application

5.1 For section 54(1) of the Act, the required period for the applicant to give a copy of the application to a ***referral agency*** is 10 days, or a further period agreed between the applicant and the assessment manager, starting the day after part 1 has ended.

5.2 In addition to section 5.1, the applicant must also give a referral agency a copy of the confirmation notice at the same time as the copy of the application is given.

5.3 The applicant must, within 5 days after the day the applicant gives the application to each referral agency, give the assessment manager notice of the day the application was referred.[5]

6 Properly referred application

6.1 For section 54(1) of the Act, an application is taken to be a ***properly referred application*** on the day the application and a copy of the confirmation notice is received by the referral agency, unless an action notice is given by the referral agency under section 8.1.

6.2 A referral agency must determine within 5 days after the day the referral agency receives the application (***referral confirmation period***) if the application is a properly referred application.

6.3 The giving of a ***referral confirmation notice*** or an action notice by a referral agency ends the referral confirmation period on the day the notice is given to the applicant.

6.4 Despite section 6.3, if the application is properly referred, the referral agency may instead give a ***referral agency response*** to end the referral confirmation period.

7 Referral confirmation notice

7.1 A referral agency may only give a referral confirmation notice for a properly referred application.

8 If the application is not a properly referred application

8.1 If the application is not a properly referred application, the referral agency must, before the end of the referral confirmation period—

(a) give the applicant an action notice; and

(b) give a copy of the action notice to the assessment manager, at the same time the action notice is given to the applicant.

8.2 The applicant must comply with all the actions in the action notice and give notice to the referral agency that it has complied with the action notice, within 20 days, starting the day after the day the applicant was given the action notice, or a further period agreed between the applicant and the referral agency.

8.3 If the applicant complies with all of the actions in the action notice in accordance with section 8.2, the application is a properly referred application on the day the applicant gives the referral agency notice that the applicant has complied with the action notice.

[5] Not taking this action within the period prescribed will result in the application lapsing – see section 31.

8.4 After receiving notice under section 8.3, the referral agency must give a referral confirmation notice to the applicant and a copy to the assessment manager within 5 days of the applicant complying with the actions.

8.5 If the applicant does not comply with section 8.2—

(a) the application is taken to have not been referred;[6] and

(b) the referral agency must within 5 days give the assessment manager notice that the application is taken to have not been referred.

9 Referral agency's assessment

9.1 The ***referral agency assessment period*** starts the day after the earlier of the following occurs—

(a) the referral confirmation notice has been given; or

(b) if no action notice has been given, the referral confirmation period has ended.

9.2 The referral agency must give a ***referral agency response*** to the assessment manager, and a copy to the applicant, before the end of the referral agency assessment period being—

(a) the number of days prescribed under schedule 2 or a further period agreed between the applicant and the referral agency; or

(b) if not prescribed under schedule 2, 25 days or a further period agreed between the applicant and the referral agency.

9.3 The referral agency assessment period includes the number of days taken by the referral agency to make an ***information request*** under section 12.

9.4 The referral agency assessment period does not include—

(a) any further period agreed under part 3; or

(b) any time taken for an applicant to respond to the information request under section 13.

10 End of part 2

10.1 Part 2 is complete when the first of the following occurs—

(a) all referral agency responses have been received by the assessment manager; or

(b) the period for all referral agencies to provide a referral agency response to the assessment manager has ended.

[6] Not taking this action within the period prescribed, including any further period agreed, will result in the application lapsing – see section 31.

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Part 3: Information request

11 When part 3 does not apply

11.1 Part 3 does not apply if—

(a) the applicant has advised on the approved form that the applicant does not agree to accept an information request; or

(b) the assessment manager has stated on the confirmation notice that it does not intend to make an information request and—

(i) there are no referral agencies for the application; or

(ii) all referral agencies for the application have given responses before the development application was made in accordance with section 57 of the Act.

11.2 If, at the time of making the application, the applicant does not agree to accept an information request, an ***assessing authority*** need not accept any additional information provided by the applicant during the development assessment process, unless by agreement between an assessing authority and the applicant.

11.3 Despite section 11.1(a), part 3 still applies if the application—

(a) is also taken to be an application for an environmental authority; or

(b) is also taken to be an application for a decision under section 62 of the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*; or

(c) includes a ***variation request***; or

(d) is for building work assessable against the building assessment provisions.

(e) is for a development prescribed by the Planning Regulation as requiring social impact assessment as identified under section 106T of the Act.

12 Making an information request

12.1 Subject to section 11, an assessing authority may make an information request.[7]

12.2 Any information request made by the assessment manager must be made to the applicant within 10 days, or a further period agreed between the applicant and the assessment manager, starting the day after part 1 has ended.

12.3 Despite section 12.2, if part 2 and part 4 are not relevant to the application, the assessment manager may end the confirmation period by making an information request.

12.4 Any information request made by a referral agency must be made to the applicant and a copy given to the assessment manager within the first 10 days of the referral agency assessment period or a further period agreed between the applicant and the referral agency.

12.5 An assessing authority may give advice to the applicant about an information request or any other matter, including how the applicant may change the application.[8]

13 Applicant's response

13.1 The period for the applicant to respond to an information request is 3 months from the date the information request was made or a further period agreed between the applicant and the assessing

[7] Any information request must be within the limits of the assessing authority's jurisdiction.

[8] Any advice must be within the limit of the assessing authority's jurisdiction.

authority that made the information request.

13.2 The applicant may respond by giving the assessing authority that made the information request, within the period stated under section 13.1—

(a) all of the information requested; or

(b) part of the information requested; or

(c) a notice that none of the information will be provided.

13.3 For any response given in accordance with sections 13.2(b) or (c), the applicant may also advise the assessing authority that it must proceed with its assessment of the application.

13.4 An applicant must provide a copy of any response to an information request made by a referral agency to the assessment manager.

14 End of the applicant's response period

14.1 The applicant's response period in section 13.1 ends if—

(a) the applicant has responded under section 13.2(a); or

(b) the applicant has responded under sections 13.2(b) or (c) and the applicant has advised the assessing authority to proceed with the assessment of the application.

14.2 If an applicant does not respond to the information request in accordance with section 13.2 and 13.3 if applicable within the period stated under section 13.1, the assessing authority's assessment continues from the day after the day on which the period under section 13.1 would have otherwise ended.

15 End of part 3

15.1 Part 3 is complete when—

(a) if no assessing authority makes an information request, the later of the periods stated under sections 12.2 and 12.4, as relevant to the application, has ended; or

(b) if any assessing authority makes an information request, the earlier of the following occurs—

(i) the applicant has finished responding to all information requests in the way stated under section 14.1; or

(ii) all periods for the applicant to respond to all information requests as stated in section 13.1 have ended.

Part 4: Public notification

16 When this part starts

16.1 If there are no referral agencies for the application and part 3 does not apply because—

(a) the applicant has advised that it does not wish to receive an information request and it is not an application mentioned in section 11.3; or

(b) the assessment manager states in the confirmation notice that it does not intend to make an information request;

public notification must start within 20 days of the day after the confirmation notice is given to the applicant.

16.2 If—

(a) the applicant has advised that it does not wish to receive an information request; and

(b) it is not an application mentioned in section 11.3; and

(c) there are referral agencies;

public notification must start within 20 days after the day the last referral assessment period for any referral agency has started.

16.3 If sections 16.1 and 16.2 do not apply, public notification must start within 20 days of the day after part 3 has ended.

16.4 For a ***changed application***, where public notification is required to be undertaken again from its beginning, public notification must commence within 20 days after—

(a) if both part 2 and part 4 are relevant to the application as a result of the changed application, the day after part 3 has ended;

(b) otherwise, the day after the notice is given under section 26.2(a) or 26.2(c).

17 Public notice requirements

17.1 The applicant, or the assessment manager acting under section 53(10) of the Act, must give public notice by—

(a) placing notice on the premises the subject of the application that must remain on the premises for the period of time up to and including the ***stated day***; and

(b) giving notice to the ***adjoining owners*** of all lots adjoining the premises the subject of the application; and

(c) publishing a public notice complying with the public notice requirements stated in the confirmation notice.

17.2 Despite section 17.1, if the application is for development prescribed by the Planning Regulation as requiring social impact assessment as identified under section 106T of the Act, the applicant, or the assessment manager acting under section 53(10) of the Act, must give public notice by –

(a) giving notice to all affected local governments as:

i. identified in the social impact assessment for development; or

ii. nominated by the chief executive, if the chief executive decided not to require a social impact assessment for the development, and

(b) giving notice to the ***adjoining owners*** of all lots adjoining the premises the subject of the application; and

(c) giving notice to all owners of lots located within 1500m of the premises the subject of the application; and

(d) if a community notice board exists and permission is given by an authorised person, placing a ***notice on community notice boards*** for the period of time up to and including the stated day, and
(e) giving notice on the assessment manager's website for the period of time up to and including the stated day, and
(f) publishing a public notice complying with the public notice requirements stated in the confirmation notice.

An applicant is not precluded from and may undertake supplementary public notification measures (such as broadcasting on a local radio station) in addition to those prescribed in 17.2.

17.3 The applicant must give notice to the assessment manager of the intended start date of public notification.

17.4 Schedule 3 prescribes the way in which public notice must be given.

17.5 For sections 17.1 and 17.2, public notice requirements must be undertaken within the period prescribed under section 16.[9]

18 Notice of compliance

18.1 If the applicant gives public notice, it must, within 10 days from the day after the last day on which a submission may be made, or a further period agreed between the applicant and the assessment manager, give the assessment manager notice of compliance with the public notice requirements.[10]

18.2 Schedule 3 prescribes the way in which notice of compliance must be given for items 17.2 (d).

19 Submissions

19.1 The assessment manager—
(a) must accept a submission[11] if the submission is a ***properly made submission***; and
(b) may accept a submission even if the submission is not a properly made submission.

19.2 Anyone who has made a properly made submission, or a submission the assessment manager has accepted, may by notice—
(a) amend the submission before the stated day by which submissions must be received (or stated day in a subsequent public notice where re-notification has occurred); or
(b) withdraw the submission at any time before the application is decided.

19.3 Where submissions have been accepted under section 19.1 for the application, the assessment manager has up to 10 days, or a further period agreed between the applicant and the assessment manager, to consider the submissions starting—
(a) where the applicant has undertaken public notification, the day after the day the assessment manager receives notice of compliance under section 18.1; or
(b) otherwise, the day after the stated day.

[9] The ***public notification period*** starts in accordance with section 53(5) of the Act. Not taking this action within the period prescribed, will result in the application lapsing – see section 31.
[10] Not taking this action within the period prescribed will result in the application lapsing – see section 31.
[11] Section 53(4) of the Act establishes the dates for making a submission for an application.

20 End of part 4

20.1 Part 4 is complete—

(a) if submissions are received—
  (i) the day the period to consider submissions under section 19.3 has ended; or
  (ii) before the period has ended under section 19.3, the day the assessment manager gives notice to the applicant to end the period.

(b) if no submissions are received—
  (i) the day after the assessment manager receives a notice of compliance from the applicant; or
  (ii) the stated day on the public notice if public notice is given by the assessment manager.

Part 5: Decision

21 When this part starts

21.1 The assessment manager cannot decide the application until parts 1, 2, 3 and 4, as relevant to the application, have ended.

21.2 Despite section 21.1, if parts 2, 3 and 4 are not relevant to the application, the assessment manager may end the confirmation period by giving a ***decision notice***.

21.3 If part 2 and part 4 are not relevant to the application and the assessment manager does not make an information request under part 3, the period stated under section 22 starts the day after part 1 ended.

22 Decision period – generally

22.1 The assessment manager must—

(a) assess and decide the application within 35 days (***decision period***) in accordance with section 60 and 61 of the Act[12], or a further period agreed between the assessment manager and the applicant, from the end of the last relevant part in section 21[13]; and

(b) subject to section 22.2, give a decision notice in accordance with section 63 of the Act within 5 days of deciding the application.[14]

22.2 Despite section 22.1, for giving a decision notice under section 63(1)(e) of the Act—

(a) if the application is approved, the assessment manager must give a copy of the decision notice to each ***principal submitter*** within 5 days after the earliest of the following happens—

(i) the applicant gives the assessment manager a written notice stating that the applicant does not intend to make ***change representations*** in accordance with section 75 of the Act;

(ii) the applicant gives the assessment manager notice of the applicant's appeal; or

(iii) the applicant's appeal period ends.

(b) if the application is refused, the assessment manager must give a copy of the decision notice to each principal submitter at the same time as the decision notice is given to the applicant.

22.3 The assessment manager's decision period includes the number of days taken by the assessment manager to make an information request under section 12.

22.4 However, for section 22.3 where the number of days taken by the assessment manager to make an information request is greater than 10 days, the number of days taken by the assessment manager to make an information request is taken to be 10 days.[15]

22.5 If there is a ***concurrence agency*** for the application, the application must not be decided within 10 days of the last concurrence agency response being received by the assessment manager unless the applicant gives notice to the assessment manager that it does not intend to make ***representations*** about the concurrence agency response under section 30.

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[12] For a change application under section 82 of the Act, section 63 of the Act is not applicable – section 83 of the Act applies instead.

[13] See section 38 for instances where a further period need not be agreed with the applicant.

[14] In accordance with sections 77(1) and 77(2) of the *Building and Construction Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Act 1991* an assessment manager must not give a development permit for certain development types without sighting an approved form showing payment or an exemption of payment of the long service leave levy.

[15] For example, if an assessment manager makes an information request to the applicant on the sixth day of the information request period, then the assessment manager's decision period is 35 days less 6 days, which is 29 days. If the information request has been extended by agreement, only the initial 10 days are included as being part of the decision period.

22.6 Despite section 22.1, a further agreed period between the applicant and assessment manager does not apply if the assessment manager has been given a direction under section 95(1)(c) of the Act to decide the application or section 105(7) of the Act applies in relation to the application.

23 Decision period – changed circumstances

23.1 Despite section 22, if the assessment manager receives notice from a concurrence agency under section 28.4, the assessment manager must not decide the application until—

(a) the assessment manager receives a copy of the amended referral agency response; or

(b) the end of 10 days, including any further period agreed, after the day of the notice under section 28.4.

23.2 Despite section 22, the decision period starts again from its beginning[16]—

(a) if a concurrence agency gives a concurrence agency response or an amended concurrence agency response under section 28, the day after the assessment manager receives the response or the amended response;

(b) if notice under section 29.2 is given during the decision stage, the day after part 2, as it relates to the missed referral agency, ends; or

(c) if section 26 is relevant to the application—

(i) the day after part 2 ends; or

(ii) the day after part 4, ends; or

(iii) where both part 2 and part 4 are relevant, the day the last of these parts as they relate to section 26, ends.

(d) If the application is for development prescribed by the Planning Regulation as requiring social impact assessment as identified under section 106T of the Act –

(i) When the applicant changes the social impact assessment report under section 106X of the Act or amending community benefit agreements under section 106ZA of the Act.

23.3 Despite section 22, where section 36 is relevant to the application and the assessment manager takes the action—

(a) before part 5 starts, part 5 does not start until the day after the action is completed; or

(b) after part 5 has started, the decision period stops the day after the action is taken and starts again the day after the action is completed.

24 End of part 5

24.1 Part 5 is complete when the assessment manager gives a decision notice to those required to receive it under section 63(1) of the Act.[17]

[16] In this instance, the decision period is still the period prescribed, less any time taken by the assessment manager to make an information request, and does not include any further period agreed under part 3.

[17] Note that in certain instances an application may be subject to deemed approval, as set out under section 64(1) of the Act.

Part 6: Changes to the application and referral agency responses

25 Giving notice of a changed application

25.1 If an applicant gives a notice to the assessment manager under section 52(1) of the Act to change the application before it is decided, the assessment manager must—

(a) give a copy of the notice to each referral agency for the original application, and any other referral agency required to be referred the application as a result of the change; and

(b) advise each referral agency,[18] with a copy to the applicant, of the effect of the change on the development assessment process.

26 Effect of a change that is about a matter raised in a submission, information request or further advice

26.1 For a change that is not a ***minor change***,[19] the development assessment process does not stop if the assessment manager is satisfied the change—

(a) only deals with a matter raised in a properly made submission for the application; or

(b) is in response to an information request for the application; or

(c) is in response to further advice provided by an assessing authority about the application.

26.2 Where part 4 applies to the changed application—

(a) if part 4 did not apply to the original application—

(i) the assessment manager must give the applicant a confirmation notice within 10 days after the day the assessment manager receives notice of the change and part 4 must be undertaken for the changed application in accordance with section 16.4; and

(ii) the assessment manager cannot decide the application until part 4 has ended.

(b) if part 4 had started or ended for the original application when the change was made, public notification must be undertaken again unless the assessment manager is satisfied the change would not be likely to attract a submission objecting to the thing comprising the change, if public notification were to apply to the change.

(c) if public notification is required under 26.2(b), the assessment manager must give notice to the applicant within 5 days of receiving notice about the change, advising that public notification is required and public notification for the changed application must be undertaken in accordance with section 16.4.

26.3 If a change to the application causes additional ***referral requirements*** the application, including the change, must be referred to the relevant referral agency for the additional referral requirements under part 2.

26.4 Where section 26.3 is relevant to the application, part 2 applies in its entirety except—

(a) the period under section 5.1 is taken to start the day after the applicant receives advice under

[18] Including each referral agency for the original application, and any other referral agency required to be referred the application as a result of the change.

[19] Under section 52(3) of the Act, if the change is a minor change, then the change does not affect the development assessment process.

section 25.1(b); and

(b) a confirmation notice is not required.

26.5 Despite section 11.1, any referral agency referred the application as a result of this section may make an information request.

26.6 The assessment manager cannot decide the application until part 2 and part 4, as relevant to the changed application, has ended.

27 Effect of other changes

27.1 For a change that is not a minor change, the development assessment process stops on the day notice of a change is received by the assessment manager, and starts again at the beginning of the assessment manager's confirmation period, if the assessment manager is satisfied the change is not a change under section 26.1.

27.2 Despite section 11.1, if a change under this section is made, any assessing authority may make an information request.

27.3 If public notification applied to the original application and the change under section 27.1 was made during part 4 or after part 4 had ended then part 4 must start again from its beginning, unless the assessment manager is satisfied the change would not be likely to attract a submission objecting to the thing comprising the change, if public notification were to apply to the change.

28 Concurrency agency changes its response or gives a late notice

28.1 Despite part 2, a concurrence agency may, after its referral agency assessment period and any further period agreed ends, change its referral agency response or give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, subject to section 28.2 and 28.3.

28.2 A concurrence agency may change its referral agency response at any time before the application is decided if—

(a) the change is in response to a change which the assessment manager is satisfied is a change under section 26.1; or

(b) the Minister has given the concurrence agency a direction under section 99 of the Act; or

(c) the applicant has given written agreement to the change to the referral agency response.[20]

28.3 A concurrence agency may give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, if the applicant has given written agreement to the late referral agency response.

28.4 If a concurrence agency proposes to change its referral agency response under section 28.2(a), the concurrence agency must—

(a) give notice of its intention to change its referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant within 5 days of receiving notice of the change under section 25.1; and

(b) the concurrence agency has 10 days from the day of giving notice under paragraph (a), or a further period agreed between the applicant and the concurrence agency, to give an amended referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant.

[20] In the instance where an applicant has made representations to the concurrence agency under section 30, and the concurrence agency agrees to make the change included in the representations, section 28.2(c) is taken to have been satisfied.

Part 7: Miscellaneous

29 Missed referral agency

29.1 This section applies if, at any time before the application is decided, an applicant has not referred the application to a referral agency referred to in section 55(1) of the Act or to another referral agency for all referral requirements under section 55(2) of the Act in the time provided to refer the application (a ***missed referral agency***).[21]

29.2 A ***party*** to the application may, by notice given to each other party to the application, advise the parties that the applicant has not referred the application in accordance with section 54(1) of the Act.

29.3 Despite section 31.1(a) and subject to section 31.4 where notice has been given under section 29.2, the application does not lapse as a result of a missed referral agency.[22]

29.4 The applicant must refer the application in accordance with section 5.1, as if 'the day after part 1 has ended' is 'after the day the applicant gave or received notice about a missed referral agency'.

29.5 Part 2 and part 3 apply to the missed referral agency once action is taken under section 29.4.

29.6 Despite section 11.1, any referral agency referred the development application as a result of this section may make an information request.

29.7 If a notice about a missed referral agency is given before part 5 starts, then part 5 cannot start before part 2 has ended in relation to the missed referral agency.[23]

29.8 If part 4 applies to the application, the giving of a notice under this section has no effect on any actions already undertaken under part 4.

30 Representations about a referral agency response

30.1 An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response.[24]

31 Lapsing of the application

31.1 An application lapses if the applicant does not carry out the following actions in the prescribed period, including any further agreed period under the relevant section—

(a) give the referral agency material to each referral agency that is party to the application and advise the assessment manager when the referral agency material was given under section 5, section 27 or section 29, as relevant to the application;[25] or

(b) undertake the actions to publicly notify the application requiring public notification; or

(c) give a notice of compliance under section 18 to the assessment manager for the application

[21] As provided for under section 5.

[22] As set out in section 31.4, this section has no effect where a missed referral notice has already been given about the missed referral agency.

[23] Section 23.2 describes the effect on the decision period if part 5 had already commenced before notice about the missed referral had been given.

[24] An applicant may elect, under section 32, to stop the assessment manager's decision period in which to take this action. If a concurrence agency wishes to amend their response in relation to representations made under this section, they must do so in accordance with section 28.

[25] This provision is subject to section 29.3.

requiring public notification.

31.2 Despite section 31.1 the applicant may revive the application within 20 days of the application lapsing by—

(a) undertaking the actions under section 31.1; and

(b) giving notice to the assessment manager advising that the relevant actions under section 31.1 have been undertaken.

31.3 If the applicant does not undertake the required actions under section 31.2 within the prescribed period, the lapsed application may not be revived.

31.4 If the applicant has not taken the action required under section 29.4 in the prescribed period and the period under section 31.2 has expired, section 29.3 has no effect.

32 Stopping a current period

32.1 The applicant may stop a ***current period*** in the development assessment process under the ***DA Rules***, unless the application has lapsed or is required by an ***enforcement notice*** or in response to a ***show cause notice***.

32.2 To stop an assessing authority's current period, the applicant must give notice to—

(a) the assessment manager, to stop the assessment manager's current period, at any time after the application is properly made and before the application is decided; or

(b) a referral agency, to stop a referral agency's current period, at any time after the application is properly referred and before the referral agency has given a referral agency response.

32.3 Where the applicant gives a notice under section 32 to a referral agency, a copy must also be given to the assessment manager.

32.4 To stop an applicant's current period—

(a) the applicant must give notice about stopping a current period to the assessment manager and any referral agency that has not given its referral response; and

(b) the application must—

(i) have been accepted as a properly made application; and

(ii) not be in the ***public notification period***.

32.5 The current period—

(a) is stopped for the period stated in the notice starting the day after the notice is received by the assessment manager or referral agency; and

(b) the balance restarts the day after—

(i) the period stated in the notice ends; or

(ii) the assessment manager or referral agency receives notice that the notice has been withdrawn by the applicant.

32.6 A notice given under section 32.2 and section 32.4 may be—

(a) withdrawn at any time; and

(b) given as many times as required for a cumulative period of up to 130 days.

33 Notices about further periods agreed

33.1 Any agreement for a further period under the DA Rules must be made before the end of the relevant period by notice between the parties identified in the relevant section of the DA Rules and must identify the section of the DA Rules to which the agreement relates and a copy must be given by the party who initiated the extension, to any other party to the application.

34 Third party advice about an application

34.1 An assessment manager or concurrence agency for the application may, within the limits of its jurisdiction, ask any ***third party*** for ***third party advice*** about the application at any point in the development assessment process before a decision is made.

35 Further advice about an application

35.1 An assessment manager or concurrence agency for the application may, at any time before the application is decided, give ***further advice*** about the application to the applicant.

35.2 Further advice may include advice about how the applicant may change the application.[26]

36 Effect of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth)

36.1 Taking action under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth), part 2, division 3 has the following effect on processes set out under the DA Rules or chapter 3 of the Act—

(a) for a development application under the DA Rules, the assessment manager can only decide an application once any action taken under part 2, division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) has been completed;

(b) for a change application under section 78 of the Act, ***a responsible entity*** can only decide an application once action taken under part 2, division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) has been completed; or

(c) for a development application subject to chapter 3, part 6, division 3 of the Act, the Minister can only decide an application once action under part 2, division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) has been completed.

37 Publishing a notice about the decision

37.1 For publishing a notice about the decision under section 63(4) or section 83(8) of the Act, the assessment manager must publish the notice no later than 5 days after—

(a) if the application is approved, the earliest of the following happens—

(i) the applicant gives the assessment manager a written notice stating that the applicant does not intend to make change representations in accordance with section 75 of the Act;

(ii) the applicant gives the assessment manager notice of the applicant's appeal; or

(iii) the applicant's appeal period ends;

(b) if the application is refused, giving the decision notice to the applicant.

37.2 For publishing a notice about the decision under section 56(6) of the Act, the referral agency must publish the notice not later than 5 days after receiving a copy of the decision notice from the assessment manager.

[26] Any advice must be within the limit of the assessment manager or concurrence agency's jurisdiction.

38 Effect of local government caretaker period for particular applications

38.1 Section 38.2 applies—

(a) to an application involving a variation request, if the decision for the application is a ***major policy decision***; and

(b) if the decision period for the application would end either—

(i) during the ***caretaker period***; or

(ii) within 10 days after the end of the caretaker period; and

(c) despite, but without limiting, section 22.1(a) and 33.1.

38.2 The assessment manager may, without the agreement of the applicant, give a notice to the applicant extending the decision period until a day no later than 10 days after the end of the caretaker period.

39 Transitional provisions

39.1 Section 39.2 and 39.3 apply to an application if at the date version 1.3 of the DA Rules takes effect, the applicant or the assessment manager acting under section 53(10) of the Act had commenced but not completed giving public notice in accordance with the requirements under section 17 of version 1.2 of the DA Rules.

39.2 Section 17 of version 1.2 of the DA Rules continues to apply to the application instead of section 17 of version 1.3 of the DA Rules.

39.3 Despite section 39.2, public notification may be undertaken in accordance with a method stated in section 17.1(c) and (d) of version 1.3 of the DA Rules.

Chapter 2: Applications for State facilitated development

This chapter provides the rules for administering an application for State facilitated development, that is a development application (including proposed development application) and a change application (including a proposed change application) other than for a minor change to a development approval.

Under section 106J of the Act, the chief executive must assess and decide, or reassess and re-decide the application for State facilitated development.

An application for State facilitated development that is not substantially different from the relevant application, where the relevant application is a proposed development application or proposed change application, is required to be made to the chief executive within the ***application period***.

For a relevant application declared an application for State facilitated development after the application is made to the ***decision-maker***, the ***declaration notice*** will state the ***restarting point*** for the application for State facilitated development.

If the declaration notice directs the decision-maker to assess all or part of an application for State facilitated development, this chapter (other than Part 4: Decision) applies to the assessment by the decision-maker.

Part 1: Application

1 Properly made application – Act, s51(6)[27]

1.1 For section 51(6) of the Act, an application for State facilitated development is taken to be a properly made application on the day the application for State facilitated development is received by the chief executive, unless an action notice is given.

1.2 The chief executive must determine, within 5 days starting the day after the chief executive receives an application for State facilitated development (confirmation period), if the application for State facilitated development is a properly made application.

1.3 The giving of a confirmation notice or an action notice by the chief executive ends the confirmation period on the day the notice is given to the applicant.

2 Confirmation notice

2.1 A confirmation notice can only be given for a properly made application.

2.2 The chief executive must give the applicant a confirmation notice if any of the following apply—

(a) the application for State facilitated development requires public notification;

(b) as required in accordance with section 3.4 and 3.6.

2.3 The chief executive may, within the confirmation period, give the applicant a confirmation notice for any application.

2.4 For section 2.2(a), the confirmation notice must be given within the confirmation period.

[27] For change applications section 51 of the Act is not applicable – section 79 of the Act applies instead.

3 If the application for State facilitated development is not properly made

3.1 If the application for State facilitated development is not a properly made application, the chief executive must give the applicant an action notice before the end of the confirmation period.[28]

3.2 The applicant must comply with all the actions in the action notice and give notice to the chief executive that it has complied with the action notice, within 20 days, starting the day after the day the applicant was given the action notice, or a further period agreed between the applicant and the chief executive.

3.3 If the applicant complies with all of the actions in the action notice in accordance with section 3.2, the application for State facilitated development is a properly made application on the day the applicant gives the chief executive notice that the applicant has complied with the action notice.

3.4 After receiving notice under section 3.2, the chief executive must within 5 days after the day the notice was received, give a confirmation notice to the applicant, if the applicant has complied with the action notice.

3.5 Despite section 3.2, the chief executive may, after giving an action notice, accept the application for State facilitated development as a properly made application in accordance with section 51(5) of the Act, despite non-compliance with an action notice.

3.6 For an application for State facilitated development accepted as a properly made application as referred to in section 3.5—

(a) the application for State facilitated development is taken to be a properly made application on the date the chief executive accepts the application in accordance with section 51(6) of the Act; and

(b) the chief executive must give a confirmation notice before the period stated in section 3.2, including any further period agreed, has ended.

3.7 If the applicant does not comply with an action notice in accordance with section 3.2, and the chief executive has not accepted the application for State facilitated development under section 3.5, the application for State facilitated development is taken to have not been made.[29]

4 End of part 1

4.1 Part 1 is complete when the following occurs—

(a) the chief executive gives a confirmation notice under section 2, section 3.4 or section 3.6 to the applicant; or

(b) if the chief executive does not give a confirmation notice to the applicant and the application for State facilitated development is a properly made application, when the confirmation period ends.[30]

4.2 Despite section 4.1, actions taken under sections 6.3 and 15.2 are also taken to end part 1.

[28] Where the chief executive accepts an application for State facilitated development in accordance with section 51(5)(c) of the Act it is considered that this is a properly made application, therefore an action notice is not required to be given.

[29] For this section, the development assessment process does not proceed. The lapsing provisions under section 19 do not apply.

[30] An application for State facilitated development that does not meet the requirements of section 51(6) cannot progress beyond this part.

Part 2: Information request

5 When part 2 does not apply

5.1 Part 2 does not apply if:

(a) the applicant has advised the decision-maker on the approved form that the applicant does not agree to accept an information request;

(b) the decision-maker has stated on the confirmation notice that it does not intend to make an information request; or

(c) the chief executive has stated on the confirmation notice that an information request will not be made.

6 Making an information request

6.1 The chief executive may make an information request.

6.2 Any information request made by the chief executive must be made to the applicant within 10 days, or a further period agreed between the applicant and the chief executive, starting the day after part 1 has ended.

6.3 If part 3 is not relevant to the application for State facilitated development, the chief executive may end the confirmation period by making an information request.

6.4 The chief executive may give advice to the applicant about an information request or any other matter.

7 Applicant's response

7.1 The period for the applicant to respond to an information request is 30 days from the date the information request was made or a further period agreed between the applicant and the chief executive.

7.2 The applicant may respond by giving the chief executive that made the information request, within the period stated under section 7.1—

(a) all of the information requested; or

(b) part of the information requested; or

(c) a notice that none of the information will be provided.

7.3 For any response given in accordance with sections 7.2(b) or (c), the applicant may also advise the chief executive that the assessment of the application for State facilitated development should proceed.

8 End of the applicant's response period

8.1 The applicant's response period in section 7.1 ends if—

(a) the applicant has responded under section 7.2(a); or

(b) the applicant has responded under sections 7.2(b) or (c) and the applicant has advised the chief executive to proceed with the assessment of the application for State facilitated development.

8.2 If an applicant does not respond to the information request in accordance with section 7.2 and 7.3 if applicable within the period stated under section 7.1, the chief executive's assessment continues from the day after the day on which the period under section 7.1 would have otherwise ended.

9 End of part 2

9.1 Part 2 is complete when—

(a) if the chief executive does not make an information request the period stated under section 6.2 has ended; or

(b) if the chief executive makes an information request, the earlier of the following occurs—

(i) the applicant has finished responding to the information request in the way stated under section 8.1; or

(ii) all periods for the applicant to respond to the information request as stated in section 7.1 have ended.

Part 3: Public notification

10 When this part starts

10.1 Public notification must start—

(a) within 20 days of the day after receiving a confirmation notice or notification notice; or

(b) if the chief executive makes an information request, within 10 days of the day after part 2 has ended; or

(c) an alternative timeframe as stated in the notification notice.

11 Public notice requirements

11.1 The applicant shall give public notice by complying with the confirmation notice or notification notice, and by—

(a) placing notice on the premises the subject of the application for a State facilitated development that must remain on the premises for the period of time up to and including the stated day; and

(b) giving notice to the adjoining owners of all lots adjoining the premises the subject of the application; and

(c) publishing a public notice complying with the public notice requirements stated in the confirmation notice or notification notice.

11.2 The applicant must give notice to the chief executive of the intended start date of public notification.

11.3 Schedule 3 prescribes the way in which public notice must be given, if required by the confirmation notice or notification notice.

11.4 All public notice requirements under section 11.1 and 11.2 must be undertaken within the period prescribed under section 10.

12 Notice of compliance

12.1 If the applicant gives public notice, it must, within 10 days from the day after the last day on which a submission may be made, or a further period agreed between the applicant and the chief executive, give the chief executive notice of compliance with the public notice requirements.[31]

13 Submissions

13.1 The chief executive —

(a) must accept a submission[32] if the submission is a properly made submission; and

(b) may accept a submission even if the submission is not a properly made submission.

13.2 Anyone who has made a properly made submission, or a submission the chief executive has accepted, may by notice—

[31] For public notice requirements stated in a confirmation notice, not taking this action within the period prescribed will result in the application lapsing – see section 19.

[32] The notification notice may establish the requirements for making a submission on an application for State facilitated development.

(a) amend the submission before the stated day by which submissions must be received (or stated day in a subsequent public notice where re-notification has occurred); or

(b) withdraw the submission at any time before the application for State facilitated development is decided.

13.3 Where submissions have been accepted under section 13.1 for the application for State facilitated development, the chief executive has up to 10 days, or a further period agreed between the applicant and the chief executive, to consider the submissions starting—

(a) where the applicant has undertaken public notification, the day after the day the chief executive receives notice of compliance under section 12.1; or

(b) otherwise, the day after the stated day.

14 End of part 3

14.1 Part 3 is complete—

(c) if submissions are received—

(i) the day the period to consider submissions under section 13.3 has ended; or

(ii) before the period has ended under section 13.3, the day the chief executive gives notice to the applicant to end the period.

(d) if no submissions are received, the day after the chief executive receives a notice of compliance from the applicant.

Part 4: Decision

15 When this part starts

15.1 The chief executive cannot decide the application until parts 1, 2 and 3, as relevant to the application, have ended.

15.2 Despite section 15.1, if part 2 is not relevant to the application, the chief executive may end the confirmation period by giving a decision notice.

15.3 If the chief executive does not make an information request under part 2 and part 3 is not relevant, the period stated under section 16 starts the day after part 1 ended.

16 Decision period – generally

16.1 The chief executive must—

(a) assess and decide, or reassess and re-decide, the application under section 106J of the Act,[33] within 30 days (decision period) or a further period agreed between the chief executive and the applicant, from the end of the last relevant part in section 15; and

(b) give a decision notice under 106L of the Act within 5 days of deciding the application for State facilitated development.[34]

16.2 The chief executive's decision period includes the number of days taken by the chief executive to make an information request under section 6.

16.3 However, for section 16.2 where the number of days taken by the chief executive to make an information request is greater than 10 days, the number of days taken by the chief executive to make an information request is taken to be 10 days.[35]

17 Decision period - changed circumstances

17.1 Despite section 16, where section 24 is relevant to the application for State facilitated development and the chief executive takes the action—

(a) before part 4 starts, part 4 does not start until the day after the action is completed; or

(b) after part 4 has started, the decision period stops the day after the action is taken and starts again the day after the action is completed.

18 End of part 4

18.1 Part 4 is complete when the chief executive gives a decision notice to those required to receive it under section 106L of the Act.

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[33] For a change application section 106L of the Act is not applicable – section 83 of the Act applies instead.

[34] In accordance with sections 77(1) and 77(2) of the *Building and Construction Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Act 1991* a development permit must not be given for certain development types without sighting an approved form showing payment or an exemption of payment of the long service leave levy.

[35] For example, if the chief executive makes an information request to the applicant on the sixth day of the information request period, then the chief executive's decision period is 30 days less 6 days, which is 24 days. If the information request has been extended by agreement, only the initial 10 days are included as being part of the decision period.

Part 5: Miscellaneous

19 Lapsing of the application

19.1 An application for State facilitated development lapses if the applicant does not carry out the following actions in the prescribed period, including any further agreed period under the relevant section—

(a) undertake the actions in a confirmation notice to publicly notify the application for State facilitated development requiring public notification; or

(b) give a notice of compliance under section 12 to the chief executive for the application for State facilitated development where a confirmation notice requires public notification.

20 Stopping a current period

20.1 The applicant may stop a current period in the development assessment process under the DA Rules, unless the application for State facilitated development has lapsed.

20.2 To stop the chief executive's current period, the applicant must give notice to the chief executive, to stop the chief executive's current period, at any time after the application for State facilitated development is properly made and before the application for State facilitated development is decided.

20.3 To stop an applicant's current period—

(a) the applicant must give notice about stopping a current period to the chief executive; and

(b) the application must—

(i) have been accepted as a properly made application; and

(ii) not be in the public notification period.

20.4 The current period—

(a) is stopped for the period stated in the notice starting the day after the notice is received by the chief executive; and

(b) the balance restarts the day after—

(i) the period stated in the notice ends; or

(ii) the chief executive receives notice that the notice has been withdrawn by the applicant.

20.5 A notice given under section 20.2 and section 20.3 may be—

(a) withdrawn at any time; and

(b) given as many times as required for a cumulative period of up to 130 days.

21 Notices about further periods agreed

21.1 Any agreement for a further period under the DA Rules must be made before the end of the relevant period by notice between the applicant and the chief executive in the relevant section of the DA Rules and must identify the section of the DA Rules to which the agreement relates and a copy must be given by the party who initiated the extension, to the other party to the application.

22 Third party advice about an application for State facilitated development

22.1 The chief executive may ask any third party for third party advice about an application for State

facilitated development at any point in the development assessment process before a decision is made.

23 Further advice about an application

23.1 The chief executive may, at any time before the application for State facilitated development is decided, give further advice about the application for State facilitated development to the applicant.

24 Effect of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)

24.1 Taking action under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth), part 2, division 3 has the following effect on processes set out under the DA Rules or chapter 3 of the Act—

(a) for a development application under the DA Rules, the chief executive can only decide an application for State facilitated development once any action taken under part 2, division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) has been completed; or

(b) for a change application under section 78 of the Act, the chief executive can only decide a change application for an application for State facilitated development once action taken under part 2, division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) has been completed.

Schedule 1: Substantially different development

1. An assessment manager or responsible entity, or chief executive (for an application for State facilitated development) may determine that the change is a minor change[36] to a development application or ***development approval***, or application for State facilitated development where – amongst other criteria – a minor change is a change that would not result in 'substantially different' development.

2. An assessment manager or responsible entity, or chief executive (for an application for State facilitated development) must determine if the proposed change would result in substantially different development for a change—
   (a) made to a proposed development application the subject of a response given under section 57(3) of the Act and a properly made application;
   (b) made to a development application or made to an application for State facilitated development;
   (c) made to a development approval after the appeal period.[37]

3. In determining whether the proposed change would result in substantially different development, the assessment manager or referral agency, or chief executive (for an application for State facilitated development) must consider the individual circumstances of the development, in the context of the change proposed.

4. A change may be considered to result in a substantially different development if any of the following apply to the proposed change—
   (a) involves a new use; or
   (b) results in the application applying to a new parcel of land; or
   (c) dramatically changes the built form in terms of scale, bulk and appearance; or
   (d) changes the ability of the proposed development to operate as intended;[38] or
   (e) removes a component that is integral to the operation of the development; or
   (f) significantly impacts on traffic flow and the transport network, such as increasing traffic to the site; or
   (g) introduces new impacts or increase the severity of known impacts; or
   (h) For a development prescribed by the Planning Regulation as requiring social impact assessment as identified under section 106T of the Act –
      - Introduces new ***social impacts*** or increase the severity of known ***social impacts; or***
   (i) removes an incentive or offset component that would have balanced a negative impact of the development; or
   (j) impacts on infrastructure provisions.

[36] For a definition of minor change, see schedule 2 of the Act.
[37] For changing development approvals, see chapter 3, part 5, division 2, subdivision 2 of the Act.
[38] For example, reducing the size of a retail complex may reduce the capacity of the complex to service the intended catchment.

Schedule 2: Referral agency assessment period

Referral agency	Referral agency assessment period
1. The local government, as the concurrence agency for—	
(a) building work to demolish or remove any building or structure or rebuild, after removal, any building or structure; or	10 days
(b) building assessment work, as defined in the *Building Act 1975*, section 7, for a single detached class 1(a)(i) building, class 1(a)(ii) building comprising not more than 2 attached dwellings or a class 10 building; or	10 days
(c) other building assessment work.	15 days
2. Queensland Fire and Emergency Service	15 days
3. The relevant service provider as the concurrence agency for building work on a lot that contains, or is adjacent to a lot that contains, a sewer, water main or stormwater drain operated by or for the relevant service provider.	20 days

Schedule 3: Public notice requirements

1. The applicant or assessment manager must comply with the public notice requirements in this schedule when giving public notice in accordance with chapter 1, part 4 and chapter 2, part 3 of the DA Rules.
2. Where specified as a public notice requirement in chapter 1, section 17.1 and 17.2 or chapter 2, section 11.1, the following specifications must be met:
   (a) for development applications, part 1 of this schedule provides the requirements and information that must be included on notices;
   (b) for applications for State facilitated development, part 2 of this schedule provides the requirements and information that must be included on notices;
   (c) for change applications, part 3 of this schedule provides the requirements and information that must be included on notices;
   (d) for change applications for State facilitated development, part 4 of this schedule provides the requirements and information that must be included on notices;
   (e) for development applications that propose development subject to social impact assessment, part 5 of this schedule provides:
      (i) the requirements and information that must be included in notices, and
      (ii) additional requirements for information to be included in a notice of compliance;
   (f) for change applications for development subject to social impact assessment, part 6 of this schedule provides:
      (i) the requirements and information that must be included on notices; and
      (ii) additional requirements for information to be included in a notice of compliance.

General requirements for placing a public notice on the premises

3. For placing a public notice on the premises, a public notice must be—
   (a) placed on, or within a reasonable distance of, the road frontage for the premises, ensuring that it is clearly visible from the road;
   (b) mounted at least 300 millimetres (mm) above ground level;
   (c) made of weatherproof material; and
   (d) at least A0 size.
4. If the premises has more than one road frontage, a public notice must be placed on each publicly accessible road frontage for the premises.
5. The applicant must maintain the public notice from the day it is placed on the premises until the end of the notification period.
6. For placing a public notice on the premises, road frontage for the premises, means—
   (a) the boundary between the premises and any ***road adjoining*** the premises; or
   (b) if the only access to the premises is across other land, the boundary between the other land and any road adjoining the other land at the point of access.

General requirements for giving notice to owners of lots adjoining the premises

7. For giving notice to owners of lots adjoining the premises, the notice must be given to the owners of all lots adjoining the premises the subject of the application or application for State facilitated development.

8. For giving notice to owners of lots adjoining the premises, the ***adjoining owner*** of a lot adjoining the premises the subject of the application or application for State facilitated development, is any of the following—
   (a) if the adjoining lot is subject to the *Integrated Resort Development Act 1987* or the *Sanctuary Cove Resort Act 1985* – the primary thoroughfare body corporate;
   (b) if the adjoining lot is subject to the *Mixed Use Development Act 1993* – the community body corporate;
   (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b), if the adjoining lot is subject to the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980* – the body corporate;
   (d) if the adjoining lot is, under the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*, scheme land for a community titles scheme—
      (i) the body corporate for the scheme;
      (ii) if the adjoining lot is scheme land for more than one community titles scheme – the body corporate for the community titles scheme that is a principal scheme;
   (e) if there is a time share scheme, as defined under the *Local Government Act 2009*, for a structure on the adjoining lot – the person notified to the local government concerned as the person responsible for the administration of the scheme as between the participants in the scheme;
   (f) if the adjoining lot is land being bought from the state for an estate in fee simple under the *Land Act 1994* – the buyer;
   (g) if the adjoining lot is land granted in trust or reserved and set apart and placed under the control of trustees under the *Land Act 1994* – the trustees of the land;
   (h) if paragraphs (a) to (g) do not apply – the person for the time being entitled to receive the rent for the land or who would be entitled to receive the rent if the land were let to a tenant at a rent.

9. For giving notice to adjoining owners, roads, premises below high-water mark and the beds and banks of rivers are taken not to be adjoining premises.

General requirements for giving notice on a website

10. For giving notice on the assessment manager's website, or the chief executive's website for an application for State facilitated development, the notice must—
   (a) be published on the website in a section of the website where public notices are published; and
   (b) remain on the website for the period of time up to and including the stated day.

Part 1 – Public notice requirements for development applications (other than applications for state facilitated development and applications subject to social impact assessment)

1A – Specifications for public notice on the premises

1. Figure 1 in this part[39] —
   (a) shows the general layout for a public notice on the premises; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 1, which identifies the information that is to be included and the minimum specifications.
2. If additional text lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.
3. Font size must be clearly legible and meet the minimum text height requirements specified in table 1.
4. Internal border lines shown in figure 1 may be adjusted within the sign where additional space is required to fit the relevant information in each section.
5. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements.

[39] A downloadable template of this notice, including the symbols, is available on the department's website at https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/forms-and-templates



Figure 1 - Design layout of public notices to be placed on the premises and notice given to adjoining owners

Table 1 – Information that must be included on a public notice on the premises

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	'PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 51 mm. 'HAVE YOUR SAY' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 36 mm.
Section 2	Description of proposed development as defined in the planning scheme • Insert the proposed use (if a new or changed use is proposed) or the proposed development using the use defined in the planning scheme. • Where relevant, include an indication of the scale or density of the development (e.g. number of lots, gross floor area). • Lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 26 mm.

Section		Information that must be included and specification
Section 3		(Where) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Street address that the application relates to. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(On) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Include real property description (i.e. lot on plan). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(Approval sought) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Approval sought' heading and information. • Include type(s) of approval sought (i.e. preliminary approval, development permit or both). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(Application reference) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Application reference' heading and information. • Include the application reference number. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(Make a submission) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Make a submission' heading and submission period. • Dates for submission period to be in long date format. If submission year is the same for both dates, submission year is only required to be included on the later date (e.g. 23 October to 25 November 2024). • Symbol must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. Lettering must be in a bold style, underlined and with a minimum text height of 20 mm.

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 4	For this section— • Any applicable symbols described below must be used to the extent relevant to the application. • Symbols to be adjacent to the left of the heading and information. • Headings: Lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 8 mm. • Information under headings: Lettering must be a minimum text height of 8 mm. 'Lot size and frontage' • Use the symbol provided only if applicable to the development (e.g. if there are relevant assessment criteria). • Describe the proposed minimum lot size in m^2 and minimum frontage in metres. 'Building height' • Use the symbol provided only if applicable to the development (e.g. if there are relevant assessment criteria). • Describe the proposed height of the building in meters or storeys at its upper most projection. 'Setbacks' • Use the symbol provided, if proposed development is contained on a single lot. • Describe the side, rear and front setback in metres for the proposed development. 'Site cover' • Use the symbol provided only if applicable to the development. (e.g. if there are relevant assessment criteria). Describe the site cover as a percentage for the proposed development.

Table 1 – Information that must be included on a public notice on the premises – cont.

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 5	'For further information and to view a copy of the application, contact:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name of the assessment manager, phone number, website address. 'Submissions can be made to:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name of assessment manager, assessment manager postal address and assessment manager contact email. *'To be eligible for appeal rights under the Planning Act 2016 submissions must be received within the period to make a submission stated above.'* • Lettering to be italicised and must be a minimum text height of 7 mm. QR code (Optional) • Optional inclusion; not mandatory. • If used, the QR code must: - be at least 11025 mm^2 (105 mm x 105 mm) and at least 300 dpi at 100%; and - link to information about the application on the assessment manager's website.
Section 6	'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' • Lettering must be a minimum text height of 9 mm and the Act's title and year to be italicised.
Section 7	Development images • A minimum of two images must be displayed. • Images to show relevant details of the proposal (e.g. photomontage, location map, plan of subdivision, site layout plan, elevations). • Must give the public a general indication of what is being proposed. • Image must be 300 dpi at 100% with images used being a minimum of 310 mm wide or at least 200 mm high.

1B – Specifications for notice to owners of lots adjoining the premises

1. The notice given to adjoining owners is to be a completed copy of the public notice on the premises as required under 1A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

1C – Specifications for public notice in a newspaper

1. Figure 2 in this part—
   (a) shows the general layout for the public notice in a newspaper; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 2, which identifies the information that is to be included on and the minimum specifications for the public notice in a newspaper.
2. If additional text lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.
3. Font size must not fall below the minimum size specified in table 2 for hard copy newspapers.
4. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements.

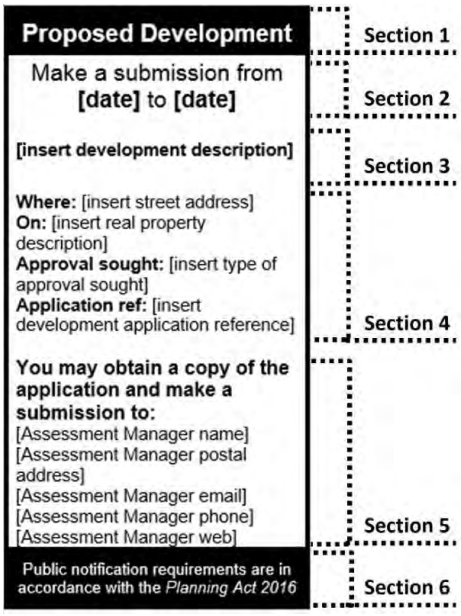


Figure 2 – Design layout of public notice for newspaper for an application

Table 2 – Information and specifications that must be included in a public notice in a newspaper

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	• 'Proposed Development' heading – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text.
Section 2	• 'Make a submission from [date] to [date]' – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height. • Dates – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text. • Long date format (day, month, year) – if the year is the same for both dates it is only required to be included on the later date.
Section 3	• Development description response text – lettering must be a minimum of 1 mm in height and bold text.
Section 4	• 'Where', 'On', 'Approval sought' and 'Application ref' headings – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • 'Where', 'On', 'Approval sought' and 'Application ref' response text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 5	• 'You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:' – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • Assessment manager name including contact details – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 6	• 'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and the Act's title and year to be italicised.

1D – Specifications for notice on the assessment manager's website

1. The notice given on the assessment manager's website must include, as a minimum the information requirements established under 1C of this part, however layout may vary, and text must remain legible.

Part 2 – Public notice requirements for applications for State facilitated development

2A – Specifications for public notice on the premises

1. Figure 3 in this part[40] —
   (a) shows the general layout for a public notice on the premises; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 3, which identifies the information that is to be included and the minimum specifications.
2. If additional text lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.
3. Font size must be clearly legible and meet the minimum text height requirements specified in table 3.
4. Internal border lines shown in figure 3 may be adjusted within the sign where additional space is required to fit the relevant information in each section.
5. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements.

[40] A downloadable template of this notice, including the symbols, is available on the department's website at https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/forms-and-templates



Figure 3 - Design layout of public notices for applications for State facilitated development to be placed on the premises and notice given to adjoining owners

Table 3 – Information that must be included on a public notice on the premises

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	'PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 51 mm. 'HAVE YOUR SAY' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 36 mm.
Section 2	Description of proposed development as defined in the planning scheme • Insert the proposed use (if a new or changed use is proposed) or the proposed development using the use defined in the planning scheme. • Where relevant, include an indication of the scale or density of the development (e.g. number of lots, gross floor area). • Lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 26 mm.
Section 3 	(Where) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Street address that the application relates to. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
	(On) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Include real property description (i.e. lot on plan). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
	(Approval sought) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Approval sought' heading and information. • Include type(s) of approval sought (i.e. preliminary approval, development permit or both). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
	(Application reference) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Application reference' heading and information.

		• Include the application reference number. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.

Table 3 – Information that must be included on a public notice on the premises – cont.

Section		Information that must be included and specification
Section 3		(Make a submission) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Make a submission' heading and submission period. • Dates for submission period to be in long date format. If submission year is the same for both dates, submission year is only required to be included on the later date (e.g. 23 October to 25 November 2024). • Symbol must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Lettering must be in a bold style, underlined and with a minimum text height of 20 mm.

Section 4	For this section— • Any applicable symbols described below must be used to the extent relevant to the application. • Symbols to be adjacent to the left of the heading and information. • Headings: Lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 8 mm. • Information under headings: Lettering must be a minimum text height of 8 mm. 'Lot size and frontage' • Use the symbol provided only if applicable to the development • Describe the proposed minimum lot size in m^2 and minimum frontage in metres. 'Building height' • Use the symbol provided only if applicable to the development (e.g. if there are relevant assessment criteria). • Describe the proposed height of the building in meters or storeys at its upper most projection. 'Setbacks' • Use the symbol provided, if proposed development is contained on a single lot. • Describe the side, rear and front setback in metres for the proposed development. 'Site cover' • Use the symbol provided only if applicable to the development. (e.g. if there are relevant assessment criteria). • Describe the site cover as a percentage for the proposed development.

Table 3 – Information that must be included on a public notice on the premises – cont.

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 5	'This development application has been submitted as an application for State facilitated development under the *Planning Act 2016*' • Lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm and the Act's title and year to be italicised. 'For further information and to view a copy of the application, contact:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the department administering the *Planning Act 2016*'s title, web address and phone number. 'Submissions can be made to: • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name, postal address and contact email of the Chief Executive. QR code (Optional) • Optional inclusion; not mandatory. • If used, the QR code must: - be at least 11025 mm^2 (105 mm x 105 mm) and at least 300 dpi at 100%; and - link to information about the application on the chief executive's website.
Section 6	'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' • Lettering must be a minimum text height of 9 mm and the Act's title and year to be italicised.
Section 7	Development images • A minimum of two images must be displayed. • Images to show relevant details of the proposal (e.g. photomontage, location map, plan of subdivision, site layout plan, elevations). • Must give the public a general indication of what is being proposed. • Image must be 300 dpi at 100% with images used being a minimum of 310 mm wide or at least 200 mm high.

2B – Specifications for notice to owners of lots adjoining the premises

1. The notice given to adjoining owners is to be a completed copy of the public notice on the premises as required under 2A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

2C – Specifications for public notice in a newspaper

1. Figure 4 in this part—
   (a) shows the general layout for the public notice in a newspaper; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 4, which identifies the information that is to be included on and the minimum specifications for the public notice in a newspaper.
2. If additional text lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.
3. Font size must not fall below the minimum size specified in table 4 for hard copy newspapers.
4. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements.

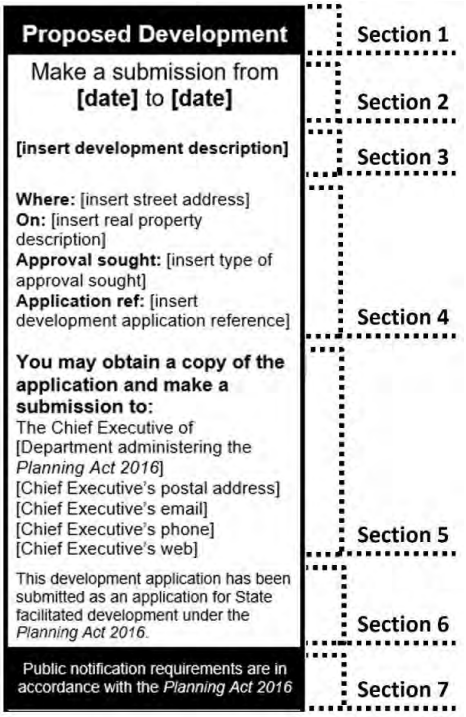


Figure 4 – Design layout of public notice for newspaper for an application for State facilitated development

Table 4 – Information and specifications that must be included in a public notice in a newspaper

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	• 'Proposed Development' heading – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text.
Section 2	• 'Make a submission from [date] to [date]' – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height. • Dates – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text. • Long date format (day, month, year) – if the year is the same for both dates it is only required to be included on the later date.
Section 3	• Development description response text – lettering must be a minimum of 1 mm in height and bold text.
Section 4	• 'Where', 'On', 'Approval sought' and 'Application ref' headings – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • 'Where', 'On', 'Approval sought' and 'Application ref' response text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 5	• 'You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:' – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • Chief Executive name including contact details – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 6	• 'This development application has been submitted as an application for State facilitated development under the *Planning Act 2016*'– lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and the Act's title and year to be italicised.
Section 7	• 'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and the Act's title and year to be italicised.

Part 3 – Public notice requirements for change applications (other than change applications for State facilitated development and change applications subject to social impact assessment)[41]

3A – Specifications for public notice on the premises

1. Figure 5 in this part[42]—
   (a) shows the general layout for a public notice on the premises and to be given to owners of lots adjoining the premises for a change application; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 5, which identifies the information that is to be included on and the minimum specifications for the public notice on the premises.
2. If additional text lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.
3. Font size must be clearly legible and meet the minimum text height requirements specified in table 5.
4. Internal border lines shown in figure 5 may be adjusted within the sign where additional space is required to fit the relevant information in each section.
5. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements.

[41] For change applications under section 82 of the Act that require public notification to be undertaken.

[42] A downloadable template of this notice, including the symbols, is available on the department's website at https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/forms-and-templates



Figure 5 - Design layout of public notice for a change application to be placed on the premises and notice given to adjoining owners

Table 5 –Information that must be included on a public notice on the premises for a change application

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	'PROPOSED CHANGE TO APPROVAL' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 51 mm. 'HAVE YOUR SAY' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 36 mm.
Section 2	Description of proposed development as defined in the planning scheme • Insert the proposed use (if a new or changed use is proposed) or the proposed development using the use defined in the planning scheme. • Where relevant, include an indication of the scale or density of the development (e.g. number of lots, gross floor area). • Lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 26 mm.

Section 3	   	(Where) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Street address that the application relates to. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm. (On) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Include real property description (i.e. lot on plan). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm. (Existing approval) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Existing approval' heading and information. • Include type(s) of existing approval (i.e. preliminary approval, development permit or both). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm. (Application reference) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Application reference' heading and information. • Include the application reference number. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.

Table 5 –Information that must be included on a public notice on the premises for a change application – cont.

Section		Information that must be included and specification
Section 3		(Make a submission) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Make a submission' heading and submission period. • Symbol must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Dates for submission period to be in long date format. If submission year is the same for both dates, submission year is only required to be included on the later date (e.g. 23 October to 25 November 2024). • Lettering must be in a bold style, underlined and with a minimum text

		height of 20 mm.
Section 4		'For further information and to view a copy of the application, contact:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name of the assessment manager, phone number, website address. 'Submissions can be made to:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name of assessment manager, assessment manager postal address and assessment manager contact email. *'To be eligible for appeal rights under the Planning Act 2016 submissions must be received within the period to make a submission stated above.'* • Lettering to be italicised and must be a minimum text height of 7 mm. QR code (Optional) • Optional inclusion; not mandatory. • If used, the QR code must— - be at least 11025 mm^2 (105 mm x 105 mm) and at least 300 dpi at 100%; and - link to information about the application on the assessment manager's website.
Section 5		'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' • Lettering must be a minimum text height of 9 mm and the Act's title and year to be italicised.

Section 6	Development images • A minimum of two images must be displayed • Images to show relevant details of the proposal (e.g. photomontage, location map, plan of subdivision, site layout plan, elevations). • Must give the public a general indication of what is being proposed. • Image must be 300 dpi at 100% with images used being minimum of 310 mm wide or at least 200 mm high.

3B – Specifications for notice to owners of lots adjoining the premises

1. The notice given to adjoining owners is to be a completed copy of the public notice on the premises as required under 3A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

3C – Specifications for public notice in a newspaper

1. Figure 6 in this part—
   (a) shows the general layout for the public notice in a newspaper; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 6, which identifies the information that is to be included on and the minimum specifications for the public notice in a newspaper.
2. If additional text lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.
3. Font size must not fall below the minimum size specified in table 6 for hard copy newspapers.
4. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements.

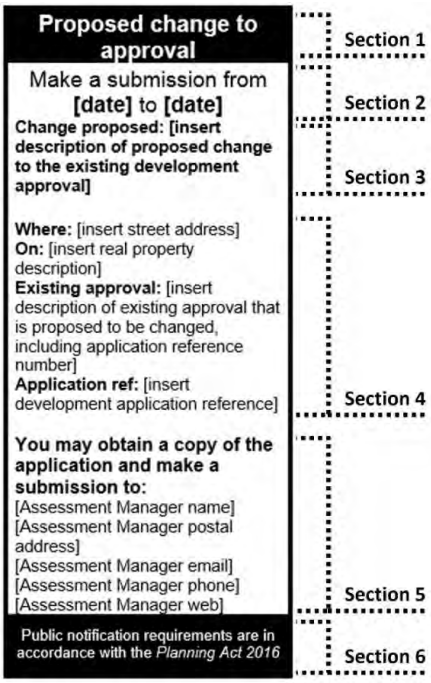


Figure 6 – Design layout of public notice for newspaper for a change application

Table 6 – Information and specifications that must be included in a public notice in a newspaper for a change application

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	• 'Proposed change to approval' heading – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text.
Section 2	• 'Make a submission from [date] to [date]' – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height text. • Dates – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text. • Long date format (day, month, year) – if the year is the same for both dates it is only required to be included on the later date.
Section 3	• 'Change proposed:' heading – lettering must be a minimum of 1 mm in height and bold text. • 'Change proposed:' response text – lettering must be a minimum of 1 mm in height and bold text.
Section 4	• 'Where', 'On', 'Existing approval' and 'Application ref' headings – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • 'Where', 'On', 'Existing approval', and 'Application ref' response text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 5	• 'You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:' – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • Assessment manager name including contact details – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 6	• 'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and the Act's title and year to be italicised.

3D – Specifications for notice on the assessment manager's website

1. The notice given on the assessment manager's website must include, as a minimum the information requirements established under 3C of this part, however layout may vary, and text must remain legible.

Part 4 – Public notice requirements for change applications for State facilitated development[43]

4A – Specifications for public notice on the premises

1. Figure 7 in this part[44]—
   (a) shows the general layout for a public notice on the premises and to be given to owners of lots adjoining the premises for a change application for State facilitated development; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 7, which identifies the information that is to be included on and the minimum specifications for the public notice on the premises.
2. If additional text lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.
3. Font size must be clearly legible and meet the minimum text height requirements specified in table 7.
4. Internal border lines shown in figure 7 may be adjusted within the sign where additional space is required to fit the relevant information in each section.
5. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements.

[43] For change applications that require public notification to be undertaken.

[44] A downloadable template of this notice, including the symbols, is available on the department's website at https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/forms-and-templates



Figure 7 - Design layout of public notice for a change application for State facilitated development to be placed on the premises and notice given to adjoining owners

Table 7 –Information that must be included on a public notice on the premises for a change application for State facilitated development

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	'PROPOSED CHANGE TO APPROVAL' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 51 mm. 'HAVE YOUR SAY' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 36 mm.
Section 2	Description of proposed development as defined in the planning scheme • Insert the proposed use (if a new or changed use is proposed) or the proposed development using the use defined in the planning scheme. • Where relevant, include an indication of the scale or density of the development (e.g. number of lots, gross floor area). • Lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 26 mm.
Section 3    	(Where) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Street address that the application relates to. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm. (On) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Include real property description (i.e. lot on plan). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm. (Existing approval) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Existing approval' heading and information. • Include type(s) of existing approval (i.e. preliminary approval, development permit or both). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm. (Application reference) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Application reference' heading and

		information. • Include the application reference number. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.

Table 7 –Information that must be included on a public notice on the premises for a change application – cont.

Section		Information that must be included and specification
Section 3		(Make a submission) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Make a submission' heading and submission period. • Symbol must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Dates for submission period to be in long date format. If submission year is the same for both dates, submission year is only required to be included on the later date (e.g. 23 October to 25 November 2024). • Lettering must be in a bold style, underlined and with a minimum text height of 20 mm.

Section 4	'This change application has been submitted as a change application for State facilitated development under the *Planning Act 2016*' • Lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm and the Act's title and year to be italicised. 'For further information and to view a copy of the application, contact:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the department administering the *Planning Act 2016*'s title, web address and phone number. 'Submissions can be made to: • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name, postal address and contact email of the Chief Executive. QR code (Optional) • Optional inclusion; not mandatory. • If used, the QR code must: - be at least 11025 mm^2 (105 mm x 105 mm) and at least 300 dpi at 100%; and - link to information about the application on the chief executive's website.
Section 5	'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' • Lettering must be a minimum text height of 9 mm and the Act's title and year to be italicised.
Section 6	Development images • A minimum of two images must be displayed • Images to show relevant details of the proposal (e.g. photomontage, location map, plan of subdivision, site layout plan, elevations). • Must give the public a general indication of what is being proposed. • Image must be 300 dpi at 100% with images used being minimum of 310 mm wide or at least 200 mm high.

4B – Specifications for notice to owners of lots adjoining the premises

1. The notice given to adjoining owners is to be a completed copy of the public notice on the premises as required under 4A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

4C – Specifications for public notice in a newspaper

1. Figure 8 in this part—
   (a) shows the general layout for the public notice in a newspaper; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 8, which identifies the information that is to be included on and the minimum specifications for the public notice in a newspaper.
2. If additional text lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.
3. Font size must not fall below the minimum size specified in table 8 for hard copy newspapers.
4. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements.

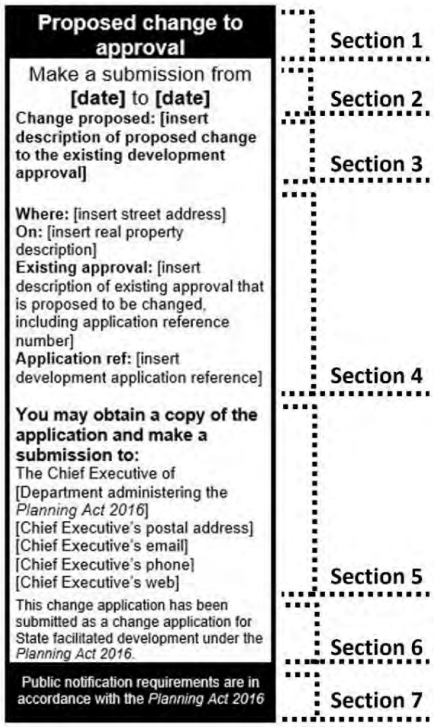


Figure 8 – Design layout of public notice for newspaper for a change application for State facilitated development

Table 8 – Information and specifications that must be included in a public notice in a newspaper for a change application for State facilitated development

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	• 'Proposed change to approval' heading – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text.
Section 2	• 'Make a submission from [date] to [date]' – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height text. • Dates – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text. • Long date format (day, month, year) – if the year is the same for both dates it is only required to be included on the later date.
Section 3	• 'Change proposed:' heading – lettering must be a minimum of 1 mm in height and bold text. • 'Change proposed:' response text – lettering must be a minimum of 1 mm in height and bold text.
Section 4	• 'Where', 'On', 'Existing approval' and 'Application ref' headings – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • 'Where', 'On', 'Existing approval', and 'Application ref' response text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 5	• 'You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:' – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • Chief Executive name including contact details – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 6	• 'This change application has been submitted as a change application for State facilitated development under the *Planning Act 2016*'– lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and the Act's title and year to be italicised.
Section 7	• 'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and the Act's title and year to be italicised.

Part 5 – Public notice requirements for development applications subject to social impact assessment

5A – Specifications for public notices

1. Figure 9 in this part[45]—
   (a) shows the general layout for a public notice; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 9, which identifies the information that is to be included and the minimum specifications.
2. If additional text lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.
3. Font size must be clearly legible and meet the minimum text height requirements specified in table 9.
4. Internal border lines shown in figure 9 may be adjusted within the sign where additional space is required to fit the relevant information in each section.
5. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements.

[45] A downloadable template of this notice, including the symbols, is available on the department's website at https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/forms-and-templates

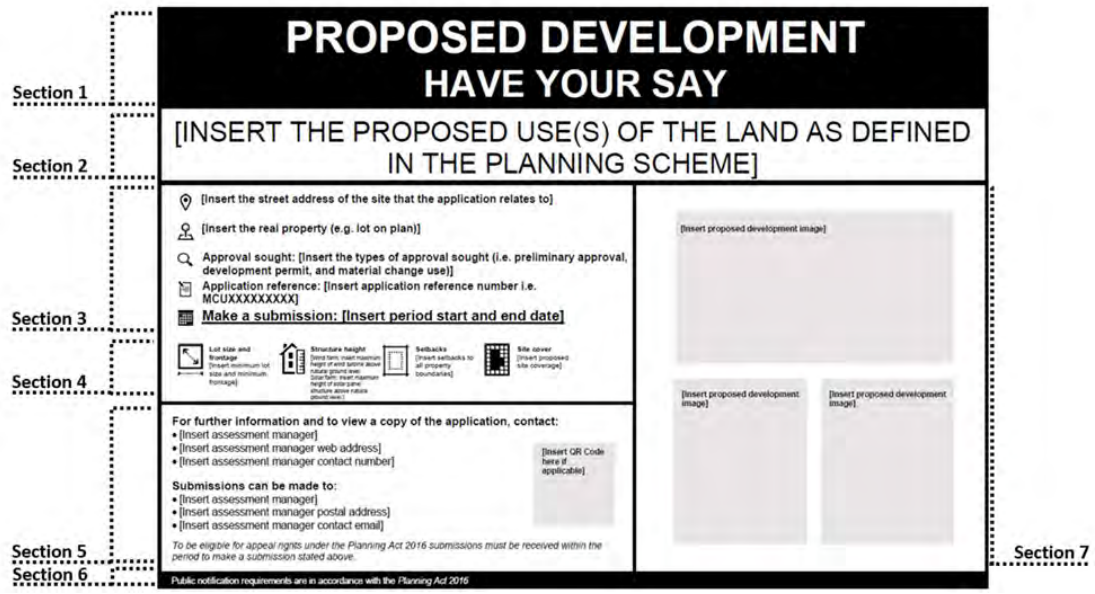


Figure 9 - Design layout of public notices for development applications subject to social impact assessment

Table 9 – Information that must be included in a public notice for development applications subject to social impact assessment

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	'PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 51 mm. 'HAVE YOUR SAY' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 36 mm.
Section 2	Description of proposed development as defined in the planning scheme • Insert the proposed use (if a new or changed use is proposed) or the proposed development using the use defined in the planning scheme. • Where relevant, include an indication of the scale or density of the development (e.g. number of lots, gross floor area). • Lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 26 mm.

Section 3		(Where) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Street address that the application relates to. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(On) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Include real property description (i.e. lot on plan). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(Approval sought) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Approval sought' heading and information. • Include type(s) of approval sought (i.e. preliminary approval, development permit or both). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(Application reference) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Application reference' heading and information. • Include the application reference number. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.

Table 9 – Information that must be included in a public notice for development applications subject to social impact assessment – cont.

Section		Information that must be included and specification
Section 3		(Make a submission) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Make a submission' heading and submission period. • Dates for submission period to be in long date format. If submission year is the same for both dates, submission year is only required to be included on the later date (e.g. 23 October to 25 November 2024). • Symbol must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Lettering must be in a bold style, underlined and with a minimum text height of 20 mm.
Section 4		For this section— • Any applicable symbols described below must be used to the extent relevant to the application. • Symbols to be adjacent to the left of the heading and information. • Headings: Lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 8 mm. • Information under headings: Lettering must be a minimum text height of 8 mm. 'Lot size and frontage' • Use the symbol provided only if applicable to the development (e.g. if there are relevant assessment criteria). • Describe the proposed minimum lot size in m^2 and minimum frontage in metres. 'Structure height' • For a wind farm: Describe the maximum height of wind turbine. • For a solar farm: Describe the maximum height of a solar panel structure. • For any other structures on the premises of a wind farm or solar farm: State the type of structure and describe the maximum height of the structure. (e.g. transformer: 10m) 'Setbacks' • Use the symbol provided, if proposed development is contained on a single lot. • Describe all setback in metres for the proposed development. 'Site cover' • Use the symbol provided only if applicable to the development. • Describe the site cover as a percentage for the proposed development.

Table 9 – Information that must be included in a public notice for development applications subject to social impact assessment – cont.

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 5	'For further information and to view a copy of the application, contact:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name of the assessment manager, phone number, website address. 'Submissions can be made to:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name of assessment manager, assessment manager postal address and assessment manager contact email. *'To be eligible for appeal rights under the Planning Act 2016 submissions must be received within the period to make a submission stated above.'* • Lettering to be italicised and must be a minimum text height of 7 mm. QR code (Optional) • Optional inclusion; not mandatory. • If used, the QR code must: - be at least 11025 mm^2 (105 mm x 105 mm) and at least 300 dpi at 100%; and - link to information about the application on the assessment manager's website.
Section 6	'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' • Lettering must be a minimum text height of 9 mm and the Act's title and year to be italicised.

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 7	Development images • A minimum of two images must be displayed. • Images to show relevant details of the proposal (e.g. photomontage, location map, site layout plan, perspective image). • Must give the public a general indication of what is being proposed. • Image must be 300 dpi at 100% with images used being a minimum of 310 mm wide or at least 200 mm high.

5B - Specifications for public notice to owners of lots adjoining the premises

1. The notice given to adjoining owners is to be a completed copy of the public notice on the premises as required under 5A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

5C – Specifications for public notice to all affected local governments

1. The notice given to all affected local governments is to be a completed copy of the public notice as required under 5A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

5D – Specifications for public notice to owners of lots within 1500m of the premises

1. The notice given to owners located within 1500m of the premises is to be a completed copy of the public notice as required under 5A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

5E – Specifications for public notice on community notice boards

1. A notice placed on a community notice board is to be a laminated copy of the public notice as required under 5A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.
2. One (1) public notice is required on a community notice board (e.g. Town Centre Library, Town Park Toilet Block, Community Centre Notice Board) in each township in the affected local government areas.

5F – Specifications for notice of compliance for public notices on community notice boards

1. The notice of compliance is to contain information on the placing of public notice on community notice boards in the format as specified in Table 10.

Table 10 – Information and specifications that must be included in a notice of compliance for public notice on community notice boards

Requirement	Information that must be included and specification
Location Map	A 'Location Map' that: • Identifies the location of each community notice board on which public notice was posted •
Table of Details	A 'Table' that identifies all relevant information for each public notice posted, containing the following as a minimum: • States the date each public notice was posted on each community notice board. • Identifies the name, or provide a description of the building or structure

	where the community notice board is located (e.g. Town Centre Library, Town Park Toilet Block, Community Centre Notice Board). • States where the community notice board is located with respect to the building or structure (e.g. inside foyer, outside wall of toilet block, freestanding notice board in front of building) • Identifies if the community notice board is secure or unsecure (e.g. notice posted in locked glass cabinet, on publicly accessible pinboard etc.)
Photos	A 'Photo' of each public notice posted on each community notice board that: • Labels each photo with a description with the location.

5G – Specifications of notice on assessment manager website

1. The notice given on the assessment manager's website must include, as a minimum, either:
   - a copy of the public notice as required under 5A of this part, or
   - the information requirements established under Figure 10 and Table 11 of this part, however layout may vary, and text must remain legible.

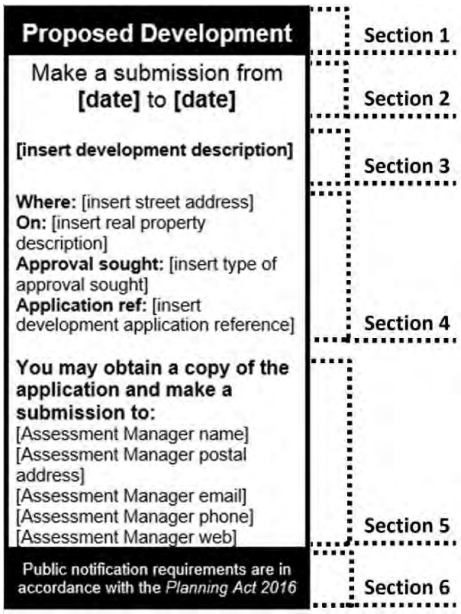


Figure 10 - Design layout of public notices to be given on assessment manager's website.

Table 11 – Information that must be included in a notice on an assessment manager website

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	• 'Proposed Development' heading – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text.
Section 2	• 'Make a submission from [date] to [date]' – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height. • Dates – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text. • Long date format (day, month, year) – if the year is the same for both dates it is only required to be included on the later date.
Section 3	• Development description response text – lettering must be a minimum of 1 mm in height and bold text.
Section 4	• 'Where', 'On', 'Approval sought' and 'Application ref' headings – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • 'Where', 'On', 'Approval sought' and 'Application ref' response text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 5	• 'You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:' – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • Assessment manager name including contact details – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 6	• 'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and the Act's title and year to be italicised.

Part 6 - Public notice requirements for change applications subject to social impact assessment

6A – Specifications for public notices

1. Figure 11 in this part[46]—
   (a) shows the general layout for a public notice for a change application; and
   (b) identifies the breakdown of sections as they appear in table 14, which identifies the information that is to be included and the minimum specifications.

2. If additional texts lines are required to accommodate the required information, then the notice is to be increased in size from the minimum requirements to accommodate the additional text.

3. Font size must be clearly legible and meet the minimum text height requirements specified in table 14.

4. Internal border lines shown in figure 11 may be adjusted within the sign where additional space is required to fit the relevant information in each section.

5. Unless stated otherwise, all sections and specifications for the public notice are mandatory minimum requirements

[46] A downloadable template of this notice, including the symbols, is available on the department's website at https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/forms-and-templates



Figure 11 - Design layout of public notices for change applications subject to social impact assessment

Table 14 – Information that must be included in a public notice for change applications subject to social impact assessment

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	'PROPOSED CHANGE TO APPROVAL' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 51 mm. 'HAVE YOUR SAY' • Heading lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 36 mm.
Section 2	Description of proposed development as defined in the planning scheme • Insert the proposed use (if a new or changed use is proposed) or the proposed development using the use defined in the planning scheme. • Where relevant, include an indication of the scale or density of the development (e.g. number of lots, gross floor area). • Lettering must be capitalised in a bold style with a minimum text height of 26 mm.

Section 3		(Where) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Street address that the application relates to. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(On) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the information. • Include real property description (i.e. lot on plan). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(Existing approval) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Existing approval' heading and information. • Include type(s) of approval sought (i.e. preliminary approval, development permit or both). • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.
		(Application reference) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Application reference' heading and information. • Include the application reference number. • Lettering and symbol must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 12 mm.

Table 14 – Information that must be included in a public notice for change applications subject to social impact assessment – cont.

Section		Information that must be included and specification
Section 3		(Make a submission) • Use the symbol provided. • Symbol to be adjacent to the left of the 'Make a submission' heading and submission period. • Dates for submission period to be in long date format. If submission year is the same for both dates, submission year is only required to be included on the later date (e.g. 23 October to 25 November 2024). • Symbol must be a minimum text height of 12 mm.

Section		Information that must be included and specification
		• Lettering must be in a bold style, underlined and with a minimum text height of 20 mm.
Section 4		'For further information and to view a copy of the application, contact:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name of the assessment manager, phone number, website address. 'Submissions can be made to:' • Heading lettering must be in a bold style with a minimum text height of 15 mm. • Information under heading must be a minimum text height of 12 mm. • Use a bullet point character before text on each new line, where items are listed. • Include the name of assessment manager, assessment manager postal address and assessment manager contact email. *'To be eligible for appeal rights under the Planning Act 2016 submissions must be received within the period to make a submission stated above.'* • Lettering to be italicised and must be a minimum text height of 7 mm. QR code (Optional) • Optional inclusion; not mandatory. • If used, the QR code must: - be at least 11025 mm^2 (105 mm x 105 mm) and at least 300 dpi at 100%; and - link to information about the application on the assessment manager's website.
Section 5		'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the Planning Act 2016' • Lettering must be a minimum text height of 9 mm and the Act's title and year to be italicised.

Table 14 – Information that must be included in a public notice for change applications subject to social impact assessment – cont.

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 6	Development images • A minimum of two images must be displayed. • Images to show relevant details of the proposal (e.g. photomontage, location map, site layout plan, perspective image). • Must give the public a general indication of what is being proposed. • Image must be 300 dpi at 100% with images used being a minimum of 310 mm wide or at least 200 mm high.

6B - Specifications for public notice to owners of lots adjoining the premises

1. The notice given to adjoining owners is to be a completed copy of the public notice on the premises as required under 6A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

6C – Specifications for public notice to all affected local governments

1. The notice given to all affected local governments is to be a completed copy of the public notice as required under 6A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

6D – Specifications for public notice to owners of lots within 1500m of the premises

2. The notice given to owners located within 1500m of the premises is to be a completed copy of the public notice as required under 6A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

6E – Specifications for public notice on community notice boards

1. A notice placed on a community notice board is to be a laminated copy of the public notice as required under 6A of this part, that is reproduced and rescaled to fit the majority of a single A4 page as a minimum requirement, and text must remain legible.

2. One (1) public notice is required on a community notice board (e.g. Town Centre Library, Town Park Toilet Block, Community Centre Notice Board, local grocer) in each township in the affected local government areas, subject to obtaining approval of the person with authority to allow publication on the community notice board.

6F – Specifications for notice of compliance for public notices on community notice boards

1. The notice of compliance is to contain information on the placing of public notice on community notice boards in the format as specified in Table 15.

Table 15 – Information and specifications that must be included in a notice of compliance for public notice on community notice boards for change applications subject to social impact assessment

Requirement	Information that must be included and specification
Location Map	A 'Location Map' that: • Identifies the location of each community notice board on which public notice was posted •
Table of Details	A 'Table' that identifies all relevant information for each public notice posted, containing the following as a minimum: • States the date each public notice was posted on each community notice board. • Identifies the name, or provide a description of the building or structure where the community notice board is located (e.g. Town Centre Library, Town Park Toilet Block, Community Centre Notice Board). • States where the community notice board is located with respect to the building or structure (e.g. inside foyer, outside wall of toilet block, freestanding notice board in front of building) • Identifies if the community notice board is secure or unsecure (e.g. notice posted in locked glass cabinet, on publicly accessible pinboard etc.)
Photos	A 'Photo' of each public notice posted on each community notice board that: • Labels each photo with a description with the location.

6G – Specifications of notice on assessment manager website

1. The notice given on the assessment manager's website must include, as a minimum, either:
   - a copy of the public notice as required under 6A of this part, or
   - the information requirements established under Figure 12 and Table 16 of this part, however layout may vary, and text must remain legible.

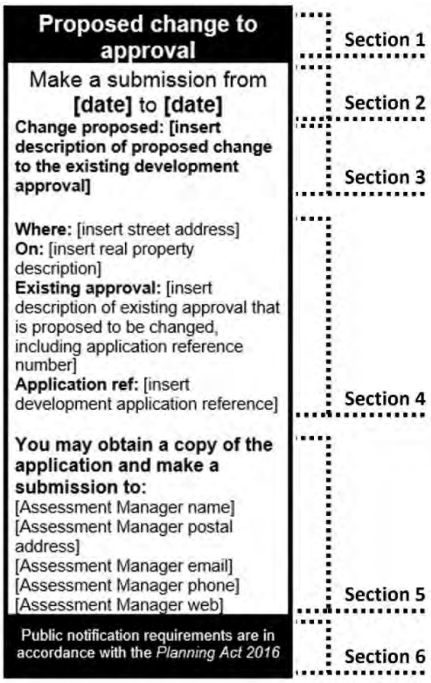


Figure 12 - Design layout of public notices to be given on assessment manager's website for a change application subject to social impact assessment

Table 16 – Information and specifications that must be included in a notice on an assessment manager website for a change application subject to social impact assessment

Section	Information that must be included and specification
Section 1	• 'Proposed change to approval' heading – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text.
Section 2	• 'Make a submission from [date] to [date]' – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height text. • Dates – lettering must be a minimum of 2 mm in height and bold text. • Long date format (day, month, year) – if the year is the same for both dates it is only required to be included on the later date.
Section 3	• 'Change proposed:' heading – lettering must be a minimum of 1 mm in height and bold text. • 'Change proposed:' response text – lettering must be a minimum of 1 mm in height and bold text.
Section 4	• 'Where', 'On', 'Existing approval' and 'Application ref' headings – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • 'Where', 'On', 'Existing approval', and 'Application ref' response text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.

Section 5	• 'You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:' – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and bold text. • Assessment manager name including contact details – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height.
Section 6	• 'Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*' text – lettering must be at least 1 mm in height and the Act's title and year to be italicised.

Schedule 4: Definitions

Act means the *Planning Act 2016*.
Action notice is a notice that must be given if an application:

(a) is not properly made, by the assessment manager or chief executive for an application for State facilitated development, stating:
  (i) the application is not properly made;
  (ii) the reasons the application is not properly made;
  (iii) the actions required to make the application comply with section 51 of the Act; and
  (iv) the period in which to comply with all the actions in the action notice as prescribed in chapter 1, section 3.2 and chapter 2, section 3.2.

(b) is not properly referred, by a referral agency, stating:
  (i) the relevant referral requirements;
  (ii) the application is not properly referred;
  (iii) the reasons the application is not properly referred;
  (iv) the actions required to make the application properly referred; and
  (v) the period in which to comply with all the actions in the action notice as prescribed in chapter 1, section 8.2.

Adjoining owner for chapter 1, part 4 and chapter 2, part 3, see schedule 3 of the DA Rules.
Advice agency see schedule 2 of the Act.
Application means a development application under schedule 2 of the Act.
Application for State facilitated development means a relevant application that is declared an application for State facilitated development under section 106D of the Act.
Application period see section 106F(1)(g)(i) of the Act.
Assessing authority is an assessment manager, concurrence agency or advice agency.
Caretaker period:

(a) for the Brisbane City Council local government area – see schedule 2 of the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*; or
(b) otherwise – see schedule 4 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Changed application is an application for which the applicant has given a notice to the assessment manager or chief executive under section 52(1) of the Act.
Change representations see schedule 2 of the Act.
Chief executive means the chief executive of the department administering the Act.
Community benefit agreement see section 106Y of the Act
Concurrence agency see schedule 2 of the Act.
Confirmation notice is a notice that must state:

(a) the type of approval applied for, and the nature and description of the proposed development;
(b) the date the application was properly made;
(c) whether chapter 1, part 4 or chapter 2, part 3 is applicable to the application;
(d) if chapter 1, part 4 or chapter 2, part 3 is applicable, the notice must also state:
  (i) the public notification requirements, including how the assessment manager considers it appropriate to bring the notice to the attention of persons likely interested in or affected by the information stated in the notice, examples may include—
    • publishing the notice in a hard copy or online newspaper circulating in the area to which the information relates;
    • publishing the notice on the assessment manager's website; and
  (ii) the ***public notification period***;

(e) whether chapter 1, part 2 is applicable to the application[47]
(f) if chapter 1, part 2 is applicable, the period in which the application must be referred;
(g) if the assessment manager or chief executive does not intend to make an information request; and
(h) for chapter 1, if the applicant has advised that they do not wish to receive an information request.

Confirmation period is the period of time under chapter 1, section 1.2 or chapter 2, section 1.2.
Current period for chapter 1, section 32 or chapter 2, section 20 means the period that is active at the time notice is given under this section. It does not include any period that has already ended or any period that is yet to commence.
DA Rules means these Development Assessment Rules made under section 68(1) of the Act.
Day means business day and does not include a day between 26 December of a year and 1 January of the next year, see Schedule 2 of the Act.
Decision-maker see section 106B of the Act.
Decision notice see schedule 2 of the Act.
Decision period see chapter 1, section 22.1 or chapter 2, section 16.1.
Declaration notice see section 106E(a) of the Act.
Development approval see section 49(1) of the Act.
Enforcement notice see schedule 2 of the Act.
Further advice see chapter 1, section 35 or chapter 2, section 23.
Further period agreed see chapter 1, section 33.1 or chapter 2, section 21.1.
Information request see schedule 2 of the Act.
Major policy decision:
(a) for the Brisbane City Council local government area – see schedule 2 of the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*; or
(b) otherwise – see schedule 4 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Minor change see schedule 2 of the Act.
Missed referral agency see chapter 1, section 29.
Notice see schedule 2 of the Act.
Notice on community notice boards see Schedule 3 of DA Rules
Notification notice see section 106IA(3) of the Act
Party to an application means the applicant, assessment manager and each referral agency for the application or the chief executive for an application for State facilitated development.
Premises see schedule 2 of the Act.
Principal submitter see schedule 2 of the Act.
Properly made application see schedule 2 of the Act.
Properly made submission see schedule 2 of the Act.
Properly referred application means an application that has been referred to the relevant referral agency as required under chapter 1, section 6.1 for all the referral requirements for the application.
Public notification period is the number of days that is at least the number of days in which a submission may be made under section 53(4)(b) of the Act or as stated in a notification notice.
Referral agency see schedule 2 of the Act.
Referral agency assessment period see chapter 1, section 9.
Referral agency response see schedule 2 of the Act.
Referral confirmation notice is a notice that may be given by a referral agency to an applicant for a properly referred application that states:
(a) the application is a properly referred application; and

[47] As a minimum, the assessment manager must include on the confirmation notice whether part 2 applies based on the information provided by the applicant in the approved forms. Nothing prevents the assessment manager identifying particular referral requirements or additional referral requirements to those identified on the approved form by the applicant.

(b) the date the referral confirmation period ended.

Referral confirmation period see chapter 1, section 6.2.

Referral requirement means a matter which is prescribed under section 55(2) of the Act.

Representations see schedule 2 of the Act.

Responsible entity, for a change application, see schedule 2 of the Act.

Restarting point see section 106F(1)(f)(ii) of the Act.

Show cause notice see schedule 2 of the Act.

Social impact see section 106R of the Act.

Social impact assessment report see section 106V of the Act

Stated day is taken to be the last day on which a submission on the application can be made, as it relates to section 53(4)(b) of the Act.

Third party means any person, agency or organisation other than the parties to the application.

Third party advice see chapter 1, section 34.1 and chapter 2, section 22.1.

Variation request see schedule 2 of the Act.

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NOTICE OF MINISTERIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNATION MADE UNDER THE *PLANNING ACT 2016*

I, the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations, give notice that under section 38 of the *Planning Act 2016*, I made a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) for the Queensland Ambulance Services Cairns Operational Centre, Regional Office and Ambulance Station on 9 July 2025.

The MID will take effect from 18 July 2025.

Description of the designated premises
The MID applies to premises located at 42-50 Anderson Street, Manunda, QLD, 4870, formally described as Lot 558 on NR800836.

Type of infrastructure for which the premises were designated
The infrastructure is described under Schedule 5, Part 2 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*, as:
- Item 8: emergency services facilities.

Requirements included in the MID
The MID includes requirements in relation to the location and scale of the development, design/built form, landscaping, carparking, active transport, vehicle manoeuvring, external works, vegetation clearing, flood and stormwater management, bushfire management, refuse and plant screening, lighting, construction management, information signage, servicing, geotechnical conditions and acid sulfate soils.

Further information
A copy of the MID decision notice, including the noted requirements and a summary of how I have considered submissions, can be obtained at:
https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/infrastructure-planning/ministerial-infrastructure-designations.

For further information, please contact the Infrastructure Designations team at **infrastructuredesignation@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au** or phone 1300 967 433.

JARROD BLEIJIE MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
Minister for Industrial Relations

NOTICE OF MINISTERIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNATION MADE UNDER THE *PLANNING ACT 2016*

I, the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations, give notice that under section 38 of the *Planning Act 2016*, I made a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) for affordable housing at 424 and 449 Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge on 8 July 2025.

The MID will take effect from 18 July 2025.

Description of the designated premises
The MID applies to premises located at 424 and 449 Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge, formally described as Lot 1 on RP204836 and Lot 3 on RP47121.

Type of infrastructure for which the premises were designated
The infrastructure is described under Schedule 5, Part 2 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*, as:
- Item 16: Social or affordable housing that is provided by a registered provider or a registered entity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Commonwealth)

Requirements included in the MID
The MID includes requirements in relation to location and scale of built form/landscaping, road dedication, privacy screening, car parking, waste collection, lighting, refuse and plant screening, information signage, servicing the railway corridor and tree retention.

Further information
A copy of the MID decision notice, including the noted requirements and a summary of how I have considered submissions, can be obtained at:
https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/infrastructure-planning/ministerial-infrastructure-designations.

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JARROD BLEIJIE MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
Minister for Industrial Relations

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLD COAST
NOTICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNATION MADE UNDER THE *PLANNING ACT 2016*

Notice is given under section 37 and 38 of the *Planning Act 2016* that on 19 July 2024, council of the City of Gold Coast as designator made a designation for Community Infrastructure being for the Pimpama Waste and Recycling Centre and City Works Depot (Waste Management and Ancillary Works).

Description of the designated premises:
The designation applies to the premises located at 196 Old Pacific Highway, Pimpama, 4209 (described as Lot 1 on RP169436), 232 Old Pacific Highway, Pimpama, 4209 (Lot 2 on RP169436), and Lot 2 Old Pacific Highway, Pimpama, 4209 (Lot 2 on RP222945).

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT RULES UNDER THE *PLANNING ACT 2016*, SECTIONS 68 and 69

I, the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations, do hereby notify that, pursuant to sections 68 and 69 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Planning Act), I made amendments to the Development Assessment Rules (DA Rules).

The amended DA Rules took effect when prescribed by regulation on 18 July 2025.

The amended DA Rules are available for inspection and collection free of charge from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (the Department) at 1 William Street, Brisbane or online on the Department's website.

JARROD BLEIJIE MP
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30 July 2025

Mayor Shaun Radnedge
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Dear Mayor Radnedge

The Crisafulli Government is committed to securing Queensland's housing foundations, including our commitment to unlock church and charity-owned land for the community housing sector. On 20 December 2024, changes were made to the planning framework to create a pathway for community housing providers to build affordable housing on church and charity-owned land through a streamlined Ministerial Infrastructure Designation for social and/or affordable housing.

To continue delivering on our commitment and complement the planning framework changes made in December 2024, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (the Department) has now partnered with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and developed a Model Code for community housing in the Community facilities zone (the Model Code) as an opt-in tool for planning schemes.

The Model Code is non-statutory and provides a set of example provisions which can be integrated into your local planning scheme, with or without local refinements, to provide flexibility to tailor the provisions to local needs. The Model Code is intended to provide model provisions to facilitate community housing in the Community facilities zone, where the housing will:

- be well-located and well-designed for residents' needs
- be compatible with the nature of the existing or intended community facility and able to ensure the effective current and future operation of the community facility will be maintained
- be integrated with the surrounding neighbourhood
- maintain the capacity of the Community facilities zone to accommodate the current and intended community facility needs of the community.

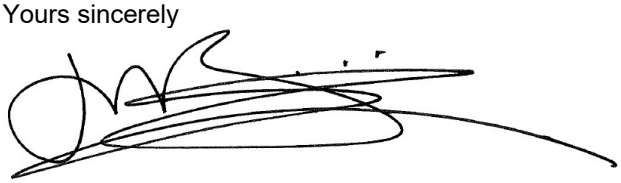
The Model Code and associated guidance material, including example considerations for plan-making material is available online at the Department's website at: https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-issues-and-interests/unlocking-church-and-charity-owned-land-for-community-housing.

I do hope to see as many Councils as possible adopt the code to help us deliver on housing supply as Queenslanders will need 1 million more homes by 2044. To make this easy, your Council can adopt the Model Code into your local planning scheme through a streamlined planning scheme amendment process under section 18 of the *Planning Act 2016*. The Department has released full guidance and a planning scheme amendment template to assist Local Governments online at the Department's website at: https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/plan-making/local-planning/assisting-local-government/section-18.

I appreciate the collaborative efforts of LGAQ and Local Governments who participated in the development of the Model Code, sharing their knowledge and drafting expertise to ensure the provisions are fit-for-purpose to address Queensland's housing challenges.

I have asked for Ms Peta Harwood, Deputy Director-General, Planning Group in the Department to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Ms Harwood on (07) 3244 9383 or by email at peta.harwood@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Councillor Radnedge

I write to advise you that the Queensland Government has established the *Local Government Depreciation Taskforce* (the Taskforce) to review and explore opportunities to enhance depreciation outcomes for councils. This is an important election commitment by the Queensland Government in support of the local government sector.

I am pleased to advise that Mr Neil Castles has been appointed to lead the Taskforce, supported by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the department). The Taskforce will engage with councils, state agencies, and the broader local government sector to identify opportunities to reduce the impact of depreciation on councils.

The Taskforce will deliver its final report to me for consideration, by 31 December 2025, and will focus on working collaboratively with councils across four key areas, including financial management and reporting, asset management, grants and funding, and capability and capacity building. Mr Castles will be in touch shortly to outline how councils can participate in this important work.

More information about the Taskforce, its objectives and scope are available on the department's website at www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au/depreciationtaskforce.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Deanne Stewart, Acting Executive Director, Local Government Division, in the department on (07) 3452 7875 or email at deanne.stewart@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Ann Leahy

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Local Government Depreciation Taskforce

Terms of Reference

Background

The Queensland Government is committed to working in partnership with Queensland's councils to deliver an empowered, strong and sustainable local government sector.

To support the achievement of this objective, at the 2024 State Election, the Queensland Government committed to partner with stakeholders to form a taskforce to review and consider opportunities to enhance depreciation outcomes across the areas of financial management and reporting; asset management; grants and funding; and capability/capacity building.

Strategic context

Queensland's 77 councils are responsible for delivering the local infrastructure and services that make local communities great places to live.

Queensland local governments are responsible for managing large infrastructure assets and depreciation of these assets, in accordance with international accounting standards, represents a significant proportion of councils' operating expenses.

Councils' operating results and overall financial sustainability are impacted by depreciation. For many councils, assets are funded through capital grants and this income is not reflected in councils' operating income, but the depreciation for these assets is classified as an operating expense.

Asset management capability remains a challenge for many local governments, particularly in the areas of asset valuations and long-term asset management planning. Improving these areas across the sector can effectively manage the impacts of depreciation.

Purpose

The Local Government Depreciation Taskforce (the Taskforce) is established to provide advice to the Queensland Government about the challenges faced by local governments in effectively managing depreciation and present opportunities, within the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and International Accounting standards (IAS) to reduce the impact of depreciation on councils' financial sustainability.

Responsibilities

The Taskforce's main objective is to identify the challenges for local governments in managing depreciation, present opportunities to reduce the impacts of depreciation on council's sustainability and enhance stakeholder awareness of the implications of depreciation on investment decisions. The Taskforce should achieve this by providing advice, including the making of recommendations effecting local governments addressing depreciation challenges, for consideration by the Queensland Government.

The Taskforce's Recommendations should aim to achieve the main outcomes, being:

- present opportunities to reduce the impacts of depreciation on council sustainability;
- enhance the long-term sustainability of Queensland's local governments;
- provide responses to the challenges of asset management for local governments;
- increased understanding in the sector on the implications of depreciation on investment decisions for capital assets and grant funding;
- enhanced awareness of the effects of depreciation on local governments financial sustainability.

Recommendations made by the Taskforce:

- must provide a clear evidence base to support the proposed course of action including analysis on how the recommendation will support the main outcomes; and
- should identify responsible levels of government for implementation and delivery.

Scope

The Taskforce will make recommendations about opportunities to reduce the impact of depreciation on councils across the following key areas:

- Local government sustainability - opportunities to reduce the impacts of depreciation to enhance the long-term sustainability of Queensland's local governments.
- Council operations – understanding the impacts of depreciation including:
    - the implications of depreciation on investment decisions for capital assets and grant funding;
    - opportunities to improve asset management for the sector
- Project delivery - identification of depreciation challenges for the sector and enhanced stakeholder awareness of depreciation.

Additionally, the Taskforce will seek input from key stakeholders and include information in its final report about opportunities in the following areas:

- identifying challenges faced by local governments in effectively managing depreciation
- present opportunities, within relevant accounting bodies to reduce the impacts of depreciation on councils, which may include recommendations to the AASB.
- consider interjurisdictional approaches to local government depreciation.
- enhancing awareness of depreciation, including the impacts of depreciation on local government's financial performance and sustainability.

The Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers (the Minister) may ask the Taskforce to consider other matters.

Consultation

To deliver on its purpose and responsibilities the Taskforce will engage and consult widely with stakeholders, the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Queensland Treasury (QT), Queensland Audit Office (QAO), Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC), Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), Local Government Finance Professionals (LGFP), Local Government Managers Association (LGMA), and the Red Tape Reduction Taskforce on the effects of depreciation on local governments. Other identified interested parties and jurisdictions may also be consulted.

Key deliverables

The Taskforce will deliver a final report to the Minister by 31 December 2025.

The Taskforce will also deliver a draft report to the Executive Steering Committee by 31 October 2025.

Within 30 days of establishment, the Taskforce must provide a Delivery Plan to the Executive Steering Committee for endorsement.

Membership and Resources

The Taskforce will be led by Mr. Neil Castles.

The Taskforce will be supported by a secretariat and project team provided by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV).

Governance and Reporting

The Taskforce reports to the Minister.

The Taskforce will receive strategic oversight and advice from the Local Government Depreciation Executive Steering Committee (ESC), chaired by the Director-General of DLGWV. The ESC is responsible for:

- endorsing the Taskforce's delivery plan and monitoring progress in delivery of activities,
- reviewing and advising on draft and final reports
- setting the strategic direction for the Taskforce in delivering on these Terms of Reference, or other matters as directed by the Minister.

Timeframes

The Taskforce is established for the period June to December 2025.

The Taskforce's establishment may be extended or amended by the Minister.

Hon Ann Leahy MP
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Dear Councillor Radnedge

I am pleased to advise you that I have received the final report from the Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce (the Taskforce), led by Mr Andrew Chesterman.

As you're aware, the establishment of the Taskforce was a commitment from the Queensland Government at the 2024 State Election, to partner with councils and identify initiatives to streamline approvals and remove barriers. The establishment of the Taskforce within the first 100 days demonstrated our determination to work in partnership to deliver an empowered, strong and sustainable local government sector.

The Taskforce was given the task to engage widely with Queensland councils and local government stakeholders in a tight timeframe and this ambitious task has been achieved.

Mr Chesterman advises that all councils were consulted, with the Taskforce receiving over 1200 ideas and suggestions to consider, including input from 61 of Queensland 77 councils.

The volume of responses provided from the sector reinforces the importance of the work and highlights the unwanted strain red tape can put on councils impacting the way they deliver for their communities.

The delivery of the final report by the Taskforce further signifies our ongoing commitment to enact meaningful change for local governments and communities across our state.

I would like to personally thank you, and your council for working with the Taskforce and providing input throughout this project.

The Queensland Government will now consider the Taskforce's final report and recommendations. I look forward to sharing more information about the outcomes of the Taskforce in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Ann Leahy

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16 July 2025

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Dear Cr Radnedge,

The Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba covers a geographical area from Helidon in the East to the Northern Territory and South Australian borders in the West, and from the New South Wales border to about the 26th degree latitude, west of the Range. Hence, all of South-West Queensland.

All of Bulloo and Paroo Shires, most of Quilpie and Murweh Shires and a portion of Barcoo Shire comprise the western portion of the Diocese.

During Easter of this year, the Diocese conducted an appeal throughout the Diocese to raise funds to aid those affected by the western floods in the early part of the year. Most of those funds have now arrived from around the Diocese.

I write to seek your advice as to whether there are charitable groups already "on the ground" in your Shire to whom we could direct a portion of our appeal proceeds, which I must add is probably not a large amount in the context of what's needed.

If you are able to make suggestions in that regard, we will undertake an evaluation and consultation with our people in the respective areas, to assist us in deciding the most effective place for us to direct some financial aid.

If you or your staff have any questions about our proposal, Mr Tom Jolley of this office will be pleased to discuss this. He may be contacted on 07 4632 7589 or tjolley@twb.catholic.org.au

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Bishop Ken Howell
Bishop of Toowoomba

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LISTENING REPORT

2025 National General Assembly

- ✓ Emergency Management: Capability & Capacity
- ✓ Safer Roads
- ✓ Housing & Community Infrastructure
- ✓ Local Government Jobs & Skills

LISTENING SESSIONS OVERVIEW

As part of the 2025 ALGA National General Assembly, four concurrent listening sessions were held to enable representatives of local councils to speak directly with policy-makers. Over 700 participants shared their stories in response to four challenging areas of public policy:

i) Emergency Management Capability & Capacity
ii) Safer Roads
iii) Housing & Community Infrastructure
iv) Local Government Jobs & Skills

As with previous events, panels made up of policy specialists from both government departments and the non-government sector were invited to attend. Their purpose was to hear first-hand from local government representatives, take in the perspectives and concerns shared by participants, and offer commentary and reflections on federal initiatives and other programs that might help address the issues raised.

The sessions were independently facilitated by Melbourne Leadership Group (MLG), who have prepared this listening report. The feedback summarised here draws on both the spoken contributions of participants and written input gathered through the audience engagement tool Slido. Rather than providing a chronological summary, this report presents insights grouped into key themes that emerged during the conversations.

It's important to note that the sessions were not structured as forums for developing solutions. As such, this report does not put forward recommendations or formal positions from participating organisations. Instead, its purpose is to reflect the tone, sentiments, and viewpoints expressed by local government leaders, their teams, and members of the community. The views in this report do not necessarily reflect ALGA policy positions or the views of MLG. The report is intended as a summary of the broad-ranging discussions.

Councils urged the federal government to take leadership on the critical issues of housing, safe roads, emergency management, and workforce skills. They expressed a desire for collaborative involvement in these challenging policy fields, which could be explored in more depth to drive even more meaningful solutions for the nation at local level.

Melbourne Leadership Group
26 June 2025

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CAPABILITY & CAPACITY

Survey results and responses

A survey was sent out prior to the Emergency Management Capability and Capacity session. In total, 14 responses were received from leaders in local government, some of whom were in the audience. To widen these insights, the audience in the room were also asked to indicate their responses to the questions, as the results we presented, by a show of hands. There were approximately 200 people in the room.

In response to the question "Has your council been in a declared natural disaster area in the last 24 months?", about a third of the room indicated yes, which mirrored the pre-event survey results.

Regarding disaster recovery funding applications, many in the room indicated they had applied successfully for such funds, and they were received in a timely manner. Others applied but experienced delays, and a smaller portion did not apply at all. When asked if that funding included a betterment component, a number of people (about 25%) indicated they had successfully applied for betterment funding, while several indicated they had not.

A few councils had applied to the Disaster Recovery Fund successfully (21%), but the majority were unsuccessful in their applications. The show of hands in the room again mirrored the pre-event survey results.

When ranking barriers to responding effectively to disasters, ageing infrastructure and assets were the main blocker, followed by a lack of funding for preventative new infrastructure.

Participants in the room indicated in fairly even numbers that their council's emergency management capacity and capability had either improved or declined. Only a small number felt it had remained the same over the past three years. Pre-event survey responses to this question were very different, with 79% responding that it had improved and just 7% that it had deteriorated.

When asked what councils needed in order to improve their emergency management capacity and capability, the survey showed that funding was the dominant need, with 64% of the vote. Those in the room agreed with this, followed by the need for training, and clearer roles and responsibilities.

Panellists acknowledged that funding remains a significant issue for many councils. The need for greater clarity and consistency across the nation would be helpful, with

emergency management legislation, plans, and arrangements varying between states and local governments. They observed that the landscape of emergency management is changing, from councils experiencing none or one disaster per year, to concurrent or co-occurring events affecting communities, which in turn is reducing the window for recovering from disasters.

KEY THEMES

Early warning systems and communication gaps

The conversation opened with a council explaining the challenges with boil water notices, due to ageing water treatment systems and the issue of communicating rapidly with transient populations. Currently, councils may get less than four hours' notice to inform the community. The platform for this alert is passive – an announcement on their website. A text message alert system would at least allow councils to reach people with more assurance.

A panellist shared that early warning SMS systems haven't evolved as quickly as required and that we should not rely on just one system; rather, multiple channels are needed. The current national SMS system is at the end of its lifespan, and while alternatives are being worked on, currently emergency alerts are only available to limited numbers. New national messaging systems (like cell broadcast) are in development, with discussions about local council-level access in progress. Panellists felt that the development of the technology is not the part that takes significant time, but rather analysing the access and process issues, the construction of the messages, and the responsibilities that sit with this.

One council shared a concern that after significant rain, there can be up to 12 days' between one area flooding and flood waters reaching the next area. However, they can only go into response mode when the flood hits, rather than being proactive in their response. It was felt that there is a missed opportunity here to alert the community early, enable the adjustment of levies, and ensure that property is kept safe. A panellist noted that disaster declarations are not used in the particular state referenced, and that there may be misunderstanding about how and when support can be accessed.

Disaster recovery funding and access

A participant questioned why there is not a nationally consistent approach across states and territories for betterment funding, as similar projects have received different levels of support across jurisdictions, resulting in inequity. A show of hands

in the room echoed that this national approach would be helpful, however the conversation that followed highlighted the view that national consistency may not be possible nor desirable, given the nature of disaster management being led by states and territories. In an era of growing frequency of national disasters, there is an increase in significant fiscal requests impacting budgets, and long-term investments are needed to match the long-term need. This pressure is also felt across other areas of government such as health, defence and transport.

Some panellists felt that while national consistency is desirable, the federated model in Australia means that local governments will remain best placed to review situations and understand local community needs. It was suggested that federal level support would be helpful in providing evidence and data to enable more informed local decision making.

The Resilient Homes Fund was shared as an example of success following the 2022 floods in Ipswich. Participants were interested to know if these programs will be continued. The issue that many councils face is that the same communities are impacted on a recurring basis.

The importance of comprehensive flood studies, along with well-documented community consultation, was discussed as a way to develop a sound business case for funding and support. A panellist observed that there isn't one right way to respond to flood disasters – some states have offered programs that allow people to move to an alternative block in the same community area and that this was crucial for local resilience, giving residents meaningful choice rather than forcing relocation.

A panellist shared that more funding may also be needed in energy resilience, as half of all faults come from energy disruption. The Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters (STAND) program was highlighted as a government initiative focused on improving telecommunications infrastructure in disaster-prone areas and was suggested as a source of support, information and data.

Role of insurance and risk mitigation

Many participants in the room felt that reforms in the insurance sector were needed. One example highlighted was that measures to protect homes are not included in the risk profiling used to estimate premiums. This means that even when local flood levies have been built, and homes are better protected, the risk reduction to individual properties is not being recognised in the insurance premiums charged.

An awareness of the implications of being underinsured was also raised as an important factor.

A panellist offered the view that insurance companies exist to make money and how they set premiums is their own decision. They suggested that the problem could be reframed as "how can local governments influence and share knowledge with insurance companies, and what is it that can be done differently to change this situation for the better?"

Another panellist indicated that there is reason to be optimistic. A recent summit on insurance and local disaster management acknowledged that the dial is shifting, and there is more focus on getting the right data and up-to-date information to inform the work of insurance companies.

There are also opportunities for better public and private sector relationships to help fund projects that enable communities to be more proactive before an emergency. Having all three levels of government working together would only reinforce this opportunity further. The integration of services and support across all levels of government, and the exploration of the other opportunities this presents, will emerge further in coming years.

First Nations

A recurring topic in the conversation was the importance of facilitating culturally-appropriate supports for First Nations peoples and communities. An extension of this was the need to embed cultural practices and knowledge, such as controlled burning and water management, in our emergency management preparations and responses.

It was observed that there is an opportunity to embed cultural engagement practices in emergency management preparation and response, as in some areas this isn't being adequately discussed. Often in periods of recovery, important cultural sites and heritage centres are affected, and community organisations are left to deal with them without adequate support. Furthermore, the impact of First Nations peoples needing to move off country during and after a disaster needs to be considered.

In response, panellists acknowledged that the level of resourcing and service provision for First Nations peoples varies across regions. In some areas, there is a need for stronger protections and restorative action, including measures such as levees around sacred burial sites. This reflects the broader need to recognise and

address the deep cultural and spiritual losses that First Nations communities often experience during natural disasters.

A participant suggested that building networks of local indigenous people in local council areas that can help embed knowledge into planning and strategies would be incredibly impactful.

The provision of better facilities and shelters on country for First Nations communities in some remote areas was seen to be important, as people may feel abandoned and expected to 'sit and wait it out'. These shelters are needed inland and along coastal as well, across many jurisdictions. These needs have been well-known and funding support has been sought for many years without response.

Broader systemic inclusion was called out as a requirement, with the suggestion that many plans were outdated and First Nations-led councillors felt frustrated with the lack of support from other levels of government.

Capacity and capability of councils

Sharing the lessons learned from flooding and other disasters at a local government area is proving hugely valuable. One council shared that their most impactful learnings in two floods was the need for a service to take care of people's pets and animals in an emergency. Community members were at risk, as they felt unable to evacuate without knowing their pets were cared for. Establishing this service locally resulted in the safe evacuation of the community during a second flood event.

The integration of local knowledge into crisis management teams is crucial. The Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIMS) is being updated for all fire and emergency services, with the emphasis on local and cultural knowledge, and the idea that recovery should be embedded from the start, to identify any developing impacts and ensure the best response.

Having a council representative that really knows the local area well was repeatedly highlighted as a key to success. To explore this in more detail, the establishment of strike teams that include an engineer, project manager, and community engagement professionals, who can fill the capability gap across councils would be helpful. The opportunity for this centralised support offering and 'on the ground' response would help anticipate and manage community impacts during emergencies.

Participants noted that year-round training and insight-sharing between councils is important, rather than only during the recovery phase of a disaster. There is a need

to have clear plans in place that are risk-based and evidence-informed, to help councils to seek the support needed to build and manage capacity. While states have a responsibility to lead the response, there is a chance to identify where gaps and vulnerabilities are at a local level, which enables the creation of a broader national picture and a strong case for investment where it is needed most.

Panellists asserted that role clarity for local government in emergency management is vital, given the responsibilities for councils differ under each state and territories' legislation, and emergency management acts and plans. A panellist noted that the current variability makes it difficult for the Commonwealth to fund and resource emergencies appropriately.

There was clear positive recognition for a program run by one state local government association, which facilitates councils requesting and dispatching staff to neighbouring LGAs that are experiencing a disaster. Some panellists were pleased to learn about this program.

Human resilience

The ongoing effect of historic natural disasters on mental health, social cohesion and volunteering was raised. Participants questioned if enough was being done by state and federal government to support those affected. The example was given of people still affected by 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires. Emergency management evidence shows that the long-term psychosocial impacts from these disasters are significant. Participants felt there needs to be strong investment in mental health support to help communities rebuild and sustain social cohesion in the wake of emergencies. A panellist noted communities that are better connected, and have clearly established support networks before a disaster occurs, have been proven to recover at a much quicker pace.

The need for a wider conversation about volunteering, and declining volunteer numbers, was raised as crucial to address the gaps in community resilience. A councillor offered that one reason for this was the resulting burn-out of being chronically under-resourced and under-funded. While there are strategies to reward volunteers, proper funding in this space still doesn’t exist. For example, a large volunteer base requires co-ordination and the management of this is a full-time job, which includes the recruitment of new volunteers, selection for the right roles, adequate training, reward and recognition.

A panellist observed that “our country is built on volunteers, but volunteers are not free” in acknowledgement of the challenge of declining volunteer numbers. Whilst there might be pockets of outstanding volunteers, especially within grassroots

community organisations, who can pull together mass community volunteers quickly, issues around background checks of volunteers demonstrates the need to look systemically at volunteer engagement in emergency management.

Systems resilience

Exploring the language of resilience was a focus for the final segment of the conversation, including ideas around what truly holds communities together. It was observed that there is an ‘elasticity’ that occurs in response to the frequency of emergency events and the ongoing challenges this creates in the community.

Ideas around social cohesion were again shared. The role of education, community agency and the arts being used as a means to help mitigate impacts following an emergency was recommended.

A councillor noted the arts are often neglected in conversations about emergency management, yet artists have an important role to play in supporting social cohesion and community resilience. Visual artists, musicians, story tellers create tools that help tell important stories, share lessons learned and increase community understanding.

Ideas for the future

With more satellite technology becoming available, text messaging and satellite-enabled communications could be used more widely when telecommunication networks go down during an emergency.

Embedding local knowledge into emergency management and recovery plans, in relationship with local First Nations Peoples’ cultural knowledge and practices, would create more successful and thorough plans. Additionally, the establishment of shelters in First Nations communities to enable First Nations people to stay safely on country during emergencies is key.

Panellists and participants discussed the value of water in reservoirs and levies, and the missed opportunity to manage perpetual 'spill and fill' situations differently. This would ensure water is not wasted, through giving authorities the confidence to act and make decisions quickly when needed.

Ensuring councils have multiple channels for communicating with their communities, particularly when informing them of emergency situations, and leveraging the use of developing SMS alert systems and satellite technology, would be hugely beneficial to local councils who are repeatedly having to handle these situations.

There could be more sharing of information between the insurance industry and local councils, particularly in providing updates and data that will inform more accurate risk profiling and premiums.

Further discussion around the role of volunteers and how to manage declining numbers is imperative in ensuring future success and the necessary resources to support services and initiatives.

Finally, taking a proactive approach to creating social cohesion in communities, rather than waiting for this to happen in response to an emergency, will result in stronger community resilience, which can lead to faster recovery after a disaster.

SAFER ROADS

Survey results and responses

Only 14 responses were received for the Safer Roads survey, but they provided a sound basis to kickstart discussion.

All survey respondents indicated there was a dangerous road in their local area. The majority of respondents did not have a road safety officer, whether due to funding constraints or other reasons. Panellists urged all councils to actively prioritise a dedicated road safety resource where possible.

Whilst some councils had developed a road safety strategy in response to community advocacy, others had not developed a strategy, or had partnered with road safety organisations on road safety plans and initiatives. There was a variance in undertaking road safety network risk assessments, and similarly only some councils had conducted road safety training for staff.

The biggest barriers for improving road safety were seen to be road funding and the capacity for risk assessment. The panel highlighted that there was a range of tools and resources available to councils to assist with risk assessments, which included road conditions, crash data and other variables.

Councils were encouraged to consider the primary use of particular roads and to identify treatments accordingly. The majority of council respondents considered that road safety in their area had remained static over time, without great evidence of improvement. Local solutions to this problem that were highlighted included community consultation and reviews of black spots, traffic management, dedicated cycling lanes and lower speed limits.

Participants observed the need for greater coordination between federal, state and local governments to plan and prioritise funding to meet local needs. There would be benefit in sharing case studies and practices in Australia and overseas which positively impact road safety.

KEY THEMES

Speed limits

There was a discussion around whether speed limits should be set by local councils or state governments. Interpreting road safety guidelines and applying them

consistently was also explored, along with the need for local communities to provide feedback about safety initiatives on their own roads. Periodic surveys and public forums could reflect the changing views of the community and contribute to policy making.

The importance of accurate data for network planning and speed limit setting was stressed. Methods of assessing risk and the tools available were also discussed, with participants exploring means for local councils to translate certain parameters into relevant risk ratings for road trauma.

Speed reduction as a road safety strategy

Speed reduction was explored as the simplest and fastest method to enhance road safety. Specific circumstances were considered alongside speed reduction, reflecting the varied needs in urban, rural and remote areas. Expansive and high-speed regional networks were discussed, as well as the need to find a balance between engineering solutions, law enforcement and community action.

The concept of speed reduction as a ‘last resort’ was explored. Elements such as road design, strategic use of funding and policy choice contributed to a broader conversation around speed reduction. Participants urged a greater focus on road design; identifying how roads will be used, and for what means, in order to determine appropriate speed settings.

Funding gaps and infrastructure

Finding the balance between the appropriate level of funding and the need for improved infrastructure was a common theme throughout the session. Despite state and federal funding, there are still gaps at local council level. Councils feel that roads cannot be maintained at the desired level, and there is still a need to concentrate funds on clear strategic priorities. These needs vary greatly between urban and remote areas, and this dichotomy was repeatedly reinforced during discussions.

The need to quantify risks and funding based on data-driven safety ratings was identified. Accurate measures of vehicle types, vehicle use and journey types, in conjunction with collective risk analysis, could better inform road safety investment. The conversation explored the experience of individual drivers, compared to the wider data sets upon which funding decisions are often made.

Practical, low-cost safety solutions were explored as priorities to help high-speed local roads, making them safer and lower risk. Upgrading roads was identified as the

most expensive option. The issue was the need to make strategic road system investments, with positive cost-benefits achieved through preventing costly crashes that are a burden on the health system and the wider community.

Changing motor vehicle landscape

The shifting use of the road network was discussed. Participants observed that our current infrastructure cannot cope with changes brought on by heavier vehicles, larger caravans and road trains. There was an appetite in the room for innovative thinking about infrastructure to support multiple road use – industry, local traffic and inter-city.

The desire for better infrastructure for Australian drivers was explored through the comparison to the standard of European networks. Engineering and design options were highlighted, especially where best practice and the opportunity for innovation might not always align. The increase of electric batteries and vehicles, their considerable weight, and the equity of petrol excise was discussed. Alternative methods of vehicle licencing, petrol pricing, and road user charges were raised.

Driver behaviour and compliance

Driver behaviour, education and law enforcement featured in much of the conversation. Road trauma has increased to its highest rate in both occurrence and real numbers since the 1970s, affecting different demographics at a socio-economic level. The group recognised a noticeable negative shift in driver behaviour and an increase in risky driving. In response, the group discussed the possibility for standardised driving tests across the nation.

Ideas for the future

The factors impacting road safety across local government areas are many and complex. Patterns of road use are changing, with a larger population necessitating more freight vehicle movements that cause road deterioration.

It was observed that the rate of crashes and road trauma is increasing despite safer vehicle design, improved traffic treatments and lower speed limits. New technology for automated and electric vehicles is seen as great advance and a challenge.

Local government does not have capacity to manage the demands for road system investments, even for the roads, bridges and cycling paths which are within their jurisdiction. Funds available at local, state and federal levels for road system upgrades, maintenance and treatments is finite.

Participants acknowledged there is excess demand for road funding across the board, where new funding streams have been significantly oversubscribed. Although representations are being made for increased federal funding, this should not be seen as the single solution. Road treatments such as overtaking lanes, larger truck stops, and slip lanes to address higher traffic volumes, could be considered. Criteria for black spot funding may require review to accommodate broader demands.

Road user behaviour and culture were cited as significant concerns. Suggestions were made that registration and licencing systems need to be overhauled to ensure better driving practice. Further, the licencing of vehicles could be standardised across states and redesigned to reflect driver and vehicle impacts on road safety. Electric vehicles, which are heavier than standard passenger vehicles, and automated freight vehicles, will require roads of greater weight capacity than current Australian standards. Therefore, an overhaul of the regulatory system was canvassed.

The need for greater engagement with local councils was underscored. Improved connections between all levels of government would assist in achieving improved road safety outcomes, with funding decisions supporting tailored local road safety solutions.

All levels of government were urged to work together and to share data on crashes, injuries, and non-compliance impacts. Local government, along with state and federal government, was strongly encouraged to use the tools, data and evidence available through the various road safety research bodies to improve safety outcomes.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Survey results and responses

A pre-event survey of local councils regarding housing issues yielded 69 responses. Increased funding for public and social housing was the top priority for unlocking more housing, according to survey respondents. Enabling works for greenfield development were also seen as critical.

When asked whether their council had received funds from the Housing Support Program or the Housing Australia Future Fund, many respondents indicated that they were not aware of these funding programs. This perhaps highlights a need to improve the understanding, awareness and reach of these programs.

The open text sections of the survey noted that a range of community infrastructure assets were needed to support liveable communities, including open space, footpaths, bike lanes, libraries, and streetscape beautification. Some respondents were also concerned about critical enabling infrastructure, including wastewater and power services.

Survey results indicated that some councils have shovel-ready enabling infrastructure projects. Other councils are wary about the financial contribution required for these projects, with a 25% funding contribution being seen by some as reasonable, but 50% being unaffordable.

Some positive examples of good practice in housing development were shared in the survey, including the establishment by councils of Affordable Housing Trusts, using air rights above council-owned car parks to construct affordable apartments, and key worker social housing projects.

Communication and coordination barriers between layers of government were highlighted, including delays in the provision of grant funding, and frustration that grant programs are competitive rather than collaborative.

Overall, these survey results resonated with the panellists. Some of the issues raised by survey respondents match themes which the federal government is working on.

Some panellists observed that there is an opportunity for the federal government to improve how programs and funding opportunities are communicated with the sector. Work could be done to communicate clear and understandable information about funding programs, improve the capacity of councils and their partners, and provide greater clarity about what stage projects need to be at in order to apply. It

was mentioned that a toolkit is being developed for local groups to help educate them on funding programs with standardised forms to use as templates.

KEY THEMES

Four of the strongest themes to emerge from the wider discussion included the failure of the private housing market to provide the right type of housing mix for our communities, difficulty of access to the materials and trade (particularly in remote areas) to deliver enabling infrastructure, lack of certainty of funding to enable a consistent housing build pipeline, and the need for greater communication and coordination between levels of government.

Some participants questioned the definition of affordability, and thought that commonly-accepted metrics of affordability were still too out of reach for low-to middle-income earners. Social housing supply was seen to be low, with long waiting times. Public and community housing efforts are fragmented, underfunded, and uneven across regions. Panellists did point out that progress has been made, and that affordability is arguably improving in some areas.

Planning system complexity

Some participants questioned whether red tape and excessive regulation were major contributors to inadequate housing supply. Panellists did not think this was the case, although they acknowledged that current planning regulations were sometimes complex.

Inconsistencies between local and state planning roles and requirements were seen to cause confusion, delays, and additional costs. Some participants described examples of developers and builders facing difficulties complying with differing regulations across multiple jurisdictions.

Regional housing targets were described by some participants as unclear or misaligned with local needs. Specific concerns were raised regarding delays at the state level in implementing inclusionary zoning.

Infrastructure delivery was identified by some participants as a significant bottleneck. One example was given of a contractor reportedly dealing with up to 50 different engineering standards for water and sewage. Paperwork inconsistencies were also noted across jurisdictions.

Delays in core services such as water and sewerage were claimed to increase the final delivery costs of housing by up to tenfold. Panellists acknowledged the complexity of these issues but noted that efforts were underway to find solutions, as such delays were halting some developments.

Public and private sector disconnect

A disconnect between the public and private sector in housing and infrastructure delivery was discussed. Participants felt the historic shortage of housing supply had reached a critical point. Some participants observed that the private sector has fallen short in meeting housing demand or prioritising quality – that the market is failing to provide sufficient housing mix and the quantity needed to meet demand.

Meanwhile, some participants saw government as hesitant to intervene in markets. Local councils reported feeling constrained by funding arrangements, fragmented policy environments, and limited support from higher tiers of government. Some participants urged the federal government to take a stronger leadership role in the coordination of the housing market.

In smaller communities, it was noted that councils often assume the role of land developer due to market failure – because there are no other providers available, council steps in. Challenges were raised around councils being asked to subsidise rates in order for affordable housing developments to be viable. Panellists suggested that such issues should be addressed during planning stages of developments, rather than at the 'keys in doors' stage.

Frustration was also expressed by some participants about the lack of transparency in funding processes. Councils and community housing providers reported instances of making significant upfront financial commitments (for example, the cost of preparing detailed business proposals to make grant applications) and being disappointed that clear feedback was not then given to them explaining why the grant application had been unsuccessful.

Participants and some panellists described the urgency for funding certainty to enable a pipeline of housing construction across future years.

Land supply and enabling infrastructure

Concerns were raised regarding land banking by developers, the slow release of land, and limited accountability for long-term outcomes. Zoning restrictions, insufficient incentives for mixed-use developments, and underutilisation of infill sites were cited by some as barriers.

High costs and difficulties in obtaining permits for high-density developments were identified as additional obstacles. These challenges were said to hinder affordability and project viability.

Suggestions were made to increase density in metropolitan areas and explore opportunities in peri-rural zones to meet the target of 1.2 million new homes. While land costs in rural areas were considered less of a constraint, delays were reported at gateway approval stages.

Some caution was expressed around rural housing expansion, due to potential impacts on systems such as agriculture and food production. It was also noted that although rural land costs may be low, broader building costs remained high – including freight access and lack of access to sufficient skilled trades to complete fit-outs.

The provision of enabling infrastructure in cash-strapped rural and regional council areas was observed as a barrier to land release and housing construction.

Design and liveability

Participants raised concerns about housing targets not considering urban design, limited public transport, inadequate recreational infrastructure, and car dependency. These factors were said to reduce liveability, particularly in outer suburban and rural locations.

Additional themes discussed included lengthy work commutes through traffic snarls, and challenging access to childcare services, which could not be fully staffed due to lack of nearby affordable housing for childcare workers.

State infrastructure was reported as lagging behind population growth. An example was described of housing estate access roads being repeatedly patched, rather than rebuilt, causing ongoing inconvenience and higher long-term costs.

Increased migration, freight and connectivity issues, population outflows, workforce shortages, and material supply constraints were also cited as challenges affecting regional construction and liveability.

Equity and inclusion

Planning and housing systems were seen as lacking in diversity, both in decision-making representation and in outcomes for marginalised groups. Ongoing gaps

relating to gender, age, income, and regional or rural disadvantage were highlighted.

The provision of sufficient public housing was highlighted by some participants as an obvious and critical part of the solution. Concern was expressed about adequate social housing and support options for women experiencing domestic violence and facing economic hardship. A suggestion was made that there should be a formula to determine how much social housing each local government area should have.

A focus on educating culturally and linguistically diverse communities about housing accessibility, affordability, support providers, and the social housing system was discussed. Improved understanding was seen as a way to expand access beyond conventional platforms such as online real estate listings.

The particular challenges facing remote indigenous communities in WA, NT and the Torres Strait were highlighted through a number of illustrative stories shared by participants. Panellists were urged to travel from Canberra to some of these remote areas and see the needs first-hand.

Ideas for the future – Systemic reforms and governance

Participants discussed the principle of housing as a human right, while others noted that housing was more commonly seen as a commodity to make money from.

A strongly recurrent theme throughout the conversation was cross-government cooperation at federal, state, and local levels. Suggestions included early guidance, national workshops, roundtables for each state, more consistent planning frameworks, and improved feedback mechanisms.

Policy design was encouraged to consider the full housing continuum. The panel noted that cabinet, through the National Building Reform Blueprint, was supporting collaboration between the commonwealth and states to reduce regulatory barriers and accelerate housing delivery.

It was observed that standardised funding and procurement models were not delivering for rural and regional communities. Greater flexibility and local relevance were identified as necessary to support sustainable, locally driven housing solutions.

Some participants proposed a range of reforms including capital gains tax adjustments, remote housing fringe benefit tax reviews, ‘use it or lose it’ land provisions, and removal of financial disincentives for local government-led

development. The revival of the National Rental Affordability Scheme, limited to local government delivery, was also suggested.

The importance of showcasing positive examples of urban change was highlighted as a way to bring developers on board. Stronger partnerships between state governments and communities were recommended to design incentives tailored to local needs.

It was strongly suggested that the National Housing Program be continued. Participants noted that three times as many applications were received as were approved, and requested transparency around the assessment of applications and provision of feedback where applications have been unsuccessful. Stronger use of local data was called for to guide housing allocations, inform decision-making, and review planning outcomes.

It was suggested that funding grant applications for housing projects needed to clearly explain who would be housed and why, to avoid oversupply in already well-serviced areas.

Land that had previously been deemed unsuitable for development was cited as potentially viable for new housing if expert advice was sought. This indicated a more open approach to site assessments could be beneficial in expanding housing supply.

Finally, some participants were firmly against local government being involved in housing programs, seeing this clearly as a state government issue.

Ideas for the future – Place-based and practical solutions

Some support was expressed for co-housing, community land trusts, tiny homes, modular construction (with enhanced quality control), and climate-appropriate kit homes for remote areas. Preference was shown for small-scale, mixed-use, and adaptive models over large, uniform developments.

Integrating active transport, and reducing parking requirements, was seen as critical to improving affordability, as provision of car parking in multi-unit development increases cost substantially. A strong case was made for designing cities around people rather than cars, to foster greener and more connected communities.

Construction of three to four-storey buildings in selected outer suburban areas with existing infrastructure and transport links was seen as preferable to concentrating growth in already dense inner urban zones.

Other reform ideas included fast-tracking approvals through the use of AI, simplifying red tape, allowing more zoning flexibility, particularly for underutilised rural land, and streamlining developer contributions while maintaining essential services.

A shift toward medium-density housing supported by cycling paths, green spaces, community hubs, and public transport, was encouraged. Poor housing design was noted to have psychological and social costs. Although higher up-front costs were acknowledged, the longer-term human, social, and economic benefits of well-planned communities were emphasised.

Emerging energy transition projects were identified as an opportunity to generate housing and employment benefits, with suggestions to ensure long-term legacy value for affected communities.

In some regional areas, it was reported that 50% of the population commuted out for work. As councils do not typically derive significant revenue from residential ratepayers, it was suggested that more commercial and employment zones could help diversify income streams.

A future sustainability model was discussed, involving commercial ratepayers contributing to major social housing projects. This was seen as a way to support communities where residents can live, work, and thrive.

Proposals to improve housing development in regional areas included freight subsidies, decentralisation incentives, skilled migration of trades, and first home buyer programs linked to housing delivery. Flexible funding for small councils was described as essential.

It was emphasised that regional and rural communities must be engaged in the design of solutions. Community engagement should be based on genuine consultation rather than top-down instruction. Increased availability of short-stay accommodation in remote areas was recommended to assist visiting staff from housing support agencies.

Whilst the nation takes action to address the housing shortage, participants urged policy makers not to forget those currently displaced, facing homelessness, or sleeping rough.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT JOBS & SKILLS

Survey results and responses

Prior to the session, a survey collected data on the current issues councils were facing with jobs and skill development. We collected responses from 29 people. The findings provide insight into the current state of recruitment, training, and staff retention for local government areas.

The results highlighted widespread shortages of qualified professionals in critical roles, the barriers councils face in attracting and retaining talent, and the growing interest in alternative training pathways such as micro-credentialing and VET provision.

The majority of councils reported being adversely affected by shortages of qualified staff across a range of professional disciplines. These workforce constraints are presenting substantial operational challenges and affecting councils' ability to maintain service delivery standards.

Recruitment difficulties are particularly acute for several critical roles. Responding councils identified engineers, urban and statutory planners, environmental health officers, building inspectors, and professionals in aged care and maternal health as the most difficult to source. Responders commented that these roles are essential for meeting regulatory obligations and delivering frontline services, and that ongoing vacancies in these areas risk current and ongoing service delivery gaps.

Councils cited a number of structural and systemic barriers to recruitment. These included a limited pool of appropriately qualified professionals within regional areas, intense competition for talent from the private sector and metropolitan councils, and salary competitiveness challenges. Further, many councils noted a lack of accessible local training pathways contributing to persistent skills shortages.

When considering workforce development, only 52% of councils reported having access to sufficient training options within their region. Juxtaposed to this, of the responding councils, only 12% have looked at micro-credentialling through becoming a VET training provider – an approach that may contribute to meeting local needs more directly. A greater proportion of organisations (some 45%) have looked at the Diploma of Local Government and its component courses.

Finally, while staff retention vary across councils, the challenge of attracting and retaining skilled staff remains a persistent concern.

KEY THEMES

Skilled migration and regional retention

Participants felt that skilled migration settings have been effective in encouraging relocation to regional communities, however long-term retention remains a challenge. Key enablers include spousal employment support, school access, and culturally welcoming programs. It was suggested that councils could better frame the value proposition for migrants. Along with reframing, career progression pathways that reflect personal and holistic needs could also be amplified and may contribute to more sustained retention.

While the Designated Area Migration Scheme (DAMS) has proven to be an effective mechanism in attracting skilled workers, concerns were expressed regarding the administrative burden and cost associated with its implementation. A more streamlined and affordable approach was suggested as a potential solution to support councils in accessing international talent.

Occupational shortages in planning, surveying and certification

Persistent shortages in professions such as building certifiers and surveyors were noted. Barriers highlighted included declining enrolments in tertiary training, difficulties securing insurance, and complex, inconsistent legislation. These factors, combined with the high-risk nature of the roles, may deter new entrants. These shortages have flow-on impacts to the ability of the nation to release land for more housing. Peak bodies were called upon to support uplift efforts. Uniform licensing schemes and clearer ethical guidance could help mitigate these issues.

Barriers to workforce attraction

A lack of available housing, and low levels of building rates in certain regions, were seen to have compounded recruitment difficulties, despite the implementation of progressive measures, including housing incentives and micro-learning pathways. For some council areas, unemployment rates remain negligible, and new arrivals face affordability barriers.

Concerns were raised in the discussion regarding the accessibility of local government employment platforms. For prospective applicants, particularly younger individuals, the complexity and inconsistency of council websites have been described as a barrier, leading to disengagement from the application process altogether.

In regional areas, the availability of early childhood educators has been highlighted as a critical issue. The lack of accessible childcare services impedes workforce participation, particularly for parents who may otherwise be willing and able to return to work or accept employment opportunities.

For councils facing many of these barriers, it was suggested that existing and traditional services could be reimagined or delivered differently, including through outsourcing, cross council collaborations, or digital augmentation.

Competition for resources

Some participants felt the competition for skilled labour from large-scale infrastructure projects of national significance, such as Snowy 2.0 and the Transgrid transmission line upgrades, exacerbated staffing challenges. Local governments are unable to compete with the salaries and employment conditions offered through such projects, thereby creating an uneven playing field for recruitment and retention.

In addition, clarification was sought regarding the potential impacts of multi-employer bargaining reforms on the local government sector. The question was raised as to whether these changes will enhance or hinder workforce stability and capability.

Workforce data, FTE growth and consultant use

Full-time equivalent (FTE) employee growth in the sector was observed to be broadly aligned with population increases, though financial and operational pressures persist. The use of consultants was seen by participants as often necessary to fill specialist or project-based roles, particularly in infrastructure.

Panellists encouraged councils to distinguish their core responsibilities from the provision of other services. It was felt there was also a recognised need to capture local talent and reduce dependence on external contractors wherever possible. Participants commented that consultant use is a prudent and effective way to flex council organisations where necessary, without the risk of overburdening head count permanently.

It was suggested that there is need to ‘talk up’ local government as a career option, and highlight the fulfilling careers that can be had in the sector.

Workforce strategy and planning frameworks

A panellist noted that work was underway on developing a framework or roadmap, with supporting data, for a national vision for people in regional, rural and remote areas. There would be an emphasis on place-based collaboration and evidence-based planning. Forthcoming releases, including a regional roadmap and annual workforce insights report, could be expected to highlight successful case studies and emerging solutions.

There was recognition that the sector would benefit from a more clearly defined problem statement to guide future workforce strategies. It has been suggested that thought leaders and facilitators may assist in sharpening the collective understanding of the challenges, thereby enabling a more targeted and effective response. For example, key barriers remain around childcare, housing, and access to training.

Migrant integration and diversity initiatives

The room explored how we might assist migrants to feel welcome in Australia. Nationally, workplace integration strategies for migrant workers are under development, with a focus on job readiness and two-way cultural understanding.

It was also discussed that programs that build social cohesion, such as volunteering and community participation, are instrumental. The federal government was referenced, as it has recently made high-level appointments in multicultural affairs that reinforce the importance of diversity – it was highlighted as an example of diversity done well.

Expanding responsibilities in rural and remote councils

Participants observed that local councils are increasingly required to deliver services traditionally funded or managed by other tiers of government, including mental health, aged care, and emergency response. It was discussed that these issues disproportionately affect smaller and more isolated regions. Volunteering can bridge the gap for certain councils to an extent, however, the more remote a council is, the less viable this option becomes.

Ideas for the future

Participants felt the challenges surrounding workforce attraction and retention in local government have become increasingly evident. There is a growing perception that recruitment practices within the sector are overly reliant on existing local

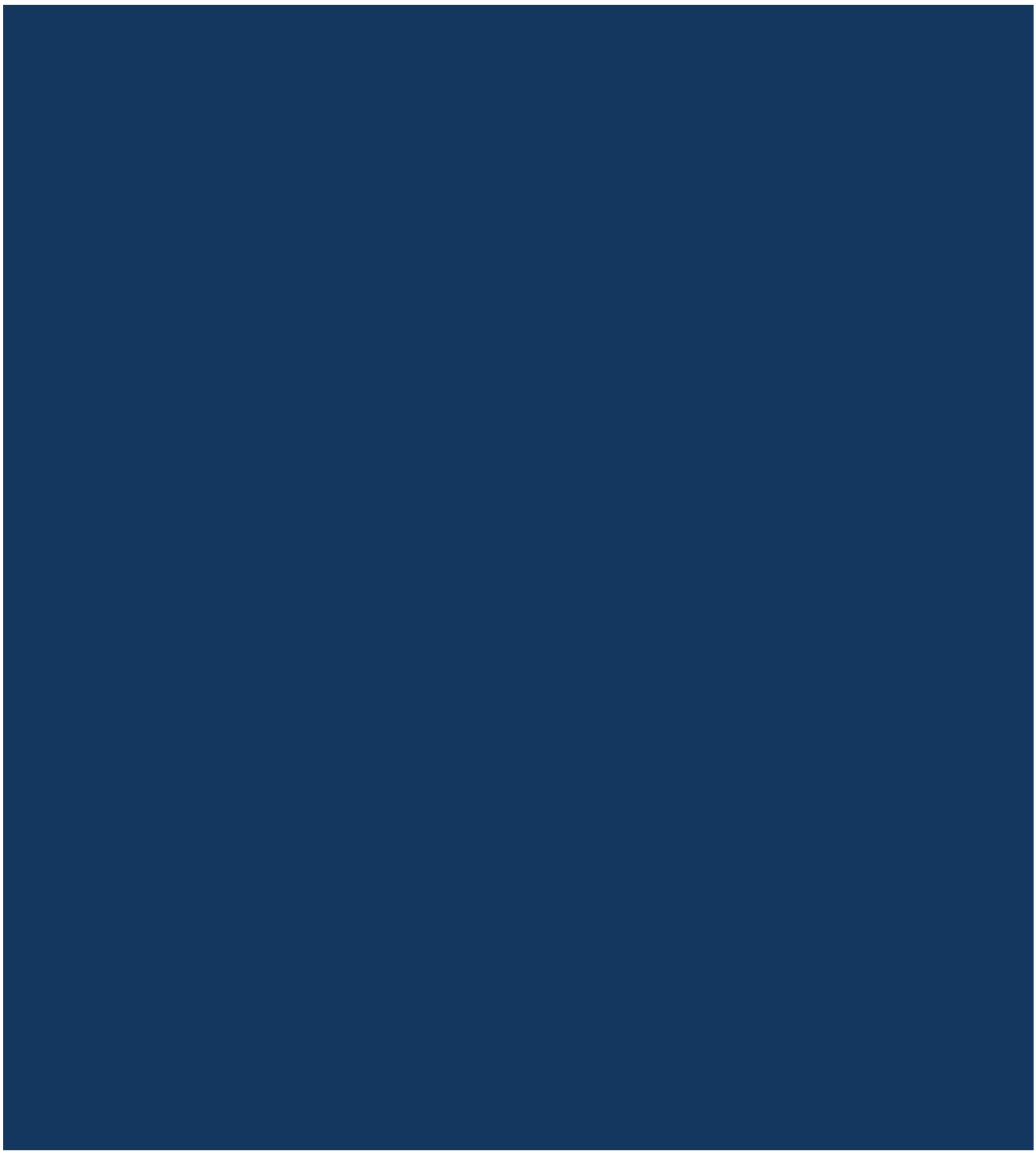
government networks, with limited engagement or outreach to professionals from industry and business. This insularity had the potential to narrow the talent pool and may discourage skilled individuals from considering local government as a viable career path.

Local governments were said to face particularly persistent challenges in attracting and retaining health and technical professionals, particularly in regional areas. Addressing this would require modernising recruitment practices, embracing skills-based employment pathways, and actively removing structural and cultural barriers.

Initiatives such as cadetships, school outreach, and purposeful storytelling were identified as helpful ways local government could position itself as a meaningful career option.

At the same time, it was mentioned that it would be helpful to prioritise competencies over formal qualifications. This would better support mid-life career transitions, and create more inclusive, flexible work environments that might better compete with other sectors.

Further interest was expressed in the federal rollout of programs such as Workforce Australia and Career Transition Assistance. Local councils, particularly those in regions affected by transitions in the mining sector, are eager to understand how these initiatives may be leveraged to support local employment outcomes.



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Dear Mayor

Re: Area Bushfire Management Committees

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude for your ongoing commitment to bushfire mitigation and acknowledge the efforts of those councils already actively contributing to the success of Area Bushfire Management Committees (ABMCs). This year has seen a significant increase in the number of mitigation activities across the State compared to 2024, as Queensland continues to prepare for bushfire events.

I am writing to encourage the continued participation of your local government in ABMCs, formerly known as Area Fire Management Groups, as part of our shared responsibility to enhance bushfire preparedness and mitigation across Queensland.

ABMCs play a pivotal role in coordinating bushfire risk management at the local level. These committees bring together land managers, local government representatives, and other key stakeholders to develop and implement Bushfire Risk Mitigation Plans. These plans are essential for preparing our communities to face the challenges posed by bushfires and guide year-round mitigation activity.

As a key stakeholder, your active involvement is vital to the success of the ABMC in your area. Your contribution strengthens the strategic, collaborative approach needed to address bushfire risks effectively. If you or your officers wish to further discuss the activities of your ABMC, I would encourage you to reach out to Rural Fire Service Queensland by emailing RFS@qfes.qld.gov.au.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Angus McCaffrey, on 0407 073 631 or email Angus.McCaffrey@ministerial.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

ANN LEAHY MP
Minister for Local Government and Water and
Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers

12 July 2025

Dear Zoro,

On behalf of the Augathella Golf Club I would like to extend our gratitude to Murweh Shire Council for their support of Augathella hosting an Outback Qld Masters Golf Weekend.
Without your financial support, and the provision of Council equipment (and transport thereof) for the weekend we would not have been able to host the Event.

Additionally, we thank Council for making the Community Bus available for our use and for supplying Council Workers to assist in the set up and clean up of the Event.
We appreciated that you and Red Alexander were able to attend the Event on the Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Sincerely, Rebecca
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10.3 ATTENDANCE 129TH LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 19 - 22 OCTOBER 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Councillor Shaun Radnedge; Deputy Mayor, Councillor Peter Alexander; and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Scott at the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference to be held at the Gold Coast from 20 – 22 of October 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) will hold its 129th Annual Conference at the Gold Coast from 19 – 22 of October 2025.

As has been the tradition for 129 years, the 77 Queensland Local Governments come together for their annual conference hosted by the member's association LGAQ.

The LGAQ Annual Conference is an opportunity to exchange ideas, build partnerships and engage with industry peers. It is also a great opportunity to experience some of the latest products and technologies that could enhance the way in which local governments do business or deliver services to their constituents.

Whether it's roads, rubbish, playgrounds or community events, local government has an impact on everyone's lives.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 129th LGAQ Annual Conference Preliminary Program. ⇩


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As mayor, I welcome delegates and encourage you to make the most of your time at the conference.

I'm sure there will be robust discussion about the pressures all councils face as we are forced to take on more costs and responsibilities from the State and Federal governments. What I have learned as mayor is that by working together at a local government level, we can collectively advocate for better outcomes for our communities.

I wish delegates and LGAQ officials well throughout the 2025 conference and encourage you to stay a little longer and soak up the fun in Australia's favourite holiday destination.

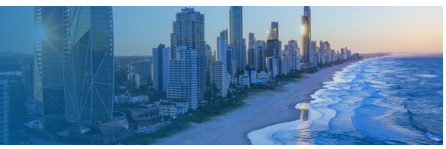
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TIME	TOPIC
12:00pm – 4:30pm	**Policy Executive Meeting**
9:00am – 12:00pm	**Peak Services Professional Development Courses** **Media Relations and Community Engagement for Elected Members** **Facilitator: Kim Skubris, Media and Communications Specialist** Designed for elected members and council media advisors, this workshop focuses on managing media, gaining coverage and crafting impactful speeches. Led by Kim Skubris, an experienced journalist and media expert with over 30 years in international journalism and a trusted advisor to Queensland councils, this session offers practical, insider knowledge and skills on how to craft compelling messages; how to understand what journalists want; writing and pitching inspiring speeches and managing the media during news events.
1:00pm – 4:00pm	**Conflicts of Interest for Councillors** **Facilitator: Donna Neilson, Senior Local Government Advisor** Our Conflicts of Interest workshop will enable councillors to understand when they need to declare a conflict of interest in a matter being discussed or decided by Council, and their obligations under the *Local Government Act 2009*. This workshop will help clarify the difference between a Prescribed Conflict and a Declarable Conflict, and the actions to be taken in each situation. Topics will also include declaring conflicts; identifying close associates and related parties; duty to report conflicts; offences; unsuitable meeting conduct and outcomes; corrupt conduct; behavioural standards and recent changes to the Code of Conduct explained.
2:00pm – 5:00pm	**Registration** Delegates, observers, trade, corporate and accompanying persons.

MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2025



TIME	TOPIC
8:00am – 5:00pm	**Registration** Delegates, observers, trade, corporate and accompanying persons.
8:30am – 12:30pm	**Roads and Transport Forum** Queensland's transport network serves as the backbone of our economic vitality and community wellbeing. At this year's Roads and Transport Forum, experts will delve into crucial themes such as sustainability in infrastructure, enhancing disaster resilience and response and the role of technology in modernising our transport systems. Each of these essential topics drives forward the progress of our transport networks to meet the dynamic needs of Queensland's communities.
10:00am – 10:30am	**Morning Tea**
12:30pm – 1:30pm	**Lunch**
1:15pm – 5:00pm	**Indigenous Leaders Forum** Since 2011, the Indigenous Leaders Forum (ILF) has been a valuable way for First Nations councils to come together to share their successes, discuss specific challenges and put forward issues they would like the LGAQ's support to address. The Forum is held twice-yearly.
1:30pm – 2:30pm	**Optional Sessions** **Session 1:** Governance Unpacked: Balancing Risk, Trust and Accountability **Session 2:** Disaster Management – Council 2 Council
2:30pm – 3:00pm	**Afternoon Tea**
3:00pm – 5:00pm	**Council Segment Forums** **Rural and Remote councils** **Resources councils** **SEQ councils** **Coastal councils** Come and join with your council peers in one of four forums to discuss, share and debate key issues. This is also your opportunity to talk with each other and Policy Executive members about ways the LGAQ can help and support your council.
5:15pm – 7:15pm	**Welcoming Ceremony and Networking Event** **5:15pm** Welcome to Country **5:20pm** Welcome to the Gold Coast **5:25pm** Response Mayor Matt Burnett, President, LGAQ **5:30pm** Sponsor Address Tim Fynes-Clinton, Executive Partner, King & Company Solicitors
5:35pm – 7:15pm	**Networking Event in the Trade Exhibition Hall**
7:00pm – 9:00pm	**Young Councillor Cohort Networking Event** Supported by Brighter Super



TIME	TOPIC
7:00am – 8:15am	**CEO Breakfast** Supported by Telstra
8:00am – 5:00am	**Registration** Delegates, observers, trade, corporate and accompanying persons.
8:30am	**Welcome** Master of Ceremonies Tim Cox, Senior Communications Advisor, LGAQ
8:35am	**Call to Order and Presidential Address** Cr Matt Burnett, Mayor, Gladstone Regional Council and President, LGAQ
8:45am	**Presentation of the Policy Executive**
8:55am	**Setting the Scene: Leadership and Pathways to Liveability** Alison Smith, Chief Executive Officer, LGAQ
9:00am	**Official Opening**
9:10am	**The Road Ahead: Futures Thinking and Leadership in Action**
9:40am	**The AI Intersection of Risk vs Opportunity**
9:55am	**Sponsor Address - Telstra**
10:00am	**When Life Imitates Art**
10:30am	**Morning Tea**
11:00am	**Council Showcases Part 1**
12:00pm	**Sponsor Address – Brighter Super**
12:05pm	**Lunch**
1:05pm	**Council Showcases Part 2**
2:05pm	**Politics, Death and Religion – Let's Start the Conversation**
2:35pm	**State Opposition Update**



TIME	TOPIC
2:45pm	**The 2032 Olympics & Paralympics – Will They Change Everything?**
3:15pm	**Peak Services Update**
3:25pm	**Afternoon Tea**
3:50pm	**ALGA Update** President Matt Burnett
4:00pm	**Policy Update**
4:30pm	**Close Day 1**
6:15pm	**Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner – Supported by Hastings Deering** Dinner theme/dress code: **Surfs up–Beach Gala** Get ready for a relaxed yet stylish evening! This year we embrace the laid-back charm of the Gold Coast with a touch of elegance. **Ideas on What to Wear:** • **For women:** Flowy dresses, linen or resort-wear sets, dressy wedges. Think tropical prints, light fabrics, and a bit of glam. • **For men:** Lightweight shirts (linen), tailored pants or chinos. Jackets are optional, ties not required. • **Accessories:** Sunglasses, hats, and beach-inspired jewellery are welcome—but keep it elevated and evening-ready.
11:30pm	**Dinner Concludes**



TIME	TOPIC
8:15am	**Conference Resumes**
8:20am	**The Cost Shift Gridlock**
8:35am	**Annual General Meeting – Voting Overview** Darren Leckenby, Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary, LGAQ
8:40am	**Motions Debate**
10:15am	**Sponsor Address – Oly Homes**
10:20am	**Morning Tea**
10:50am	**Motions Debate**
12:30pm	**Lunch**
1:30pm	**Motions Debate**
3:00pm	**Emerging Issue**
3:10pm	**Motions Debate**
4:10pm	**Close of Conference**



CONFERENCE **REGISTRATION** (GST incl)

Registration prices are per person.

Early Bird Registration – prior to and including 3 October 2025	
Council or State Government observer	**$1700.00**
5 or more observers from one Council/Government Department	**$1550.00**
Corporate (Private Sector)	**$3300.00**
After 3 October 2025	
Council or State Government observer	**$1800.00**
5 or more observers from one Council/Government	**$1650.00**
Department Corporate (Private Sector)	**$3400.00**
Early Bird One Day Registration – prior to and including 3 October 2025	
Council or State Government observer	**$850.00**
Corporate (Private Sector)	**$1330.00**
After 3 October 2025	
Council or State Government observer	**$1060.00**
Corporate (Private Sector)	**$1760.00**
Functions	
Welcoming Ceremony – Monday evening (20 October 2025) (Accompanying persons, day registrations and additional trade exhibitors)	**$85.00**
Dinner	
Gala Dinner – Tuesday evening (21 October 2025)	**$195.00**

Please note that the Welcoming Ceremony on the Monday evening is included in the conference fee for delegates, observers and corporates attending the full three days of conference.

Accompanying persons are welcome to attend the Welcoming Ceremony and Gala Dinner.

Register via links below or online at **www.lgaq.asn.au** under the Events Tab 129th LGAQ Annual Conference.

Delegate/Observer Individual

› Registration Booking

Delegate Observer Group

› Registration Booking

Corporate

› Registration Booking

CONFERENCE **SHIRT** (Council delegates/observers only)

Council delegates and observers will be issued with **ONE** shirt whilst at conference. These need to be ordered online as part of your conference registration. Please select your size carefully, as there won't be the opportunity to change your size once at conference.

The sizing is as follows:



Mens Modern Fit	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL



Ladies Modern Fit	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24




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10.4 PROPOSED MOTION TO 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND (LGAQ) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Author: **Chief Executive Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the proposed Motion to the 2025 Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference:

That the LGAQ calls on the State Government to adopt a comprehensive, timely and whole of government approach to implementing the recommendations of the Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce as presented to Government on 25 June 2025.

BACKGROUND

In January 2025, the Queensland Government established the Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce to provide advice to government about reducing red tape for Queensland councils.

The Taskforce was led by Mr Andrew Chesterman, with the objective of identifying opportunities to streamline approvals and remove barriers for local government projects that:

- reduce costs for council, ratepayers and other stakeholders
- improve the efficiency of local governments through the identification of unnecessary and/or inefficient laws and regulation
- enhance the long-term sustainability of Queensland's local governments.

The Taskforce delivered its final report including recommendations to the Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers on 25 June 2025.

The Queensland Government is now considering its response to the final report and recommendations.

Councils have repeatedly sought meaningful red-tape reduction to improve service delivery to communities.

Given the work of the Taskforce has focussed on system industry challenges such as streamlining approvals, simplifying grants administration and reducing operational regulatory burdens on councils, it is imperative that the recommendations presented to Government are given the maximum chance of delivering tangible outcomes to the local government sector.

Whilst an implementation plan / program will no doubt be developed by Government, it will be important that this plan is supported across all relevant government departments; is focussed on comprehensive reform and not just low hanging fruit and looks to implement changes in a timely fashion.

In support of the work of the Red Tape Reduction Taskforce, Council proposes the below resolution to be submitted to the Queensland Local Government Association (LGAQ) for consideration at the 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference:

That the LGAQ calls on the State Government to adopt a comprehensive, timely and whole of government approach to implementing the recommendations of the Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce as presented to Government on 25 June 2025.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed 2025 LGAQ Conference Motion - Redtape Reduction Taskforce - Murweh Shire Council ⇩

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2025 LGAQ Annual Conference – Motion Template

Who is the key contact for this motion? (required)	Bruce Scott – Chief Executive Officer
Submitting council (required)	Murweh Shire Council
Supporting organisation (if applicable)	South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC)
Council resolution # (required)	XXXX
Date of council resolution (required)	XXXX
✓ Does this motion have state-wide relevance? *For a motion to be accepted, it must have state-wide relevance / this box must be ticked.*	
Title of motion (required)	Whole of Government Implementation of Red Tape Reduction Taskforce Recommendations
Motion (required)	That the LGAQ calls on the State Government to adopt a comprehensive, timely and whole-of-government approach to implementing the recommendations of the Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce as presented to Government on 25 June 2025.
What is the desired outcome sought? (required) 200 word limit	Councils have repeatedly sought meaningful red-tape reduction to improve service delivery to communities. Given the work of the Taskforce has focussed on system industry challenges such as streamlining approvals, simplifying grants administration and reducing operational regulatory burdens on councils, it is imperative that the recommendations presented to Government are given the maximum chance of delivering tangible outcomes to the local government sector. Whilst an implementation plan / program will no doubt be developed by Government, it will be important that this plan is supported across all relevant government departments; is focussed on comprehensive reform and not just low hanging fruit and looks to implement changes in a timely fashion.

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Background (required) 350 word limit	In January 2025, the Queensland Government established the Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce to provide advice to government about reducing red tape for Queensland councils. The Taskforce was led by Mr Andrew Chesterman, with the objective of identifying opportunities to streamline approvals and remove barriers for local government projects that: • reduce costs for council, ratepayers and other stakeholders • improve the efficiency of local governments through the identification of unnecessary and/or inefficient laws and regulation • enhance the long-term sustainability of Queensland's local governments. The Taskforce delivered its final report including recommendations to the Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers on 25 June 2025. The Queensland Government is now considering its response to the final report and recommendations.
Case study/ Example (optional) 350 word limit	

10.5 ACQUISITION OF LOT 67 ON OR337 AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE INDUSTRIAL LAND IN AUGATHELLA

Author: **Chief Executive Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council make application to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development for the acquisition of Lot 67 on OR337 at Charleville for the development of future residential housing and essential town and social services in a flood free environment, and

That Council seek guidance from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development - as to whether it is possible to make application for the acquisition of part of Lot 1 on SP326435 and Lot 32 on SP343469 for the establishment of industrial land at Augathella, and

That Council seek guidance from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development - as to whether it is possible to make application for the acquisition of part of the Old Charleville Road Reserve to acquire for the development of industrial land purposes at Augathella, and.

That Council seek guidance from the Augathella Golf Club and Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development - as to whether it is possible to make application for the subdivision of Lot 90 on CP863342 (approximately 12Ha) for the development of industrial land purposes at Augathella.

BACKGROUND

Murweh Shire Council has recently completed Flood Risk Assessments of Charleville and Augathella townships. While these flood risk assessments show that there is good flood immunity at both Charleville and Augathella with the flood levees between the Warrego River and the towns as well as Bradley's Gully – there is still a risk of the towns flooding in some areas if there was a major rainfall event in the upper reaches of the Warrego River Catchment.

There continues to be good demand for residential land in Charleville, as well as enquiry for industrial land in Augathella.

For Council to provide any additional land, it will need to be excised from the current Unallocated State Land Reserve surrounding the townships of Charleville and Augathella.

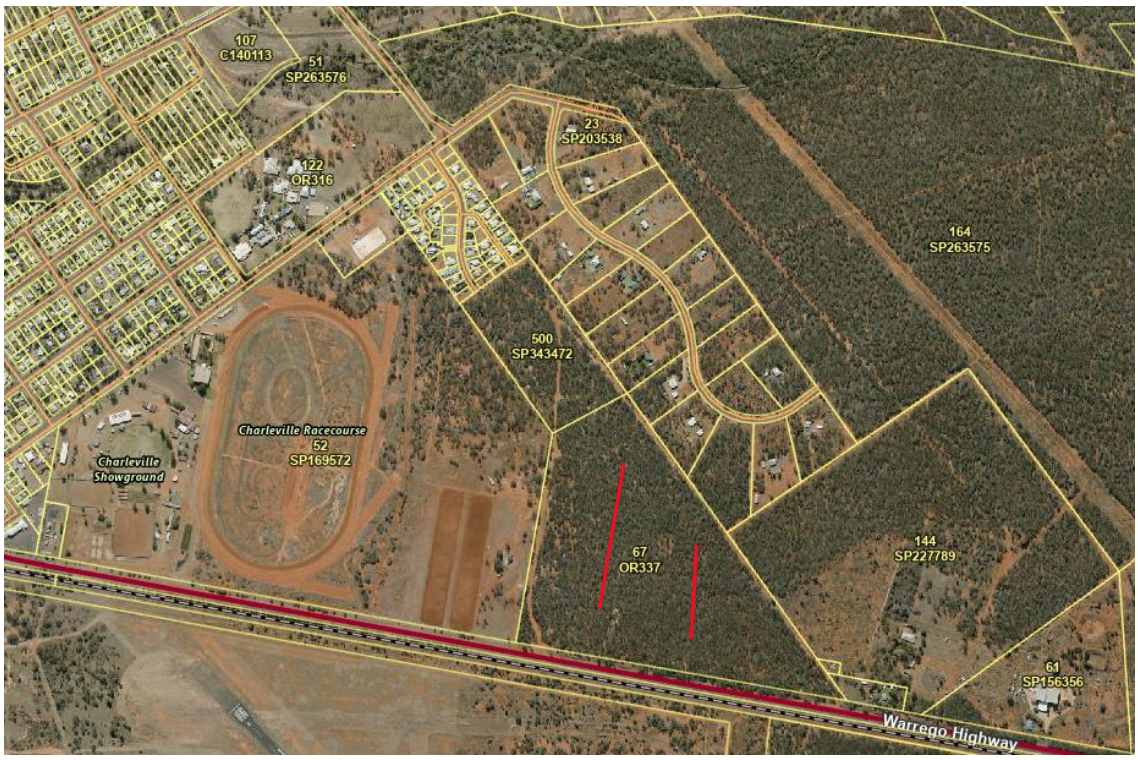
In Charleville, there is suitable residential and essential services land situated between the end of Council owned land at the planned Aurora Estate Stage 2 development towards the Warrego Highway being Lot 67 on OR337. This land is approximately 32.5Ha and would provide a good amount of land for the future development of Charleville's flood free land into approximately 300 x 1000m² residential blocks - or part there of depending on land required for future essential services.

In Augathella, there is approximately 42Ha in Lot1 on SP326435 and a further4.2Ha on Lot 32 on SP343469. These areas of Augathella that might be suitable for the development of an industrial estate will need to be ground surveyed - to make sure just how much of this land is suitable for this type of development.

There is also the potential for the development of industrial land along the Landsborough Highway south of lot 92 on CO863342 (Council material storage area) - that could be considered for development on Lot 90 on CP863342. This land is owned by the Augathella Golf Club, but the club could be approached to see if there is interest in making a subdivision on unused land adjoining the Landsborough Highway.

Council is asked to provide support for the starting of a process of engaging with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development so to seek the viability of this identified land, and whether the identified land can be pursued by Council for the suggested types of development in both Charleville and Augathella.

Charleville Land



Augathella Land



Augathella Land





LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10.6 DONATION OR SPONSORSHIP REQUEST CHARLEVILLE STATE SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

Author: **Special Project Officer/Disaster Management Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provides sponsorship of a Family Pass to the Cosmos Centre, Bilby Experience and the WWII Secret Base, and a donation of 6 promotional packs as prizes for the Charleville State School Spring Fair to raise funds for purchasing resources for the school.

BACKGROUND

Charleville State School P&C have requested a donation or sponsorship from Council to be handed out as prizes or used for raffles at their Spring Fair on Sunday 7th September 2025.

The aim of the Spring Fair is to raise much needed funds to purchase much needed resources for the school students and teachers.

Please find attached correspondence from Charleville State School P&C Executive Members outlining this request.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

ATTACHMENTS

1. Charleville State School Spring Fair Support Letter ⇩

RECEIVED
04 AUG 2025
BY: .....

Charleville State School P&C
Po Box 312
Charleville QLD 4470

14th July 2025

Dear Community Business Owner,

The Charleville State School are running a Spring Fair on Sunday the 7th September to raise money for purchasing resources for the school to ensure both students and teachers have access to what they need to allow them to learn.

We are contacting business owners, to ask for donations either monetary to purchase items/ prizes for the event or physical items that can be used in raffles or as prizes throughout the afternoon. Businesses contributions will be recognised throughout the duration of the event by our P&C and we are happy to hang advertising for your business up at our event as our way of saying thank you.

If you are willing to support our event, please contact Nicola Freiberg on 0488 998 876. Furthermore, donations can be dropped at the Charleville State School Office. Monetary donations can also be sent via post or direct debited into our account with your business as a reference. See details below.

Charleville State School P&C
Po Box 312
Charleville QLD 4470

Regards,

Charleville State School P&C Executive Members

Nicola Freiberg- President
Jessica Carr - Vice President
Mitchell Rigby- Secretary
Heidi Rogers- Treasurer

Charleville State School P&C bank details
BSB: 064-407
Acc no : 00900463

10.7 LIGHTING REQUEST FROM MRS L'ESTRANGE

Author: **Special Project Officer/Disaster Management Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council will consider the request from Mrs L'Estrange after seeking a quote from Ergon Energy for the costs associated with the provision of street lighting on the corners of the residential streets on the western side of the Warrego River from the intersection of Page Street and Frawley Street in a southerly direction to the end of this residential precinct.

BACKGROUND

A local resident has raised concerns regarding the lack of street lighting in their area.

The resident notes that:

They live on the Quilpie side of the river, where, apart from one light indicating the turnoff to Page Street, there are no other streetlights installed.

A streetlight was installed many years ago after a previous request to Council, but no further lighting has been added since.

The absence of lighting is creating safety risks, particularly for pedestrians, including young people, who walk home at night without footpaths or visibility.

The resident has requested that Council consider installing street lighting at all major corners in the area, especially as many streets are long and unlit.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

1. J L'Estrange Regarding Street Lights on Quilpie side of Warrego River ⇩

55 Jupp Street
Charleville 4470
3 August 2025

CEO. Murweh Shire Council
CHARLEVILLE.

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to your council's attention the lack of lighting over this side of Charleville. I live on the Quilpie side of the river and except for the one light that indicates where citizens can turn off the Quilpie highway to access this suburb, there are no other streetlights whatsoever.

I asked Council to have that light put in many years ago, as it was dangerous not having some indication of the turnoff to Page Street, and within a couple of months the light was there. However, it is now so dark in the other streets over here.

I have passed young people walking home beside the roads at various times late at night, as there are no footpaths for them to use and one cannot see them before coming upon their movement.

Would you please consider installing street lighting on all the corners of our streets over here, especially as many streets are quite long.

Thanking you in anticipation of a positive outcome to this problem.

Your sincerely

J. L'Estrange

Jan L'Estrange.
Email: janlestrange@exemail.com.au
Telephone: 0409542733

10.8 CHANGE TO MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING DAY AND CEO BRIEFING DAY

Author: **Chief Executive Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council under section 254B(4) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 change the day of its Council Meeting from the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month to the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month, and

Change the day of its CEO Briefing session from the first (1st) Wednesday of the month to the first (1st) Tuesday of the month.

BACKGROUND

At the August CEO Briefing, Council decided that it would be more appropriate for councillors diaries and commitments to change the Council Meeting day and the CEO Briefing from the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month to the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month, and change the day of its CEO Briefing session from the first (1st) Wednesday of the month to the first (1st) Tuesday of the month.

Under *Section 254B* of the Local Government Regulation, Councils must set the day and time of their ordinary meeting and ordinary meetings of its standing committees and publish this information on its website and in other ways the local government considers appropriate.

s 254B Public notice of meetings

(1) A local government must, at least once in each year, publish a notice of the days and times when—
   (a) its ordinary meetings will be held; and
   (b) the ordinary meetings of its standing committees will be held.

(2) The notice mentioned in subsection (1) must be published on the local government's website, and in other ways the local government considers appropriate.

(3) A local government must display in a conspicuous place in its public office a notice of the days and times when—
   (a) its meetings will be held; and
   (b) meetings of its committees will be held.

(4) A local government must, as soon as practicable, notify any change to the days and times mentioned in subsection (1) or (3) in the same way as the days and times were previously notified.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10.9 TOURISM REPORT JULY

Author: **Tourism Manager**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the August 2025 Tourism Report

BACKGROUND

Visitor Information

Charleville Visitor Information Centre saw a 25.41% decrease in visitor numbers in July compared to the same period last year.

However, our visitor numbers continue to rise for the current season, with a 23.34% increase compared to June, so we are still seeing positive numbers through this tourist season.

Again in July, we were forced to increase our Bilby Tours to accommodate the tourist demand and staff remain flexible to adapt to these peaks to ensure visitor satisfaction.

The Town Crew attended to the front island plant beds which means the Visitor Information Centre sign is now visible from both directions.

Our full-time staff also attended Cyber Security training this month.

Morven Visitor Information Centre welcomed 714 visitors in July, continuing its upward trend from 507 visitors last month.

Augathella Visitor Information Centre saw 321 visitors through the door during July – a slight decrease from last month's 410 visitors. Although June's inflated number was attributed to Outback Golf Masters.

Transport

Queensland Rail Tickets: Charleville Visitor Information Centre booked for 14 people.

Greyhound Tickets: Charleville Visitor Information Centre booked for 5 people.

Rex Airline: Charleville Visitor Information Centre had 3 enquiries about air travel.

Charleville Cosmos Centre

July has seen an increase in visitor numbers entering the Centre, and across most tours. Clear skies over the June/July school holidays boosted guests' confidence when booking our Stargazing and Sun Viewing sessions.

We had a guest speaker from Melbourne University, Tim Patston, visit the Cosmos Centre in July to participate in a NAIDOC Family Day event that the Cosmos Centre hosted. Approximately 50 locals attended this weekend event, filling the Planetarium for a special presentation from Tim Patston. Over the weekend, Tim hosted several special Indigenous astronomy presentations, attracting a few dozen guests to each session.

Final planning and logistics are underway for the install of the new exhibits coming to the Cosmos Centre in the first weeks of September. Xzibit will be on site from September 9th for 7 days to complete the install, where the Cosmos Centre will likely see reduced hours to avoid construction and maintain safety standards for staff and guests alike, while still offering the same number of tours for our guests.

WWII Secret Base

Base operations continue as normal with encouraging visitor number increases. We are experiencing double the usual bus traffic due to rescheduled visits from earlier flood-affected periods, which makes a positive impact on our overall attendance figures for this year.

The Australian War Memorial has provided a third memorial box, bringing our total to three available units. We've notified regional schools of what we have available and have been officially added to the War Memorial's database.

The Men's Shed have completed four new display cases for the museum, featuring:

- Survival equipment display: M-6 survival rifle barrel (recovered from airfield) and original US military survival rations
- Max Anthony Churvi tribute: pocket watch of 8th Service Squadron member, discovered on-site
- Historical documentation display: original maps, National Archives blueprints, and Civil Construction Unit materials

These displays utilise previously dead space whilst expanding our physical memorabilia collection, which has been one of our main feedback points.

Additional RSL items will be put on display in the Outback Heroes section once the display boxes for that zone are complete.

Restructure and Opening Hours Proposal

The proposed restructure and revised opening hours for the WWII Secret Base are part of a broader effort to address ongoing financial challenges and business inefficiencies within our tourism operations. Recognising the need for proactive steps to improve efficiency and sustainability, this proposal has been carefully developed and assessed against market trends, our own historical data, and the strategies being adopted by competitors and peers facing similar challenges. By reducing operating hours and aligning staffing levels to match visitor demand, we can lower wage costs without compromising the quality of the visitor experience. These changes will allow us to operate more efficiently, make better use of resources, and ensure The Base remains a viable and engaging part of our tourism offering into the future. We intend to run this as a trial during the shoulder season (September – October), carefully monitoring both the cost savings and the impact on visitor satisfaction. With the right advertising and marketing, we are confident our target audience will respond positively to the adjusted hours. If the trial proves successful, we will look to extend this approach to our other facilities to ensure the long-term strength of our tourism portfolio. Please see the document attached to the report with more detail.

Events

Community events remain a cornerstone of local life; these events keep our town vibrant and connected. Some events which took place during July included the weeklong NAIDOC celebrations, NRL's Hostplus Cup Country Week in Augathella, CRABS Half Marathon and the Digital & You free workshops hosted by the State Library – to mention a few.

QMF have released their official Outcome Report following their Outback Trail event held in May. This is attached.

Upcoming initiatives

2025 Outback Recovery Campaign

OQTA and Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) met with Tourism Officers to discuss the upcoming 2025 Outback Recovery Campaign, supported by $2.14 million in joint Australian and Queensland Government funding. The campaign launches in mid-August to boost visitation after the March flooding. Phase 1 focuses on driving immediate bookings. Email from Denise Brown, CEO for OQTA, is attached.

Outback Queensland Destination Management Plan Project

OQTA has engaged *Sparrowly Group* to develop the **Destination Management Plan 2025–30**, guiding sustainable tourism growth in alignment with the *Destination 2045 Plan* and ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Games. Councils were invited to nominate one representative to join the DMP Project Working Group which will meet virtually over the coming months, with in-region consultations to follow. Email from Denise Brown, CEO for OQTA, is attached.

Justice of the Peace Training Workshop

Brian O'Rourke, a Justice of the Peace (Qual.) with over 40 years' experience and member of the Queensland Justices Association (QJA), proposes to deliver Justice of the Peace / Commissioner for Declarations training in Charleville on **25–26 October 2025**.

This initiative aims to increase the number of local JPs available for our community's signing needs.

Attached is the written request and training brochure.

Council decision sought: Agreement to support the holding of the JP training in October.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Visitor Stats for July** ⇩
2. **Proposal for Restructure and Opening Times for the WWII Secret Base** ⇩
3. **QMF Outback Trail Report** ⇩
4. **2025 Outback Recovery Campaign** ⇩
5. **OQTA Destination Management Plan Email** ⇩
6. **Email Brian oRourke JP Training** ⇩
7. **JP Training Brochure** ⇩

JULY VISITOR NUMBER STATISTICS FOR TOURISM FACILITIES

Charleville VIC

Charleville VIC Walk in Stats													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	677	656	1184	2947	4290	6582	6002	4646	4206	1665	695	411	33961
2024	525	506	1103	2537	3929	5213	6678	5024	4807	1924	687	527	33460
2025	644	536	704	1706	2762	4032	5325						15709

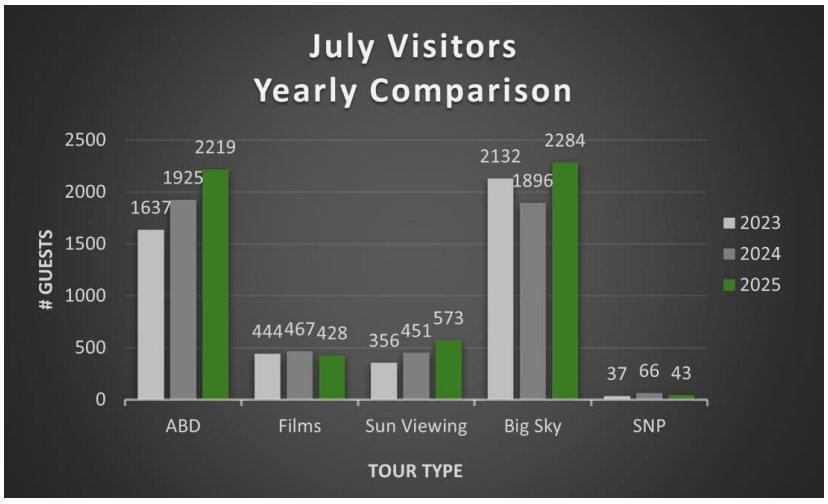
Charleville VIC Phone Stats													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	159	206	314	488	800	1075	1010	709	666	454	238	147	6266
2024	271	242	383	747	631	1055	1263	1008	581	403	204	527	7315
2025	261	241	401	478	522	719	801						3423

Information Packs Sent Out													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	4	8	6	3	7	6	2	1	0	2	0	0	39
2024	0	7	4	10	3	9	6	1	4	4	3	2	53
2025	4	4	8	3	6	7	3						35

Bilby Experience Pax													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	76	105	288	1159	1442	2454	2144	1656	1730	543	180	0	11777
2024	10	51	342	845	1054	1832	2221	1838	1717	545	66	0	10521
2025	0	0	0	682	1040	1635	2304						5661

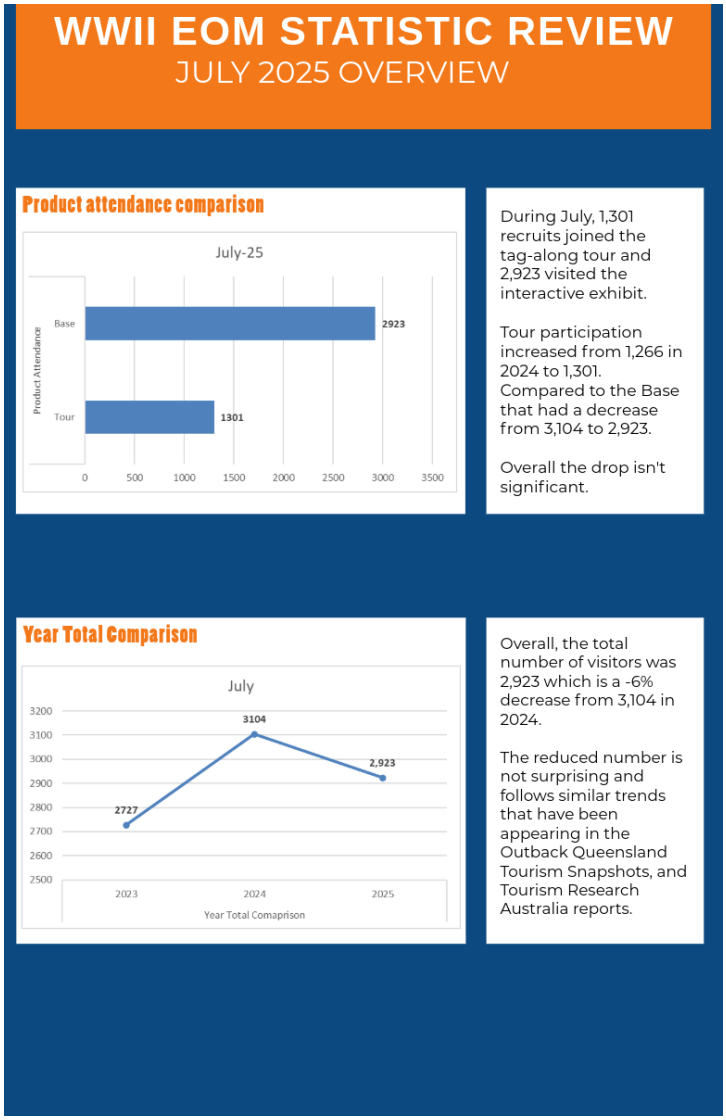
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	8	11	26	58	64	75	59	55	64	32	21	0	473
2024	3	6	29	51	49	47	71	68	65	40	W/Ts	0	429
2025	0	0	0	48	66	61	69						244

Charleville Cosmos Centre



"ABD" is Astronomy by Day - interactive exhibit | "Films" are the Planetarium movies | "Big Sky" is the Big Sky Observatory – our main night tour | "SNP" is the Small and Personal tour with the 30" telescope.

WWII Secret Base



Proposal: Close WWII Secret Base on Fridays & Saturdays, reducing casual hours & dependence.

Estimated Annual Savings: $45,067.91 (15.7% reduction)

Why Change?

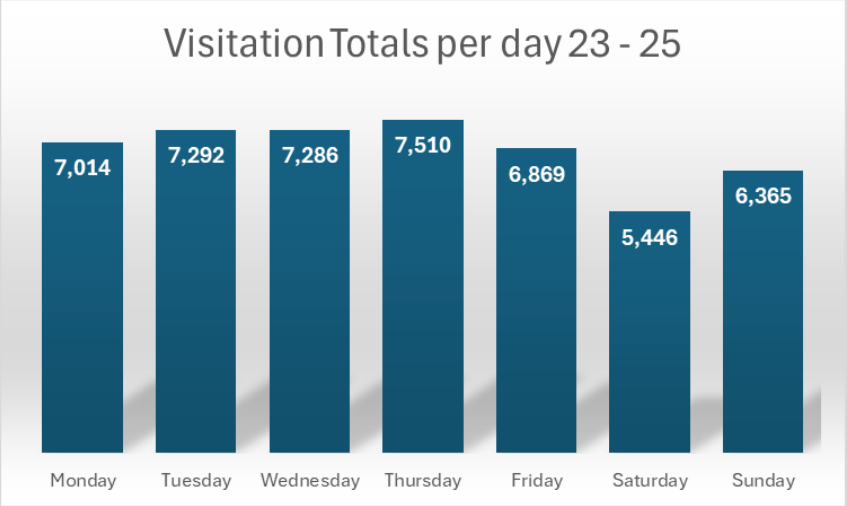
Current Issues:

- Only 4 staff covering 7 days (up to 4 tours daily + front desk)
- Wages are our highest budget expense
- Staff fatigue affecting service quality
- Unreliable casual staff cancelling shifts leading to lost revenue in cancelling tours

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Supporting Data

Visitation Analysis: 3 years of peak season data shows weekdays significantly outperform weekends



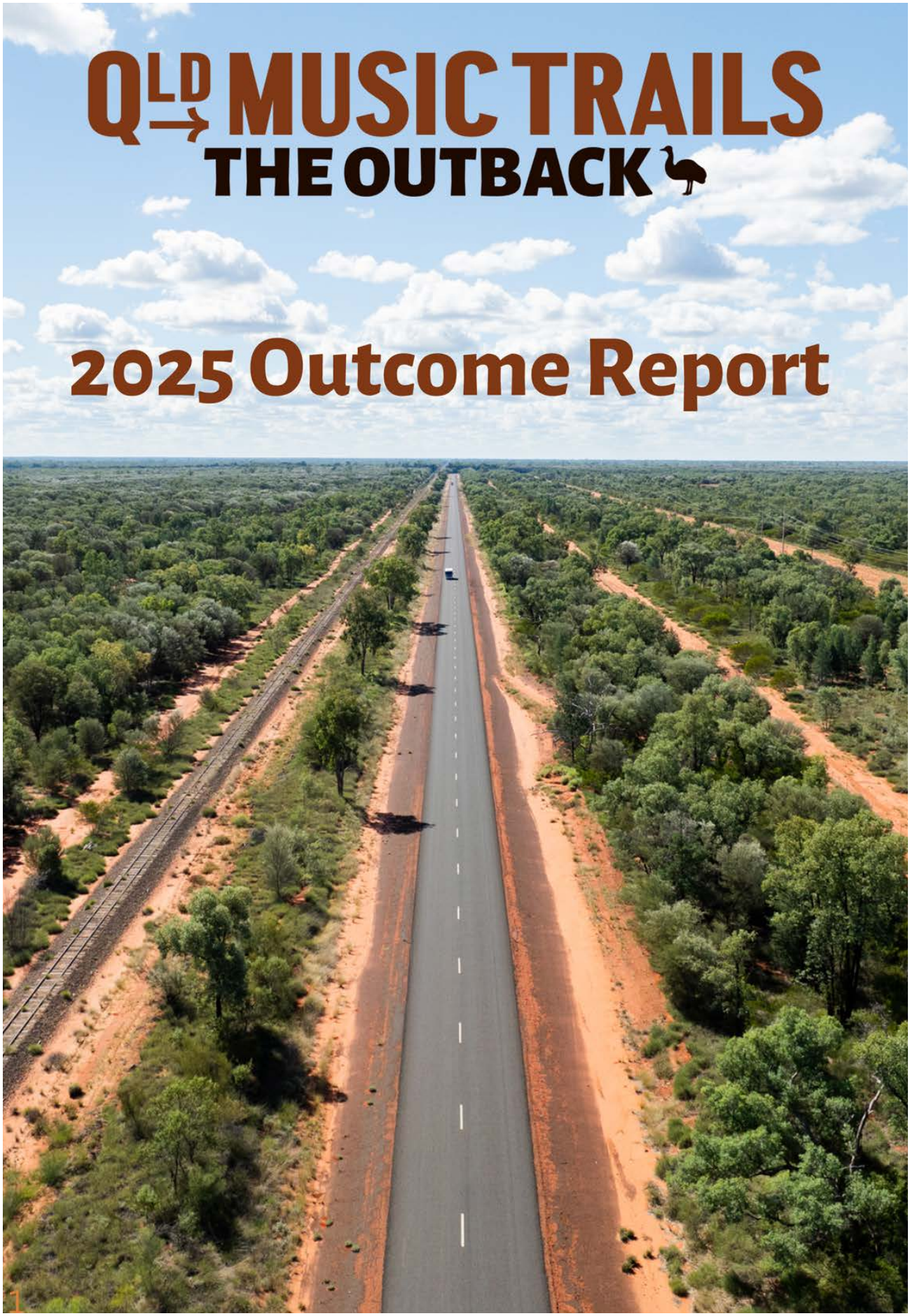
**Friday is out worst performing weekday alongside Saturday as the worst performing weekend*

Contract Compliance: *Full-time staff require 2 consecutive days off*

Benefits

- **$45k+ annual savings** on our largest cost
- **Better work-life balance** for staff with guaranteed consecutive days off
- **Improved service quality** through reduced staff fatigue
- **Operational stability** with less reliance on casual cancellations
- **Alternative tours available** in Charleville on closed days

Trial Option: Test September-October for $13k savings over 2 months


QLD MUSIC TRAILS
THE OUTBACK
2025 Outcome Report


ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
QMF respectfully acknowledges the Bidjara, Bigambul, Gamilaroi, Kooma, Kullilli, Kunya, Mandandanji and Boonthamurra Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land, waters and skies where QLD Music Trails - The Outback unfolds.
We extend our respects for their enduring connection to the remarkable terrain, where creative works take place, performances resonate, and celebrations come to life. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders of all communities who also work and live on this land.
We recognise the importance of First Nations leadership and collaboration, and QMF commits to walking together on a journey of shared learning and culture
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CEO MESSAGE



QMF are delighted to present the outcome report for **The Outback Trail 2025**.

Running from 19 April to 3 May, the 2025 Outback Trail spanned two vibrant weeks, featuring **nine unforgettable events across eight locations** and covering a total distance of **1,390 kilometres**.

Just weeks after devastating floods impacted parts of the Queensland Outback, QMF was proud to lead the return of travellers to affected communities—reinvigorating local economies and reaffirming that the **Outback is well and truly open for business**. The landscape, rejuvenated by recent rains, offered a striking tapestry of lush green vegetation and vivid wildflowers set against the iconic red earth.

The 2025 Trail recorded a remarkable **54% increase in attendance** compared to 2024, while **direct visitor nights in host regions surged by an exceptional 194%**. This momentum also translated into a **111% increase in out-of-region attendees**, underscoring the growing profile of the Queensland Music Trails as a major drawcard for both cultural tourism and regional economic uplift.

As we continue to build on the relationships with our partners across the state, QMF acknowledges their invaluable support in shaping a distinctly Queensland tourism experience—one that will stand as a key pillar of the regional visitor economy in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic Games.

Looking ahead to the 2026 Trails, we're excited to explore new destinations while continuing to grow and strengthen our relationships with the communities that bring the Trails to life.

Daryl Raven
CEO

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QMF GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE

- To engage communities throughout Queensland in collaborative processes of social, economic, and cultural development that draw on the unique power of music to create measurable outcomes.
- To elevate the cultural identity of Queensland through the co-creation of iconic, placemaking music events across the State.
- To facilitate collaboration between relevant arts sector organisations and individuals to deliver our objectives in a manner that is high-quality, cost-effective and aligned to community aspirations.

VISION

- QMF will be an essential part of Queensland's cultural and tourism ecosystems, co-curating and delivering enduring and impactful experiences for locals and visitors.

MISSION

- To contribute to the vitality of Queensland through iconic music and cultural experiences that amplify our State's diverse identity and cultivate connection to our distinct places.

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THE OUTBACK TRAIL SNAPSHOT

3,920 Total Attendance





96 Artists, Arts workers & Cultural businesses

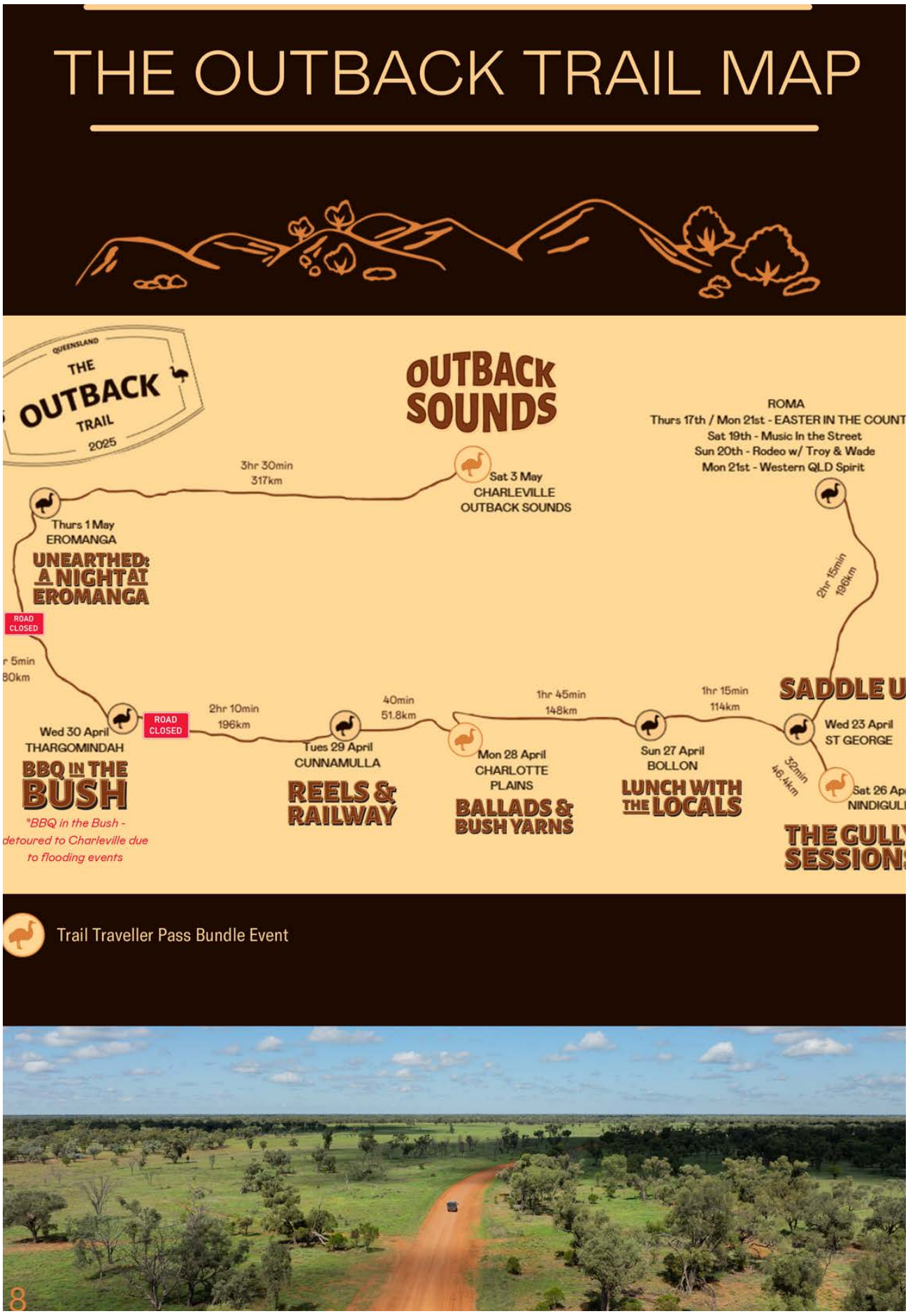
$1,946,136 Total Visitor Spend
overnight & day





13,790 Direct Visitor Night (Qld)

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THE OUTBACK TRAIL MAP
QUEENSLAND
THE OUTBACK TRAIL
2025
OUTBACK SOUNDS
3hr 30min
317km
Sat 3 May
CHARLEVILLE
OUTBACK SOUNDS
ROMA
Thurs 17th / Mon 21st - EASTER IN THE COUNT
Sat 19th - Music In the Street
Sun 20th - Rodeo w/ Troy & Wade
Mon 21st - Western QLD Spirit
Thurs 1 May
EROMANGA
UNEARTHED: A NIGHT AT EROMANGA
2hr 15min
196km
ROAD CLOSED
5min
80km
SADDLE U
Wed 30 April
THARGOMINDAH
BBQ IN THE BUSH
ROAD CLOSED
2hr 10min
196km
40min
51.8km
1hr 45min
148km
1hr 15min
114km
Wed 23 April
ST GEORGE
*BBQ in the Bush - detoured to Charleville due to flooding events
Tues 29 April
CUNNAMULLA
REELS & RAILWAY
Mon 28 April
CHARLOTTE PLAINS
BALLADS & BUSH YARNS
Sun 27 April
BOLLON
LUNCH WITH THE LOCALS
32min
46.4km
Sat 26 Ap
NINDIGUL
THE GULL
SESSION
Trail Traveller Pass Bundle Event
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ABOUT THE OUTBACK TRAIL

Running from 19 April to 3 May, the 2025 Outback Trail spanned two vibrant weeks, featuring nine unforgettable events across eight locations and covering a total distance of 1,390 kilometres.

Easter in the Country - Roma

QMF partnered with Easter in the Country to program music for Outback Music Under the Stars which included 2024 Toyota Star Maker Wade Forster and country music icon Troy Cassar-Daley.



Saddle Up - St George

A chance for Trail-goers to meet up and enjoy a night at the Australian Hotel playing musical bingo.

The Gully Sessions - Nindigully

An afternoon full of live tunes and good food at one of Queenslands oldest continuously licensed pubs - The Nindigully Pub - featuring Taylor Moss, Good Will Remedy and Cait Jamieson.



Lunch with the Locals - Bollon

An opportunity for Trail Travellers to taste the Outback with a three-course bush tucker meal and learn about local culture from Uncle Bill Speedy. Market stalls and live music from Lloyd Saunders and Tommy Crow contribute to this authentic Outback experience.



Ballad & Bush Yarns - Charlotte Plains

Held at a family-owned and operated sheep station, this event featured Felicity Urquhart and Josh Cunningham (of The Waifs) and Brad Butcher, alongside local storytellers set beside an Artistin Basin water bore.

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ABOUT THE OUTBACK TRAIL

Reels & Railway - Cunnamulla

Australian film 'In a Life Time' screened at the Railway Cinema in Cunnamulla, telling the story of local First Nations jockey Richard Laurence "Darby" McCarthy OAM who rose to fame in the national horse racing circuit in the 1950's and 60's. Followed by dinner at The Club Boutique Hotel accompanied by the soulful sounds of Sue Ray.

OUT the Back at Hotel Corones - Charleville



A last minute pivot from original event "BBQ in the Bush" at Thargomindah due to flooded road closures, Taylor Moss takes centre stage at Hotel Corones in Charleville.

Unearthered: A Night at Eromanga

Held at the Eromanga Natural History Museum a night of education with Science Talks and guided Museum tours with neo-country duo Bronson Diamond & Greta Stanley providing the musicasl enteratinment.



Outback Sounds - Charleville

The pinnacle event of The Outback Trail culminated in Charleville with a family friendly day and night of good food, good company and great tunes. Headlined by James Johnson, the lineup also included The Wet Whistles, Bella Mackenzie and Bronson Diamond and Greta Stanley.

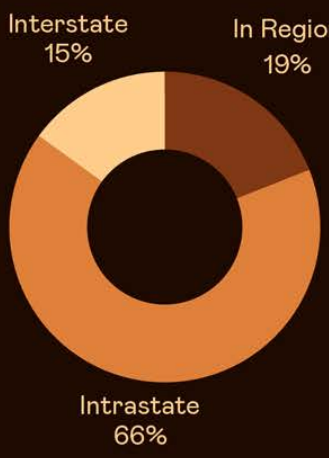




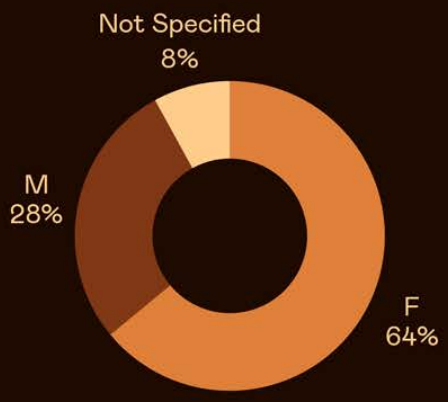
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THE OUTBACK TRAIL AUDIENCE AND TICKETS

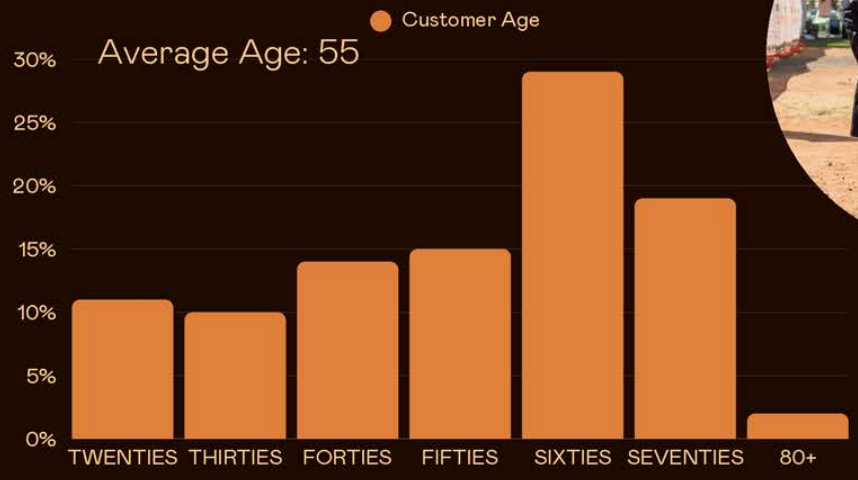
Sales by Location



Sales by Gender



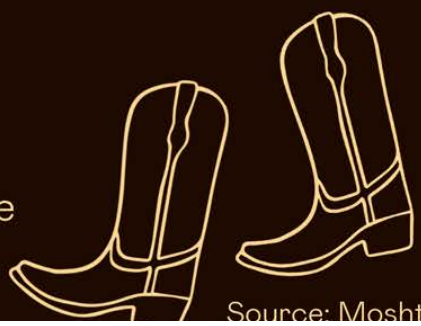
Sales by Age





$51,595 Total Revenue

3,920 Total Attendance



Source: Moshtix

THE OUTBACK TRAIL TOURISM IMPACT & OUTCOMES: HOST REGIONS

1693
Primary purpose visitors

10,143
Direct visitor nights

77%
Interstate, intrastate & international visitors

$1,146,102 Intrastate visitor contribution

$219,926 Interstate visitor contribution

$148.57 Average daily spend

$1,653,387 Total direct and incremental expenditure





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THE OUTBACK TRAIL TOURISM IMPACT & OUTCOMES: QUEENSLAND

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Average nights stayed in QLD

13,790
Direct visitor nights

12%
Interstate & international visitors

$140.02
Overnight visitor average daily spend

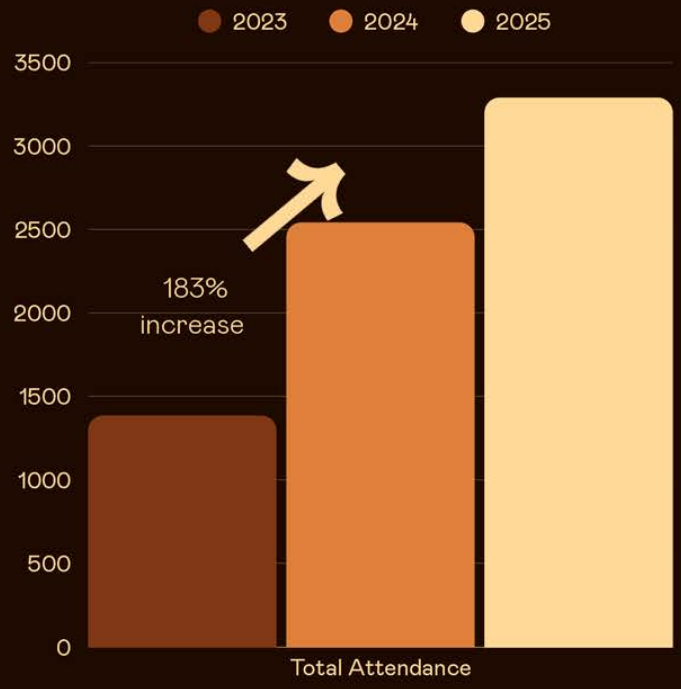
$1,930,847
Overnight visitor expenditure

$2,206,597
Total direct and incremental expenditure

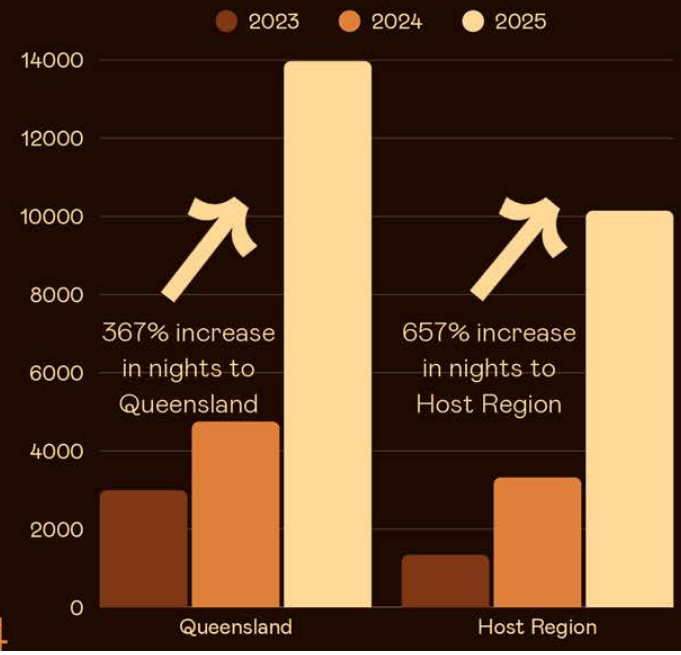


THE OUTBACK TRAIL
YEAR ON YEAR GROWTH - 2023 - 2025

Total Attendance



Direct Visitor Nights



Growing Reach and Tourism Impact

Since 2023, The Outback Trail has experienced remarkable growth in both attendance and overnight visitation, significantly amplifying their tourism impact across Queensland.

Total attendance has nearly tripled over three years, growing from 1,385 attendees in 2023 to 3,920 in 2025—a 183% increase. This surge in visitation has directly translated into extended stays and deeper regional engagement.

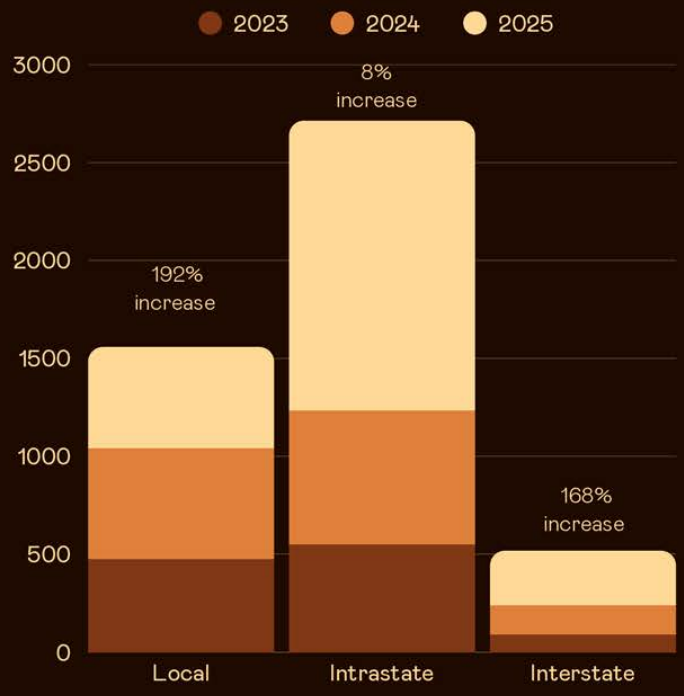
Direct visitor nights in host regions have skyrocketed from 1,339 nights in 2023 to 10,143 nights in 2025, marking an extraordinary 657% increase. The broader impact across Queensland is equally impressive, with direct visitor nights rising from 2,992 in 2023 to 13,970 in 2025—a 367% increase.

These trends reflect not only increased attendance but a shift toward longer stays and deeper visitor investment in the regions. Average nights stayed per visitor have more than doubled over this period—from 3.5 nights in 2023 to 8.5 nights in 2025, reinforcing the growing tourism and economic value driven by the Trail.

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THE OUTBACK TRAIL
YEAR ON YEAR GROWTH - 2023 - 2025

Visitor Origins



Widening Reach Across Queensland and Beyond

Over the past three years, we've seen a significant shift in the geographic makeup of our audiences, with strong growth in both intrastate and interstate visitation.

In 2023, attendance was largely local (477) and intrastate (551), with interstate visitors accounting for just 94 attendees. By 2025, local numbers have remained steady, but intrastate visitation has surged by 168% to 1,479 attendees. At the same time, interstate visitation has nearly tripled, rising to 275 and reflecting the event's rising profile on the national stage.

This growing geographic diversity points to increasing recognition of the Trail as a destination experience, contributing to both visitor economy outcomes and broader cultural tourism objectives for the state.

Metric	2023	2024	2025	% Increase
Total Overnight Visitor Expenditure	$250,264	$579,040	$1,930,847	672%
Total Daytripper Expenditure	$120	$6,599	$15,289	12,641%
Total Direct and Incremental Expenditure Host Region	$257,467	$549,076	$1,653,387	542%
Total Direct and Incremental Expenditure Queensland	$88,809	$238,703	$553,211	523%

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

111 Total number of direct and indirect FTE jobs supported

96 Number of Queensland artists, arts workers (not including cultural businesses)

42 Number of Queensland suppliers engaged

23 Number of tourism businesses engaged

5 Number of Queensland First Nations businesses engaged

33 Number of Queensland Outback businesses engaged

$12,503 Value of contracts with Queensland First Nations artists and arts workers





DEVELOPMENT & COLLABORATION

A core pillar of the Outback Trail is its commitment to local collaboration, creative development, and community empowerment. In 2025, QMF deepened its partnerships with Traditional Owners, schools, businesses, artists, and local organisations across the region - creating meaningful opportunities for participation, capacity building, and cultural exchange. Highlights from this year's trail reflect the diverse and inclusive nature of these collaborations, which continue to strengthen the legacy and local impact of the QLD Music Trails. An overview is as follows:

1. QMF engaged with eight Traditional Owner groups across the Outback Trail. The Traditional Owners either performend Welcome to Country, or gave permission for Acknowledgement of Country, at the Outback Trail events.

2. QMF hosted 'The Outback Exchange' in Charleville Friday 2 May. This saw Trail artists provide a professional development session and Q&A with 30 aspiring artists and arts workers from the region, including 5 Indigenous attendees. (Refer to case study overleaf)

3. First successful third-party operated tour delivered in partnership with Outback Aussie Tours. (Refer to case study overleaf)

4. Trail artist, Sue Ray, attended Cunnamulla P-12 SS and worked with the students on songwriting skills when in town for the Reels & Railways event.

5. For the third year in a row QMF partnered with Healthy Ageing and the Charleville Dance House to provide intergenerational locals a chance to perform a dance onstage at Outback Sounds. (Refer to case study overleaf)

6. In collaboration with Business Chamber Qld, QMF co-hosted a Business Chamber event in Murweh Shire, attended by local businesses and MP Langebroek, to encourage the local community to initiate a Business Chamber in the locality.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
CASE STUDY
Healthy Ageing and the Charleville Dance House

For the third year in a row, QMF united Charleville locals of all ages and abilities to co-create a performance for the Outback Trail's flagship event, Outback Sounds.

The project brings together students from the Charleville Dance House - a not-for-profit dance school - and seniors from Healthy Ageing Charleville & District, an initiative by the South-West Hospital & Health Service. Their goal: to rehearse and perform a community dance set to a track by an Outback Trail artist. In 2025, that track was Taylor Moss's County Proud, inspiring a locally choreographed routine welcoming everyone - whether dancing unaided, with support, or seated in a wheelchair.

The rehearsals are where the heart of the project lies. They spark intergenerational connection, with stories of Charleville's past, the sharing of knowledge, and the building of relationships between locals who may never have otherwise met.

The performance itself - onstage with a renowned artist before a home crowd - is a moment of pride and celebration. Yet the real impact is felt in the friendships formed, the deepened sense of inclusion, and the community spirit that continues well after the final applause. What begins as a dance becomes a powerful vehicle for connection, wellbeing, and lasting community pride.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
CASE STUDY
The Outback Exchange – Supporting Emerging Talent



As part of the Queensland Music Trails Outback program, QMF hosted The Outback Exchange in Charleville on Friday 2 May 2025. The event offered an invaluable opportunity for professional development and peer exchange, bringing together 30 aspiring musicians, songwriters, and arts workers from across the Murweh region.

Held at The New Market Bar, the session featured candid conversation and mentorship from three leading country music artists: Taylor Moss, Bella Mackenzie, and 2025 Toyota Star Maker winner Felicity Kircher. Attendees gained insights into building sustainable careers in the music industry, including songwriting, performance tips, and navigating the realities of life as a regional artist.

Five of the participants identified as First Nations artists, further reinforcing QMF's commitment to culturally inclusive and locally relevant engagement. The event built confidence, capability, and community - and was a powerful reminder of the importance of creating career pathways for regional Queensland's next generation of creative talent.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
CASE STUDY
Partnering with Industry – Outback Aussie Tours Pilot

In 2025, QMF launched its first-ever third-party operated tour in partnership with leading regional operator Outback Aussie Tours. This 8-day pilot tour was designed to provide visitors with a curated Outback Trail experience, incorporating four major music events and showcasing the rich cultural and natural heritage of Western Queensland.

The partnership marks a major milestone in positioning the Outback Trail as a multi-day cultural tourism product, tailored to domestic and international markets. By embedding Trail events within an end-to-end tourism package, QMF and Outback Aussie Tours made it easier for visitors to access remote locations, engage with local communities, and experience live music in spectacular outback settings.

The pilot not only boosted regional visitation but also demonstrated the appetite for integrated cultural travel experiences. It lays a strong foundation for future growth, with plans to scale tour offerings in coming years and further cement the Outback Trail's status as a must-do Queensland tourism journey.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
CASE STUDY
Strengthening Regional Industry Connections – Murweh Business Chamber Event

For the second year, QMF partnered with Business Chamber Queensland to deliver a industry networking event in Charleville. Designed to strengthen local business connections and spark new opportunities for collaboration, the event brought together a diverse mix of local enterprises, community leaders, and special guest Minister JP Langebroek.

Held alongside the Outback Trail, the event created a valuable platform for conversation and cross-sector engagement, that sought to address a significant gap: that Murweh Shire currently has no active Chamber of Commerce.

In response, Business Chamber Queensland and QMF used the forum to encourage the community to consider establishing a local Chamber, helping ensure stronger regional representation and support for local business growth.

The initiative was well-received, with attendees expressing strong interest in future gatherings. It marked an important step toward building a more connected, confident local economy and highlighted the broader catalytic potential of cultural events like the Outback Trail.

THE OUTBACK TRAIL SOCIAL IMPACT

+65 Overall Net Promoter Score

85% Of audience surveyed responded they would be likely or very likely to attend the event again

95% Of audience surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that The Outback Trail makes a contribution to and impact on the host region

95% Of audience surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that it is important the Outback Trail is happening in the host regions.

88% Of audience surveyed agreed or strongly agreed the Outback Trail helped them appreciate the locations characteristics

85% Of audience surveyed agreed or strongly agreed the Outback Trail provides an important addition to the cultural life of the area



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TESTIMONIALS

The Outback Trail was a great experience, introducing me to areas of outback QLD that I hadn't previously been to. The organisation and logistics of the Outback Trail was first-class – a tremendous experience

The set places enabled us to plan our route and feel confident in our first outback trip

Quite often, social events don't happen in regional areas without a considerable percentage of the community coming together to organise and run it. By having outside organisations and events come in, it gives everyone in the community the opportunity to enjoy the event without the stress of having to run it

(The Outback Trail) reinforces that the outback can provide significant cultural experiences

Events such as this are essential to the social connectivity of our areas. Having the opportunity to connect through music is so important. Having a production of this scale and quality visit our region makes us feel less isolated by the vast distances of the outback"

Have always loved the outback but this has made me want to see more of the music trail next time, Maybe check it out at some of the other destinations as well.





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MEDIA REACH

26	Pieces of Media Coverage
508, 840	Reach from Media Coverage
$152,008	Overall PR Value (ASR)
58,920	Billboards/OOH Estimated Impressions
26	EDMs sent
214,000	Website Traffic
5.6 Million	Social Impressions
1.5 Million	Social Reach

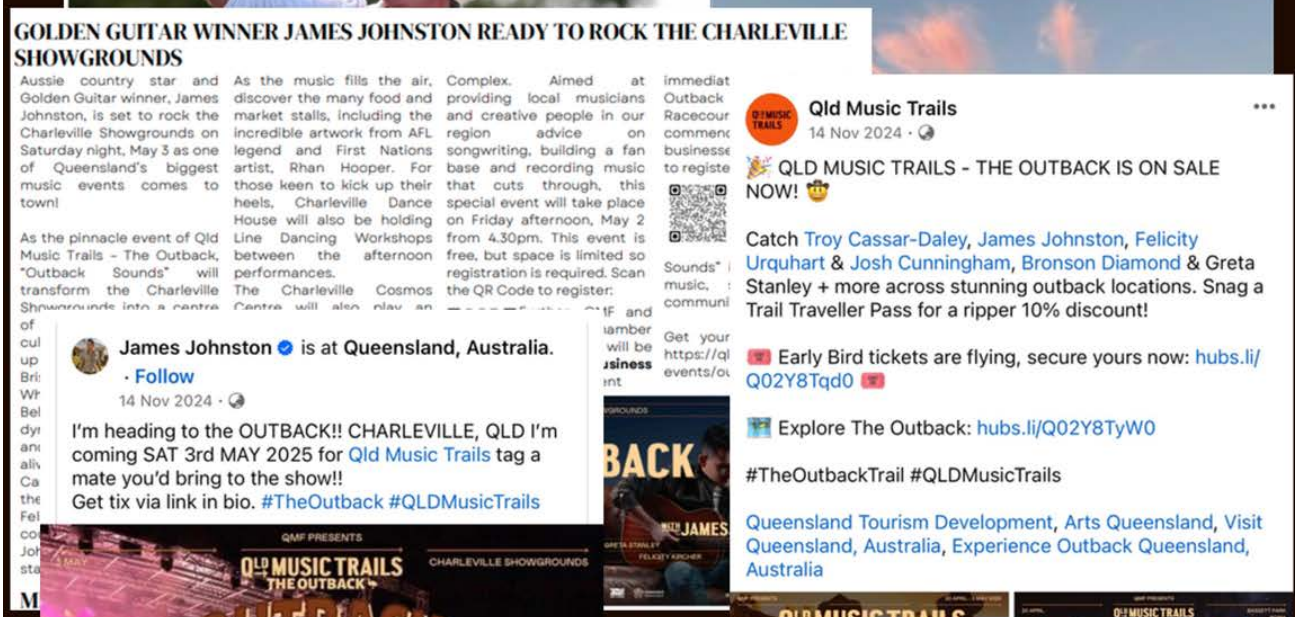


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THE OUTBACK TRAIL CAMPAIGN

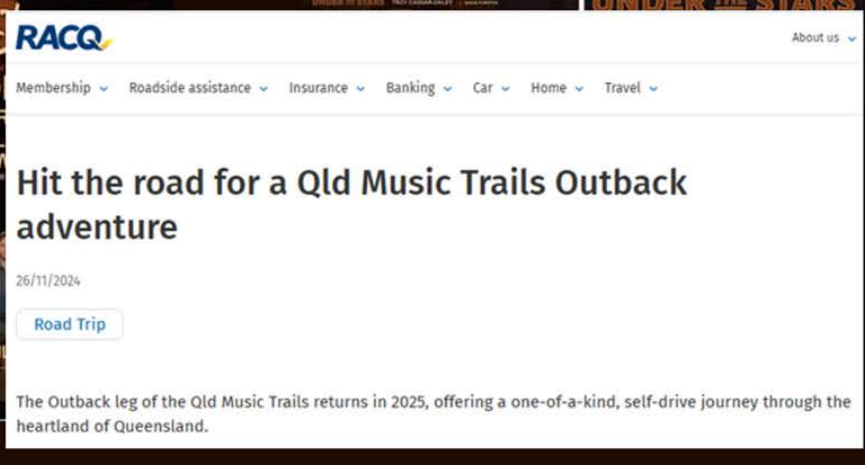












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THE OUTBACK TRAIL POSTER

Presented by QMF

QLD MUSIC TRAILS

April 20 - May 3 2025

ENJOY IT

THE OUTBACK TRAIL



1. ROMA →
2. ST GEORGE →
3. NINDIGULLY →
4. BOLLON →
5. CHARLOTTE PLAINS →
6. CUNNAMULLA →
7. THARGOMINDAH →
8. EROMANGA →
9. CHARLEVILLE →

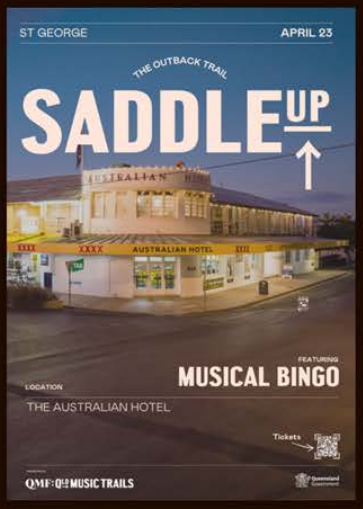


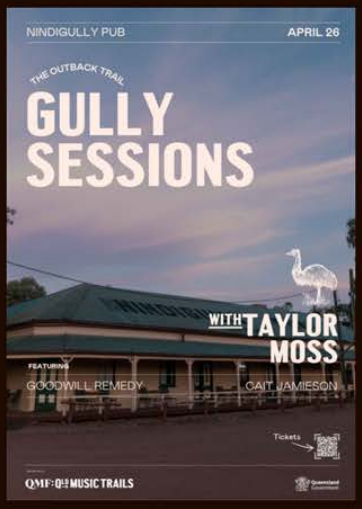
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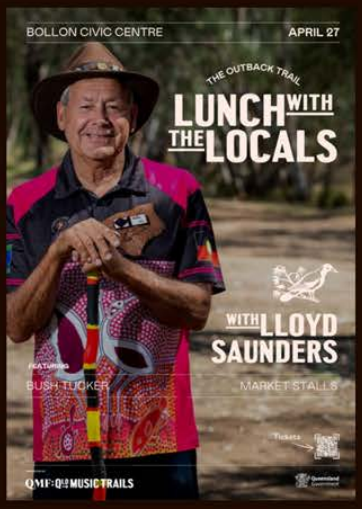
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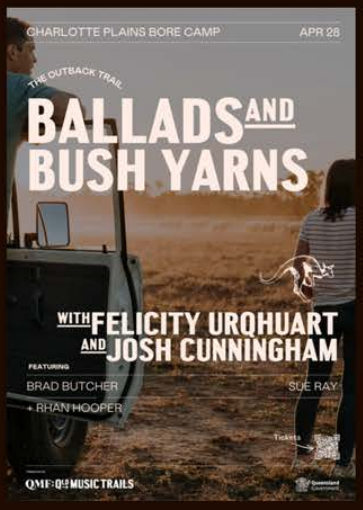
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THE OUTBACK TRAIL EVENT POSTERS

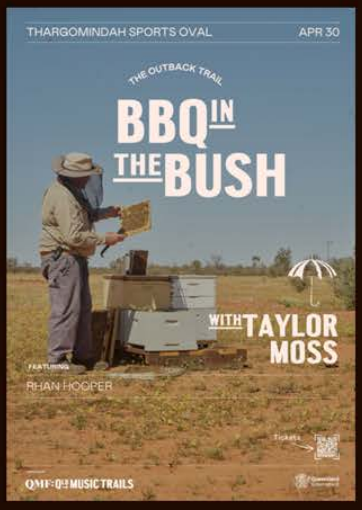


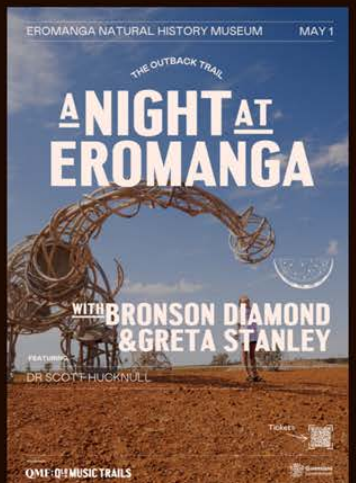
















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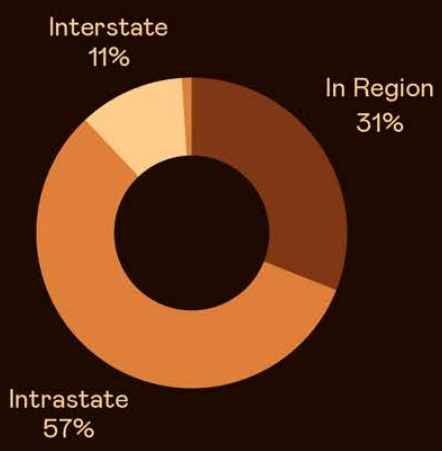
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2025 Outcome Report

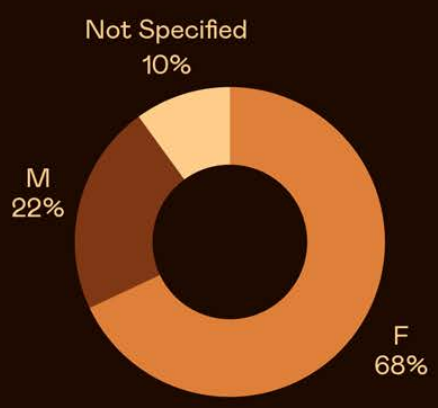


OUTBACK SOUNDS AUDIENCE AND TICKETS

Sales by Location



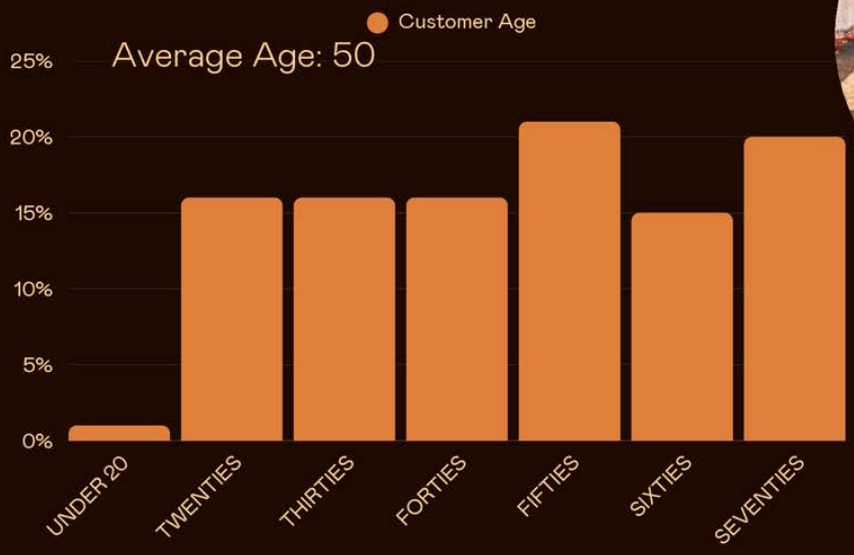
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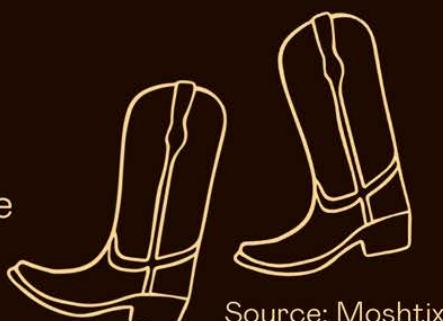


Sales by Age



$29,993 Total Revenue

1,198 Total Attendance



Source: Moshtix

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OUTBACK SOUNDS TOURISM IMPACT & OUTCOMES: CHARLEVILLE

841
Primary purpose visitors

1,163
Direct visitor nights

72%
Interstate, intrastate & international visitors

$140,851 Intrastate visitor contribution

$16,936 Interstate visitor contribution

$121.25 Average daily spend

$328,375 Total direct and incremental expenditure





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OUTBACK SOUNDS TOURISM IMPACT & OUTCOMES: QUEENSLAND

8.6
Average nights stayed in QLD

7098
Direct visitor nights

11.4%
Interstate & international visitors

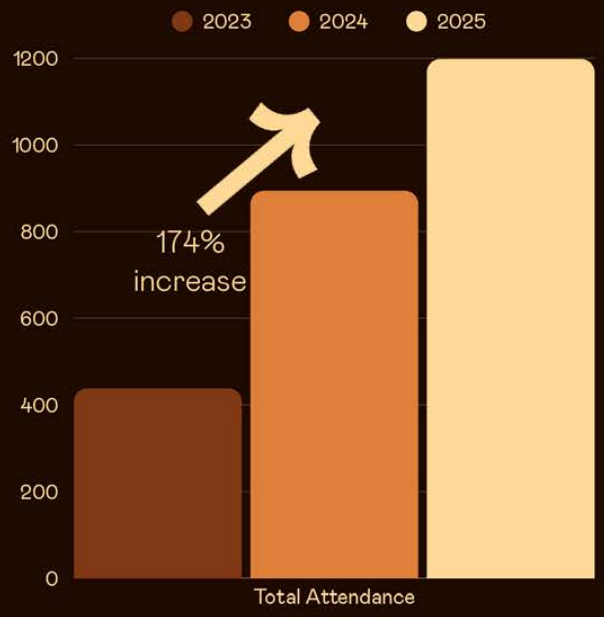
$123
Overnight visitor average daily spend

$1,149,529
Total direct and incremental expenditure

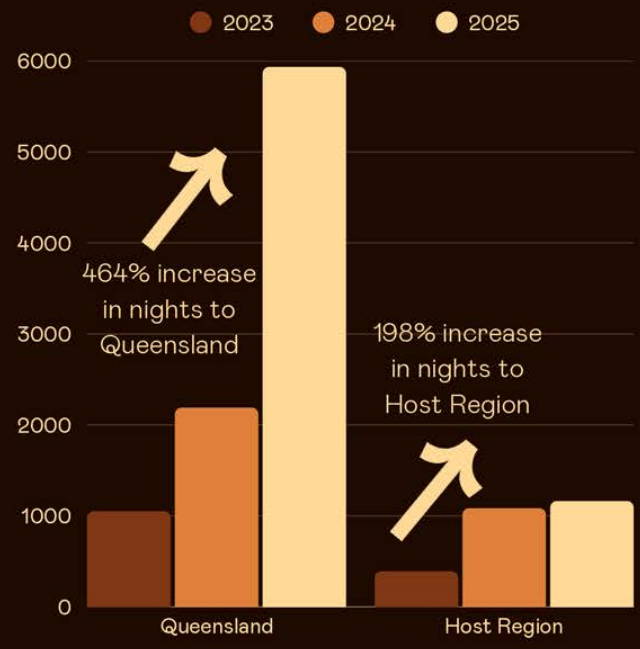


OUTBACK SOUNDS
YEAR ON YEAR GROWTH - 2023 - 2025

Total Attendance



Direct Visitor Nights



Growth in Attendance and Regional Visitation

Since launching in 2023, the Outback Sounds has experienced remarkable growth in both total attendance and tourism impact. Over three years, total attendance nearly tripled—from 438 in 2023 to 1,198 in 2025, marking a 174% increase. This growth reflects rising public interest and the event's growing reputation as a unique cultural tourism experience.

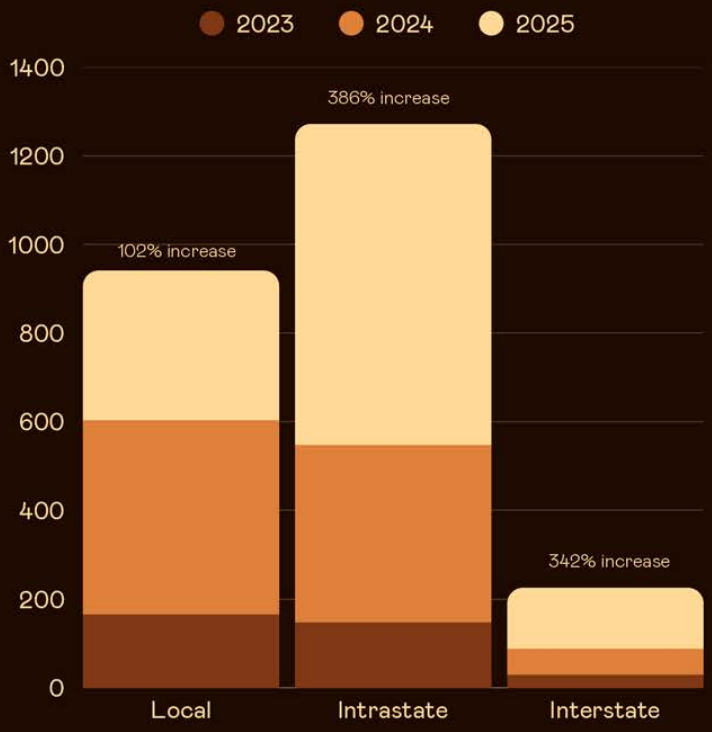
The increase in attendance has translated into strong gains in overnight stays. Direct visitor nights across Queensland grew by 464%, from 1,051 in 2023 to 5,935 in 2025, while nights spent specifically in Charleville rose by 198%, from 390 to 1,163. These trends indicate that Trail events are successfully encouraging visitors to travel further, stay longer, and spend more time in regional communities.

The sustained growth in both reach and regional tourism value reinforces the Trail's potential as a powerful driver of cultural and economic outcomes in outback Queensland.

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OUTBACK SOUNDS
YEAR ON YEAR GROWTH - 2023 - 2025

Visitor Origins



Widening Reach Across Queensland and Beyond

Outback Sounds has rapidly evolved into a significant regional drawcard, attracting increasingly diverse audiences. From 2023 to 2025, local attendance doubled (102% growth), while intrastate visitation surged by 386%—reflecting strong demand from across Queensland.

Even more impressively, interstate visitation grew by 342%, highlighting the event's rising national profile. This upward trend in geographic reach is not only deepening regional cultural engagement but also delivering major returns for local economy.

Metric	2023	2024	2025	% Increase
Total Overnight Visitor Expenditure	$171,492	$274,601	$876,393	411%
Total Daytripper Expenditure	$120	$2,186	$1,934	1,511%
Total Direct and Incremental Expenditure Host Region	$118,215	$178,645	$328,375	178%
Total Direct and Incremental Expenditure Queensland	$20,251	$225,712	$821,154	3,955%

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OUTBACK SOUNDS SOCIAL IMPACT

+58 Overall Net Promoter Score

96% Of audience surveyed agreed or strongly agreed Outback Sounds makes a contribution and impact on Charleville

95% Of audience surveyed agreed or strongly agreed it is important that Outback Sounds is happening in Charleville

87% Of audience surveyed agreed or strongly agreed Outback Sounds helped them appreciate Charlevilles characteristics

84% Of audience surveyed agreed or strongly agreed Outback Sounds provides an important addition to the cultural life of the area

82% Of audience surveyed agreed or strongly agreed Outback Sounds makes a contribution to and impact on the cultural reputation of Queensland



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TESTIMONIALS

The Drive out from Brisbane was absolutely amazing. I got to experience the Outback that I didn't think existed

How good that we get artists like James Johnston to Charleville

A sense of excitement and anticipation with such a big event coming to town, and people buzzing around (we were fortunate to have two events this year which built on the experience). A chance to get out and see awesome talent in our own backyard, and make the most of a very social occasion without having to travel. Meeting other people coming through town is extremely beneficial for building connections

It helps boost tourism and getting people of the community out and involved

A chance for the community to come together. We are a community that enjoys attending local events, but we do not have enough of them. The fact that there was so many locals at this event is a credit to the QMF. I strongly believe the artists played a big part in this, but we are lucky for events like this to be held in Charleville

It's made us feel important & like a real place on the map worth visiting. Having such a big event come to our town shows us tha we matter and are worth visiting.







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STAKEHOLDER FUNCTION

At Outback Sounds QMF, in proud partnership with Murweh Shire Council, hosted an exclusive VIP stakeholder event to mark the occasion. The evening served as both a celebration of regional creativity and a platform to acknowledge the significant partnerships and support that have brought the Outback Trail to life.

The event was honoured by the presence of Minister for Education and the Arts, the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek, who attended as guest of honour and delivered remarks recognising the Trail's impact on regional arts access, cultural tourism, and community development.

Joining Minister Langbroek were Murweh Shire Mayor Shaun Radnedge, QMF Board Chair Daniel Gschwind, and the evening's MC, country music star Taylor Moss. Over 60 additional VIP guests were in attendance, including local councillors, business leaders, tourism operators, and cultural stakeholders - highlighting the growing momentum and multi-sector support behind the Outback Trail.



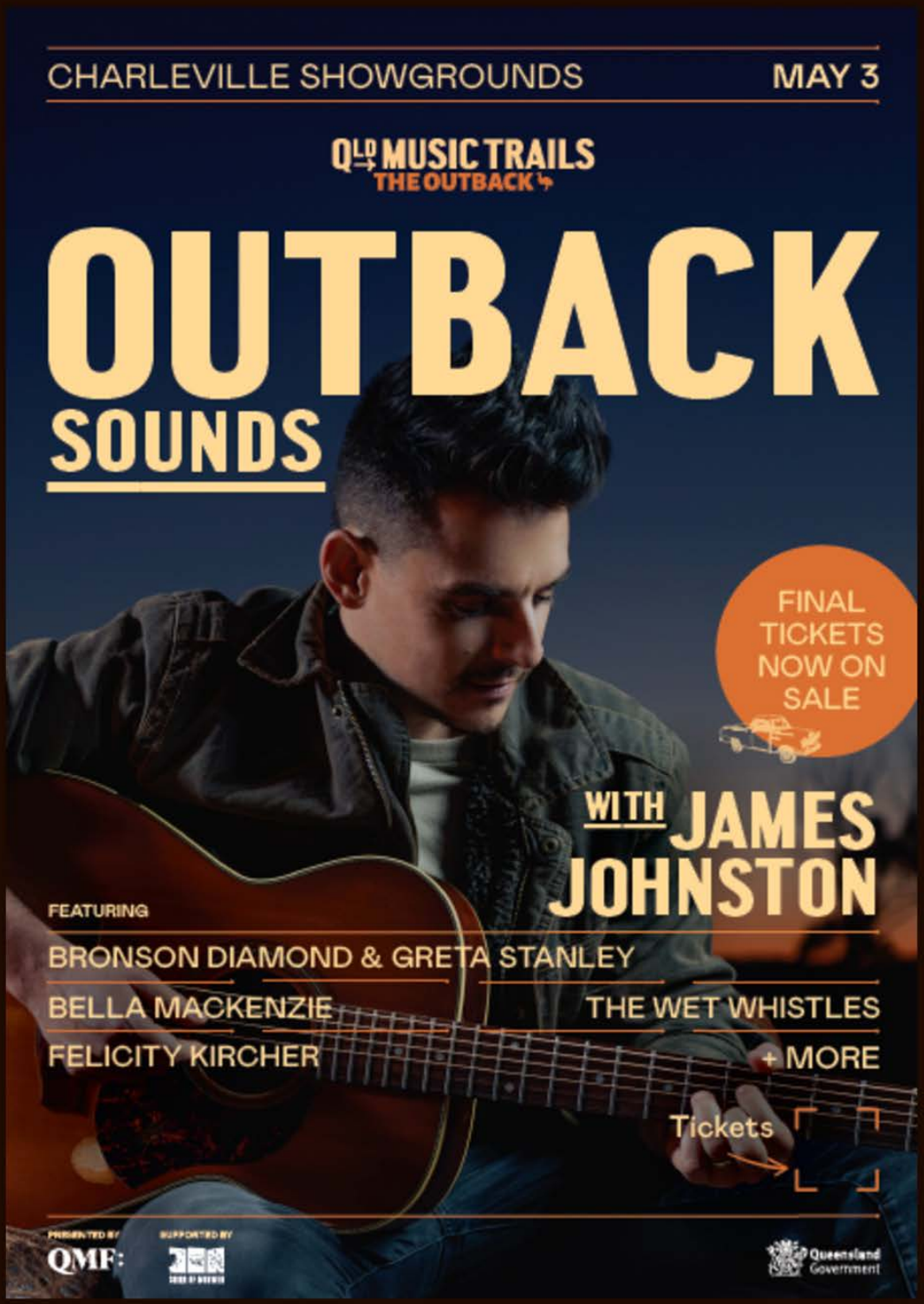








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THE OUTBACK
SADDLE UP
THE GULLY SESSIONS
LUNCH WITH THE LOCALS
BALLADS & BUSH YARNS
REELS & RAILWAY
UNEARTHED: A NIGHT AT EROMANGA
OUTBACK SOUNDS
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ESTABLISHED 1864
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live like a local
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Tracy White

Subject: FW: Outback Recovery Campaign - Tourism Update
Attachments: 2025 Outback Recovery_Phase 1_ Industry Fact sheet_FINAL.pdf

Importance: High

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Dear Outback Queensland Tourism Operators,

Thanks to $2.14 million in joint Australian and Queensland Government funding supporting tourism recovery in Western Queensland, a major marketing campaign will soon launch to encourage travellers to book an Outback Queensland holiday following the March flooding. This is a valuable opportunity to showcase your business, whether or not you're currently an OQTA member.

See the attached factsheet for full details.

Campaign overview:
• Delivered by Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) in partnership with OQTA
• Helloworld promotion: 14 August – 11 September 2025 (operators must be contracted through Helloworld)
• ATDW deals: 18 August – 30 September 2025
• Target markets: NSW and Queensland via social media and Queensland.com

How to get involved:
• Update your ATDW profile with current details and images
• List up to three deals (discount, value-add, or best available price) free of charge
• Use deals to fill booking gaps
• Showcase your business's personality through your offers

Need help?
Contact ATDW on 1800 629 749 or atdw@queensland.com or email OQTA at admin@outbackqueensland.com.au

Warm regards
DD

Denise Brown
Chief Executive Officer

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From: Robyn Richen
Sent: Friday, 15 August 2025 4:54 PM
To: Toni White
Subject: FW: Outback Queensland Destination Management Plan - Project Update

From: Denise Brown <ceo@outbackqueensland.com.au>
Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 9:07 AM
Subject: Outback Queensland Destination Management Plan - Project Update

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Dear all

We are excited to announce that the Outback Queensland Tourism Association has recently appointed visitor economy experts Sparrowly Group to undertake the development of our region's Destination Management Plan 2025-30.

The Destination Management Plan will sustainably grow Outback Queensland tourism, outlining priorities, strategies, and actions. It will aim to enhance regional tourism appeal, promoting resilience, development and growth, aligning with the Destination 2045 Plan, especially in the lead up to the Brisbane 2032 Games and beyond.

The project will run through to **early 2026** with the Final Destination Management Plan expected to be adopted and published shortly thereafter.

Sparrowly Group is familiar with our region and recently delivered the Agritourism Development Program in 2024 on behalf of OQTA.

We look forward to providing more information in due course and working with you in the development of the Plan and encouraging your businesses to take part.

DMP Project Working Group
As a key stakeholder, we would like to invite you to participate in this project by nominating **one representative** from your Council to join our DMP Project Working Group.

The Working Group will be meeting virtually throughout the development of the DMP to workshop, co-design and provide regional insights. We will be looking to work with you in a collaborative way to understand the opportunities and challenges in relation to the growth of tourism in Outback Queensland.

Meetings will be held virtually (via Teams) and are scheduled for the following dates and times:

Thursday 28 August	10 am (AEST)
Thursday 30 October	10 am (AEST)

Thursday 12 December	10 am (AEST)

Attendance will be required at all meetings. Please nominate your representative to Sam Ireland at sam@outbackqueensland.com.au by **Monday, 11 August**.

In-region consultation
We will also be undertaking in-region consultation including visioning workshops and immersion - dates and locations will be advised soon.

Further details about upcoming stakeholder engagement and opportunities to get involved will be provided shortly. We would appreciate your support in promoting this to your industry when the time comes.

In the meantime, please reach out to Sam Ireland at sam@outbackqueensland.com.au if you have any questions on the project.

Best wishes
DD

Denise Brown
Chief Executive Officer

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From: Robyn Richen
Sent: Monday, 18 August 2025 8:59 AM
To: Toni White
Subject: FW: Possible J.P. training for Justices of the Peace.
Attachments: information about becoming a JP.docx; Training Brochure 2023.pdf

From: Brian O'Rourke <brianoro@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 12:36 PM
To: Robyn Richen <Robyn_Richen@murweh.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Possible J.P. training for Justices of the Peace.

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Good afternoon Robyn,

Further to our phone conversation of a few moments ago, please allow me the opportunity to go into the subject in a bit more depth.

My name is Brian O'Rourke, fourth generation locally born man of the town of Roma, where I still reside. I have been happily married to the same lovely woman for over 52 years, who has provided us with three beautiful kids, who have in turn gone their own way, to forge their own careers and pathway in life, while at the same time providing my wife and I now with nine of the most drop dead gorgeous grandchildren you will ever encounter (not that I am at all biassed). I have been a Justice of the Peace for over forty years, and a member of the Qld. Justices Association for an equal period of time. I have a wealth of experience at training delivery and assessment, gained while a member of the working community. Since retirement, I am now putting those skills to use in the field of training and assessment of those wishing to gain the qualification of a Justice of the Peace. I am the holder of a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, and the training I deliver is under the auspices of the Qld. Justices Association (Q.J.A.), which is an R.T.O. in its own right. This Association has a proud history of over one hundred years of existence, formed in 1918.

I made phone contact with Cr. Shaun quite some months ago now, and floated the proposition that it might be timely if I was to visit Charleville for the express purpose of conducting training for any members of the local population. At the time of our conversation, he appeared to me to be enthusiastic with my proposal. Unfortunately, since that time, the Q.J.A. has undergone a major shake-up within the management structure, which paralysed somewhat any attempts at forward planning. I am pleased to announce that in recent months, the Association has risen above its own internal issues and is now leaping forward, with bright prospects for another hundred years of service to Justices of the State.

I have taken the liberty of attaching some material, seen above. One is a brief two-page piece I have written, giving a broad overview of what it means to be a J.P. and how one can acquire that status. The second is a two-page brochure, prepared and printed by the Q.J.A., with additional material therein.

I am committed to delivery of training here in Roma across the weekend of Oct. 4th & 5th. and with other existing commitments, there is no possibility I can consider Charleville based training prior to this date. If my proposal reaches fruition, I would ideally like it to be accomplished prior to Christmas, which leaves the remainder of October, all of November and early in December to achieve this goal. I hasten to add that in addition to face-to-face training, I am also involved with marking exam submissions of on-line students that stretch right across the State as well as one student in Canberra. So, as you can see, my time is very well occupied.

The actual time involved with face-to-face training is only for two days, normally conducted on a Saturday and Sunday. All students then return from whence they came and complete an on-line, open book exam, for which they are allocated twenty-eight days- plenty of time to achieve this !!

Once they have completed their on-line exam, they will be issued with a Statement of Attainment from the R.T.O., namely Q.J.A. This is a pre-requisite for them to furnish when they make application to the Dept. of Justice & Attorney General for recognition and appointment as a Justice of the Peace. From there, the usual background criminal history etc. background checks are performed, usually taking an average of twelve weeks, depending on their workload. This process cannot, and will not be hurried – they take their own time. At the completion of this, the student will receive advice from the Dept. to make an appointment with the local Magistrate. The student is duly sworn in, a bit more paperwork is attended to, the application is signed off by the Governor-in-Council and Gazetted, and eventually the student is then declared a Justice of the Peace.

As the Q.J.A. is an R.T.O. it is subject to annual audits, checks and balances, compliances etc. which do not come cheap. Therefore, a fee is levied upon each potential J.P. student. I am not one hundred per cent sure of the exact fee, but it is in the vicinity of $400, or thereabouts. Please don't quote me on this. Now, as is the case here, the name of the game is "bums on seats". The more students attending, the price per student COULD POSSIBLY reduce – no guarantees on this one. The case may well be presented that the local Council could provide some subsidy as a way of making the training more attractive. I'm just throwing this comment in for consideration. In any event, there will have to be a minimum number of students attending to make this a viable, as well as feasible exercise, and that is usually set at six students. Any more than six would be a bonus for the town. I hasten to add here that the only remuneration I receive is for travelling expenses, and in an attempt to defray this overhead, I usually take my caravan along and stay at one of the local caravan parks.

The initial setting up for the training is my responsibility, apart from some minor assistance in placing some flyers about the town, as well as insertion into your local community social media – this is imperative to publicise the event. In addition, I would be pleased to learn of a suitable venue that could be utilised. My only requirements would be suitable and sufficient table/desk and chair seating for the candidates, preferably a large-ish wall mounted screen suitable for connection to my lap-top for training purposes. Obviously, provision of male and female toilets are a given. In addition, some suitable area kitchen etc.) where candidates could have a lunch/smoko break throughout the day. The last big issue here is the matter of cost. As these candidates are paying out of their own pocket for training, and will be required to provide their services as a J.P. absolutely free of charge, the venue would be preferably available free of charge in order to defray the cost as much as possible, where possible.

Robyn, I do not wish to burden you with any additional material at this point of time. I think I have fairly well covered most of the information that you may require for the Council to approve of this proposal. I am available for further comment or clarification should further questions arise. Hopefully, once consensus has been reached as to the feasibility of my proposal, all that

remains is to decide on a mutually suitable date, and try to arouse sufficient interest among the [illegible] population to make it work.

One final comment here that just sprang to mind while I was proof reading this email. Please don't rule out the possibility of some interest shown by members of the outlying towns and district e.g Augathella, Morven, Quilpie and Cunnamulla etc. Food for thought??

I await your thought and comments.

Kind regards,

Brian O'Rourke.

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Our students are provided with 12 months complimentary membership. That means our students are entitled to access our free online eLogbook, and ongoing access to the learning material at no cost.

ENROL



QJA has a committment to excellence in JP Services through education, information, connection, advocacy and governance.

Connect to other JPs active in the community and keep up to date with our member resources and tools.

Members also have free access to our online eLogbook for use anywhere and anytime you need to keep records of your witnessing.

Membership costs less than $2 per week. Scan below to find out more.



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BECOMING A JP

To become a JP in Queensland you must complete either

- 10794NAT Course in Community Justice Services (Justice of the Peace [Qualified})

OR

- 10793NAT Course in Community Justice Servies (Commissioner for Declarations).

QJA is an RTO delivering the course (Registration nc 31906) which can be undertaken online (self-paced or in a classroom (2-3 days weekdays or weekends)

Appointment depends on eligibility. Scan the QR Code to find out more about eligibility.

On successful completion, students apply to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General for appointment.

Appointment in Queensland is for life unless you become ineligible.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"I appreciate your style of training and found the way you presented it very useful entertaining and relevant " (Peter - February 2023)

"Overall I would certainly recommend the jp training at QJA" (Tom - February 2023)

"great trainer with tons of zeal and energy and not to forget the wealth of knowledge that she brings to the class." (Katy)- February 2023)

"I got a lot out of it and am very happy that I did it online and that was an achievement for me personally" (Rob - March 2023)

"This is something I have been aiming for many years and It has been achieved so, once again a Big Thank you! "(John - March 2023)

**Real students, we just changed their names for privacy



A Commissioner for Declarations (Cdec) can perform the administrative duties namely:

- Statutory Declarations
- Affidavits
- Certify Copies
- Wills
- Powers of Attorney
- Land Titles Documents
- Other documents where prescribed

WHAT DO JPS DO?



A Justice of the Peace (Qualified) can perform the above and judicial duties such as:

- Issuing summonses
- Issuing arrest and search warrants
- Attending records of interview
- Hearing Bail Applications

WHY CHOOSE QJA?

QJA is licenced to deliver the Nationally Accredited Courses 10794NAT and 10793NAT. QJA is a Registered Training Organisation, We are not the only RTO licenced to deliver the course but ***we are certainly the ONLY Professional Association with years of experience that delivers the course.***

To us, undertaking this course is ***just the beginning*** when you are a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner for Declarations in Queensland. In Queensland you are appointed for life so why not belong to the leading professional association for that journey?

We see ***being a JP or Cdec as a profession*** worthy of the name even though it is a voluntary role because we operate under a code of conduct, have specialised knowledge and a commitment to lifelong learning.

We believe in educating, informing and connecting our members so that:

every client who needs the services of a JP or Cdec receives excellence in service .

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

11.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Author: **Accountant**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 31 July 2025, including;

1. Cash Position
2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate
3. Comparative Data
4. Capital Funding – budget vs actual
5. Road Works – budget vs actual
6. Capital Funding Detail
7. Rates Summary
8. Income Statement July 2025
9. Balance Sheet July 2025
10. Financial Statement Actual July 2025

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a financial report summarising Council's actual performance against budgeted performance must be provided to Council.

This report provides information to Council regarding actual financial performance for the month ended 31 July 2025 against the Budget FY25/26 as adopted by the Council.

Highlights of this month's Financial Report:

Report - Period Ending 31 July 2025

Revenue

As at 31 July, total revenue is $2.0M, or 4 % of the annual budget of $48.4 M.
These statements are for 1 month of the financial year and generally would represent 8.33 % of the overall budget.

Noting that the annual budget includes capital grant and subsidies.

Expenses

As of 31 July, total expenditure is $ 3.6 M, which represents 10 % of the budgeted $ 38.5 M.

Actual expenses of 10 %, which is over the year-to-date budget of 8.33 %.

Outcome

There is currently a cash balance of $ 20.1 M, (last month $22.2 M). The $2.08 M decrease is mainly due to June accrued invoices and paid in July 2025.

Restricted cash – grant not yet spent: $ 15.3 M (last month $ 15.8 M).
This restricted balance consists mainly of unspent grants, FAG advance payment and a $497K loan balance.

Actual unrestricted/surplus cash: $ 4.7 M (last month $ 6.4 M).

The total cash balance is sufficient to cover restricted cash.

The net cost to operate the Council's tourism facilities at the end of July were $98,749 compared with the YTD budget of $101,185. The budget vs actual net cost to Council YTD were $2.4 K.

Payments to Bilby fund for tickets sold less management fees are now up to date.

Capital Works

See the Capital Funding Report 2025-26 for details of all projects.

1. Cash Position
2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate
3. Comparative Data
4. Capital Funding – budget V's actual
5. Road Works – budget V's actual
6. Unrestricted Cash Balance

1. **Cash Position as at 31 July 2025**

CASH AT BANK							
	Operating Account						$326,322
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS							
	National Bank of Australia					$	-
	QTC Cash Fund						$19,807,695
				Total		**$**	**20,134,017**
The following items should be backed by cash and investments, plus any increases in the surplus of Debtors over Creditors.							
	Cash backed **Current Liabilities** (AL,LSL,SL,RDO)						$2,282,693
	Restricted cash - grants/loan received not yet spent						$15,381,027
						$	**17,663,721**
Balance of estimated rates/other **debtors** - estimated **creditors:**							
	(	$5,450,668	-	$1,450,165	)	$	4,000,503
Plus cash surplus/(deficit)		$ 20,134,017	-	$ 17,663,721		$	2,470,296
Working Capital				**Total**		**$**	**6,470,799**

2. **Monthly Cash flow Estimate: - August 2025**

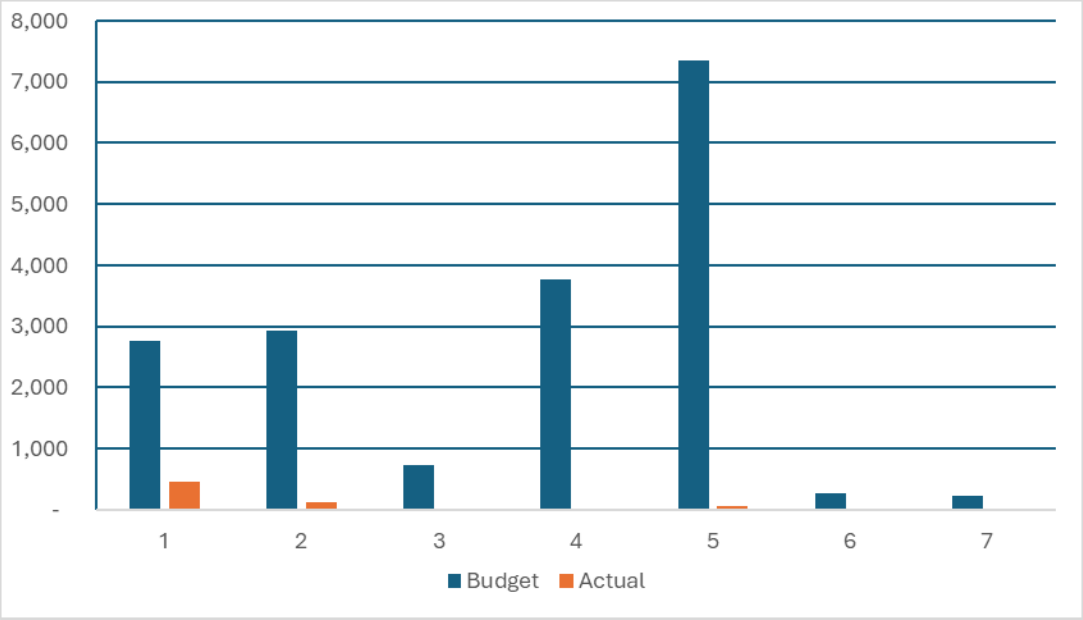
Cash Flow Estimate				
Receipts			**Expenditure**	
Rates	$50,000		Payroll	$880,000
Fees & Charges	$30,000		Creditor Payments	$1,200,000
Debtors	$25,000		Loan Payments	$0
Grants/Claims/Loan QTC	$500,000		Lease Payments	$0
Total	**$605,000**		**Total**	**$2,080,000**
Therefore, cash is expected to decrease by			**$1,475,000**	**in the period.**

3. **Comparative Data for the month of 31 July 2025**

Comparative Year	2025	2024	2023
	$000	**$000**	**$000**
Cash position	$ 20,134	$ 10,659	$ 10,659
Working capital	$ 6,471	$ 8,190	$ 7,476
Rate arrears	$ 866*	$ 713*	$ 584
Outstanding debtors	$ 46	$ 407	$ 606
Current creditors	$ 1,450	$ 306	$ 532
Total loans	$ 3,219	$ 3,423	$3,622

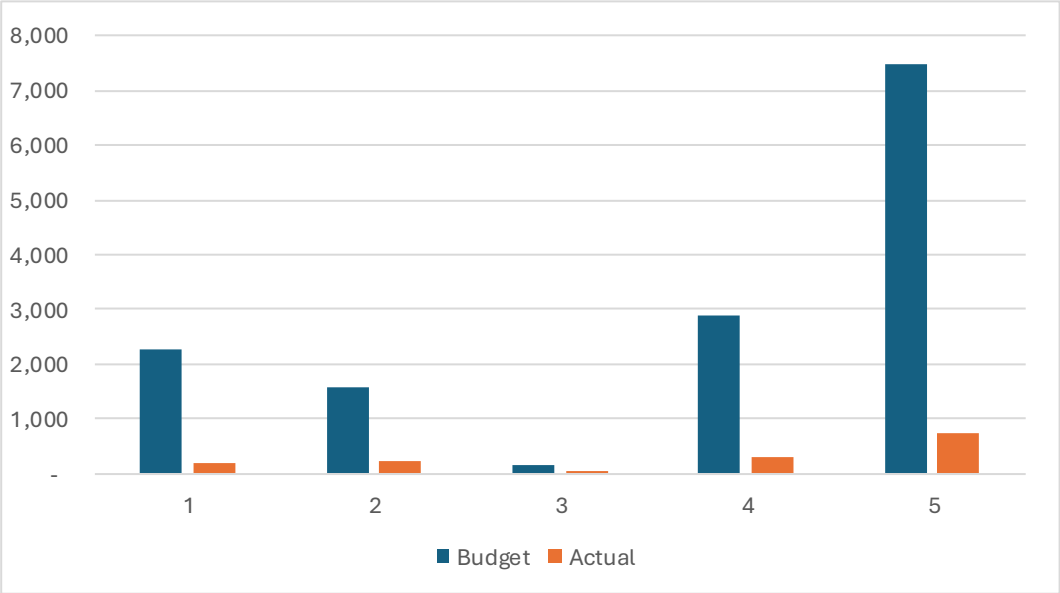
**Net of rates paid in advance of $ 405,925 and due to timing issues.*

4. Capital Funding: Year to 30 June 2025



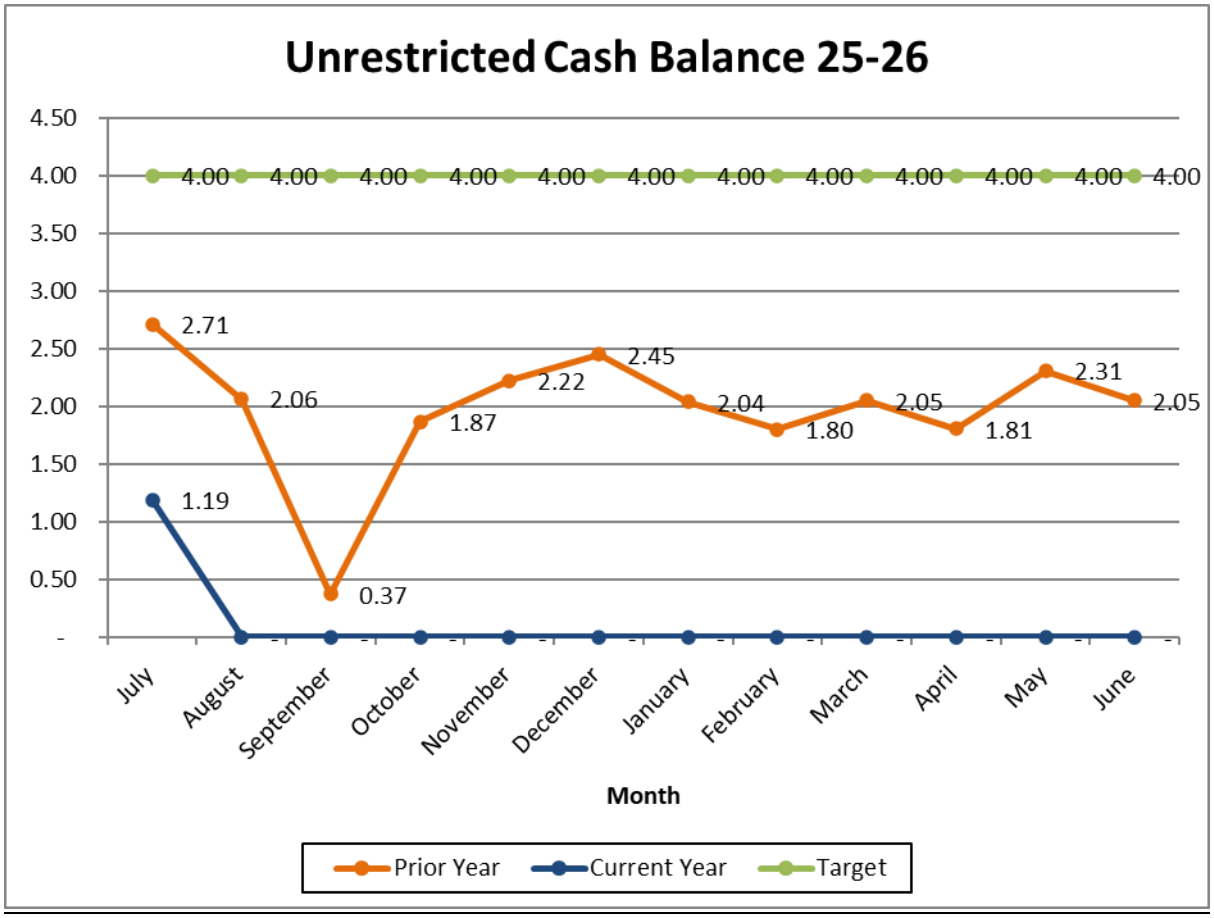
		Budget $(000)	Expended YTD Actual $(000)	% of Budget Expended
	Total Capital Funding	**$18,027**	**$652**	**3.62%**
1	**Buildings / Other Structures**	$2,766	$458	16.56%
2	**Plant & Equipment / Furniture & Fittings**	$2,921	$125	4.27%
3	**Airport Upgrade**	$727	$0	0.00%
4	**Roads & Drainage Infrastructure**	$3,766	$1	0.02%
5	**Water & Sewerage Infrastructure**	$7,345	$66	0.89%
6	**Office/Other Equip**	$280	$3	1.07%
7	**QTC - Loan Redemption**	$222	$0	0.00%

5. **Road Works Expenditure: Year to 31 July 2025**



		Budget $(000)	Expended YTD Actual $(000)	% of Budget Expended
	Total Road Expenditure	**$14,390**	**$1,481**	**10%**
1	**Rural Roads**	$2,281	$207	**9%**
2	**Town Streets**	$1,589	$215	**14%**
3	**Private Works**	$136	$1	**1%**
4	**RMPC Works**	$2,884	$316	**11%**
5	**Flood Damage**	$7,500	$742	**10%**

6. **Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio: Year to 31 July 2025**



		Prior Year	Current Year	Target
	Cash Expense Cover			
1	**July**	2.7 months	1.19 months	> 4 months
2	**August**	2.1 months		> 4 months
3	**September**	0.4 months		> 4 months
4	**October**	1.9 months		> 4 months
5	**November**	2.2 months		> 4 months
6	**December**	2.4 months		> 4 months
7	**January**	2.0 months		> 4 months
8	**February**	1.8 months		> 4 months
9	**March**	2.0 months		> 4 months
10	**April**	1.8 months		> 4 months
11	**May**	2.3 months		> 4 months

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Capital Funding Detail** ⇩
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CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS
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Projects											
Asset Class/GL Number	**Job Number**	**Project Description**	**Funding source**	**30/06/2025 Balance carry over projects**	**Actual year to date 2025-26**	**% of 2025-26 budget**	**Budget Project Costs 2025-26**	**Responsible Officer**	**Officers update, ie % of completion, what's been done, commitments, etc**	**Project Status (traffic lights)**	**Progress (%)**
Land Improvements											
217-4000-0	1500-0040-0000	Aurora Estate Stage 2	Housing Support Program (Fed)	$ 242,506	$22,990	6.84%	$336,078	DES			
	8000-1650-0000	Morven Industrial Land	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$0	Remove			
	Sub total			**$ 242,506**	**$ 22,990**		**$ 336,078**				
Airport											
242-4000-0	8000-3609-0000	Charleville Airport Masterplan	W4QLD 24-27	$ -	$0	0.00%	$50,000	DES			
	8000-3608-0000	Augathella Airstrip-Old Tambo road - Augathella LRCIP 4	LRCIP 4	$ 22,775	$0	0.00%	$77,225	DES			
	NEW	Charleville Airport Reseal Project - RAUP Funding	50% funded by Dept of Industry, Science and Resources under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program	$ -	$0	0.00%	$600,000	DES			
	Sub total			**$ 22,775**	**$ -**		**$ 727,225**				
Buildings & Other											
360-4000-0	8000-1750-0000	Executive Housing	Loan	$ 502,099	$425,566	85.47%	$497,915	CEO	Council has settled for the premises at 23 Racecourse Drive 0n31 July		
	8000-2592-0000	Cosmos Upgrade	Dept Tourism& Sport	$ 115,964	$0	0.00%	$42,637	DEDT			
	8000-2593-0000	Construct amenities to support Multi -sport at Charleville Showgrounds-Dept of Tourism/sport	Dept Tourism& Sport	$ 26,755	$0	0.00%	$551,534	DES			
	8000-2591-0000	King Edward Park Precinct Masterplan	W4QLD 24-27	$ -	$0	0.00%	$50,000	DEDT			
	8000-2590-0000	Council Facility Infrastructure Program	W4QLD 24-27	$ 201,496	$0	0.00%	$398,504	DES			
	NEW	Replace A/C at the Art Gallery	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$80,000	DES			
	NEW	Charleville Racecourse Jockey Room Replacement	Racing Qld 258K and Central Wareego Race Club 51K	$ -	$0	0.00%	$360,000	DES			
	NEW	Charleville Town Hall Refurbishment Project	General	$ -		0.00%	$100,000	DES			
370-4000-0	8000-2953-0000	Charleville Racecourse Upgrades LRCIP 4	LRCIP 4	$ 243,623	$1,280	1.47%	$87,266	DES			
	8000-2962-0000	New Lawn Cemetery Beams	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$14,300	DES			
	NEW	Solar Projects	50% funded by Community Energy Upgrade Fund(Dept of Industry Science and Resources)	$ -	$0	0.00%	$202,900	DEDT			
	NEW	New Lawn Cemetery Beams	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$15,000	DES			
	NEW	Area Promotion Signage Renewals	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$20,000	DES			
	8000-2966-0000	Qantas Heritage Trail Monument	General	$ -	$8,320	83.20%	$10,000	CEO			
	Sub total			**$1,089,938**	**$435,166**		**$2,430,055**				
Plant Clearing Account											
445-4000-0	8000-1200-0000	Plant Purchase	General	$ 2,078,905	$124,697	4.27%	$2,921,095	DES			
	Sub total			**$ 2,078,905**	**$124,697**		**$2,921,095**				
Road Infrastructure											
525-4000-0	8000-3024-0000	Town Street Rehabilitation Program	W4Qld 24-27. Additonal 50K from the compatibility project not approved	$ -	$0	0.00%	$100,000	DES			
	3620-0024-0602	Kerb and Channel renewals	General	$ -	$615	0.41%	$150,000	DES			
	NEW	Footpath renewals	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$200,000	DES			
	NEW	Town Street Rehabilitation Program	W4Qld 24-27. Additonal 50K from the compatibility project not approved	$ -	$0	0.00%	$300,000	DES			
	NEW	R2R/TIDS project - Alfred Street Charleville Refurbishment	R2R/TIDS	$ -	$0	0.00%	$1,500,000	DES			
	NEW	R2R/TIDS project - Rural Road Reseal - Biddenhan & Mount Tabor	R2R/TIDS	$ -	$0	0.00%	$640,126	DES			
	NEW	R2R - Resheeting & Reseals - Rural	R2R	$ -	$0	0.00%	$437,843	DES			
	NEW	R2R - Resheeting & Reseals - Urban	R2R	$ -	$0	0.00%	$437,842	DES			
	Sub total			**$0**	**$615**		**$3,765,811**				
Water Infrastructure											
555-4000-0	8000-5270-0000	Water and Sewerage CA & Programming	W4QLD 24-27	$ -	$0	0.00%	$100,000	DES			
	8000-5254-0000	Charleville water renewals	General	$ -	$155	0.08%	$200,000	DES			
	8000-5260-0000	Morven water renewals	General	$ -	$32,668	21.78%	$150,000	DES			
	8000-5252-0000	Augathella water renewals	General	$ -	$19,756	13.17%	$150,000	DES			
	8000-5270-0000	Water & Sewer Infrastructure Program - W4Q	W4Qld 24-27	$ -	$0	0.00%	$400,000	DES			
	Sub total			**$ -**	**$ 52,578**		**$ 1,000,000**				
Sewerage Infrastructure											
585-4000-0	8000-5370-0000	Augathella CED Scheme	LGSSP 22-24	$ 596,551	$5,213	0.50%	$1,051,348	DES			
	8000-5372-0000	Augathella CED Scheme Design	BOR	$ 334,282	$0	0.00%	$334,282	DES			
	8000-5375-0000	Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade	LGSSP 22-24	$ 1,151,019	$7,819	0.17%	$4,709,847	DES			
	8000-5350-0000	Augathella sewerage renewals	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$100,000	DES			

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	8000-5360-0000	Charleville Sewer Network Renewal Program	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$150,000	DES			
	Sub total			**$ 2,081,853**	**$13,032**		**$6,345,478**				
Equipment Clearing Account											
597-4000-0	NEW	Corporate Computer network replacements	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$100,000	DCS			
	8000-1799-0000	Computer Replacement Program	General	$ -	$2,986	3.73%	$80,000	DCS			
	NEW	Dental Equipment	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$100,000	DCS			
	Sub total			**$ -**	**$2,986**	**0.00%**	**$280,000**				
	Total Capital			**$5,515,976**	**$652,064**		**$17,805,743**				
Loan repayments		Current Loans Payments	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$221,539	DCS			
	Sub total				**$0**	**0.00%**	**$221,539**				
GRAND TOTAL				**$5,515,976**	**$652,064**		**$18,027,282**				

STATEMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

31 July 2025

	ARREARS 30 JUNE 2025	LEVIES	INTEREST	RECEIPTS	DISCOUNT	WRITE OFFS	PENSIONER STATE	PENSIONER COUNCIL	BALANCE
Charleville	$290,738.24	$0.00	$2,367.96	$16,073.19	$0.00	$7.95	$0.00	$0.00	$277,025.06
Augathella	$34,029.24	$0.00	$220.14	$3,304.31	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$30,945.07
Morven	$19,953.71	$0.00	$192.54	$1,493.39	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$18,652.86
Total Urban	$344,721.19	$0.00	$2,780.64	$20,870.89	$0.00	$7.95	$0.00	$0.00	$326,622.99
Rural	$218,135.54	-$10,634.64	$1,974.51	$1,060.35	-$1,063.48	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$209,478.54
TOTAL GENERAL	$562,856.73	-$10,634.64	$4,755.15	$21,931.24	-$1,063.48	$7.95	$0.00	$0.00	$536,101.53
CLEANSING	$157,076.94	-$35.90	$1,263.19	$10,072.23	-$3.60	$0.93	$0.00	$0.00	$148,234.67
SEWERAGE	$166,394.40	$0.00	$1,343.76	$8,560.27	$0.00	$1.10	$0.00	$0.00	$159,176.79
WATER	$296,155.29	$0.00	$2,420.45	$18,874.10	$0.00	$1.49	$0.00	$0.00	$279,700.15
WATER CONSUMPTION	$39,203.87	$0.00	$0.00	$3,333.26	$0.00	$17.36	$0.00	$0.00	$35,853.25
C.E.D.	$29,361.91	$0.00	$150.77	$4,251.23	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$25,261.45
LEGAL FEES	$11,207.11	$4,400.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$15,607.11
LAND CHARGES	$752.23	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$752.23
TOTALS	$1,263,008.48	-$6,270.54	$9,933.32	$67,022.33	-$1,067.08	$28.83	$0.00	$0.00	$1,200,687.18
								STATE EMERGENCY LEVY	$71,751.05
								TOTAL CURRENT & ARREARS	**$1,272,438.23**

Current Year	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years +	Interest	
$4,400.00	$594,542.29	$252,934.77	$127,465.56	$63,453.39	$61,637.05	$168,005.17	$1,272,438.23
						RATES PAID IN ADVANCE	$405,925.07
						NET OUTSTANDING AS PER RATES GL	$866,513.16

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		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
		31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025		Budget
1000-0001	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT									
1100-0002	CORP GOVERNANCE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	70,913.10	11%	635,879	(70,913.10)	11%	(635,879)
1300-0002	DISASTER MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	140,319	30,991.10	18%	169,143	(30,991.10)	108%	(28,824)
1500-0002	HUMAN RESOURCES SUB PROGRAM	818.18	---%	0	27,287.25	9%	313,040	(26,469.07)	8%	(313,040)
1000-0001	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT	818.18	1%	140,319	129,191.45	12%	1,118,062	(128,373.27)	13%	(977,743)
2000-0001	CORPORATE SERVICES									
2100-0002	REVENUE SUB PROGRAM	103,241.10	1%	13,299,913	0.00	0%	0	103,241.10	1%	13,299,913
2200-0002	STORES OPERATION SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	92,287.18	95%	96,955	(92,287.18)	95%	(96,955)
2300-0002	ADMINISTRATION SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	200,000	470,022.06	14%	3,382,281	(470,022.06)	15%	(3,182,281)
2400-0002	FINANCE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	6,335.12	7%	87,038	(6,335.12)	7%	(87,038)
2500-0002	ONCOSTS SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	79,317.73	-58%	(135,985)	(79,317.73)	-58%	135,985
2600-0002	LIBRARY SUB PROGRAM	350.91	1%	38,980	36,369.49	12%	300,433	(36,018.58)	14%	(261,453)
2700-0002	AERODROMES SUB PROGRAM	45,800.12	11%	422,575	89,681.51	8%	1,131,193	(43,881.39)	6%	(708,618)
2800-0002	AREA PROMOTION/DEVT SUB PRO									
2800-0003	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	687,016.72	7%	9,614,069	17,198.73	3%	576,645	669,817.99	7%	9,037,424
2805-0003	COUNCIL HOUSING	0.00	0%	22,867	13,145.71	10%	128,376	(13,145.71)	12%	(105,509)
2815-0003	CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0%	30,000	21,608.95	10%	221,280	(21,608.95)	11%	(191,280)
2820-0003	TOURISM & PROMOTION									
2855-0004	TOURISM AND PROMOTION	291,416.69	19%	1,519,799	390,165.86	13%	2,940,921	(98,749.17)	7%	(1,421,122)
2820-0003	TOURISM & PROMOTION	291,416.69	19%	1,519,799	390,165.86	13%	2,940,921	(98,749.17)	7%	(1,421,122)
2800-0002	AREA PROMOTION/DEVT SUB PRO	978,433.41	9%	11,186,735	442,119.25	11%	3,867,222	536,314.16	7%	7,319,513
2000-0001	CORPORATE SERVICES	1,127,825.54	4%	25,148,203	1,216,132.34	14%	8,729,137	(88,306.80)	-1%	16,419,066
3200-0001	HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES									
3200-0002	SPORT, REC & COMMUNITY FACILITIES									
3200-0003	SPORTS & RECREATION FACILITIES									
3200-0004	PARKS GARDENS & RESERVES	0.00	0%	0	131,783.23	6%	2,042,793	(131,783.23)	6%	(2,042,793)
3220-0004	RACECOURSE	2,527.28	3%	75,088	11,383.89	4%	292,397	(8,856.61)	4%	(217,309)
3240-0004	SWIMMING POOLS	0.00	0%	0	11,948.98	3%	375,546	(11,948.98)	3%	(375,546)
3200-0003	SPORTS & RECREATION FACILITIES	2,527.28	3%	75,088	155,116.10	6%	2,710,736	(152,588.82)	6%	(2,635,648)
3260-0003	COMMUNITY FACILITIES									
3260-0004	TELEVISION, CCTV and WIFI	0.00	0%	0	1,311.71	1%	161,135	(1,311.71)	1%	(161,135)

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		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
		31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025		Budget
3270-0004	HALLS & CENTRES	1,734.56	3%	69,283	12,197.92	3%	471,055	(10,463.36)	3%	(401,772)
3280-0004	SHOWGROUNDS	2,230.00	7%	30,636	14,591.01	5%	272,218	(12,361.01)	5%	(241,582)
3290-0004	CEMETERIES & MEMORIALS	3,463.56	7%	52,937	24,306.17	13%	187,093	(20,842.61)	16%	(134,156)
3320-0004	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	0.00	0%	0	25,614.78	10%	259,308	(25,614.78)	10%	(259,308)
3330-0004	AGED CARE	9,489.60	10%	96,340	6,510.39	6%	109,653	2,979.21	-22%	(13,313)
3260-0003	COMMUNITY FACILITIES	16,917.72	7%	249,196	84,531.98	6%	1,460,462	(67,614.26)	6%	(1,211,266)
3200-0002	SPORT, REC & COMMUNITY FACILITIES	19,445.00	6%	324,284	239,648.08	6%	4,171,198	(220,203.08)	6%	(3,846,914)
3400-0002	ENVIRONMENTAL SUB PROGRAM									
3410-0003	COMMUNITY HEALTH	870.00	5%	17,620	16,564.88	8%	199,073	(15,694.88)	9%	(181,453)
3435-0003	ANIMAL CONTROL	5,325.54	8%	65,792	15,355.33	4%	376,802	(10,029.79)	3%	(311,010)
3460-0003	RESERVES	0.00	0%	0	35,880.95	13%	270,965	(35,880.95)	13%	(270,965)
3475-0003	STOCK ROUTES	0.00	0%	209,000	26,700.61	4%	663,905	(26,700.61)	6%	(454,905)
3400-0002	ENVIRONMENTAL SUB PROGRAM	6,195.54	2%	292,412	94,501.77	6%	1,510,745	(88,306.23)	7%	(1,218,333)
3500-0002	REFUSE MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM									
3500-0004	CHARLEVILLE REFUSE MANAGEMENT	3,174.41	0%	824,386	19,287.86	2%	929,519	(16,113.45)	15%	(105,133)
3540-0004	MORVEN REFUSE MANAGEMENT	51.11	---%	0	3,595.60	9%	39,686	(3,544.49)	9%	(39,686)
3570-0004	AUGATHELLA REFUSE MANAGEMENT	80.40	---%	0	4,043.41	10%	38,665	(3,963.01)	10%	(38,665)
3500-0002	REFUSE MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM	3,305.92	0%	824,386	26,926.87	3%	1,007,870	(23,620.95)	13%	(183,484)
3200-0001	HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	28,946.46	2%	1,441,082	361,076.72	5%	6,689,813	(332,130.26)	6%	(5,248,731)
4000-0001	ENGINEERING SERVICES									
4100-0002	ENGINEERING OFFICE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	765,454.31	17%	4,419,282	(765,454.31)	17%	(4,419,282)
4200-0002	BUILDING & PLANNING SUB PROGRAM	9,462.09	9%	104,603	11,163.92	4%	249,039	(1,701.83)	1%	(144,436)
4300-0002	PLANT OPERATIONS SUB PROGRAM	55,935.12	42%	133,066	(442,545.21)	125%	(353,914)	498,480.33	102%	486,980
4400-0002	PRIVATE WORKS ACTIVITIES	30,339.93	0%	7,590,094	423,602.71	11%	4,006,154	(393,262.78)	-11%	3,583,940
4500-0002	OTHER ROAD ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	703,200.76	6%	10,961,155	1,072,595.46	10%	10,312,842	(369,394.70)	-57%	648,313
4000-0001	ENGINEERING SERVICES	798,937.90	4%	18,788,918	1,830,271.19	10%	18,633,403	(1,031,333.29)	-663%	155,515
5100-0001	WATER & SEWERAGE SERVICES									
5100-0002	WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM									
5100-0003	CHARLEVILLE WATER	2,055.98	0%	1,837,612	50,189.35	5%	1,044,179	(48,133.37)	-6%	793,433
5200-0003	MORVEN WATER	1,059.06	104%	1,017	11,191.87	5%	207,941	(10,132.81)	5%	(206,924)
5300-0003	AUGATHELLA WATER	210.56	10%	2,099	19,660.81	10%	195,919	(19,450.25)	10%	(193,820)

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		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
		31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025		Budget
5390-0003	WATER DEPRECIATION	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	648,324	0.00	0%	(648,324)
5100-0002	WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	3,325.60	0%	1,840,728	81,042.03	4%	2,096,363	(77,716.43)	30%	(255,635)
5400-0002	SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM									
5400-0003	CHARLEVILLE SEWERAGE	1,342.66	0%	943,609	35,423.06	6%	582,685	(34,080.40)	-9%	360,924
5450-0003	AUGATHELLA SEWERAGE	150.77	0%	96,711	4,732.38	5%	88,519	(4,581.61)	-56%	8,192
5490-0003	SEWERAGE DEPRECIATION	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	531,446	0.00	0%	(531,446)
5400-0002	SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	1,493.43	0%	1,040,320	40,155.44	3%	1,202,650	(38,662.01)	24%	(162,330)
5100-0001	WATER & SEWERAGE SERVICES	4,819.03	0%	2,881,048	121,197.47	4%	3,299,013	(116,378.44)	28%	(417,965)
	TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE	1,961,347.11	4%	48,399,570	3,657,869.17	10%	38,469,428	(1,696,522.06)	-17%	9,930,142

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		OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Jul 2025		YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Jul 2025		CURRENT BALANCE BUDGET
	CURRENT ASSETS							
0100-0001	CURRENT ASSETS							
0105-3000	Cash at Bank - General Account	673,576.12	(349,623.56)	---%	0	323,952.56	48%	673,576
0110-3000	Cash on Hand	1,570.00	0.00	0%	0	1,570.00	100%	1,570
0115-3000	QTC - Cash Investments	21,512,886.15	(1,705,190.25)	25%	(6,702,024)	19,807,695.90	133%	14,843,520
0116-3000	NAB - Term Deposits	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0117-3000	Cash: Cosmos Centre Float	500.00	0.00	0%	0	500.00	100%	500
0118-3000	Cash: Visitor Info Centre	300.00	0.00	0%	0	300.00	100%	300
0120-3000	Accounts Receivable - Rates	997,134.52	(131,021.36)	---%	0	866,113.16	87%	997,135
0121-3000	Acct Rec - Rates EOY Receipts	341,384.99	0.00	0%	0	341,384.99	---%	0
0127-3000	Provision for Doubtful Rates	(165,032.94)	0.00	0%	0	(165,032.94)	100%	(165,033)
0130-3000	Stores and Materials	466,176.33	(81,677.32)	---%	0	384,499.01	82%	466,176
0132-3000	Inventory - Cosmos Centre	109,909.83	0.00	0%	0	109,909.83	100%	109,910
0140-3000	Prepaid Expenses	244,212.34	(132,182.98)	---%	0	112,029.36	46%	244,212
0147-3000	Accrued Revenue - General	65,066.76	0.00	0%	0	65,066.76	---%	0
0148-3000	Contract Assets	3,672,886.38	0.00	0%	0	3,672,886.38	146%	2,524,219
0150-3000	Workers Compensation Receivable	25,617.49	0.00	0%	0	25,617.49	100%	25,617
0155-3000	Accounts Receivable - Debtors	801,154.12	(755,087.68)	---%	0	46,066.44	6%	801,154
0156-3000	Accts Rec - Debtors EOY Receipts	(529,713.50)	529,713.50	---%	0	0.00	0%	0
0160-3000	Provision for Doubtful Debts	(16,022.98)	0.00	0%	0	(16,022.98)	100%	(16,023)
0165-3000	GST Receivable/Suspense	126,772.33	(5,631.41)	---%	0	121,140.92	96%	126,772
0170-3000	Industrial Land for Resale	1,156,028.41	0.00	0%	0	1,156,028.41	100%	1,156,028
0171-3000	Provision for Obsolescence	(603,028.40)	0.00	0%	0	(603,028.40)	100%	(603,028)
0100-0001	CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL	28,881,377.95	(2,630,701.06)	39%	(6,702,024)	26,250,676.89	124%	21,186,605
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	28,881,377.95	(2,630,701.06)	39%	(6,702,024)	26,250,676.89	124%	21,186,605

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		OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Jul 2025		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Jul 2025		BUDGET
	NON-CURRENT ASSETS							
0200-0001	NON-CURRENT ASSETS							
0200-4000	Land at Cost	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0205-4000	Land for Resale	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0210-4000	Land at Valuation	3,517,500.00	0.00	0%	0	3,517,500.00	111%	3,166,675
0211-4000	Land Improvements at Valuation	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0215-4000	Land Clearing Account	28,149.92	0.00	0%	0	28,149.92	85%	33,150
0217-4000	WIP - Land Improvements	259,760.64	0.00	0%	336,078	259,760.64	44%	595,839
0221-4000	Aerodrome Landing Strip at Cost	307,501.22	0.00	0%	0	307,501.22	100%	307,501
0231-4000	Aerodrome Landing Strip at Valuation	15,231,157.95	0.00	0%	0	15,231,157.95	100%	15,231,158
0241-4000	Accum Depn - Aerodrome Landing Strip	(4,349,913.04)	0.00	0%	(457,242)	(4,349,913.04)	90%	(4,807,155)
0242-4000	WIP - Aerodrome Upgrade	87,779.40	0.00	0%	727,225	87,779.40	11%	815,004
0300-4000	Buildings at Cost	11,109,311.25	0.00	0%	0	11,109,311.25	264%	4,205,879
0310-4000	Buildings at Valuation	72,476,483.99	0.00	0%	0	72,476,483.99	100%	72,476,484
0320-4000	Accum Depn - Buildings	(28,700,556.66)	0.00	0%	(953,523)	(28,700,556.66)	97%	(29,660,939)
0330-4000	Other Structures at Cost	4,370,094.06	0.00	0%	0	4,370,094.06	134%	3,268,739
0340-4000	Other Structures at Valuation	7,659,914.36	0.00	0%	0	7,659,914.36	100%	7,659,914
0350-4000	Accum Depn - Other Structures	(2,814,799.17)	0.00	0%	(756,269)	(2,814,799.17)	79%	(3,571,068)
0360-4000	WIP - Buildings	361,446.62	435,606.92	21%	2,080,590	797,053.54	9%	9,328,328
0370-4000	WIP - Other Structures	1,064,003.37	(30,459.77)	-9%	349,466	1,033,543.60	39%	2,661,480
0380-4000	Parks at Cost	994,160.58	0.00	0%	0	994,160.58	100%	994,161
0381-4000	Accum Depn - Parks	(7,418,250.81)	0.00	0%	0	(7,418,250.81)	100%	(7,418,251)
0382-4000	WIP - Parks	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0383-4000	Parks at Valuation	17,106,580.62	0.00	0%	0	17,106,580.62	100%	17,106,581
0400-4000	Equipment and Furniture Fittings	3,554,578.63	0.00	0%	0	3,554,578.63	105%	3,369,774
0410-4000	Accum Depn - Equipment and FF	(1,937,010.32)	0.00	0%	(69,833)	(1,937,010.32)	97%	(2,006,843)
0411-4000	Plant	19,280,419.87	0.00	0%	(1,221,094)	19,280,419.87	107%	18,059,326
0415-4000	Accum Depreciation - Plant	(8,613,752.94)	0.00	0%	0	(8,613,752.94)	100%	(8,613,753)
0420-4000	Furniture and Fittings	2,112,888.28	0.00	0%	0	2,112,888.28	100%	2,112,888
0430-4000	Accum Depn - Furniture and Fittings	(2,478,710.10)	0.00	0%	0	(2,478,710.10)	100%	(2,478,710)
0445-4000	Plant Clearing Account	113,537.67	88,389.45	3%	2,921,095	201,927.12	7%	2,965,722
0500-4000	Road Infrastructure at Cost	13,694,675.95	0.00	0%	0	13,694,675.95	100%	13,691,483
0510-4000	Road Infrastructure at Valuation	369,344,237.43	0.00	0%	0	369,344,237.43	108%	343,531,069
0520-4000	Accum Depn - Road Infrastructure	(82,549,676.27)	(688,884.00)	19%	(3,628,810)	(83,238,560.27)	103%	(80,509,906)
0525-4000	WIP - Road Infrastructure	3,546,092.57	15,105.82	0%	3,765,811	3,561,198.39	49%	7,296,798
0530-4000	Water Infrastructure at Cost	2,446,642.08	0.00	0%	0	2,446,642.08	100%	2,446,642
0540-4000	Water Infrastructure at Valuation	37,677,292.49	0.00	0%	0	37,677,292.49	100%	37,677,292
0550-4000	Accum Depn - Water Infrastructure	(18,241,497.48)	0.00	0%	(648,324)	(18,241,497.48)	97%	(18,889,821)
0555-4000	WIP - Water Infrastructure	356,419.79	67,716.10	7%	1,000,000	424,135.89	32%	1,330,674
0560-4000	Sewerage Infrastructure at Cost	589,318.30	0.00	0%	0	589,318.30	100%	589,318
0570-4000	Sewerage Infrastructure at Valuation	36,753,847.50	0.00	0%	0	36,753,847.50	100%	36,753,848
0580-4000	Accum Depn - Sewerage Infrastructure	(20,586,514.44)	0.00	0%	(531,446)	(20,586,514.44)	97%	(21,117,960)
0585-4000	WIP - Sewerage Infrastructure	2,318,962.47	14,249.65	0%	6,345,477	2,333,212.12	27%	8,641,060

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		OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Jul 2025		YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Jul 2025		CURRENT BALANCE BUDGET
0586-4000	WIP - Aurora Estate Stage 2	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0587-4000	WIP - Aurora Estate Stage 3	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0588-4000	WIP State Gov - Bradleys Gully Div	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0589-4000	WIP - Industrial Estate	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0595-4000	Residential Land Resale (NCA)	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0596-4000	Right of Use Assets	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	221,276
0596-4001	Accumulated Amortisation	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	(221,276)
0597-4000	Equipment Clearing Account	0.02	0.00	0%	280,000	0.02	0%	464,805
0599-4000	Landfill Asset	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0200-0001	NON-CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL	448,672,075.80	(98,275.83)	-1%	9,539,201	448,573,799.97	102%	437,707,186
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	448,672,075.80	(98,275.83)	-1%	9,539,201	448,573,799.97	102%	437,707,186
	TOTAL ASSETS	477,553,453.75	(2,728,976.89)	-96%	2,837,177	474,824,476.86	103%	458,893,791
	CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0600-0001	CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0600-5000	Accounts Payable	94,853.15	406,975.84	---%	0	501,828.99	529%	94,853
0605-5000	Accrued Expenses - All	2,416,742.68	(1,468,406.32)	---%	0	948,336.36	---%	0
0610-5000	Fire Services Levy Payable	37,846.67	585.76	---%	0	38,432.43	19%	203,071
0612-5000	Contract Liabilities	15,308,678.71	0.00	0%	0	15,308,678.71	456%	3,360,065
0613-5000	Prepaid Rates	341,384.99	0.00	0%	0	341,384.99	---%	0
0614-5000	Unearned Revenue	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0615-5000	PAYG Payable	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0616-5000	Progress Association	145,200.99	18,039.15	---%	0	163,240.14	118%	137,776
0617-5000	Bookeasy - Outside Operators	5,003.00	9,253.32	---%	0	14,256.32	150%	9,533
0618-5000	QWRAP Banker	81,599.36	0.00	0%	0	81,599.36	100%	81,599
0625-5000	Payroll Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0630-5000	Wages Advance	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0632-5000	RDO & Toil Accumulated	12,804.31	(8,268.75)	---%	0	4,535.56	19%	24,003
0635-5000	Stock Routes Fees Payable	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	1,355
0636-5000	Finance Lease - Current	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0640-5000	Office Extension Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0645-5000	Cosmos Centre Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0650-5000	Medical Centre Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0660-5000	Morven Rail Current Loan	62,885.89	0.00	0%	62,268	62,885.89	100%	62,886
0665-5000	Plant Replacement Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0666-5000	Plant Replacement No 2 Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0670-5000	Residential Current Loan	51,611.80	0.00	0%	49,773	51,611.80	100%	51,612

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		OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Jul 2025		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Jul 2025		BUDGET
0671-5000	Flood Mitigation Current Loan	48,831.47	0.00	0%	47,841	48,831.47	100%	48,831
0672-5000	Airport Upgrade Current Loan	48,589.62	0.00	0%	47,640	48,589.62	100%	48,590
0675-5000	Annual Leave payable	1,088,059.71	27,225.82	---%	0	1,115,285.53	104%	1,074,801
0680-5000	Long Service Leave Payable	1,176,876.86	(9,243.23)	---%	0	1,167,633.63	108%	1,086,027
0685-5000	Sick Leave Payable	(4,026.05)	(735.25)	---%	0	(4,761.30)	-50%	9,438
0690-5000	Land Rebate Holding Account	(7,000.00)	0.00	0%	0	(7,000.00)	100%	(7,000)
0697-5000	Salary Sacrifice Deduct - Before Tax	400,299.33	5,130.39	---%	0	405,429.72	101%	400,299
0698-5000	Salary Sacrifice Deduct - After Tax	(404,433.52)	(1,320.38)	---%	0	(405,753.90)	100%	(404,434)
0699-5000	Suspense Account: General Account	(6,083.53)	(11,691.18)	---%	0	(17,774.71)	-3%	523,630
0600-0001	CURRENT LIABILITIES TOTAL	20,899,725.44	(1,032,454.83)	-498%	207,522	19,867,270.61	292%	6,806,935
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	20,899,725.44	(1,032,454.83)	-498%	207,522	19,867,270.61	292%	6,806,935
	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0700-0001	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0700-6000	Non-Current Long Service Leave	190,094.93	0.00	0%	0	190,094.93	89%	213,770
0701-6000	Finance Lease - Non current	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0740-6000	Office Extension Non-Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0745-6000	Cosmos Centre Non-Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0750-6000	Medical Centre Non-Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0760-6000	Morven Rail Non-Current Loan	697,450.88	0.00	0%	(62,268)	697,450.88	100%	697,451
0765-6000	Plant Replacement Non-Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0766-6000	Plant Replacement No 2 Non-Current	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0770-6000	Residential Develop Non-Current Loan	854,014.34	0.00	0%	(49,773)	854,014.34	100%	854,014
0771-6000	Flood Mitigation Non-Current Loan	881,267.54	0.00	0%	(47,841)	881,267.54	100%	881,268
0772-6000	Airport Upgrade Non-Current Loan	574,532.01	0.00	0%	(47,640)	574,532.01	100%	574,531
0780-6000	Landfill Restoration Provision	2,271,434.19	0.00	0%	0	2,271,434.19	100%	2,271,434
0700-0001	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES TOTAL	5,468,793.89	0.00	0%	(207,522)	5,468,793.89	100%	5,492,468
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,468,793.89	0.00	0%	(207,522)	5,468,793.89	100%	5,492,468
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	26,368,519.33	(1,032,454.83)	---%	0	25,336,064.50	206%	12,299,403
	NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	451,184,934.42	(1,696,522.06)	-60%	2,837,177	449,488,412.36	101%	446,594,388

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		OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Jul 2025		YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Jul 2025		CURRENT BALANCE BUDGET
	COMMUNITY EQUITY							
0800-0001	EQUITY							
0800-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL							
0805-7000	Retained Surplus	47,026,755.59	0.00	0%	0	47,026,755.59	100%	47,026,756
0807-7000	Retained Surplus-Cosmos	(1,275,671.18)	0.00	0%	0	(1,275,671.18)	100%	(1,275,671)
0810-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - Roads	219,686,254.78	0.00	0%	0	219,686,254.78	110%	199,538,474
0811-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - W & S	35,576,612.26	0.00	0%	0	35,576,612.26	100%	35,576,612
0812-7000	Asset Reval Res - Bldgs & Structures	41,171,210.56	0.00	0%	0	41,171,210.56	100%	41,171,211
0813-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve-Land	1,113,147.34	0.00	0%	0	1,113,147.34	146%	762,322
0815-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve Aerodrome	12,633,108.64	0.00	0%	0	12,633,108.64	100%	12,633,109
0816-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0820-7000	Current Surplus / Deficit	0.00	(1,696,522.06)	-17%	9,930,142	(1,696,522.06)	-17%	9,930,142
0825-7000	Year End Surplus/Deficit	95,253,516.43	0.00	0%	0	95,253,516.43	88%	108,324,396
0800-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL TOTAL	451,184,934.42	(1,696,522.06)	-17%	9,930,142	449,488,412.36	99%	453,687,351
0830-0002	RESERVES							
0800-0001	EQUITY TOTAL	451,184,934.42	(1,696,522.06)	-17%	9,930,142	449,488,412.36	99%	453,687,351
	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	451,184,934.42	(1,696,522.06)	-17%	9,930,142	449,488,412.36	99%	453,687,351

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

	YTD Actual July 25	Jun-26 Budget
	$'000	$'000
Revenue		
Operating revenue		
Net rates, levies and charges	-	7,972
Fees and charges	371	2,721
Interest received	88	681
Sales revenue	30	3,611
Other income	69	101
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	881	21,139
Total operating revenue	1,439	36,224
Capital revenue		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	433	12,066
Total revenue	1,872	48,290
Capital income		
Total Capital Income	-	109
Total income	1,872	48,400
Expenses		
Operating expenses		
Employee benefits	1,174	10,890
Materials and services	1,775	19,177
Finance costs	6	136
Depreciation and amortisation	689	8,267
Total operating expenses	3,644	38,469
Net result	(1,772)	9,930
Operating result		
Operating revenue	1,439	36,224
Operating expenses	3,644	38,469
Operating result	(2,205)	(2,245)

Financial Statements —Murweh Shire Council
Statement of Financial Position

	YTD Actual July 25	Jun-26 Budget
	$'000	$'000
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	20,134	17,312
Trade and other receivables	1,396	1,374
Inventories	1,048	1,010
Contract Assets	3,673	2,524
Other current assets	-	264
Total current assets	26,251	22,484
Non-current assets		
Property, plant & equipment	448,574	446,536
Total non-current assets	448,574	446,536
Total assets	474,825	469,020
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	3,178	2,260
Contract Liabililites	15,309	3,360
Borrowings	212	228
Provisions	1,168	1,155
Total current liabilities	19,867	7,004
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	3,008	2,760
Provisions	2,462	2,395
Total non-current liabilities	5,470	5,154
Total liabilities	25,337	12,158
Net community assets	449,488	456,862
Community equity		
Asset revaluation surplus	310,180	297,000
Retained surplus	139,308	159,862
Total community equity	449,488	456,862
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Financial Statements —Murweh Shire Council
Statement of Cash Flows

	YTD Actual July 25 $'000	Jun-26 Budget $000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	1,369	14,440
Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,914)	(30,698)
Interest received	88	681
Non-capital grants and contributions	880	22,579
Borrowing costs	(6)	(98)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(1,583)	6,904
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(590)	(17,806)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	109
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	118	12,066
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(472)	(5,631)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	-	(222)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	-	(222)
Total cash flows		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	(2,055)	1,051
Opening cash and cash equivalents	22,189	16,261
Closing cash and cash equivalents	20,134	17,312

11.2 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT

Author: **Director of Corporate Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Planning Report for the August 2025 Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The following report outlines that activity undertaken in relation to planning and development services for the last month.

Activity	Current Month	Prior Period Still Active	Comments
Development Application Lodged	1	0	
Decision Appeals	0	0	
Future Enquiries	3	2	
Projects and Systems	0	4	
Decision Notices	2	0	

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11.3 RECONFIGURATION AND MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

Author: **Director of Corporate Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

SUMMARY

Applicant: **Royal Flying Doctor Service**
c/ Plan A Town Planning Pty Ltd

Owner: **Lot 53 – Murweh Shire Council**
Lot 1 – Royal Flying Doctor Service

Proposal: **Development Permit for undefined use (non-resident workforce accommodation) and Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment and creating an easement giving access to a lot from a constructed road)**

Location: **Lot 53 – Sturt Street, Charleville**
Lot 1 - Warrego Highway, Charleville

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for undefined use (non-resident workforce accommodation) and Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment and creating an easement giving access to a lot from a constructed road) on land located at Sturt Street and Warrego Highway, Charleville, formally described Lot 53 SP253460 and Lot 1 SP253460 subject to the following conditions:

PART 1 – RECONFIGURING A LOT – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

NO.	CONDITIONS	CONDITION TIMING
1.0	**Parameters of Approval**	
1.1	The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor, or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.	At all times.
1.2	The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.	At all times.
1.3	The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out associated with the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.	At all times.
1.4	Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.	At all times.

2.0	**Approved Plans and Documents**	
2.1	The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit.	At all times

Drawing No.	Document Name	Issue no.	Date	Drawn by
SK-12	Proposed site boundary alignment	2	30.5.2025	Medhurst Architects

2.2	Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.	At all times.
3.0	**Easements**	
3.1	An access easement must be provided over the internal access roads, extending along the frontage of Lot 1 SP253460 to the Sturt Street (Mitchell Highway) frontage. The access easement must include the service access road extending from John Flynn Drive along the north western side boundary and north eastern rear boundary of Lot 1.	At the time of registration of the Plan of Survey and at all times.
3.2	A copy of the easement documentation must be provided to Council for approval prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.
3.3	In any instance where existing services are not wholly contained with the proposed lot boundary the existing services must be relocated or contained within required easements.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.
4.0	**Sewerage Works**	
4.1	The lot must be connected to Council's reticulated sewerage network.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.
4.2	Design and construct all sewerage works, including but not limited to the construction of a new rising main and associated pump station and upgrade (as required) the existing pump station (SP05) to accommodate the proposed development. The works must be undertaken in accordance with the relevant standards and the provisions of a Development Permit for Operational Works (Engineering Work – Sewerage Infrastructure).	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.
5.0	**Operational Works – Sewerage Infrastructure**	
5.1	Obtain a Development Permit for Operational Works for Engineering Work – Sewerage Infrastructure.	Prior to the commencement of any Sewerage Works on-site.

6.0	**Redundant Sewerage Infrastructure**	
6.1	Remove all redundant on-site sewerage infrastructure.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.
7.0	**Amenity and Environmental Health**	
7.1	Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, wastewater, waste products, oil or otherwise.	At all times.
8.0	**Site Works and Erosion and Sediment control**	
8.1	Site works must be constructed such that they do not, at any time, in any way restrict, impair, or change the natural flow of runoff water, or cause a nuisance or worsening to adjoining properties or infrastructure.	Prior to the commencement of any construction works required by this development.
8.2	Prepare and implement an Erosion and Sediment Control Strategy (ESCS). The ESCS must consider erosion control and slope stability measures to be implemented during all stages of construction including during the clearing of vegetation. The ESCS must be available for inspection by Council officers during the construction phase.	Prior to the commencement of any construction works required by this development.
8.3	Implement the ESCS for the duration of the construction phase and until such time all exposed soils areas are permanently stabilised (for example, turfed, hydro mulched, concreted, or landscaped).	Prior to the commencement of any construction works required by this development.
9.0	**Construction and Environmental Management Plan**	
9.1	The applicant must submit a Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to Council for review and approval. The CEMP must be prepared by a suitably qualified professional and adequately demonstrate how: (a) Traffic and parking generated during construction activities and works will be managed to minimise impacts on the surrounding area; (b) Best practice waste management strategies during the construction phase; and (c) Mitigate potential adverse impacts associated with dust, noise and lighting emissions, sediment, and stormwater run-off.	Prior to the commencement of construction and at all times during construction.
10.0	**Compliance**	
10.1	All relevant conditions of this development permit must be complied with prior to the Plan of Survey being submitted to Council for endorsement	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.
11.0	**Outstanding Charges**	
11.1	All rates, service charges, interest and other charges levied on the land are to be paid prior to Council endorsement of the Plan of Survey.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.

PART B – MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

NO.	CONDITIONS	CONDITION TIMING
1.0	**Parameters of Approval**	
1.1	The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor, or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.	At all times.
1.2	Where these conditions refer to "MSC" in relation to requiring Murweh Shire Council l to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the MSC a function, power or discretion, that role of the MSC may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by MSC.	At all times.
1.3	The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.	At all times.
1.4	The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out associated with the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.	At all times.
1.5	Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.	At all times.
1.6	All engineering drawings/specifications, design and construction works must comply with the requirements of the relevant Australian Standards and must be approved, supervised, and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ).	At all times.
2.0	**Approved Plans and Documents**	
2.1	The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit.	At all times

Document Name	Issue no.	Date	Drawn by
Site & Location Plan	2	21.03.25	Medhurst Architects
Typical Floor Plan	2	21.03.25	Medhurst Architects
Roof Plan	3	26.03.25	Medhurst Architects
Overall Site Elevations	2	21.03.25	Medhurst Architects

	Overall Unit Elevations	2	21.03.25	Medhurst Architects	
	Perspectives – Sheet 1	2	21.03.25	Medhurst Architects	
	Perspectives – Sheet 2	2	21.03.25	Medhurst Architects	
2.2	Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.				At all times.
3.0	**Staging**				
3.1	The survey plan for the Reconfiguring a Lot component forming Part 1 of this approval, must be registered prior to issue of a development approval for Building Work, unless otherwise approved by Council's delegated officer.				Prior to issue of development permit for Building Work
4.0	**Limitation of Approved Use**				
4.1	The accommodation facility must not be used for accommodation unrelated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service operations.				At all times.
5.0	**Parking and Access**				
5.1	One (1) covered car parking space must be provided for each dwelling unit in accordance with the approved plan of development.				Prior to the commencement of use and at all times thereafter.
5.2	Six (6) additional car parking spaces must be provided generally in accordance with the approved plan of development.				Prior to the commencement of use and at all times thereafter.
5.3	All carparking and vehicle manoeuvring areas must be sealed and design and constructed generally in accordance with the approved plans, and relevant Australian Standard.				Prior to the commencement of use and at all times thereafter.
5.4	Vehicle access to the site must be achieved from service road as detailed on the approved plan of development.				Prior to the commencement of use and at all times thereafter.
5.5	The parking spaces must be kept available for use and must not be used for the storage of goods at any time.				At all times.
6.0	**Stormwater Drainage Works**				
6.1	Stormwater drainage must be directed to a lawful point of discharge.				At all times.
6.2	Site works must not adversely affect flooding or drainage characterises of properties that are upstream, downstream, or adjacent to the development site.				At all times.
6.3	Prepare and lodge a stormwater management plan for approval by Council's delegated officer. The plan must be				Prior to issue of a Development

	prepared by a suitably qualified person and comply with the requirements of the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (QUDM).	Permit for Building Works.
6.4	Design and construct all stormwater drainage works for the development generally in accordance with the endorsed stormwater management plan and the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (QUDM).	Prior to commencement of use.
7.0	**Water and Sewerage**	
7.1	Connect the development to Council's reticulated water network. Sufficient reticulated water capacity must be provided for domestic and firefighting purposes.	Prior to the commencement of use and at all times thereafter.
7.2	Connect the development to Council's reticulated sewerage network.	Prior to the commencement of use and at all times thereafter.
8.0	**Landscaping and Fencing**	
8.1	Prepare and lodge a landscape and fencing plan for approval by Council's delegated officer. Plant species must be low growing to ensure they do not cause a nuisance or impact on the airport operations.	Prior to the commencement of use and maintained at all times.
8.2	The landscaping and fencing must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the approved plan.	Prior to the commencement of use and maintained at all times.
9.0	**Waste Storage**	
9.1	Store all waste within a designated waste storage area. The waste storage area must be designed and located to not cause nuisance to neighbouring properties.	At all times
10.0	**Amenity - Lighting**	
10.1	Maintain outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282:2023 - Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting.	At all times.
11.0	**Electricity & Telecommunications**	
11.1	Connect the development to reticulated electricity supply and telecommunications to the standard of the relevant service provider.	Prior to the commencement of use and at all times thereafter.
12.0	**Amenity and Environmental Health**	
12.1	Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, wastewater, waste products, oil or otherwise.	At all times.

13.0	**Site Works and Erosion and Sediment control**	
13.1	Site works must be constructed such that they do not, at any time, in any way restrict, impair, or change the natural flow of runoff water, or cause a nuisance or worsening to adjoining properties or infrastructure	Prior to the commencement of any construction works required by this development.
14.0	**Construction and Environmental Management Plan**	
14.1	The applicant must submit a Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to Council for review and approval. The CEMP must be prepared by a suitably qualified professional and adequately demonstrate how: (a) Traffic and parking generated during construction activities and works will be managed to minimise impacts on the surrounding area; (b) Best practice waste management strategies during the construction phase; (c) Mitigate potential adverse impacts associated with dust, noise and lighting emissions, sediment, and stormwater run-off; and (d) Construction activity will not have an impact on the operations of the airport	Prior to the commencement of construction and at all times during construction.

ASSESSMENT MANAGER (COUNCIL) ADVISORY NOTES

1. The Material Change of Use component of this approval, granted under the provisions of the Planning Act 2016, shall lapse six (6) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the relevant provisions of s85 of the Planning Act 2016.

2. The Reconfiguring a Lot component of this approval, granted under the provisions of the Planning Act 2016, shall lapse four (4) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the relevant provisions of s85 of the Planning Act 2016.

3. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.

4. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for operational works, building work, and plumbing and drainage work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.

5. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements, including applicable Aviation regulations. It is recommended the applicant engage a suitably qualified consultant to provide advice regarding compliance with the AS2021:2015 Acoustics – Aircraft.

6. If a crane is used during construction, the applicant must engage directly with the Airport Manager, CASA and Air Services Australia (if applicable) prior to commencement of construction.

7. An application to Murweh Shire Council is required for water and/or sewerage services to be connected to a property. The developer should contact Murweh Shire Council for further information on the necessary forms and application process.

8. General environmental duty under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.

9. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under Section 23 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care").

10. The Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* applies to action that has, will have or is likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance. Further information on the EPBC Act can be obtained from the Department of Agricultural, Water and the Environment website https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/about

PART 2 – REFERRAL AGENCY RESPONSE

The State Assessment and Referral Agency response dated 28 July 2025 is included in the Decision Notice.

INFORMATION

1.0 DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

TABLE 1 - OVERVIEW

PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site Address	Lot 53 – Sturt Street, Charleville Lot 1 - Warrego Highway, Charleville
RPD	Lot 53 SP253460 Lot 1 SP253460
Site Area	Lot 53 – 418.2 hectares Lot 1 – 6,277m²
Landowner	Lot 53 – Murweh Shire Council Lot 1 – Royal Flying Doctor Service
Existing Use of Land	Lot 53 – Charleville Airport Lot 1 – Royal Flying Doctor Service office

APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	PA7832
Applicant	Royal Flying Doctor Service c/ Plan A Town Planning Pty Ltd
Application Description	Development Permit for undefined use (non-resident workforce accommodation) and Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment and creating an easement giving access to a lot from a constructed road)
STATUTORY DETAILS	
Contaminated Land Register/Environmental Management Register	EMR/CLR search undertaken 3 March 2025 – site is not on either register
State Planning Policy (SPP)	State Planning Policy (July 2017)
Mapped SPP Matters	**Natural Hazards Risk and Resilience** - Flood hazard area - Local Government flood mapping area **Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities** - Aviation facility (Building restricted area – Zone A/B) **Biodiversity** - MSES – Wildlife habitat (endangered or vulnerable) - MSES – Regulated vegetation (essential habitat) **Agriculture** - Stock route network (Mitchell Highway and Bollon Charleville Road frontage)
Regional Plan	South West Regional Plan (August 2009)
Planning Scheme	Murweh Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017 (v2)
Zone	Township
Precinct	Not applicable
Overlays	**Local Heritage** Charleville Airport (Charleville Airfield, Qantas Hangar and Norden Bomb Site Store) RFDS Museum **Charleville Obstacle Limitation Surface** **SPP mapping triggered overlays**
Level of Assessment	Impact Assessment

Referral Agencies	State Assessment Referral Agency (SARA) Reconfiguring a lot near a state transport corridor (10.9.4.2.1.1) Development near a state transport corridor or that is a future state transport corridor (10.9.4.2.4.1)
Submissions	To be confirmed – refer addendum report

2.0 SUBJECT SITE

The subject site comprises of two lots, Lot 53 on SP253460 being the Charleville Aerodrome and a smaller lot of 6,277 m² located centrally within Lot 53. Lot 1 on SP253460, comprising the Royal Flying Doctor (RFDS) Aeromedical Base was previously excised from the larger aerodrome lot and is the only Freehold lot within the larger aerodrome lot. The RDFS base includes the RFDS Museum which is open to the public. The RFDS aircraft hangar is located airside and is not located within the boundary of Lot 1. The other 'non-airport related' land uses within the aerodrome lot, such as the Cosmos Centre, WWII Secret base, and former Bureau of Meteorology building are not on separate titles.

The internal access roads within the aerodrome lot, known as Qantas Drive, John Flynn Way and Milky Way, are not within a designated road reserve or registered access easement. Currently the RFDS lot has no lawful frontage or access to a gazetted road reserve.

There is a formed access road extending along the north-western (side) boundary and north-eastern (rear) boundary of the RFDS lot providing access to covered car parks.

The existing RFDS facility is connected to Council's reticulated water supply. Effluent disposal is managed onsite.

The majority of the existing vegetation comprising a mix of low woodland and shrubland vegetation is mapped remnant vegetation, essential habitat and wildlife habitat. The whole of the RFDS lot and adjoining proposed development area is mapped remnant vegetation.

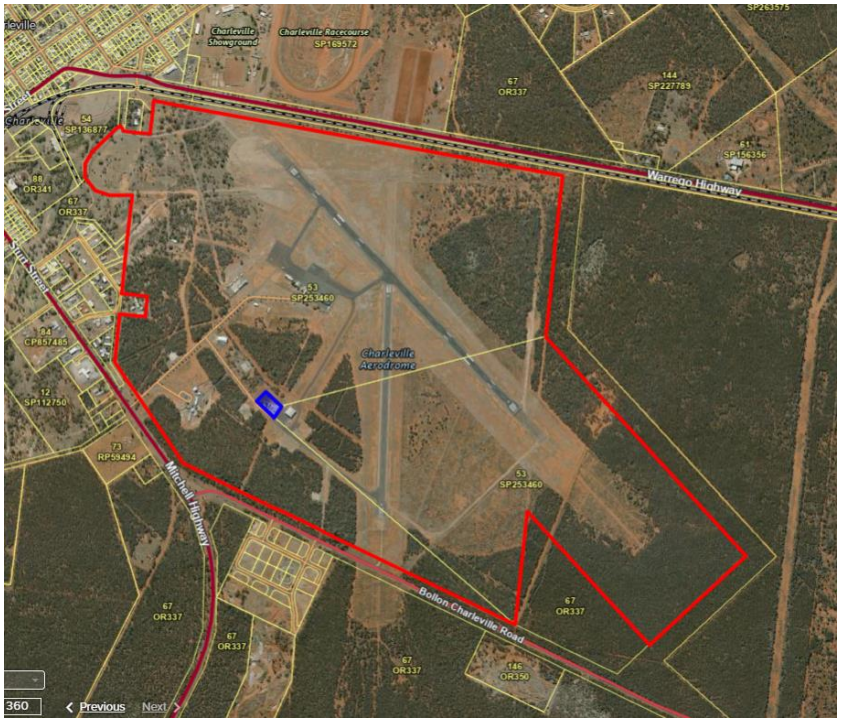


FIGURE 1: Subject Site (Lot 53 highlighted red, RFDS lot 1 mapped blue)



FIGURE 2: Subject Site – RFDS facility (Lot 1 SP253240)

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

This development application comprises of two components:

3.1 Reconfiguring a Lot

The application is seeking approval to reconfigure the common boundary of the existing RFDS lot (Lot 1 SP253460) and the airport lot (Lot 53 SP253460) to the north-west along John Flynn Way frontage increasing the RFDS lot by an additional 7,120m² (approx.). The proposal is to facilitate the workforce accommodation development. A reciprocal access easement over the existing internal road providing access to the rear of the lot will be required ensuring access to airside is maintained.

As part of this application, an access easement is proposed over the internal road, being John Flynn Way and Qantas Drive providing lawful access to the lot from a gazetted road reserve, being Sturt Street (Mitchell Highway).

An extract of the plan for the reconfiguring a lot component is provided in Figure 3 below and Attachment A.

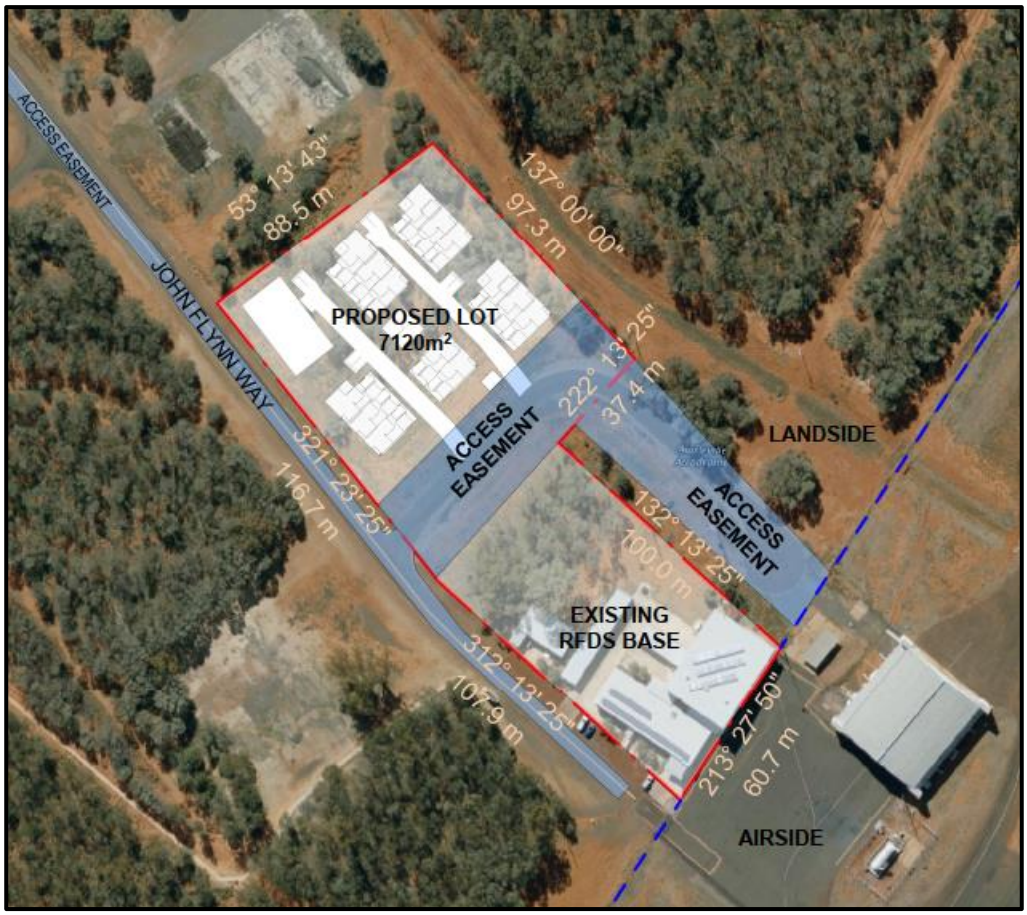


FIGURE 3: Proposed reconfiguring a lot – RFDS lot (extract)

3.2 Material Change of Use -non-resident workforce accommodation

The proposal is seeking to establish a workforce accommodation facility to support the functions of the Royal Flying Doctor service based at the airport.

The proposed accommodation comprises of fourteen (14) single storey dwelling units configured in four groupings. The development comprises of ten (10) one-bedroom self-contained units and four (4) two-bedroom self-contained units. Each unit is provided a covered area of private open space directly accessible from the internal living areas. A communal BBQ area is proposed

Onsite carparking comprises of a single carport for each unit located near the unit entrance and six (6) additional car parking spaces are provided. Internal access to the accommodation facility will be achieved via the existing service road from John Flynn Way.

An extract of the plans for the proposed accommodation is provided in Figure 4 below and Attachment A.

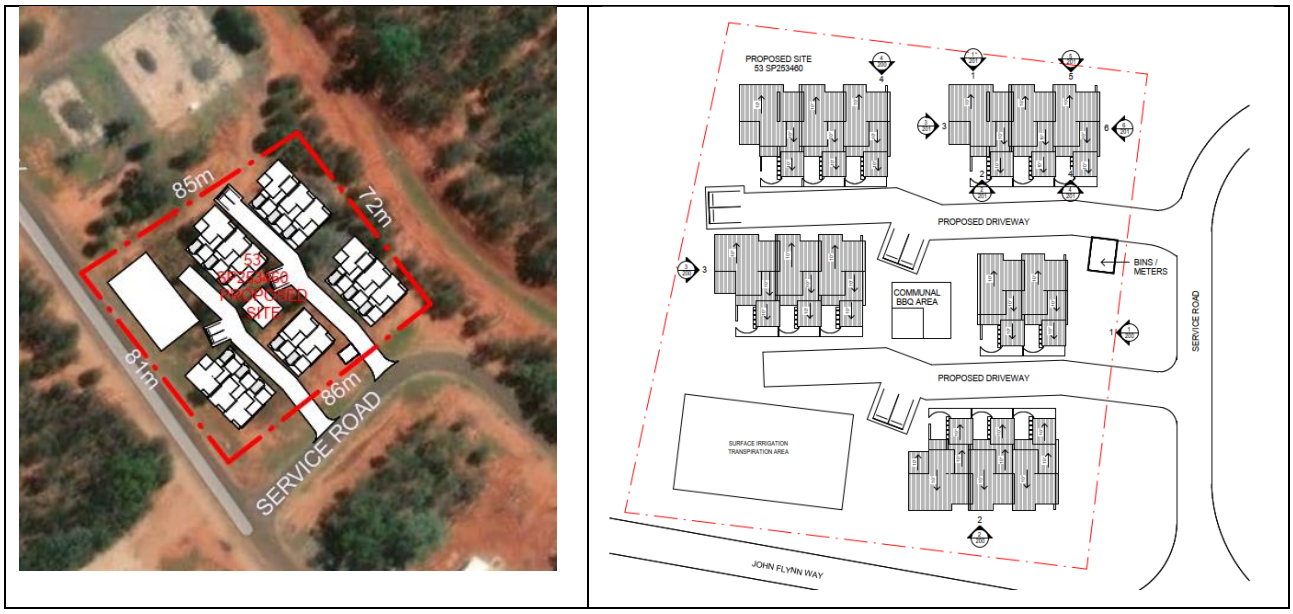


FIGURE 4: Proposed workforce accommodation (extract)

4.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with section 45(5)(a) of the *Planning Act 2016*, Impact Assessment is an assessment that must be carried out–

a) Against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and

b) Having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this paragraph.

In accordance with section 45 (5)(b) of the Act, Impact Assessment may be carried out –

a) Against, or having regard to, any other relevant matter, other than a person's personal circumstances, financial or otherwise.

Pursuant to section 45(3)(a) of the Act, the categorising instrument for the development is the Murweh Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017 (v2).

Sections 29 and 30 of the *Planning Regulation 2017* prescribe additional assessment benchmarks and matters that must be considered in deciding an Impact Assessable development application.

TABLE 2 – ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS

Assessment Benchmarks	Comment
Schedule 9	Schedule 9 is not applicable as the application is not for building work under the Building Act
Schedule 10	The application triggered referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) for development impacting on state transport infrastructure. The referral response confirmed no requirements (refer section 5.1 of report).
Regional Plan	South West Regional Plan (August 2009). The Planning Scheme does not make reference to the Regional Plan. Charleville is identified as a Major rural activity centre servicing a catchment of regional significance. The Urban Development, Housing strategy (4.2) in the Regional Plan notes an inadequate supply of quality and affordable accommodation that meets the needs and expectations of the community and a low level of investment in the private housing market. The relevant land use policies include 4.2.2 *ensure planning schemes allow sufficient flexibility to provide a variety of housing options*, 4.2.3 *develop new housing in areas that are close to essential services and infrastructure* and 4.2.4 *encourage the development of a variety of dwelling types in major rural activity centres.* While the Regional Plan is dated, being drafted 15 years ago, the housing land use policies are considered relevant and reflective of the current housing situation in Charleville as detailed in the Murweh Shire Council Local Housing Action Plan (March 2023) and the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) housing gap report (November 2023). The relevant land use policies are reflected in the Planning Scheme.
State Planning Policy, part E	The current version of the SPP (July 2017) is reflected in the Planning Scheme. A review of the current version of the SPP (July 2017) and assessment benchmark mapping applicable to Part E has determined that the state interests are reflected in the Planning Scheme and no additional assessment provisions in the current SPP

Assessment Benchmarks	Comment
	(Part E) or updated mapping are applicable requiring further assessment against the SPP.
Temporary State Planning Policy	There are no Temporary State Planning Policies.
Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP)	Not applicable. The Planning Scheme does not incorporate a LGIP.
Any development approval for, and any lawful use of the premises, or adjacent premises	The existing uses are considered lawful.
The common material	All the material received about the application has been assessed and has informed the recommendation of this report.

4.1 MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME 2017 (V2)

4.1.1 Land Use Zone

The subject site is located within the Township Zone.

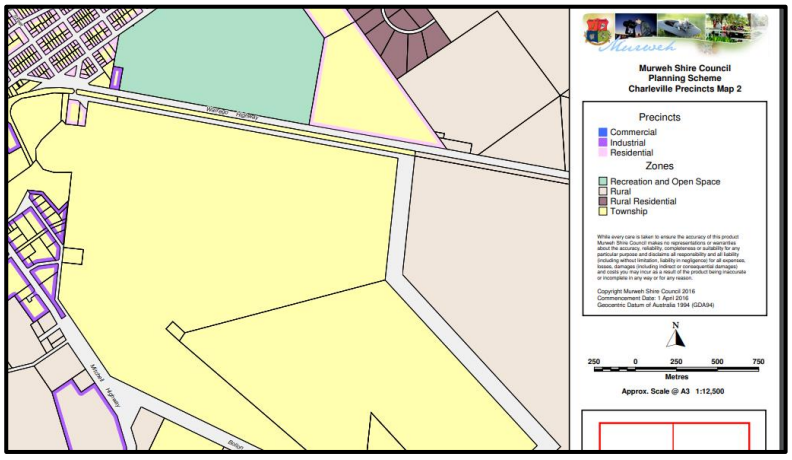


FIGURE 3: Extract of zoning map (Murweh Shire Planning Scheme 2017 v2)

4.1.2 Overlays

The subject site is affected by the following overlays. Compliance with the relevant overlay provisions is addressed in section 4.1.7 of the report.

- **Local Heritage**

Charleville Airport (Charleville Airfield, Qantas Hangar and Norden Bomb Site Store)

RFDS Museum

- **Charleville Obstacle Limitation Surface**

SPP mapping triggered overlays

- **Airport Environs Overlay**

Charleville Obstacle Limitation Surface

- **Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities**

  Aviation facility (Building restricted area – Zone A/B)

- **Biodiversity**

MSES – Wildlife habitat (endangered or vulnerable)

MSES – Regulated vegetation (essential habitat)

- **Agriculture**

Stock route network (Mitchell Highway and Bollon Charleville Road frontage)

4.1.3 Land Use Definition

An amendment in 2022 to the *Planning Regulation 2017* removed the land use definition of non-resident workforce accommodation and introduced a replacement definition, workforce accommodation.

The proposed development is not considered consistent with the new workforce definition as defined below. Accordingly, the application has been lodged and accepted as an undefined use.

Workforce accommodation –

(a) means the use of premises for-

(i) accommodation that is provided for persons who perform work as part of-

(A) a resource extraction project; or

(B) a project identified in a planning scheme as a major industry or infrastructure project; or

(C) a rural use; or

(ii) recreation and entertainment facilities for persons residing at the premises and their visitors, if the use is ancillary to the use in subparagraph (i); but

(b) does not include rural worker's accommodation.

4.1.4 Category of Development and Assessment

In accordance with Table 5.6 of the Planning Scheme, Reconfiguring a Lot triggers code assessable development.

Under Table 5.5.4 a Material Change of Use for an undefined use triggers impact assessable development.

The higher level of assessment, being impact assessable applies to the whole application.

4.1.5 Assessment Benchmarks

An impact assessable development is assessed against the provisions of the whole planning scheme including the Strategic Framework and relevant development codes.

4.1.6 Strategic Framework

A summary of compliance with the relevant Strategic Outcomes is addressed in the Table 3 below.

TABLE 3 – STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

Strategic Outcome		Comment
3.2.2	Supporting rural and small town living	The strategic outcome recognises the role the Royal Flying Doctor Service provides in the provision of life-saving health services for the south west of Queensland. It is considered that the proposed permanent accommodation facility is an appropriate land use and well located and serviced to provide secure housing stock to meet the accommodation needs of the RFDS. The form of housing is not considered a temporary workers camp which is encouraged to be located outside but in proximate to Charleville township.
3.2.3	Avoiding the impacts of natural and other hazards	The development area is not affected by the Flood Hazard mapping (mapping sourced from Flood lines – South West Queensland – 2012 – Map reference MWHFH2) within Schedule 2 of the Planning Scheme, or the Whole of Shire Flood Hazard Map – Map reference MWH FH1) which reflects the State Planning Policy flood hazard area – level 1 – Queensland floodplain assessment overlay.
3.2.4	Safeguarding our environment and heritage	The proposed development is appropriately designed and located with no impact on the heritage values of the site. The extent of required clearing of mapped remnant vegetation, comprising of low mulga woodlands and shrublands is limited.
3.2.5	Providing appropriate infrastructure	The development is serviced by infrastructure services including water, stormwater and road networks. A condition of approval will require the development to be connected to the reticulated sewerage network. The single storey structures and accommodation use will not interfere with the function of the aviation facilities.

4.1.7 Assessment Benchmarks

The applicable assessment benchmarks (codes) are the:

- Township zone code (6.2.4)
- Reconfiguring a lot code (7.4.2)
- General development code (7.3.1)
- Non-resident workforce accommodation code (7.3.2)

In accordance with section 1.4 of the Planning Scheme the Township zone code prevails over the development code to the extent of any inconsistency.

The purpose and overall outcomes of the codes is to ensure development is appropriately located, designed and managed taking into consideration constraints of the site. The non-resident workforce accommodation code is drafted for temporary accommodation facilities located outside the town centre or within an industrial site. The proposed accommodation is not temporary by built form or intended use and is designed to provide a permanent workforce accommodation facility to support the RFDS operations based at the Charleville airport.

In summary, the proposed development achieves compliance with the prescribed acceptable outcomes (AO), performance outcomes (PO) and the Purpose and Overall Outcomes of the assessment benchmarks as summarised below.

Lot configuration and lawful access

- The proposed lot size and dimension of the RDFS lot is regular in shape and suitable size to accommodate the intended land use (PO1 Reconfiguring a lot code).
- The lot configuration will not impact upon the orderly future development of the airport lot (PO3 Reconfiguring a lot code).
- The access easements over the internal access road within the new RFDS lot will provide Council lawful access to airside.
- Formalisation of an access easement over the internal access road extending to the Mitchell Highway will provide the lot with a legal point of access from a gazetted road reserve (PO2 – Reconfiguring a Lot code).

Proposed accommodation – amenity, built form, landscaping and carparking

- The proposed permanent accommodation facility is to service the staffing accommodation needs of RFDS and operates in conjunction the adjoining RDFS Aeromedical Base. The site location is considered appropriate and provides convenient access to services and facilities within Charleville. The site layout has been designed to provide a reasonable level of residential amenity, with designated areas of private open space and communal open space areas (PO1 & PO3 Non-resident workforce accommodation code).
- The single storey development is compatible with existing built form of adjoining RFDS facility and existing development within the airport lot (PO1 - Township zone code and AO3 General development code).
- The overall site coverage is well under the prescribed 50% site coverage in the Township zone (AO1 General development code).
- The siting of the accommodation facility will not impact on the operations of the airport (PO1 Non-resident workforce accommodation code).
- The siting of the buildings achieve adequate setbacks from boundaries consistent with existing built form in the airport and provide opportunities for landscaping (PO5 General development code and PO 1 non-resident workforce accommodation code).
- A landscape plan will be required as a condition of approval with species selection appropriate within the airport environs (AO2 General development code).
- The proposed use will not have an adverse impact on the character and amenity of the site by way of increase in heavy vehicle movements, air pollutants or visual amenity (PO unnumbered General development code).

- The development proposes one covered carpark for each unit (14 spaces) and an additional six (6) spaces within the lot, achieving compliance with the prescribed minimum carparking spaces of 1 space per unit plus 1 visitor space per 5 units (required total 17 spaces, proposed 20 spaces) (AO10 General development code). A condition of approval will require the internal access driveway and carparking spaces to be sealed and compliant with the relevant standard.
- Access to the internal driveway and carparking spaces is proposed via two separate driveways from the service road between the accommodation facility and the existing RFDS office.
- The site has existing connections to electricity and telecommunication services (AO14 General development code).

Vegetation clearing

- The extent of required clearing of mapped remnant vegetation, comprising of low mulga woodlands and shrublands is limited. Taking into consideration the limited vegetation required to be cleared, no concerns are raised regarding the impact on the biodiversity values of the site (PO28 General development code and PO5 Reconfiguring a lot code).
- The clearing is exempt clearing work under the *Planning Regulation 2017* and did not trigger a referral to the SARA.
- Part of the development area appears to be mapped as a high risk area on the Protected Plants Survey Trigger Map under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 and the applicant may need undertake further assessment and plant surveys to ensure compliance.

Flood and bushfire hazards

- The development area and internal access road is not mapped within the refined flood hazard mapping for the Warrego River, Bradley's Gully or the Queensland floodplain assessment overlay (PO1 & PO7 Reconfiguring a lot code).
- The site is not mapped within the bushfire hazard mapping (PO1 Reconfiguring a lot code).

Stormwater

- A condition of approval will require a stormwater management plan demonstrating how stormwater will be management on site and not result in drainage impacts on the airport lot or internal access road (PO16 and PO17 General development code, PO4 Reconfiguring a lot code).

Bulk Earthworks

- Due to the level topography of the site, bulk earthworks are not anticipated.

Connection to reticulated water supply and sewerage

- The existing RFDS facility is connected to Council's reticulated water supply. A condition of approval will require the proposed accommodation facility to be serviced by reticulated water through internal connections (AO15.1 General development code, PO4 Non-resident workforce accommodation code, PO7 Reconfiguring a lot code).
- The existing RFDS facility is not connected to the reticulated sewerage network with an existing onsite disposal system. As part of the pre-lodgement discussions the applicant confirmed that the existing and proposed facility will be connected to Council's reticulated

sewerage infrastructure. Council officers have confirmed with the applicant that a new rising main will need to be constructed and pumped to the existing pump station (SP05) located within the airport lot. SP05 pump station is close to capacity and will be required to be upgraded to accommodate the additional load. A condition of approval will require a development application for Operational Works for the required rising main, pump station and upgrade to the existing pump station (AO15.2 General development code and PO7 Reconfiguring a lot code).

- The proposed plans of development identify a surface irrigation transpiration area. This was retained on the plans in error and will not be required as the site will be connected to the reticulated sewerage network.

Stock Route and High pressure gas pipeline

- There is no mapped pipeline within 200m of the proposed lots.
- The development area is well removed from the designated stock route network, being the Mitchell Highway and Bollen Charleville Road (PO25 General development code and PO17 Reconfiguring a lot).

Local Heritage

- The Charleville airport (airfield, Qantas hangar (demolished post listing) and Norden Bomb site store) and the RFDS Museum are identified as a local heritage place in Schedule 6 of the Planning Scheme.
- The proposed development does not impact upon the heritage significance of the sites (PO27 General development code and PO15 Reconfiguring a lot).

Operations of airport

- The site is within the Aviation facility (building restriction area – zone A/B) in the State Planning Policy mapping and is located within the Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) mapping in the Planning Scheme. The OLS mapping is not reflected in the State Planning Policy mapping.
- The single storey structures and accommodation use will not interfere with the function of the aviation facilities (PO29 General development code).
- While Charleville airport is not mapped as a Strategic Airport under the State Planning Policy and does not include mapped Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) contours the applicant has been advised to engage a suitably qualified consultant to provide advice regarding compliance with AS2021:2015 Acoustics – Aircraft to mitigate adverse impact of aircraft noise. The recommendation has been reflected in an advice clause forming part of the approval.
- The application been referred to the Council's Airport Manager, CASA and Air Services Australia for comment. Air Services Australia confirmed no comment, and CASA confirmed no concerns with impact on the OLS, airside safety dimensions or impact on aircraft safety.

4.2 Relevant Matters

There are no other relevant matters to take into consideration.

5.0 REFERRALS

5.1 State Assessment Referral Agency

The subject site, Lot 53 has frontage to a state- controlled road being Sturt Street (Mitchell Highway) to the south-west and the Warrego Highway to the north. The application triggered a referral under Schedule 10 of the *Planning Regulations 2017* to the State Assessment Referral Agency (SARA) for development near a state transport corridor (10.9.4.2.4.1) and reconfiguring a Lot near a state transport corridor (10.9.4.2.1.1).

The referral agency response, in a letter dated 28 July 2025, included a general advice clause only. There were no conditions included in the response (Attachment B).

6.0 SUBMISSIONS

The application was subject to public notification from the 28 July to 19 August 2025 in accordance with section 53 of the *Planning Act 2016.*

The Notice of Compliance was lodged with Council on 20 August 2025.

A review of Council's records has determined that no submissions were received during the public notification period.

7.0 CONCLUSION

The proposed development is considered appropriate for the subject site and this report recommends approval subject to conditions.

The following reasons for the decisions are to be included in the Notice of Decision required under section 63(5) of the *Planning Act 2016*.

(a) The proposal achieves compliance with the relevant assessment provisions in the Murweh Shire Planning Scheme 2017 (v2).

(b) The development has been appropriately designed providing a safe and efficient site layout.

(c) The operation of the facility can be managed to ensure no adverse impact on the operations at the airport or adjoining land uses.

(d) The accommodation facility is designed to provide a permanent workforce accommodation facility to support the Royal Flying Doctor Service operations based at the Charleville airport.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Attachment A - Proposed plan of Development** ⇩
2. **Attachment B - SARA Response** ⇩

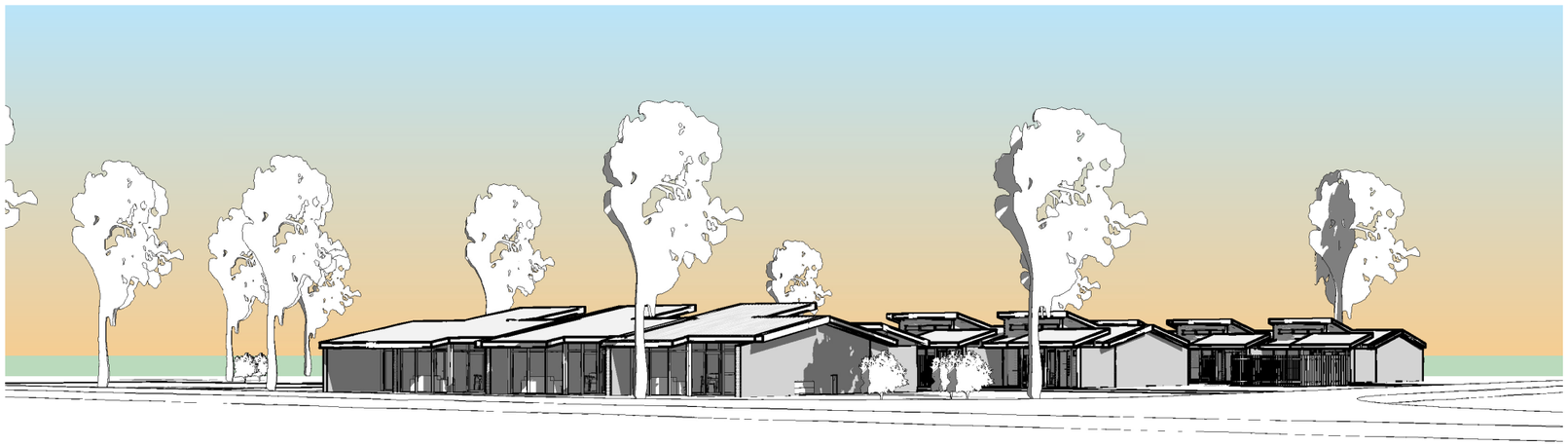
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PROPOSAL

- SITE AREA APPROX. 6540m²
- 14 ONE LEVEL TOWN HOUSES
- 14 DESIGNATED CAR PARKS
- 6 VISITOR CAR PARKS
- 985 GFA - 15% SITE COVER (APPROX)

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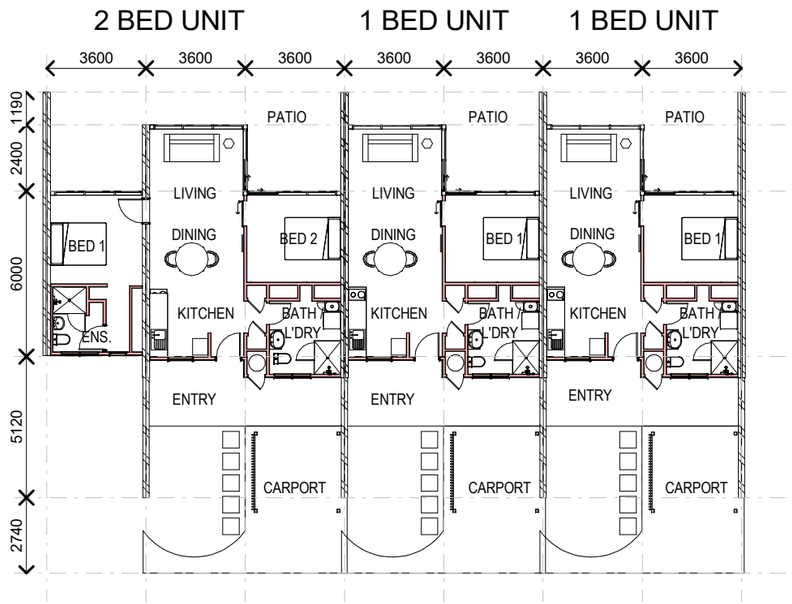
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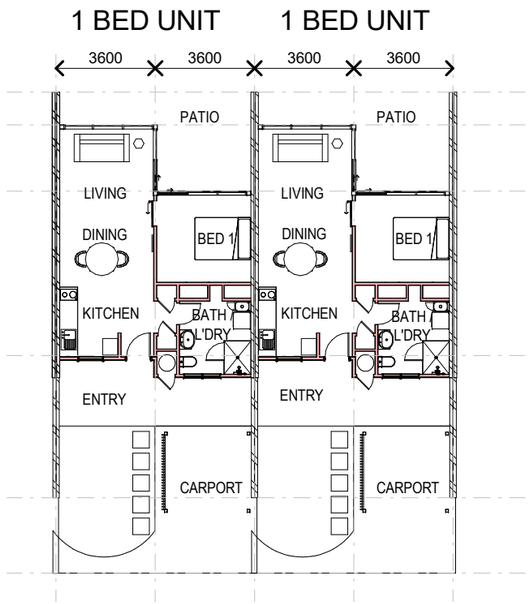
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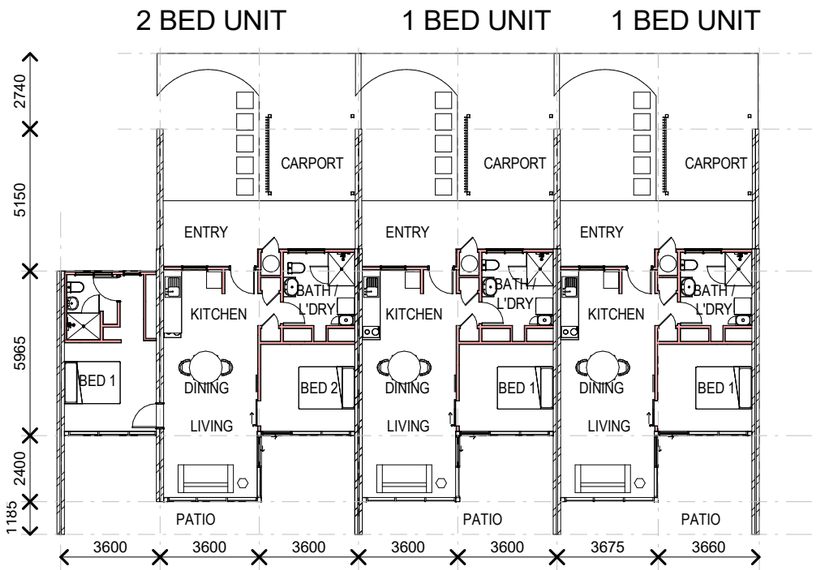
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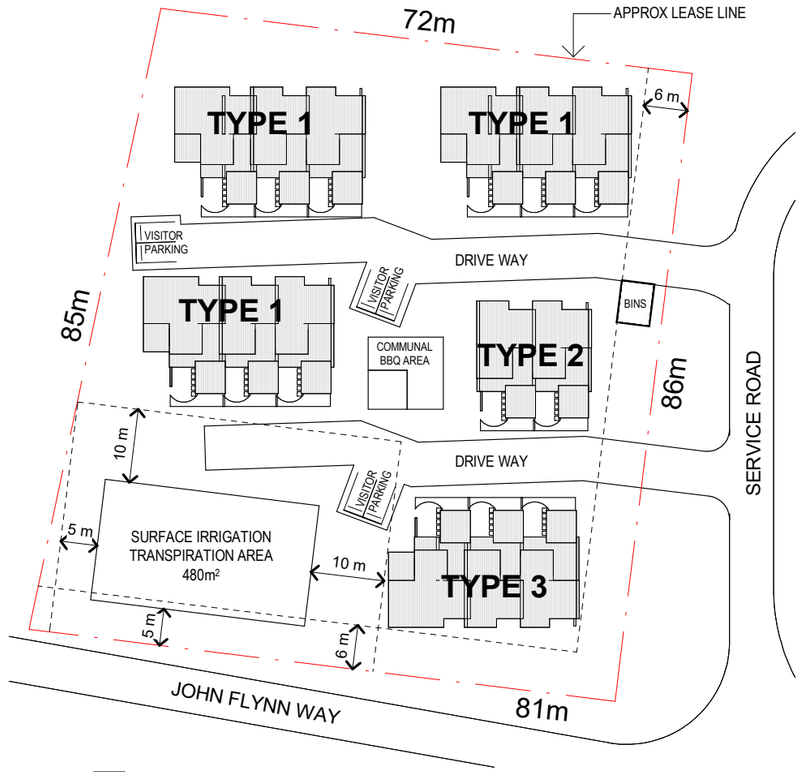
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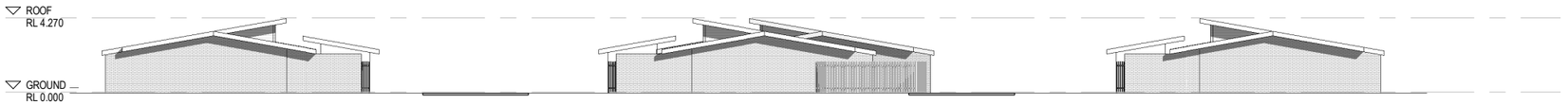
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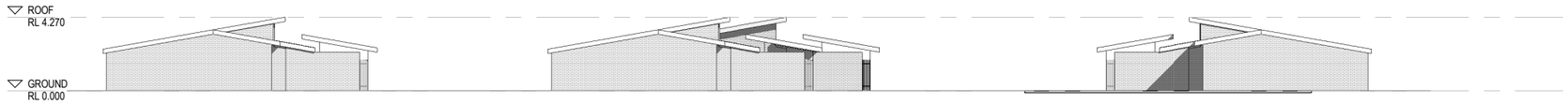
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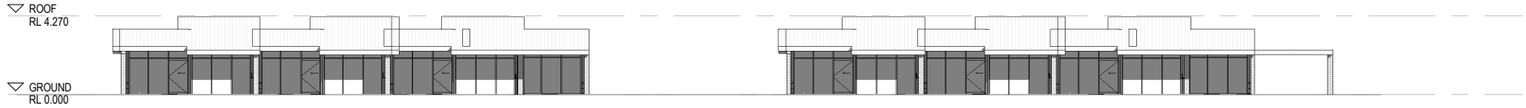
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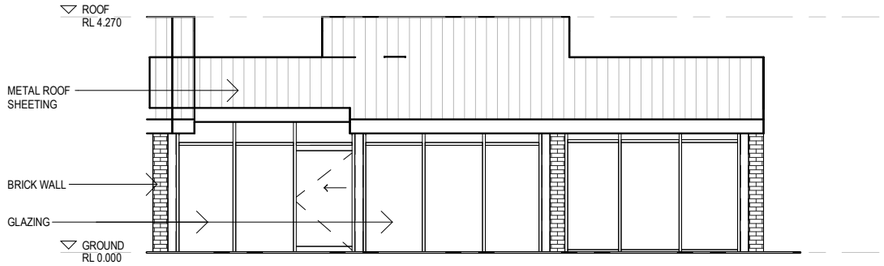
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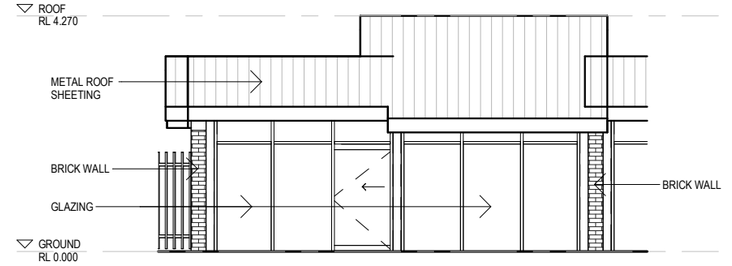
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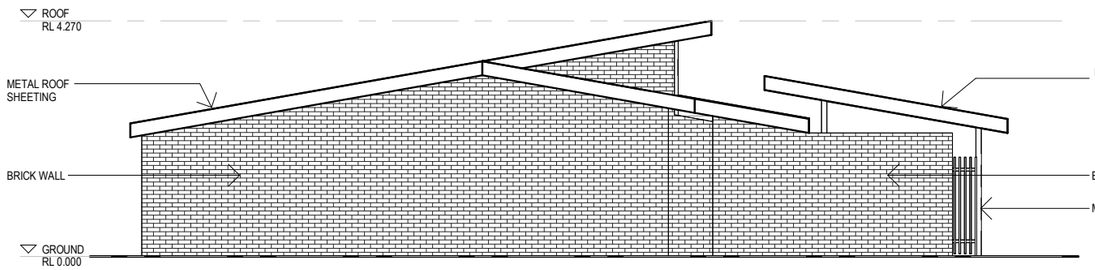
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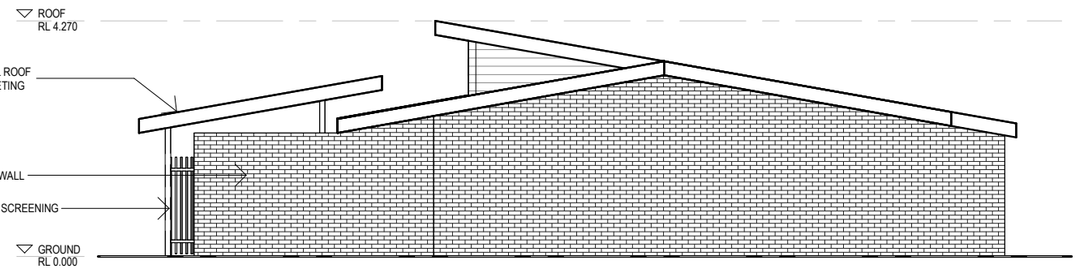
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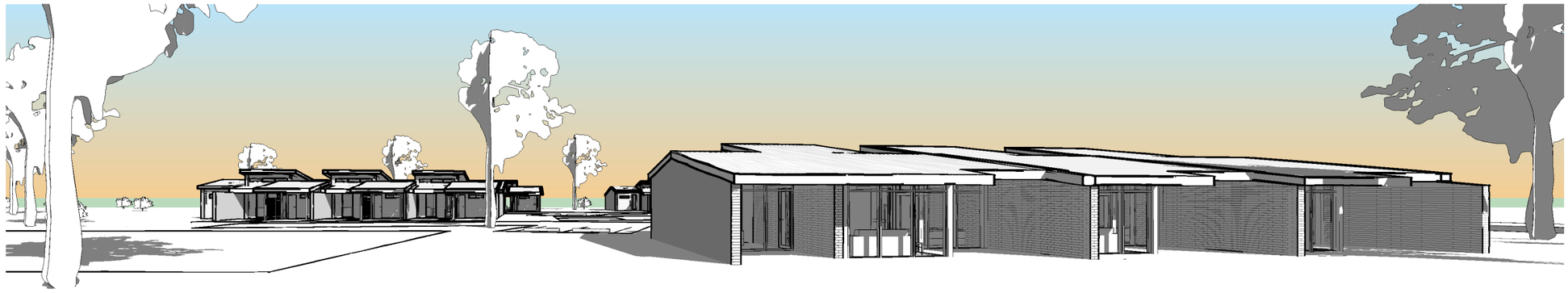
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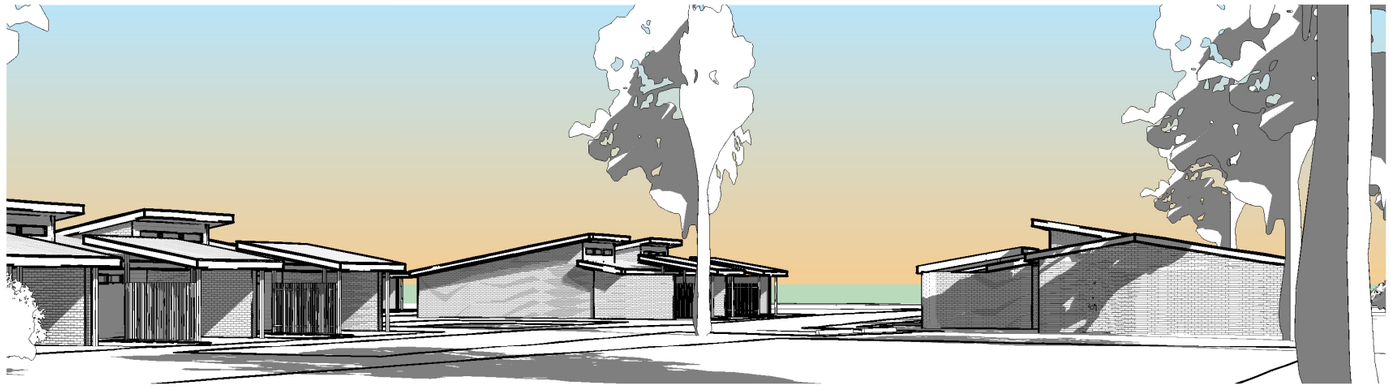
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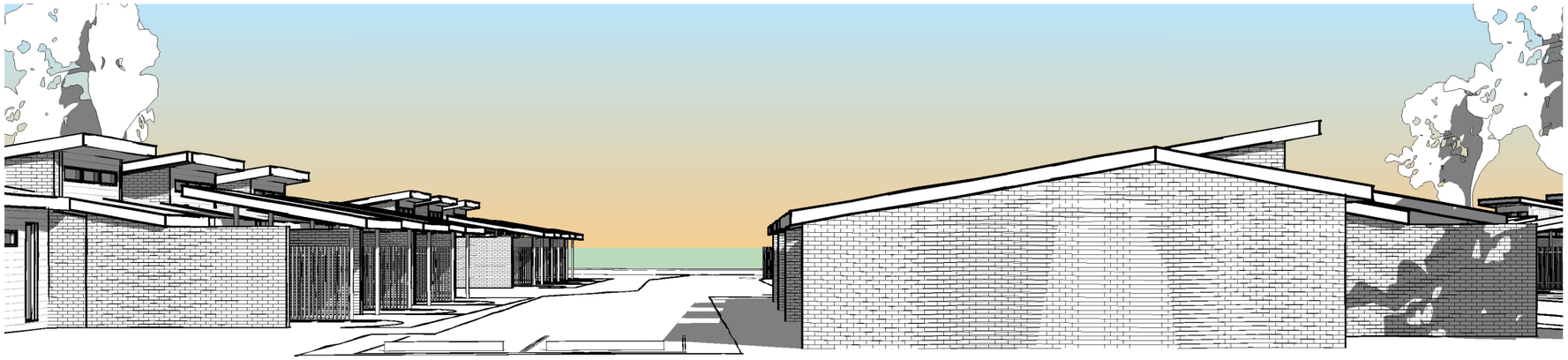
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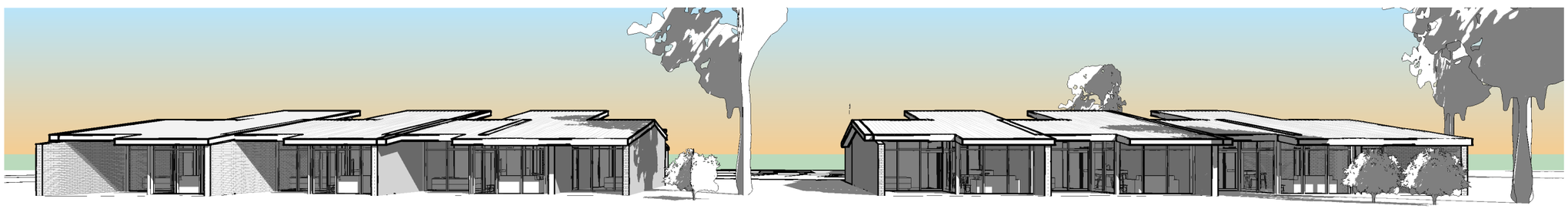
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Attention: Justin Kronk

Dear Mr Kronk

SARA referral agency response—Warrego Highway and Sturt Street, Charleville

(Referral agency response given under section 56 of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 17 June 2025.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response - No requirements Under section 56(1)(a) of the *Planning Act 2016*, SARA advises it has no requirements relating to the application.
Date of response:	28 July 2025
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in **Attachment 1**
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in **Attachment 2**

Development details

Description:	Development permit	Material change of use for Undefined Use (non-resident workforce accommodation) Reconfiguring a lot for boundary realignment and creating an access easement
SARA role:	Referral agency	
SARA trigger:	• Schedule 10, part 9, division 4, subdivision 2, table 1, item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) - Reconfiguring a lot near a state transport corridor	

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	• Schedule 10, part 9, division 4, subdivision 2, table 4, item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) - Development near a state transport corridor or that is a future state transport corridor
SARA reference:	2506-46541 SRA
Assessment manager:	Murweh Shire Council
Street address:	Warrego Highway and Sturt Street, Charleville
Real property description:	Lot 1 and Lot 53 on SP253460
Applicant name:	Royal Flying Doctor Service
Applicant contact details:	PO Box 13 FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006 planning@planatp.com.au
Human Rights Act 2019 considerations:	A consideration of the 23 fundamental human rights protected under the *Human Right Act 2019* has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (section 30 Development Assessment Rules).

Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 3**.

A copy of this response has been sent to the applicant for their information.

For further information please contact Malcolm McDowell, Planning Officer, on (07) 3452 6897 or via email ToowoombaSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Paul Gleeson
A/Manager

cc Royal Flying Doctor Service, planning@planatp.com.au

enc Attachment 1 - Advice to the applicant
Attachment 2 - Reasons for referral agency response
Attachment 3 - Representations about a referral agency response provisions

Attachment 1—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the *Planning Act 2016* its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP), (version 3.2). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

Attachment 2—Reasons for referral agency response

(Given under section 56(7) of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The reasons for SARA's decision are:

The development complies with State Code 1: Development in a state-controlled road environment. Specifically, the development:

- does not increase the likelihood or frequency of accidents, fatalities, or serious injury for users of a state-controlled road
- does not adversely impact the structural integrity or physical condition of state-controlled roads, road transport infrastructure, public passenger transport infrastructure or active transport infrastructure
- does not adversely impact the function efficiency of state-controlled roads or future state-controlled roads
- does not adversely impact the state's ability to plan, construct, maintain, upgrade or operate state-controlled roads, future state-controlled roads or road transport infrastructure
- does not significantly increase the cost to plan, construct, upgrade or maintain state-controlled roads, future state-controlled roads or road transport infrastructure.

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the SDAP, version [3.2], as published by SARA
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- Section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019.*

Attachment 3— Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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11.4 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-25 QUARTER FOUR REPORT

Author: **Director of Corporate Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council as per section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Fourth (4^{th}) Quarter review outcomes of the Operational Plan 2024-25.

BACKGROUND

As per Legislation Section 104 (7) of the Local Government Act, LG Reg.2012 Div 4, S174 Council must adopt an Operational Plan Annually and this plan is to be reviewed at least every 3 months (quarterly).

LG Act 2009

S 104 Financial management systems

(5) The system of financial management established by a local government must include—

(a) (v) an annual operational plan; and

(b) (iv) a report on the results of an annual review of the implementation of the annual operational plan

(7) A local government must carry a review of the implementation of the annual operational plan annually

LG Regulation 2012

S 174 Preparation and adoption of annual operational plan

(1) A local government must prepare and adopt an annual operational plan for each financial year.

(2) The local government may, but need not, adopt the annual operation plan for a financial year at the same time the local government adopts its budget for the financial year.

(3) The chief executive officer must present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than 3 months.

Discussion

The Murweh Shire Council Operational Plan 2024-25 is aligned to the Murweh Shire Council Corporate Plan 2022 – 2027. Quarter Four review has been completed. The review encompasses the delivery of identified projects, tasks and services. The review does not include the delivery of the budget or estimated cost.

Full details are found in the Operational Plan 24-25 attachment.

Consultation:

The following staff have been consulted during the update of the Operational Plan and reporting.

- Chief Executive Officer
- Director of Engineering
- Director of Corporate Services
- Director of Community and Health
- Director of Economic Development
- Manager, Regulatory Services
- Finance Consultant

Financial Risks: Nil.

Environment Risks: Nil

Social Risks: Nil

Recommendation

That Council as per section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the fourth quarter review outcomes of the Operation Plan 2024-25.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Murweh Q4 Operational Plan 2024-25 Reporting Final ⇩

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OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-25

	PRIORITY	CORPORATE PLAN GOALS	CORPORATE PLAN STRATEGIES	AREA	DIRECTORATE	DELIVERY ACTIONS	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	IMPACT	PLAN LINK	Timing	Q1 UPDATE & OUTPUTS	Q2 UPDATE & OUTPUTS	Q3 UPDATE & OUTPUTS	Q4 UPDATE & OUTPUTS
1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE	**1.1. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORKS**	1.1.1. Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs.	▶ Leadership and proactive community and stakeholder engagement to identify, monitor and address community needs, opportunities, and emerging trends.	Community engagement	CEO	Targeted community consultation sessions.	Sessions held in Morven (2) and Augathella (2).	Increased community engagement and participation rates.	Corporate Plan 22-27	Quarterly	Council has held forums in Augathella and Morven this quarter, and will continue this into the third quarter of 2024-25..	Council will plan Community Forums for the 3rd and fourth Quarters of the 2024-25 financial year with the fourth Quarter to coincide with budget preparations.	Council will plan Community Forums for the fourth Quarter of the 2024-25 financial year to coincide with budget preparations.	Community forums conducted
	1.2. COMMUNICATION	1.2.1. Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies.	▶ Foster relationships within council and with the community to manage expectations that are appropriate, realistic, and achievable.	Corporate Comms	CS	Annual Reporting to community a) Corporate Plan Progress and b) Annual Report.	2 x touchpoint annual reporting to community.	Increased community awareness.	Corporate Plan 22-27	Jun-25	Annual report 23-24 not yet due. In progress. Operational Plan Qtr 1 Report - October 24 council meeting	Annual report 23-24 completed, presented to the Council meeting 13 Dec 2024. Operational plan Q2 - to be presented at the January 2025 council meeting	Annual report 23-24 completed, presented to the Council meeting 13 Dec 2024. Operational plan Q3 - to be presented at the April 2025 council meeting	Annual report 23-24 completed, presented to the Council meeting 13 Dec 2024. Operational plan Q4 - to be presented at the August 2025 council meeting
			▶ Principles of equity, social justice, community benefit, and growth and sustainability underpin decisions, and executed with clear objectives.	Corporate Comms	CS	Bi-monthly Council newsletter for community distribution.	6 x touchpoint reporting and communication to community.	Increased community awareness.	All activities	Bi-monthly	1 issue of Murweh Messenger distributed to community.	Newsletter distributed monthly, social media posts completed regularly, minimum 3 per week. Whispir messaging commenced 587 users registered.	Newsletter distributed monthly, social media posts completed regularly, minimum 3 per week. Whispir text messaging service commenced and has approx. 1000 users registered.	Newsletter distributed monthly, social media posts completed regularly, minimum 3 per week. Whispir text messaging service commenced and has approx. 1000 users registered.
			▶ Accountable and transparent planning, implementation, review, and reporting mechanisms at all levels.	Corporate Comms	CEO	Shire promotion and community updates via social media and Mayor weekly updates.	2 x weekly media touchpoints to community.	Increased community awareness.	All activities	Weekly	Council has increased its social media and digital presence, engaged a local media person, and have moved its newsletter to an inhouse production.	Council has continued with its regular community messaging on the social media platforms, the Council website and the Murweh Mail monthly newsletter. Council has also adopted a community safety and service delivery text messaging service.	Council continues to provide information to the community across many mediums including text messaging, social media, Murweh Mail newsletter, website and radio - with recent feedback showing a positive community reception to this communication strategy.	Council continues to provide information to the community across many mediums including text messaging, social media, Murweh Mail newsletter, website and radio - with recent feedback showing a positive community reception to this communication strategy.
	1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.	▶ Governance and corporate planning processes and management address responsibilities, risks, and security, and optimise opportunities.	Revenue	CS	Annual budget delivered and adopted. And performance measures : within legislative timeframes	Rates issued as planned Rate arrears managed to below 10% of total rating revenue. Quarterly budget review undertaken	Improved cashflow. Compliance with LG Regulations.	Budget 24-25 Annual Report	Sep-24 Mar-25	Budget 24-25 adopted 30 July 24. Rates and charges notice 30 September 24.	Rates notices for first half year issued in early October 24.	Rates notices issued for second half year, with a payment due date of 8 May 2025.	Rates notices issued for 2024-25.
				Assurance	CS	External and Internal audit functions provided for.	Audit functions completed in line with statutory requirements.	Full Compliance.	Budget 24-25	May-25	External audit - In progress. Signing of the audited FS on target. Internal audit - first meeting with internal auditors to be held 24 October 24. Internal audit plan 24-25 agreed.	External Audit Report issued (unqualified) and FS signed off 15 October 24.	External Audit Report issued (unqualified) and FS signed off 15 October 24. Internal audit 24-25 work on going	External Audit Report issued (unqualified) and FS signed off 15 October 24. Internal audit 24-25 work on going. External audit interim report completed with no new audit issues identified
				Training	Councillors	Councillor training and skills development.	100% participation in training.	Improved Councillor governance skills.	Corporate Plan 22-27		Training undertaken	Council has participated in the Liquidity Review Workshops during the 2nd Quarter.	Councillors have had numerous workshops including asset management and road hierarchy establishment. Councillors are planning to do training with the Department of Local Government in June.	Councillors have had numerous workshops including asset management and road hierarchy establishment. Councillors attended training with the Department of Local Government in June.
				Customer Service	CS	Customer service standards maintained and processes followed for customer complaints.	Customer complaints attended to within the allocated time. Feedback provided to complainant. Improved connectivity of satellite offices	Improved customer service standards.	Corporate Plan 22-27 Customer Service Charter	Jun-25	Included to be reviewed as part of the internal audit plan 24-25	Included to be reviewed as part of the internal audit plan 24-25	Processes for customer service requests continue to be reviewed with the view to be simplified and use additional features of subscriptions that are currently in place.	Processes for customer service requests continue to be reviewed with the view to be simplified and use additional features of subscriptions that are currently in place.
				Risk Management	CS	Enterprise Risk Management System is maintained, and Risk Register is reviewed annually.	Risk Register is reviewed and actioned.	Improved risk management.	Operational Plan 24-25	Ongoing	System maintained	Internal Audit commenced in Q2.	Internal Audit completed actions to be reviewed and implemented where possible in Q4.	Internal Audit completed actions to be reviewed and implemented where possible in2025-26
			Work in Progress Update		***CS***	***Governance and Risk Capability Improvements***				***Jun-25***	***Option to reallocate funding at first budget***	***Option to reallocate funding at first budget review***	***Funding reallocated at first budget review***	***Funding reallocated at first budget review***
			▶ To demonstrate compliance to all concerned parties	WHS	CS	WH&S System is maintained.	Demonstration of continuous improvement.	Risk management. No major incidents.	Workplace Safety Management Systems (SMS)	Ongoing	System implementation continued	System implementation continued	System implemetation now completed and system is now in use across Council workforce.	System implemetation now completed and system is now in use across Council workforce.
			▶ Attract, retain, and empower a capable, skilled, and fully complemented workforce.	Staff	CS	Human Resource provisions including training are adequately resourced and staff are well trained and informed.	Management provided timely and appropriate advice on staff matters.	Staff retention. Service Standards achieved.	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement	Ongoing	Staff training continues to be identified and completed.	Staff training continues to be identified and completed.	Staff training continues to be identified and completed.	Staff training continues to be identified and completed.
				Staff	CS	Employment satisfaction survey undertaken once every 2 years, and strategies to improve outcomes identified and implemented.	1 survey conducted. Increased satisfaction levels from prior surveys.	Staff retention. Staff empowered.	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement	Jun-25	No update at Q1	No update at Q2	No update at Q2	No update at Q3
			▶ Council facilities, assets, plant and resourcing meet operational requirements.	Assets	ES	Asset Management System including plant replacement program is maintained and Asset Management Plans implemented for all asset classes.	Asset maintenance activities delivered to budget and schedule. AMPs reviewed	100% compliant assets. Reduced long-term maintenance costs.	Asset Management Plans	Jun-25	Recommendation for the formation of Asset and Infrastructure Advisory Committee to be moved at the October Council meeting. Plans in place, but they require extensive	First asset management committee meeting to be held 20.02.2025. Review on levels of service for road assets is underway. Reseals commencing Jan 2025.	Redevelopment of road asset management plan and supporting policy continues, and will be tabled at the next asset and infrastructure committee meeting. New plant replacement policy in development. Other asset classes to follow once these are finalised.	The asset management project is scheduled to continue into the 2025–26 financial year, with ongoing oversight and integration into council's strategic asset planning framework.

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		Work in Progress Update		*CHS*	*Computers Renewal*				*Jun-25*	*on going*	*on going*	*on going*	*On going*
		Work in Progress Update		*CS*	*IT/Finance and Records System*				*Jun-25*	*Exploring option to replace record management system*	*Exploring option to replace record management system*	*Server replacement has been completed behind the scenes with final testing to occur in May.*	*Project completed*
		Work in Progress Update		*EDT*	*Dental Equipment*				*Jun-25*	*Equipment purchased.*	*Equipment purchased.*	*Equipment purchased.*	*Equipment purchases*
		Work in Progress Update		*CEO*	*Emergency Generator*				*Jun-25*	*Unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding.*	*Unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding.*	*Unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding.*	*Unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding.*
		Work in Progress Update		*CEO*	*Generator Admin Bldg*				*Jun-25*			*New Project, included at first budget review*	*Completed*
		Work in Progress Update		*CEO*	*Generator Workshop*				*Jun-25*			*New Project, included at first budget review*	*Completed*
		Work in Progress Update		*CS*	*Upgrade Council's Public Records Storage*				*Jun-25*			*Cloud environment now set up. File structure being implemented.*	*Cloud environment now set up. File structure being implemented. Library set up in placed.*
		Work in Progress Update		*EDT*	*Install CCTV Cameras Council facilities*				*Jun-25*			*Project completed, residual cost included at first budget review*	*Project completed, residual cost included at first budget review*
		Work in Progress Update		*ES*	*Plant Purchase*				*Jun-25*	*On going*	*On going*	*On going*	*On going*
			Contract Works	ES	Contract civil works for other agencies and funding programs.	Programs are resourced and delivered within contract schedule, timeframe. Contract compliance. No LTIs, accidents or failures.	Increased revenue. Maximise use of resources.	Projects	Jun-25	RMPC contract signed with TMR for 2 financial years in excessing $6.7m.	Additional $200,000 flood damage contract from TMR awarded to Council December 2024.	Continue to under RMPC and small reconstruction projects for TMR. Expect to be offered the construction of a new rest area on the Landsborough Highway early next financial year.	Continue to under RMPC and small reconstruction projects for TMR. Expect to be offered the construction of a new rest area on the Landsborough Highway early next financial year.
2. CORE SERVICES	**2.1. DISASTERS** 2.1.1. No loss of life or property, critical infrastructure is protected, and economic impacts are minimised from natural disasters.	▶ Disaster risk planning, reduction and preparedness with partner agencies and community.	Disaster	CEO	MSC Disaster Management Plan is reviewed annually and implemented.	QFES Emergency Management Officer undertaken review.	Risk management.	Local Disaster Management Plan	Jun-25	Council has reviews its Disaster Management Plan in line with the 2024 IGEM requirements. Council has also updated its Disaster Management Plan and Sub Plans to reflect the changes in the Qld disaster management responsibilities.	Council is refining its Local Disaster Management Plan (LDMP) and Sub-plans with the assistance of the EMC. Council asked the LDMG to review the LDMP and Sub-plans and were recommended to go forward to Council for adoption at the February Council Meeting. Council is to complete it Recovery Sub-plan prior to February's Council Meeting.	Council has continued to refine its Local Disaster Management Plan Sub-Plans and is currently reviewing its Business Continuity Sub-Plan. Council has also adopted Flood Risk Assessments of Augathella and Charleville, a Flood Warning Review and a Flood Levee Condition Assessment - all completed by Genises Hydrology	Council has continued to refine its Local Disaster Management Plan Sub-Plans and is currently reviewing its Business Continuity Sub-Plan. Council is working with Yellow company to refine these plans.
		Work in Progress Update		*CEO*	*SES Facility Upgrade*				*Jun-25*			*New Project, included at first budget review*	*Completed*
		▶ Mitigation works, disaster response and recovery.	Emergency	CEO	SES is adequately funded and resourced, training needs analysis undertaken, and training is conducted by the local controller.	Training delivered where identified.	SES teams are prepared and in state of readiness.	Local Disaster Management Plan	Ongoing	Council is in regular contact with the Local SES Controller who provides updates on any SES deficiencies as well as activities and activations.	Council continues regular contact with the Local SES Controller who provides updates on any SES deficiencies as well as activities and activations. There are currently repairs and upgrades being completed on the SES Shed.	Council continues regular contact with the Local SES Controller who provides updates on any SES deficiencies as well as activities and activations. The access to a stream of volunteers for SES operations is a constant risk.	Council continues regular contact with the Local SES Controller who provides updates on any SES deficiencies as well as activities and activations. The access to a stream of volunteers for SES operations is a constant risk.
			Disaster	ES	Flood mitigation maintenance of river channels in/around Charleville and Cool Burning Program.	Fire and flood preparedness and risk mitigation		Local Disaster Management Plan	Jun-25	Ongoing. Lessons from April 2024 event are being addressed with the use of GIS data and better inspection tools.	Levee condition assessment report and flood risk studies received and under review. Seeking funding to complete priority works.	Council will be actively seeking support to fund rehabilitation works to the Charleville flood levee network. Council has completed bushfire mitigation planning with QRFS and is working on the development on a Bushfire Standard Operating Procedure for adoption in May 2025.	Council will be actively seeking support to fund rehabilitation works to the Charleville flood levee network. Council has completed bushfire mitigation planning with QRFS and is working on the development on a Bushfire Standard Operating Procedure for adoption in May 2025.
	2.2. PUBLIC LANDS 2.2.1. Stock routes are well maintained for stock movement and regulated use.	▶ Stock route planning, coordination, and implementation with stakeholders.	Rural Lands	CS	Stock route facilities maintained, review water facility options in collaboration with adjacent landholders.	User satisfaction and compliance.	Full Compliance.	Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	Stock route water facilities maintained. Water agreements will be updated in partnership with landholders and Department of Resources.	Awaiting collaboration with Stock Route Department for the update of water facility agreements. Some landholders have returned document with changes to be made.	Awaiting collaboration with Stock Route Department for the update of water facility agreements. Some landholders have returned document with changes to be made.	Awaiting collaboration with Stock Route Department for the update of water facility agreements. Some landholders have returned document with changes to be made.
	2.2.2. Town reserves and public lands are well maintained for community access and recreational use.	▶ Improvement and maintenance activities.	Rural Lands	CS	Continue solar panel upgrade in line with Council three year forward plan, funded through Dept. Resources capital funding scheme	Stock routes and water facilities conditions met. Continue with 3-5 year rolling program.	Reduced maintenance costs.	Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	Upgrade of four water facilities has been preliminary approved by Department of Resources - quotes are being obtained and uploaded into the State's Stock Route system in Q2.	Approval has been granted to upgrade four water facilities. Works have not commenced, expected by end of January 2025.	4 water facilities have been upgraded with new tanks and troughs. Dept has completed payment to Council for these works. Approval has now been sought for next years funding.	4 water facilities have been upgraded with new tanks and troughs. Dept has completed payment to Council for these works. Approval has now been sought for next years funding.
	2.2.3. All public lands are actively managed to support riverine and ecosystem health and landscape connectivity.	▶ Advocacy to resource increasing responsibilities.	Town Reserves	CS	Town Reserves and riverine areas maintained to reduce known hazards. Continue cool burning program.	Maintenance schedule implemented.	Hazard and safety impacts minimised.	Asset Management Plans Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	Ongoing maintenance of the Town Reserves is occurring. Fire breaks have been graded at Charleville, however no cool burn	No cool burning undertaken during this quarter due to weather conditions - dry/wet.	No cool burning undertaken. Review of the Cool Burn Plan has been undertaken. Further discussion with the Fire Brigade regarding a permit for July/August cool burn program.	No cool burning undertaken. Review of the Cool Burn Plan has been undertaken. Further discussion with the Fire Brigade regarding a permit for July/August cool burn program.
	2.3. BIOSECURITY 2.3.1. Stakeholders are informed, knowledgeable and committed to implementing effective and strategic biosecurity management of existing infestations and prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of new weeds and pest animals.	▶ Biosecurity planning, coordination, and implementation with stakeholders.	Biosecurity	CS	Active management of pest animals in the shire, conduct coordinated baiting campaigns April/May and October/November.	Increase landholder participation Trained staff to administer 10-80 poison.	Minimise impact of pests. Improve sustainable Agriculture.	Biosecurity Management Plan Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	Ongoing ad hoc baiting completed in partnership with landholders. The first Coordinated baiting for the Shire is scheduled for Tuesday 12 November 2024. Information has been mailed to landholders.	Coordinated baiting campaign completed with an increase in participation to 52 properties, using approximately 7000kg of meat.	No cool burning undertaken. Review of the Cool Burn Plan has been undertaken. Further discussion with the Fire Brigade regarding a permit for July/August cool burn program.	No cool burning undertaken. Review of the Cool Burn Plan has been undertaken. Further discussion with the Fire Brigade regarding a permit for July/August cool burn program.

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		▶ Resource the implementation of priority actions and responsibilities in the Biosecurity Plan.	Biosecurity	CS	Pursue funding and resourcing opportunities in collaboration with key stakeholders to fulfill biosecurity obligations	Increased funding investments.	Improved implementation. Cost recovery.	Biosecurity Management Plan Stock Route Management Plan	Ongoing	No funding applications submitted in this quarter	No funding applications made during this quarter.	No funding applications made during this quarter for BioSecurity purposes. Discussions with SQ Landscapes regarding environmental impact post March/April flood event.	No funding applications made during this quarter.
		Work in Progress Update		***CS***	***Charleville Weighbridge***				***Jun-25***			***Project completed, residual cost included at first budget review***	***Project completed***
		Work in Progress Update		***CS***	***Augathella Truck Wash***				***Jun-25***			***New Project, included at first budget review***	***New Project, included at first budget review. Not completed at year end***
2.4. ROADS	2.4.1. Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities.	▶ Asset management plan for priority and strategic maintenance and developments.	Civil Infrastructure	ES	Infrastructure maintenance works carried out according to the works program schedule.	Maintenance standards achieved. Schedule of works communicated to public.	Improved safety. Cost efficiencies.	Asset Management Plans	Jun-25	On going	Improving. Condition assessment of sewer and water assets is informing future works programs. Funding deficit is beginning to be understood.	As per Q2, improving but works program is very reactive particularly in water and sewerage. Aged assets, tighter regulation and lack of long term asset renewal planning have resulted in higher operational costs.	On going
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Kerb and Channel renewals***				***Jun-25***	***Program under development.***	***Challenges procuring concrete mix - considering bundling works and bringing in specialist contractor.***	***Under delivered - resources prioritised on W4Q projects. Investigating RACAS for footpath assessments to develop forward program for multiple years. Remaining revenue possibly redirected towards Parks & Gardens and as well as Public Convenience operating costs which are likely to run over budget.***	***Under delivered - resources prioritised on W4Q projects. Investigating RACAS for footpath assessments to develop forward program for multiple years. Remaining revenue possibly redirected towards Parks & Gardens and as well as Public Convenience operating costs which are likely to run over budget.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Box culvert construction BOM to RFDS***				***Jun-25***	***JRB met with Phil to discuss scope at end of September. Will program with maintenance crew.***	***JRB met with Phil to discuss scope at end of September. Will program with maintenance crew.***	***Not delivered. Civil crews busy with recovery work.***	***Not delivered. Civil crews busy with recovery work.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Footpath renewals***				***Jun-25***	***Program under development.***	***Program under development.***	***Design developed to pursue 75% funded upgrade of footpath between primary schools and high school when TMR announces funding for their Principle Cycle Network program.***	***Design developed to pursue 75% funded upgrade of footpath between primary schools and high school when TMR announces funding for their Principle Cycle Network program.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Walking the Grant***				***Jun-25***			***Carry over project, included at first budget review***	***Completed***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***R2R/TIDS project - Adavale Road***				***Jun-25***	***Construction started on Adavale Road.***	***Works on remaining 5.5km underway - expect to be complete by end of Feb 25.***	***Project complete on time and budget.***	***Project complete on time and budget.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***R2R - Resheeting and Reseals***				***Jun-25***	***Budget split between rural and urban***	***Resheeting program abandoned - funds needed for reseal works.***	***Resheeting program abandoned - funds allocated to reseals***	***Resheeting program abandoned - funds allocated to reseals***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***R2R - Resheeting and Reseals***				***Jun-25***	***Budget split between rural and urban***	***Reseals underway from 20.01.2025.***	***Reseals complete.***	***Reseals complete.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Town Street Rehabilitation Program***				***Jun-25***	***Reseal prep works, to be completed in advance of reseals - waiting for W4Q to commence.***	***Under development.***	***Profiler on site and crews being trained on 06.05.2025.***	***Carry over to 2025-26***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Old Tambo Road - Augathella LRCIP 4***				***Jun-25***	***Completed***	***Completed***	***Completed***	***Completed***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville Alfred St LRCIP 4***				***Jun-25***	***Reseal project - to be packaged up with R2R sealing works.***	***Reseals underway from 20.01.2025.***	***Completed***	***Completed***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville Edward Street (1) LRCIP 4***				***Jun-25***	***Reseal project - to be packaged up with R2R sealing works.***	***Reseals underway from 20.01.2025.***	***Completed***	***Completed***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville Edward Street (2) LRCIP 4***				***Jun-25***	***Reseal project - to be packaged up with R2R sealing works.***	***Reseals underway from 20.01.2025.***	***Completed***	***Completed***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Augathella stormwater drainage - Main Street LRCIP 4***				***Jun-25***	***Will be complete by October Council meeting.***	***Completed.***	***Completed.***	***Completed.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville Hood Street LRCIP 4***				***Jun-25***	***Reseal project - to be packaged up with R2R sealing works.***	***Reseals underway from 20.01.2025.***	***Completed***	***Completed***
		▶ Policy direction for resource cost share investment for private benefit infrastructure.	Civil Infrastructure	ES	Infrastructure capital works carried out according to the capital works plan and works program schedule.	Improved networks standards achieved. Schedule of works communicated to public.	Improved standards. Improved safety.	Asset Management Plans	Jun-25	Efforts have been made to improve alignment with capital expenditure and Asset Management Plans. W4Q for example is predominately now allocated to renewals.	Kerb and channel proving difficult to plan due to constrained supply of special mix concrete.	Under delivered - resources prioritised on W4Q projects. Investigating RACAS for footpath assessments to develop forward program for multiple years. Remaining revenue possibly redirected towards Parks & Gardens and as well as Public Convenience operating costs which are likely to run over budget.	Under delivered - resources prioritised on W4Q projects. Investigating RACAS for footpath assessments to develop forward program for multiple years. Remaining revenue possibly redirected towards Parks & Gardens and as well as Public Convenience operating costs which are likely to run over budget.
			Civil Infrastructure	ES	Levee Bank inspections and annual maintenance works conducted.	Inspection and maintenance schedule implemented.	Improved standards. Improved safety.	Asset Management Plans	Jun-25	AMP to be reviewed.	Condition assessment complete. Levee AMP to be developed and	Condition assessment complete. Levee AMP to be developed and implemented.	Condition assessment complete. Levee AMP to be developed and
	2.5.2. All recoverable resources are diverted from landfill.	▶ Waste transfer centre.	Recycling	EDT	Continue resource recovery options in collaboration with community	Resource recovery rates increased.	Environmental Health.		Ongoing	on going	Regular updates and discussions with South West Qld Waste Group	On going	On going

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	2.5.3. Community is encouraged and supported to reduce waste, reuse, and recycle.	▶ Community recycling collection facilities.	Waste	CS	Implement and monitor landfill operation and maintenance in accordance with agreement.	Contractor monthly reports submitted to Council on time. Compliant landfill operations in line with environmental licence.	Improved waste management facility condition.	Landfill Management Plan	Monthly	Annual audit of the Charleville Waste Facility Management will be completed on 30 October 2024. Audit report tabled at December Council meeting.	Audit of landfill operations completed in collaboration with contractor. No major findings, site much tidier with continual improvements being made within the operational process.	Audit not due until September 2025	Audit not due until September 2025
		▶ Education and communication of waste reduction strategies and recycling services, and illegal dumping and compliance.	Waste	CS	Education and communication to the community about the Charleville waste facility upgrades, and recycling programs in the Bi-monthly newsletter and social media.	Improved compliance and reduction of illegal dumping.	Environmental Health. Health and safety.	Landfill Management Plan	Monthly	No information provided to the community in Q1	No further information provided in Q2	No information provided in Council newsletter. Next edition have update on recycle programs and waste diversion.	No further information provided in Q4
2.6. WATER AND SANITATION	2.6.1. Water supply and storages are managed to achieve the highest standard of quality, efficiency, delivery, and sustainability.	▶ Leverage resources for the upgrade of Augathella and Charleville sewerage treatment facilities.	Water	ES	Storage and supply of urban water maintained, monitoring and inspection schedule conducted of reservoirs, mains and services, and repaired and replaced where required.	Annual reporting of all water KPIs as required by various state and federal agencies is published on Council's website.	Full Compliance. Health and safety.	Asset Management Plans	Quarterly	Significant investment in restoring SCADA systems, GIS asset data and development of DWQMP. Water security projects in development.	Ongoing - limits of current infrastructure beginning to be understood. Future capital works project identified.	Issues with UV systems in Morven and Augathella. Augathella remaining on "Boil Water Alert" for extended period of time on advice from Public Health. Significant investment required to maintain "full compliance" going forward, with asset management plans requiring updating to reflect capital works expenditure required.	Council continues to work with the water regulator and the Darling Downs Public Health Unit to refine council's water reticulation network.
	2.6.2. Sewerage treatment and water re-use supply are managed to achieve the highest standard of quality, efficiency, and delivery for human and environmental health.	▶ Asset management and service delivery excellence.	Water	ES	Upgrade water mains in Morven, Charleville and Augathella	Services maintained to standard.	Health and safety.	Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	Jun-25	Service locating works completed in Morven and Charleville for mains renewals on Brunell St, Grant St, Walter St, Francis	Ongoing	on going	On going
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville water renewals***				***Jun-25***	***Program under development***	***Program under development.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***UV Disinfection Unit***				***Jun-25***			***Carry over project, included at first budget review***	***Carry over project, included at first budget review***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Augathella water renewals***				***Jun-25***	***Program under development***	***Brunell St mains replacement underway.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Morven water renewals***				***Jun-25***	***Brunell St mains scoped for full replacement in coming months.***	***Program under development.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Augathella CED Scheme***				***Jun-25***			***Carry over project, included at first budget review***	***Carry over project to 2025-26***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Augathella CED Scheme Design***				***Jun-25***			***Carry over project, included at first budget review***	***Carry over project to 2025-26***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Augathella sewerage renewals***				***Jun-25***	***Program under development***	***Program under development.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville Treatment Plant Upgrade***				***Jun-25***			***Carry over project, included at first budget review***	***Carry over project to 2025-26***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville sewerage renewals***				***Jun-25***	***Program under development***	***Program under development.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***	***Program implementation on hold until a decision is received on SWQWSA infrastructure plan.***
	2.6.3. Public access to potable water and sanitation.	▶ Communicate availability of water access points for travellers.	Water	DES	Water supply monitoring schedule conducted with testing and treatment levels maintained across major towns. Option for replacement of Charleville inground reservoir critical.	Water quality maintained. DEWS requirements met.	Full compliance.	Asset Management Plans Drinking Water Quality Management Plan	Jun-25	On going monitoring	On going monitoring	On going monitoring	Council has engaged CMC to complete regular maintenance on council's water network.
			Sewerage	DES	Sewerage treatment plant and ponds operating to standard, monitoring and testing schedule conducted and action plan implemented.	EPA licence mitigation actions met in consultation with DES.	Full Compliance.	Sewerage Management Plans Recycled Water Management Plan	Monthly	On going monitoring	On going monitoring	On going monitoring	On going monitoring
		Work in Progress Update		***ES/CS***	***Water and Sewage CA & Programming***				***Jun-25***	***Use of W4Q funds to prioritise work locations and assist with planning renewals based on condition and risk.***	***Project plan under development - Contractor on site week of 06.01.2025 to inspect all pump stations and provide advice on improving network resilience.***	***Work in progress***	***Carry over to 2025-26***
MUNITY WELLBEING	**3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING**	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.	▶ Continue support for critical health services and advocate to meet current gaps in our communities.	Environmental Health	CS	Conduct annual inspections of licensed premises to insure compliance with Food Safety legislation.	Annual food licensing inspections completed.	Enhanced education and understanding leading to a higher level of compliance.	Operational Plan 23-24	Quarterly	Applications for licences sent to all registered food business in Q1. Inspections will commence on 14	Inspections have occurred during this last quarter. Three premises require further inspection, approximately 30% complete.	Inspections conducted, not complete. Three reinspecions conducted, premises to standard at time of inspection	Inspections conducted, not complete. Three reinspecions conducted, premises to standard at time of inspection
				Animal Control	CS	Ensure keeping of animals in the town area is in accordance with MSC Local Laws	Local law officer service provided. Impoundment process in accordance with Local Law requirements.	Less dog attacks. Reduced community complaints.	Local Law Number 2 (Animal Management)2012; Subordinate Local Law No 1.5 (Keeping of Animals)	Ongoing	Continual monitoring for the keeping of animals within the urban areas is ongoing.	One dangerous dog attack during this quarter. Investigation completed, continuing to work with animal owners.	Inspections conducted, not complete. Three reinspecions conducted, premises to standard at time of inspection	Inspections conducted, not complete. Three reinspecions conducted, premises to standard at time of inspection
				Facilities	CS	Aged care units are maintained and operated to an accepted standard of safety and reflect community expectations.	Maintenance schedule implemented. Compliant and safe facilities.	Standards maintained. Compliance.	Asset Management Plan	Ongoing	on going	On going	Letters have been sent to three animal owners regarding requirements to retain animals on their urban land. Further inspections to be conducted in May 2025	Council has identified works to be completed on these units
			▶ Well maintained facilities, services, and experiences offered, that enhance the sports, recreation, arts, and cultural profile.	Libraries	CHS	Maintain service levels and resource libraries in Augathella, Charleville and Morven, and implement initiatives where applicable.	Staff levels and opening times maintained. First 5 program delivered.	Increased library use. Increased education under 5.		Ongoing	Seeking more casuals for delivery of first 5 in Augathella and Morven.	Sufficient staff for first 5.	Story walks in Morven, Augathella, and Charleville had their official openings.	On going delivery of library programs

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			Arts & Culture	CHS	Arts and culture projects are developed and completed, with two rounds advertised, assessed and delivered in accordance with funding guidelines and Council policy.	2 funding rounds of RADF projects.	Contribute to arts and culture profile.	Arts and Culture Policy Project: Regional Arts and Development Fund	Ongoing	Community members and groups continue to avail themselves of RADF funding to improve skills and knowledge individually and in workshops that encourage social interaction.	Next round scheduled for January/February 2025.	Current round of RADF funding closed 31st March 2025. Applications will now be assessed.	Council has established RADF committee
			Community	CHS	Community Assistance is offered to community organisations for sponsorship and fee waivers.	Support provided as per policy.	Community assistance support.	Community Assistance Policy	Half Yearly	Community organisations are required to apply when funding rounds are announced with impromptu requests outside of rounds discouraged.	Continuing to promote that applications for assistance outside of set rounds are very likely to be unsuccessful.	In latest rounds some applications were rejected.	on going
			Community	CHS	In partnership with Progress Associations, promote, assess applications and distribute funds collected from Donation Boxes to worthy causes in line with Council policy.	Support provided as per policy.	Community assistance support.	Donation Box Policy	Ongoing	Dealing promptly with requests from progress associations for use of funds from donation boxes.	Continue to work with progress associations regarding requests for access to honesty box funds.	on going	on going
			Parks & Gardens	ES	Maintain parks for continued public use and enjoyment.	Maintenance schedule implemented.	Increased utilisation.	Parks Master Plan	Quarterly	on going	on going	on going	on going
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***King Edward park Precinct Masterplan***				***Jun-25***	***Waiting on W4Q advice to proceed.***	***No activity during Q2***	***No activity during Q3***	***No activity during Q3***
			Facilities	ES	Maintain sporting facilities and showgrounds to a safe standard for continued public use and enjoyment.	Maintenance schedule implemented.	Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan Project: Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	Quarterly	on going	on going	on going	on going
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville Showgrounds - Full Canteen Upgrade***				***Jun-25***	***Quotes received. Not awarded yet.***	***Quotes received. Not awarded yet.***	***Cold room installed 02/05/2025. Procurement of minor appliances will be completed in May 2025.***	***Cold room installed 02/05/2025. Procurement of minor appliances completed.***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville - Construct amenities to support Multi-sport***				***Jun-25***	***Procurement abandoned and 6 month EOT requested from sport and rec to pursue more funding.***	***Contractor engaged to start constructing building modules.***	***Working with Design & Construction contractor to deliver project before Feb 2026.***	***Working with Design & Construction contractor to deliver project before Feb 2026. Carry over project to 2025-26***
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville - Refurbish existing racecourse complex***				***Jun-25***			***Carry over project, included at first budget review***	***Completed***
			Facilities	ES	Maintain Racecourse in conjunction with Queensland Racing to improve facilities.	Works completed on time and budget.	Standards maintained. Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan Project: QLD Racing	Jun-25	Track maintenance and management of handover ongoing.	Plant and resourcing expected to be an issue in Q3/Q4. Without a facilities manager it is proving difficult to find resources to invest in developing a long term asset management plan for the Racecourse.	Impacts from March/April flooding yet to be assessed. MoU with Warrego Racing Club to be developed, Asset Management Plan for Race Track to be developed.	Impacts from March/April flooding yet to be assessed. MoU with Warrego Racing Club to be developed, Asset Management Plan for Race Track to be developed.
		Work in Progress Update		***ES***	***Charleville Racecourse Upgrade***				***Jun-25***	***No update at Q1***	***Quotes for aircon replacement in progress***	***Work in progress***	***New market A/C replaced further electrical works identified and being scoped at present.***
			Facilities	CHS	Maintain the pool condition and operation to a high level of health and safety and reflect community expectations.	Testing undertaken and compliant. Staffing levels meet requirements. Operation 9 months of the year.	Safety. Standards maintained. Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan	Apr-25	New pool filters have been replaced and water quality is being maintained at the best possible standard.	Ongoing. Pool is being maintained to a safe and healthy standard.	Ongoing. Pool will close for the season on the 28th April 2025, and reopen around September. Water quality will be maintained during this period.	Ongoing. Pool will close for the season on the 28th April 2025, and reopen around September. Water quality will be maintained during this period.
		Work in Progress Update		CHS	***Charleville Swimming Pool Filters***				***Jun-25***			***Carry over and completed project, included at first budget review***	***Carry over and completed project, included at first budget review***
		Work in Progress Update		CHS	***Charleville Swimming Installation of shade***				***Jun-25***			***Project completed, residual cost included at first budget review***	***Project completed, residual cost included at first budget review***
			Facilities	CS	Public halls, cultural centre and medical practitioner facilities maintained, in conjunction with Augathella and Morven Progress Associations.	Works completed on time and budget.	Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan	Ongoing	On going	On going	On going	On going
		Work in Progress Update		***CS***	***Council Facility Infrastructure Program***				***Jun-25***	***Waiting on W4Q advice to proceed.***	***Advice received project is eligible for funding. Priority listing currently being generated.***	***Purchase order completed for these works***	***Carry over to 2025-26***
			Facilities	ES	Cemeteries maintained to a high standard and reflect community expectations.	Facilities meet community expectations.	Standards maintained.	Asset Management Plan	Ongoing	Very positive feedback received from community on all 3 cemeteries.	Ongoing.	Ongoing. PO raised for installation of 1 x 28m long cemetery beam.	On going maintenance carried out
		Work in Progress Update		***CS***	***Charleville Cemetery Beams***				***Jun-25***			***Project completed, residual cost included at first budget review***	
3.3. EDUCATION	3.3.1. The education needs of the community are represented and pursued.	▶ Collaborate with education and training stakeholders to advocate for further education pathways and options locally.	Staff	CS	Appointment of apprentices, trainees and school-based traineeships	Funding secured and appointment of trainees and apprentices	Employment opportunities	Operational Plan 2024-25; Staff training & Skills Matrix	Jun-25	Apprentices and trainees engaged	Trainees and apprentices engaged for 25 Calendar year	Trainees and apprentices enagaged and continuing as planned.	Trainees and apprentices enagaged and continuing as planned.

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			▶ Pursue representation and advocacy opportunities that support childcare, pre-school, student retention, school completion, special needs support, training, apprenticeships, and vocational and higher education.	Planning	EDT	Advocate and collaborate to secure further education and training pathways locally	Training facilitated and delivered locally	Employment and training opportunities	Operational Plan 2023-24	Ongoing	on going	Awaiting funding outcome for Country University establishment	No activity during Q3	No activity during Q4
	3.4. CONNECTION TO COUNTRY	3.4.1. Preservation and recognition of the traditions and cultures of Aboriginal people and their ongoing custodianship of country.	▶ Connection to country, interests, and rights of traditional owners are recognised, and support Aboriginal people to benefit culturally, socially, and economically.	Community	CHS	Community liaison with Traditional Owners to support a collaborative, inclusive and respectful relationship. Progress Reconciliation Action Plan.	Effective engagement with Traditional Owners.	Improved relationships.		Ongoing	Council embraces initiatives for improved relationships with traditional owners	Council endeavours to maintain and improve relationships with all members of the community.	Ongoing	Ongoing
				Land Tenure	CS	Negotiate Land Tenure relating to Native Title Freehold, protecting Council interests and land management outcomes with respects to cultural heritage.	Resolution of land tenure matters.		Land Act 1994 Qld Stock Route Management Plan Native Title Act 1993	Ongoing	On going as the need arises	On going as the need arises	On going as the need arises	On going as the need arises
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE	4.1. GROWTH	4.1.1. Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.	▶ Pursue regional strategies that address affordable and accessible housing.											
			▶ Ensure sufficient and appropriate land availability for residential and industrial developments.	Land Tenure	CEO	Industrial and residential land is developed in line with community needs.	Sale and disposal of Industrial Land.	Provide for housing development.	Planning Scheme	Ongoing	Council is in the process of selling the Bollon Rd industrial land, but there needs to be an MCU process completed to enable this process.	Council is continuing with the MCU process for the Bollon Road industrial blocks. Council has been successful in obtaining funding for the planning of Stage 2 of the Aurora Estate.	Council is continuing with the MCU process for the Bollon Road industrial blocks. Council has been working with Harrison Infrastructure Group completing the planning of Stage 2 of the Aurora Estate. This planning will be used for the development of the funding application(s) to produce 65 residential block when the Residential Activation Fund becomes available through the Qld Government..	Council is continuing with the MCU process for the Bollon Road industrial blocks. Council has been working with Harrison Infrastructure Group completing the planning of Stage 2 of the Aurora Estate. This planning will be used for the development of the funding application(s) to produce 65 residential block when the Residential Activation Fund becomes available through the Qld Government..
			Work in Progress Update		CS	***Land development***				***Jun-25***	***Negotiating contract terms with HIG. Design expected to commence mid October.***	***Planning works commenced.***	***Planning workswell progressed.***	***Design work progressing on schedule. Residential Activation Fund application submitted. Services location and Flora survey complete Development Application - Lot 500 SP343472 submitted on 28/04/25***
			Work in Progress Update		CEO	***Housing Purchase***				***Jun-25***	***Settlement occurred on 13 August for the purchase of 9 High St Charleville***	***No activity during Q2***	***No activity during Q3***	***Contract/agreement signed, settled July 2025***
	4.2. INDUSTRY	4.2.1. Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.	▶ Proactively overcome identified barriers to encourage industry diversification, innovation, and investment.	Planning	CS	Planning and building certification services maintained, and development approvals in accordance with regulatory frameworks.	SPA compliance	Non compliance issues minimised.	Planning Scheme	Ongoing	No update at Q1	Planning Services now provided by Reel Planning. Funding sought for planning scheme review.	Services provided as needed. Reporting improved. Planning scheme amendment set to commence in Q4.	Services provided as needed. Reporting improved. Planning scheme amendment commenced.
			▶ Empower local leadership of business development and growth.	Economic	EDT	Active representation and partnerships with strategic organisations including LGAQ, South West Regional Organisation of Councils (SWROC), and Western Queensland Alliance, and links with Government Departments in relation to emerging trends, economic development outcomes and prospects and tourism.	Economic and regional development opportunities and challenges identified and pursued. Regional strategies for economic development and investment.	Economic growth.		Ongoing	on going	Ongoing collaboration and updates with major networks	No update at Q3	No update at Q4
			▶ Establish a value proposition that positions Murweh as a preferred place to do business.	Economic	EDT	Promote campaigns to support local businesses throughout the Shire.	Buy Local campaign executed.	Support local business and industry.		Ongoing	on going	Working towards formation of a local business group	No update at Q3	Council continued to engage with business chamber and Qld business commissioner
			▶ Enhance Murweh' s position as a leading tourism destination.	Tourism	CEO	Develop a Tourism Strategy that identifies key drivers and opportunities and guides strategies for tourism market development and value return to the community.	Increased financial return for investment. Increased tourism GRP.			Dec-24	This piece of work is yet to be planned or undertaken in the absence of the Tourism Manager.	This piece of work is still yet to be planned or undertaken in the absence of the Tourism Manager. Council will further the Tourism Strategy through the newly established Tourism, Events and Marketing Advisory Committee.	Council is still to develop a Tourism Strategy due to the lack of resources and other projects and daily operations becoming a greater priority. Now that Council has appointed a Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Events, there will be an opportunity to develop a Tourism Strategy in the off season. The Tourism Coordinators have been active in attending tourism promotional events and representing the Shire and the OQTA region.	Council is still to develop a Tourism Strategy due to the lack of resources and other projects and daily operations becoming a greater priority. Now that Council has appointed a Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Events, there will be an opportunity to develop a Tourism Strategy in the off season. The Tourism Coordinators have been active in attending tourism promotional events and representing the Shire and the OQTA region.
			Work in Progress Update		CS	***Charleville Cosmos Centre - Airconditioning***				***Jun-25***	***No update at Q1***	***Completed Nov 2024.***	***Completed Nov 2024.***	***Completed Nov 2024.***
			Work in Progress Update		CS	***Charleville Cosmos Centre - Upgrade***				***Jun-25***	***Contract signed with contractor. Schedule of works being drawn up***	***Design drafted***	***Work in progress***	***Carry over to 2025-26***
			Work in Progress Update		EDT	***Outback Museum of Australia***				***Jun-25***			***Carry over project, included at first budget review***	***Stage 1 completion by Dec 2024 and financial acquittals Jan 2025***

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			Tourism	CEO	Operate the Bilby Centre in partnership with the Save the Bilby Fund.	Operating as per MOU.	Contribute to tourism profile.	Bilby Centre MOU	Monthly	The operations of the Bilby Centre are being managed in accordance with the MOU.	The operations of the Bilby Centre are being managed in accordance with the MOU.The Bilby Experience continues to be a popular tourism product.	The operations of the Bilby Centre are being managed in accordance with the MOU. With the tourism season ready to start this tourism experience will once again become operational and accessible to the visiting public.	The operations of the Bilby Centre are being managed in accordance with the MOU. With the tourism season ready to start this tourism experience will once again become operational and accessible to the visiting public.
4.3. SUPPLY CHAIN AND SERVICES	4.3.1. Supply chain infrastructure and service meet current and future industry needs and community expectations.	▶ Continue to build and enhance air, rail, road capacity, connectivity, and utilisation.	Aerodromes	CS	Maintain service levels for resourcing of aerodromes to accommodate regional passenger airlines in Charleville and sealed light aircraft aerodrome in Augathella.	All licenses, accreditations and manuals up to date. CASA accreditation maintained. Staff, safety and service levels maintained.	High service levels. Increased utilisation.	Asset Management Plan	Ongoing	Service levels are maintained at the three airports under Council's jurisdiction. Council have proposed to develop a master plan for the Charleville Aerodrome so	No changes to the service levels at the three airports. Master plan consultation has commenced and expected to finalise in June 2025.	Service levels maintained at the three airports under Council jurisdiction. Obstacle clearance at Augathella Airport has been completed.	Service levels maintained at the three airports under Council jurisdiction. Obstacle clearance at Augathella Airport has been completed.
		Work in Progress Update		***CS***	***Charleville Airport Masterplan***				***Jun-25***	***Waiting on WAQ advice to proceed.***	***Supplier engaged and first consultation meeting held.***	***In progress***	***Carry over to 2025-26***
		Work in Progress Update		***CS***	***Augathella Airstrip-Old Tambo Rd***				***Jun-25***			***Carry over project, included at first budget review***	***Carry over to 2025-26***
			Aerodromes	CS	Café in the Mulga at the Charleville Airport Terminal is achieving business goals and adequately staffed.	Café opened for community and traveller needs Improved Operating position	Service and utilisation of airport facilities. Financial viable business.	Budget 24-25	Quarterly	Staffing levels are meeting the demands of clients. The Café' provides a service to aerodrome clients as well as the local clientele	Café in the Mulga meeting service levels. Review of staffing levels for budgeting purposes.	Adequate staff levels at Café in the Mulga. Review of financial outcomes and strategic goals	Adequate staff levels at Café in the Mulga. Review of financial outcomes and strategic goals
		▶ Continue to build and enhance connectivity and communication networks.	Connectivity	CHS	Radio and television rebroadcast facilities available in communities.	Project funding secured and project delivered.	Improved Rebroadcast accessibility.		Ongoing	Augathella and Morven residents now receive TV via VAST systems. Council will no longer absorb costs	This project is now complete.	This project is complete	This project is complete
		▶ Exercise leadership and planning to influence appropriate adoption of initiatives locally.	Climate	EDT	Representation and partnerships with South West Regional Organisation of Councils (SWROC), LGAQ and Western Queensland Alliance in relation to economic outcomes and prospects and tourism.	Economic and regional development opportunities and challenges identified and pursued.		Corporate Plan 22-27	Ongoing	on going	Regular meetings and updates	Regular meetings and updates	Regular meetings and updates
		▶ Embrace community connection and promote environmental protection of the Shire's unique landscapes and ecosystems.	Biodiversity	CS	Investigate opportunities to improve Biodiversity management with participation in Biodiversity and Carbon credit trading programs.	Opportunities identified and considered.	Improved biodiversity. Leveraged resources.	Biosecurity Management Plan	Ongoing	On going	On going	On going	On going

11.5 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

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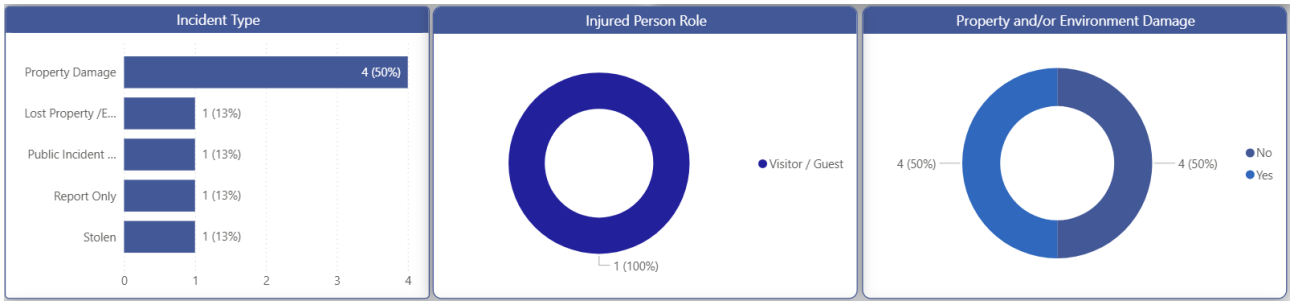
RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Workplace Health and Safety Report.

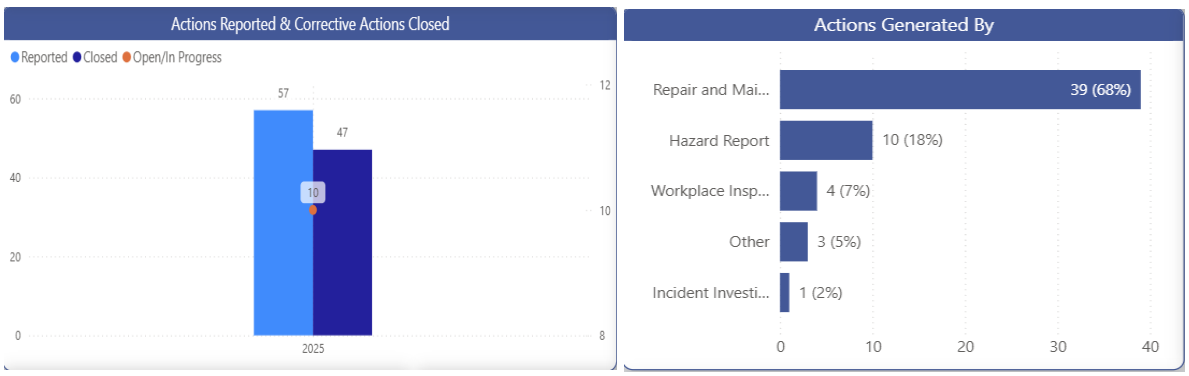
BACKGROUND

INCIDENT REPORTS (since last report)

INC0107	2025-08-12	Property Damage	Closed	Doing walk around on grader and seen oversized sign was cracked	Chareville Depot	RMPC Roadworks
INC0106	2025-07-28	Public Incident Report	Closed	Paper towel dispensor injured patron	Charleville Library	Library
INC0105	2025-07-25	Property Damage	Closed	was driving along and opened window and it shattered - Unit 164	Other: Charleville	Water and Sewage
INC0104	2025-07-24	Property Damage	Closed	while battering up a stick came through right window and broke the glass.	Other: nebine shortcut road	Road Maintenance
INC0103	2025-07-21	Stolen	Closed	Stolen Driving lights	Other: 9 Chester St, Charleville QL D 4470, Australia	Road Construction
INC0102	2025-07-17	Property Damage	Closed	Car crash - EC car & public	Other: Charleville, Charleville QLD 4470, Australia	Tourism
INC0101	2025-07-17	Lost Property /Equipment	Closed	Starlink: ZZZ DRW STRLNK 90095043 Missing and cannot be located. Suspected stolen.	Other: In camp situation, unknown last location	Murweh Shire Council
INC0100	2025-07-16	Report Only	Closed	While drilling in rocky terrain the teeth gripped severally potentially causing a dangerous incident	Other: Middle creek road	Murweh Shire Council
INC0099	2025-07-09	Public Incident Report	Closed	tripped over a car stopper and fell onto the bitumen, grazing his left knee and left elbow.	Visitors Centre	Tourism
INC0098	2025-07-09	Report Only	Closed	Driving unit 688 and reversed into trailer	Chareville Depot	Parks and Gardens
INC0097	2025-07-01	First Aid	Closed	Grazed finger on door lock	Murweh Shire Office	Tourism
INC0096	2025-07-04	Property Damage	Closed	Air line broke off roller 201	Other: Cunnamulla road	RMPC Roadworks
INC0095	2025-07-05	Public Incident Report	Closed	2 year old child tripped over and burnt her hands on a hot bbq	Cosmos Centre	Tourism
INC0094	2025-07-05	Public Incident Report	Closed	minor injury to guest on tag-a-long tour	WW2 Centre	Tourism



HAZARD / ACTION



Tasks

Active Tasks	Completed
12	831

Module	July 2025	August 2025	Total
Corporate Risk		1	1
Inspection/ Checklist/Work Packs	510	320	830
Total	510	321	831

SAFETY CHAMPION

We are still working hard in the background to develop the Safety Champion system to suit our workforce needs. Training has been ongoing and conducted at various work area sites based on daily needs.

WHS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Last meeting held: 19.06.2025

Next meeting: 11.09.2025

OTHER INFORMATION

Cyber Training – COMPLETED

Traffic Control & TMI. First Aid & CPR, HSR Refresher courses all booked in.

First Aid Kit inspections booked in

6 monthly fire equipment checks booked in

ICAM Lead Investigator Training in discussion for WHSA to attend

Think Safe **Work Safe** **Home Safe**

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11.6 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - JUNE

Author: **Manager Regulatory Services**

Authoriser: **Director of Corporate Services**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for July 2025.

STOCK ROUTE

Wild Dog Control

Scalps

The following scalps were presented from 1 July 2025

Male	21
Female	14
Total Scalps for the year	35

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31 July 2025 Total $1,750.00

Private Baiting Request
On 7 July 2025, Council officers treated a total of 100kg of fresh meat for a person that has rural land within the Morven area. Treatment was undertaken at the Charleville Depot, with all equipment washed and stored at site.

Sixty (60kg) of treated meat from the previous campaign has been given to another landholder to use, due to wild dog sightings on his/her land, and the person that was to collect the meat in June not arriving to collect same. Council is unable to store treated meat for an infinite period of time.

STOCK ROUTE WATER FACILITIES

All water facilities in the region were inspected and cleaned in advance of the charity cattle drive. These proactive checks ensured that water facilities are operational and safe for livestock movement. No major issues were identified during these inspections.

New signage has been installed at ten (10) water facilities and natural water holes were signs had been missing and or damaged. A large number of unused signs and mounting brackets are located within the stock route storage shed, and have been repurposed to identify the individual stock route water points – this process is also being used to provide knowledge to Council's new stock route officer. The new signs provide visibility and accessibility of stock route infrastructure and is the initiative of the stock route supervisor to improve identification of key watering points.

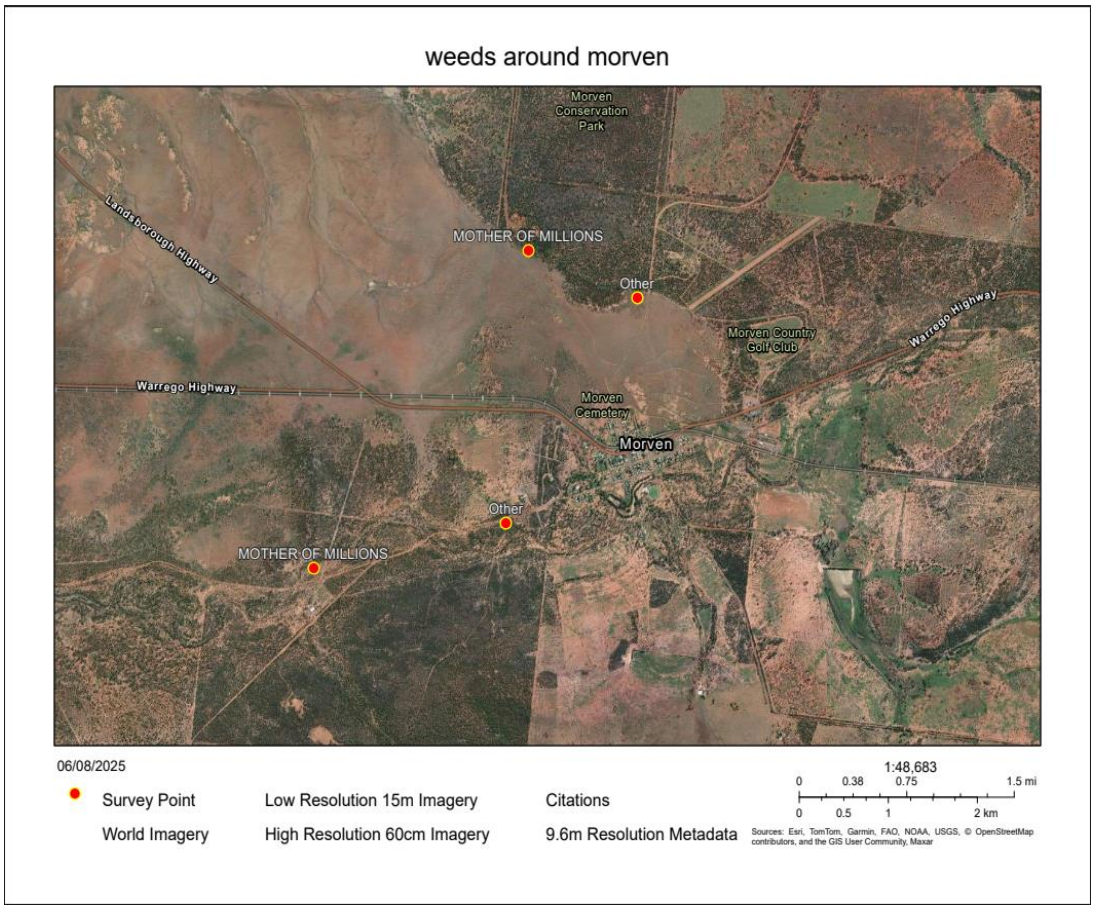
BIOSECURITY

Weed Survey and Mapping

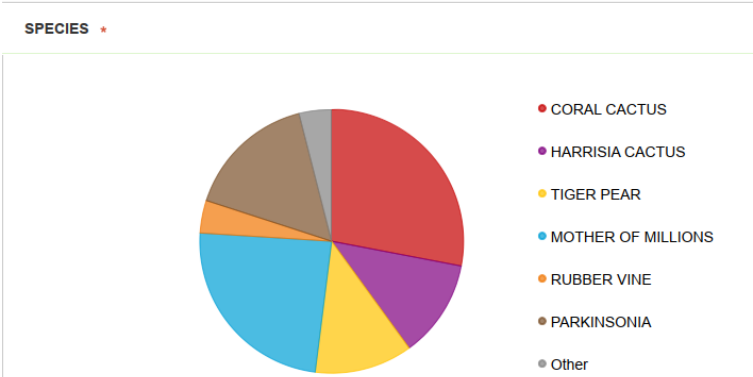
Weed surveillance and data collection are ongoing, with updated mapping now reflecting both historic and newly detected infestations. Several new sites have been identified and logged for management. While most data entries have been uploaded into GIS systems, a few survey points are pending and will be finalised shortly.

Riverina Pear Identification – Morven
Riverina Pear was identified at a site on the Morven common during recent inspections. The location has been recorded for further assessment and inclusion in future planning of control processes.

Tiger Pear control at Yarronvale
Biological control efforts using Tiger Pear cochineal bug has shown positive results at the Yarronvale site. The majority of Tiger Pear plants are now either dead or showing clear signs of infection. The site will continue to be monitored to confirm long-term success and identify any need for further treatment. This is a great result, and hopefully will eliminate this Pear along the Quilberry Creek – the environmental conditions must have been right for the cochineal bug to work progressively through the plants on site – should dry weather become more apparent, the success of this biological control will reduce.



DECLARED WEEDS



Answers	Count	Percentage
CORAL CACTUS	14	28%
HARRISIA CACTUS	6	12%
TIGER PEAR	6	12%
MOTHER OF MILLIONS	12	24%
RUBBER VINE	2	4%
PARKINSONIA	8	16%
Other	2	4%

AERODROMES

Augathella Airport

It is pleasing to report, that a task that was highlighted and commenced two years ago has now nearing completion – just a couple more unburnt areas to be burnt. The stick raking and burning of the stick rake piles are now complete at the Augathella Airport. The Royal Flying Doctor Service have been notified of the clearing and cleaning of site, however they are awaiting an Obstacle Limitation Surfaces Survey (OLS) report from Jasko, whom will be undertaking this process on or about the 18 August 2025.



Unburnt tree stump





North east corner – to be tidied

Emergency response flights have been occurring at Augathella, however with the smaller Beachcraft Kingair 200. Once Council is in receipt of a new OLS which should not identify any obstacles at this airfield for aircraft, such information will be provided to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Charleville Airport
Over the month of July, Rex aircraft have been late, which has a domino effect on Council's overtime for airport reporting officers. A review of the limited agreement that Council has with Rex, does not allow for this issue to be addressed. Monitoring will be undertaken, to gather data for future negotiations between Council and an airline or Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Rental Agencies
All rental car agencies based at the Charleville airport have been notified of the new charges for this year – that is rental of a booth (Avis and Budget) will be renting one booth and have twenty-five (25) car parking sites, with the new Rex baggage handler [Mulga Airport Operations] is taking on Hertz rental car. Hertz will also have 25 car parks and one booth. Both agencies have been notified that there is not enough parking on the sealed surface, as such they will be instructed to park rental vehicles on the southern side of the Council car parking shelter. Further development will be considered within the Airport master plan.

Avdata
Discussion with Avdata have been initiated this month, seeking further understanding of charter flight fees and charges. During this month, a charter flight has landed at the Charleville Airport every Sunday carrying approximately 60 passengers, arriving at approximately 1330 hrs and departing at 1410 hrs, these flights are after Rex Airlines Sunday flight to Brisbane. Council's oncall ARO, is required to marshal the plane into the appropriate bay near the terminal.

Café in the Mulga
Café in the Mulga has been a little quieter during this month. Each week the staff have completed catering for a number of different functions and have declined two catering jobs that required food for more than 200 persons.

Traffic Control
A number of persons that require disable parking in close proximity to the terminal have spoken to Café staff regarding accessibility to this type of parking. There is only one marked parking bay for clients, which is used extensively. At times this marked parking bay is full for a number of weeks, as the client has flown out. It is proposed to complete a traffic management plan for the site, making it safer for all users. This plan can be completed 'in house' with council's engineering personnel as time permits.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Straying Dogs
Three dogs have been rehomed and one laid to rest during this month. There has been a number of complaints regarding wandering dogs on the western area of Charleville, which are being somewhat elusive. Monitoring of this area continues, to either identified where the animals are kept or capture to eliminate the risk. The animals are causing traffic chaos.

Registration
There has been eleven dogs registered for the new financial year, this is prior to any notices being issued by Council.

Trapping of Feral Cats
Five feral cats have been captured this month. Trapping continues in specific areas, with Council obtaining assistance from the Department of Housing in an area where there have been numerous cats.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Overgrown allotment
An allotment located in Cavanagh Street Augathella that has been a problem site for Council over the past five or more years, has been mowed under a warrant. Council received assistance from

Queensland Police Service at the initial entrance to the site, however no one was at home or a person or persons did not come to the door. Work was completed with no interruptions, and the client will be sent an invoice for the work.



Council officers can-not enter through a locked gate – warrant executed to complete required work.

MURWEH MESSENGER - Information

Over the past six months and more, Council has received a number of complaints from residents regarding areas on the common surrounding Charleville, where material is being extracted for commercial purposes.

The following information has been included in the Murweh Messenger, so as operators are aware of the applicable legislation for compliance purposes. Any materials delivered anywhere must be from a registered environmental authority area.

Under the *Forestry Act 1959*, the State owns quarry material on applicable state-owned land as well as on some privately owned land. The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) administers the Forestry Act. Under the Forestry Act, quarry material includes any of the following that aren't defined as minerals under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989:*

- stone
- gravel
- sand
- rock
- clay
- soil
- earth.

Applicable state-owned land includes:

- leasehold land
- reserves
- state forest and timber reserve under the Forestry Act.

The State also owns the quarry material on private land, where the State has reserved the ownership of this material through a deed of grant.



Loam Pit





Excavation – potential to cause damage to environment

Correspondence from Council has been sent to two operators that have been identified using some of this material for commercial purposes (complaint received by Council), which resulted in both parties attending the Council office for further discussions. Another operator was found dumping clean material on land under Council's jurisdiction, and has been advised verbally to remove all matter dumped and deliver to the Charleville Waste Facility at no cost and the resource can be used for meaningful purpose.

Pest Control
The Town Ranger has been working with the administration officer regarding Pest Control contracts for Council facilities. It is understood that the contract will be awarded at the end of August for a three year period, with the facility work to be carried out over a three month period each twelve months.

Racecourse stables
There are fourteen (14) horses stabled at the Charleville Racecourse. This site is being monitored and reported weekly for compliance of agreement.

Charleville Showground and Rodeo/Campdraft Area
A number of persons and travelling stock have used the yards and camping area at the Charleville Showgrounds. These persons make contact with the office and pay for their use. This site is being monitored and reported daily to ensure compliance with requirements.

It is noted, that at the time of the Keeroongooloo Campdraft (near Windorah 18 July – 23 July 2025), a number of people travelling from north or east of Charleville used Council's horse stall/yard facility for overnight camping and resting of animals. It has been reported, that the use of the campdraft arena was required, for horses to run, however the arena gates were locked into the open position. A member of the Warrego Campdraft committee was contacted by an Officer of Council so as this area could be used for a short timeframe. The horses were not left in this area overnight.

4 Mile Reserve
Two people have four and three horses respectively on agistment within the 4 Mile Reserve, below the area commonly known as the Pony Club paddock. This paddock now forms part of the Rodeo paddock and the Pony Club paddock, due to the continual washing down of the fence, and no further maintenance. There have been sightings of twelve horses running on this land.

Eastern Area Gowrie Oval – adjacent to Old Cunnamulla Road
There are five horses agisted within this paddock, used for pleasure/barrel/rodeo competition. This agreement was initiated in 2021 and has not been updated since.

GOVERNANCE

Sale 44 Bendee Street Augathella
The final contact and and sale is nearing completion. A verbal update will be provided to elected members at the meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Charleville Waste Facility
At the time of drafting this report, a monthly report had not been received from Proterra. A verbal report will be provided to Council.

Warrego Signs will be developing a new sign, which will provide customers with the fees and charges to be implemented at this site for this year.

The old Morven Medical Centre has been demolished with all waste transported to the Charleville Waste Facility. None of the waste from this site had been separated for recycling purposes on delivery, as such the Company will be charged $61.00 per tonne for general waste matter and $142.00 per tonne for asbestos. Contact was made with the Project Manager in relation to this waste, as a number of loads had been deposited at the Morven waste facility. Advice had been provided prior to demolition start date, all waste matter must be delivered to Charleville Waste Facility, as the Morven waste facility is for the use of Morven residents only.

Morven and Augathella Waste Collection

Council has a short-term contract with the current waste collection service that has operated for the past six months. A report is being tabled at this general meeting of Council, seeking approval to enter into advertising for a permanent contractor for the duration of waste services up to and including the 30 June 2028.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11.7 WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT - AUGATHELLA AND MORVEN

Author: **Manager Regulatory Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve an extension of its Augathella and Morven waste collection service until 31 January 2026 to the current contractor, to enable the following actions:

1. Advertise the Augathella and Morven waste contract service, seeking interested parties to provide Council with a quote to conduct the service up to and including 30 June 2028; and
2. Commence advertising of the Augathella and Morven Waste Collection Service, on Monday 20 October for a period of six weeks closing Friday 28 November 2025;
3. Present an Officers report to the General Meeting of Council, 17 December 2025 providing a summation and recommendation for the Augathella and Morven waste services contract;
4. Allow one month for the approved contractor to obtain equipment for the service and complete necessary inductions and hand over of the waste service ready for implementation of waste collection the week commencing 1 February 2026.
5. Council approve the term of the next Augathella and Morven waste collection service contract to be from 1 February 2026 to 30 June 2028, aligning with Council's original timeline for waste collection services within its region.

BACKGROUND

Purpose

In January/February 2023, Council called for quotes for the removal and disposal of urban waste in the towns of Augathella and Morven. This contract was finalised on 25 May 2023, with Mr and Mrs Greg Pegg being the successful tenderer. Mr and Mrs Pegg advised Council in January 2025, they were unable to continue with their waste collection service due to ill health. Due to the time of this notice, Council approved the transfer of the current contract service to Rohan Lonergan, as he had been undertaking the service for and on behalf of Pegg's over the previous two months, and there was no change to the original contract pricing.

Council issued a short term contract of three months, however this time has now expired, therefore Council needs to consider its options for waste collection service within Augathella and Morven. The original timeframe for each of Council's waste contracts was 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028 – five year contract.

Discussion

There has been no discussion with Mr Lonergan over the past four months, other than for him to continue undertaking the waste collection service within the urban areas of Augathella and Morven. At the commencement of the short-term contract, Mr Lonergan was advised that Council would go out to tender for this waste collection service.

There have been very few complaints from the residents of Augathella and Morven regarding waste collection in these towns, with approximately seven bins recorded as not collected on the specified days. The contractor went to the residential address and collected the waste.

This service has commenced collection of waste from the Morven Roadhouse. The waste collection from this site was undertaken by Council staff, due to previous issues. The contractor was happy

for the collection to be undertaken at this site, reducing the need for Council staff to complete this work. Morven town employees continue to service the Street bins and the recreational grounds twice per week.

Consultation

The contractor is interested in making application should Council advertise the waste collection service in the towns of Augathella and Morven. It is also noted that at the initial change in this service (February 2025), other parties may have been interested, however the interested party did not speak with Council directly. The information came via a third party.

Financial Risks

Little to no financial risk – advertising the service provides opportunity to others should they be interested in undertaking this service – open and accountable process.

Environmental Risks

There is an environmental risk to Council, as the bins within the township of Augathella and Morven are not the common 240 litre wheelie bin, they are 120 litre bin. It is understood Council's contractor manually lifts waste (in sealed plastic bags) from the waste container and places same into the vehicle before transporting to the waste facility.

Social Risk

Council will continue to ensure that these urban areas under its jurisdiction continue to have a waste collection service, with the urban waste deposited at the Augathella and Morven refuse sites respectively.

Legal Risk

Limited legal risk, as the service is going out for tender, with the expenditure not exceeding $200,000.00 over the contractual period, meeting the requirements of the *Local Government legislation.*

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

2.5.1 Refuse removal and disposal services provide the highest standard of quality and efficiency and for human and environmental health

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11.8 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

Author: **Manager Regulatory Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Animal Management Policy Item 1 attached, to be used for guidance in the decision making process for all applications received by Council to keep more than two dogs at any residential premises in accordance with *Murweh Shire Council Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012.*

BACKGROUND

Purpose

Council has received a number of applications for the keeping of more than two dogs (Excess Dog Application – Attachment 5) at a residential premises in accordance with *Murweh Shire Council Subordinated Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012 Schedule 2* and *Schedule 13 Designated Town Area – [Attachments 2-4].*

This policy (Attachment 1) will be implemented in accordance with the requirements of Council's associated Local Laws and provides the applicant with clear and concise criteria in which their application will be assessed by a Council officer.

Discussion

With the original applications received by Council, there were no specific assessment criteria for Council officers to assess applications, other than those identified within Council's Local Law, that is *Murweh Shire Council Subordinated Local Law 2 (Animal Management) 2012 and Schedule 2 Requirement for approval to keep animal*; *Schedule 1 Prohibition on keeping animals.*

It is also noted, that applicants were not meeting the requirements of the Local Law, and there was no specific requirements in the Local Law that meet with the extraordinary circumstances identified in the original application, and there is no requirement for neighbours to provide written approval, as identified in the application. This Policy will provide the connection of these requirements by Council, without amending the Local Law requirements.

Consultation

During the development of this Policy, Council's Town Ranger and Administration Officers have been consulted, and have worked through some old applications, to identify any shortcomings in the Policy. The goal of the Policy is for a desk top assessment to be completed in the first step, and prior to an inspection of the property being undertaken. This process may be more efficient for the completion of applications received by Council.

Elected members were briefed on the Policy and the importance of the assessment criteria connecting with Local Law requirements.

Financial Risks

- Reduce time spent undertaking inspections, should information not be contained within the original application.
- Reduce time spent by the applicant in completing the form, should they be unable to meet the requirements of the assessment criteria.
- The Policy provides clear and concise requirements for approval of keeping more than two dogs at any residence within a Designated Town Area
- Allows for a succinct process when undertaking an application assessment.

Environmental Risks

Low - Keeping of animal requirements require the person to manage identified risks. An approval is for a twelve-month period and can be cancelled at any time due to non-conformance.

Social Risk

Limited – as the keeper of the animal has responsibilities that must be implemented for the keeping of more than two dogs.

Legal Risk

Limited legal risk

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Animal Management Policy** ⇩
2. **Designated Town Area Map - Charleville** ⇩
3. **Designated Town Area - Augathella** ⇩
4. **Designated Town Area - Morven** ⇩
5. **Excess Dog Application** ⇩

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Policy No:	
Council Resolution Ref:	
Date Adopted:	
Review Date:	
Version No:	
Responsible Officer:	

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to implement approvals for more than two dogs being kept at any urban residence within the regulated Town Area map (Animal Management) The goal is to have responsible dog ownership that does not disturb others by an applicant that wishes to keep in excess of the number identified within *Murweh Shire Council subordinate Local Law no. 2 (Animal Management) 2012, Schedule 2 Requirement for approval to keep animal.*

Example

A resident that wants to retain more than two dogs on an allotment within the Town Area of Augathella, Charleville and Morven.

Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption by Council. It replaces all other policies (whether written or not). Council may amend this policy by resolution.

Application

This policy applies to all residents within the confines of Murweh Shire Council region that live within the designated Town Areas of Augathella, Charleville and Morven.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following *Murweh Shire Council Local Laws:*

1. Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2012
2. Subordinate Local Law No 1.5 (Keeping of Animals) 2012
3. Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012
4. Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012

Policy

This policy applies to any person that keeps more than two dogs within a designated town area. Council must receive an application for Excess Dogs, on the approved form with all sections of the application completed.

Requirement to keep Excess Dogs

1. Applicants must read the assessment criteria prior to submitting an application to Council. In submitting an application to Council the applicant agrees to conform to the requirements of keeping dogs within a designated Town Area.
2. All dogs must be microchipped and registered with Council at the time of submitting the application to keep more than two dogs on an allotment; and

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3. The applicant must allow an authorised officer of Council to complete an inspection of the premises for the purpose of obtaining information to support the excess dog application, including taking photographs of the dogs and the area/facility for keeping the dogs; and
4. Payment of all fees
    a. Each dog identified in the application, registration fees, as well as the excess dog application fee. If all fees are not paid, a Council officer will not conduct an assessment; and
    b. If the application is not approved, animal registration fees will be refunded on a pro-rata basis, 14 days from notification of non-approval and the applicant must remove the excess dogs from the allotment. If dogs are not removed, the applicant forfeits registration fees. Council may issue and Infringement Notice and dogs may be removed by a Warrant process if required; and
5. Applicant/s must be physically able to control all dogs identified in the Excess Dog/s Application
6. If the applicant is claiming exempt registration in accordance with primary producer requirements, the following evidence must be provided
    a) formal evidence, such as a letter from an employer {primary producer}
    b) evidence on the applicants tax return for working dog,

Conditions of Permit

7. Term of Excess Dog Permit is a maximum of one year, in line with the annual Dog registration year.
8. The Excess Dog permit is not transferable and is for the dogs identified on the permit only. An excess dog Permit approval does not allow for the continuous retention of the requested number of dogs at this allotment.

Cancellation of Permit

9. Should Council identify a non-conformance in keeping of the dogs at the residence, the Excess Dog Permit may be cancelled by Council's Authorised Officer.

Accredited Dog Breeder

10. An accredited Dog Breeder will be required to make application to Council, providing their unique identification number from the approved entity. There will be compensations in line with the conditions and requirements of the approved entity, only for the time the unique identification number is valid

Assessment Criteria

1. The applicant has not been in breach of any legislation regarding the Keeping of Dogs; (refer to legislation identified under application in this policy); and
2. All dogs **must be** currently registered with Murweh Shire Council at the address stated in the application; and
3. All dogs **must** be microchipped; and
4. The reason for keeping the number of dogs stated in the application within the Town Area – {**must** meet extraordinary circumstances or working dog legislative requirements}; and
5. All fees associated with an excess dog application **must** be paid in full to Murweh Shire Council; and
6. If the applicant is for the keeping of working dogs – evidence **must** be provided including ATO return (contractor or employee of landholder); and
7. If the applicant is for a Breeder of dogs – copy of breeder certification with individual identification number; and
8. The premises **must** have a suitably sized enclosure for the keeping of the dogs; and
9. The applicant **must** be able to physically control each dog identified in the application, individually and as a group; and

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10. The applicant must obtain formal approval from the owner of the premises, if the applicant is not the owner; and
11. The applicant **must** provide written approval from all neighbouring properties for the keeping of the number of dogs at the residence; if located on a corner block, residents from immediately across the Street from the applicants premises **must** be obtained and
12. All of the relevant evidence must be provided to Council to support the excess dog application; and
13. The submitted application **must** be completed in full.

Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every ***three years*** or as required due to changes to legislation.

Definitions

Regulated Dog Area *– map of Augathella, Charleville and Morven depicting boundary line for the keeping of animals*

primary producer—

(a) means a person primarily engaged in the occupation of a—

(i) dairy farmer; or

(ii) wheat, maize or cereal grower; or

(iii) cane grower; or

(iv) fruit grower; or

(v) grazier; or

(vi) farmer, whether engaged in general or mixed farming, cotton, potato, or vegetable growing, or poultry or pig raising; and

(b) includes a person engaged in primary production.

working dog—

(a) means a dog usually kept or proposed to be kept—

(i) on rural land; and

(ii) by an owner who is a primary producer, or a person engaged or employed by a primary producer; and

(iii) primarily for the purpose of—

(A) droving, protecting, tending, or working stock; or

(B) being trained in droving, protecting, tending, or working stock; and

(b) does not include a class of dog prescribed under a regulation

References

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*
- *Murweh Shire Council Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2012*
- *Murweh Shire Council subordinate Local Law No. 1.5 (Keeping of Animals) 2012*

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- *Murweh Shire Council Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012*
- *Murweh Shire Council subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012*
- *Murweh Shire Council – Application for Excess Dogs*

Map of kennel and or dog enclosure area and facility – (photographs)

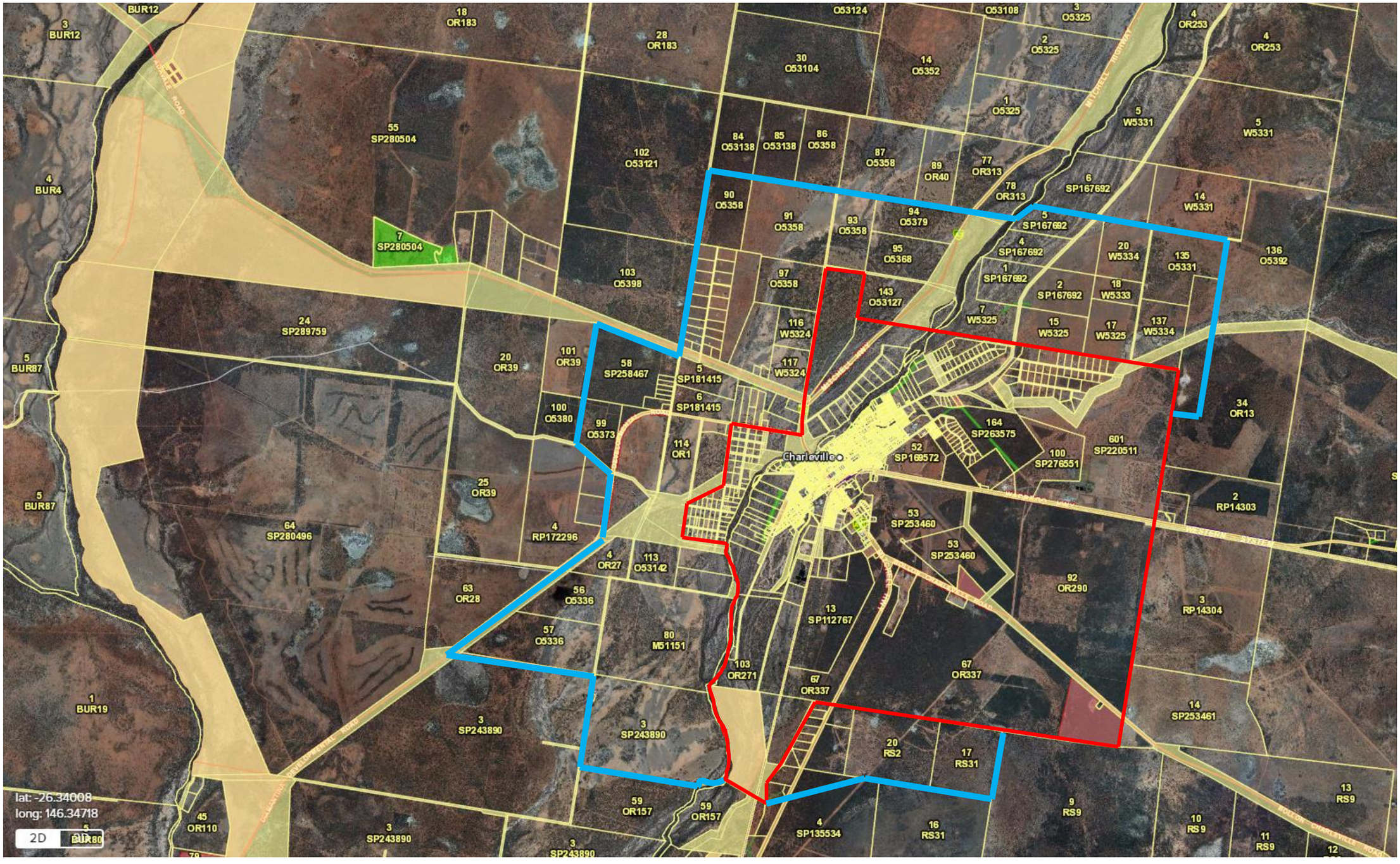
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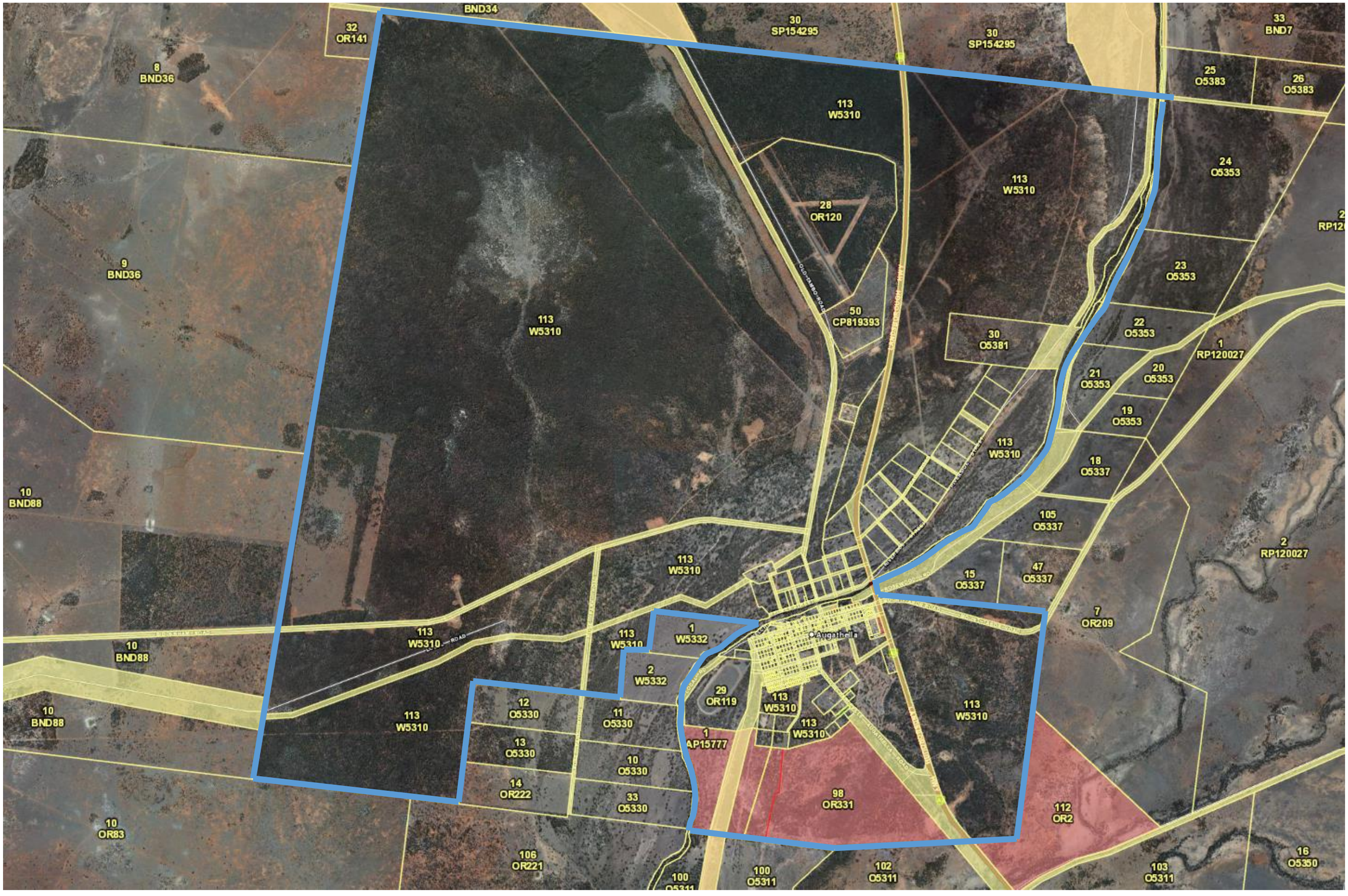
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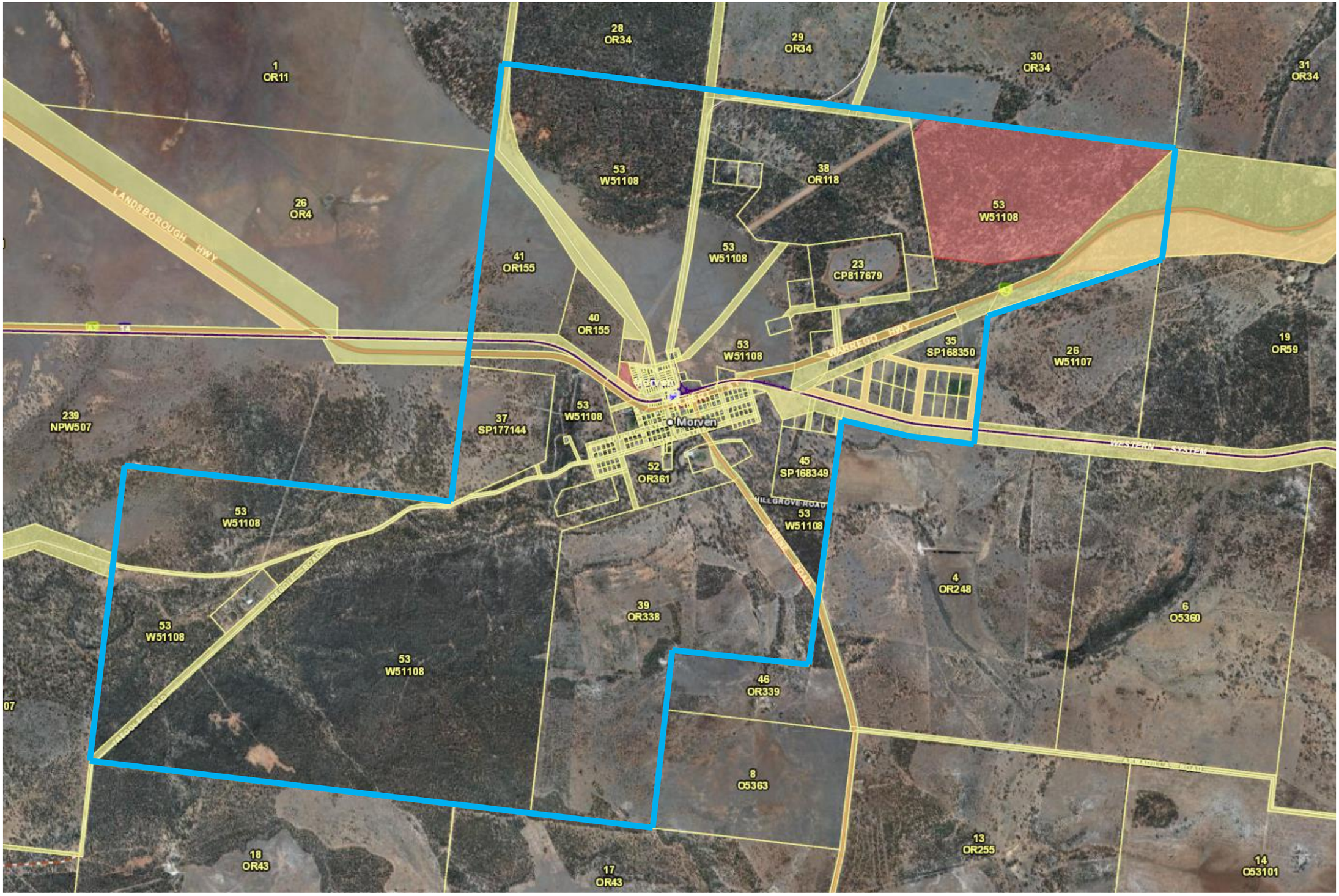
Approval

Chief Executive Officer			
Date:	dd/mm/yyyy	Signature:	



The red line depicts the current area in which local laws may be enforced. This map will remain in local law. With reference to Dogs only, an additional map will be inserted into our local law which encompasses our current map (red) and the extended area marked in blue.


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Murweh Shire Council

Application for Excess Dogs

95-101 Alfred Street
PO Box 63 Charleville Qld 4470
Telephone: 07 4656 8355
Email: mail@murweh.qld.gov.au
Website: www.murweh.qld.gov.au
Facsimile: 4656 8399

Application Reference Number: _____

Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012
Subordinate Local Law No. 1.5 (Keeping of Animals) 2012

Application Fee 2025/26 $157.00

Applications will only be approved in extraordinary circumstances.

Example of extraordinary reasons – Extraordinary reasons are such that unforeseen circumstances make the caring for a dog impossible, such as.

- Death or serious illness of a family member
- Member of a family moving into a retirement or care facility that does not allow dogs.
- Unforeseen circumstances necessitating a move onto a smaller block or into the designated town area.
- Each application will be considered on its merits.

Applicants must display responsible animal ownership and have no history of non-compliance with State or Council requirements pertaining to Animal Management.

An action plan to reduce the number of dogs on the property **must** be submitted as part of this application.

Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for your application to be processed.
You will be notified in writing of the outcome. If further information or follow up required, this may delay the decision process.

NB: An application fee is due on submission of this application. If your application is unsuccessful the application fee WILL NOT be reimbursed. Dog registration fees will apply to the excess dog(s) and are to be paid in full on submission of application.

1. Assessment Criteria

You may like to review the criteria before submitting your application as it may assist you in identifying if having additional dogs is suitable for your circumstances.

Council retains the discretion to consider additional information when making its decision.

- That this application meets the existing requirements as stated under *Schedule 1 Subordinate Local Law No 1.5 (Keeping of Animals) 2012.*
- All animals subject to this application are currently registered as required under the *Animal Management (Cats & Dog) Act 2008* and supporting Murweh Shire Local Laws.
- The minimum standards for keeping of animals are met, as set out in *Schedule 4 Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012*
- A fully enclosed and maintained area in which your dog/s cannot escape under, over or through the structure or fence.
- If this application is at an address within the Charleville dog regulation area – a written statement from the occupier of each adjoining premises stating, NO objection to this application of excess dogs. If the

address is on a corner block, written statement from person immediately opposite the application address is required.

- The existing and additional animals are not impacting or causing a nuisance or annoyance to other occupiers of the premises, or the amenity of the neighbouring properties or the community. Council **must** not have received a complaint regarding the keeping of dogs at the application address.
- All dogs over 12 weeks of age **must be** microchipped.
- The premises in which these additional dog/s are to be kept, must be appropriately sized so that the dog/s can be effectively and comfortably kept on the premises.
- A drawing showing the design (including construction materials, location, and dimensions) of any enclosures in which the dog/s are to be kept **must be** submitted with this application. See Appendix 1.

2. Attachments Required	**Attached**
• If the applicant is not the owner of the premises for which the keeping of dogs approval is sought, the written consent of the owner in respect of the application; and	Y / N
• Evidence of microchipping and registration (mandatory) and de-sexing (if applicable); and	Y / N
• Written statement from neighbours, approving for the applicant to house the requested number of dogs at the address; and	Y / N
• Any other relevant documentation supporting your application for additional dog possession. If working dog – proof from landholder and Australian Taxation Office (contractor or employee of landholder)	
Please provide details. Should the above details not be submitted with the application, the application will be deemed as a non conforming application.	

3. Information for Responsible Pet Ownership

By lodging this application, you understand:

- The application fee required on submission is non-refundable.
- Payment of your dog registration fees, and lodgement of registration forms will be required at the time you submit this excess animal application.
- If your dog(s) are not approved, your registration may be refunded pro-rata once your dog is no longer living at your home (e.g., rehomed, surrendered, or deceased) evidence will be required.
- Council officers will be required to inspect your premises as part of processing your application before it is considered by Council.
- To ensure that the approval holder meets the conditions of an approval, Council may, at any time, revoke an approval if there is non-compliance with the conditions.

  Conditions include:
  - All dogs must be microchipped and registered at time of application lodgement to Council.
  - Not keeping more than the number and description of dogs than specified in this application.
  - The approval is granted for the dogs specified and is non transferrable to a new dog.
  - All dogs must be kept on the land, if found wandering at large, renders a non-conformance of permit conditions

Approval is only given for the term of one calendar year. At the end of this term an application may be made for a renewal permit.

For cost of issue of a renewal excess permit, please contact Murweh Shire Council office.
Council will contact the animal owner to confirm if a renewal is required.

Please note that this fee is additional to dog registration renewal which is required to be paid by June 30 each financial year

Application for Excess Dog cont.

4. Applicants Details			
Title:	Given Names:	Surname:	
Postal Address:			
Town:	Postcode:	D.O.B:	
Phone:	A/H phone:	Business Ph:	
Email:			
Pensioner Concession:	Y / N	Card Number:	

5. Property Details	
Address:	Town:
Lot on Plan Details:	
Property size (m2)	
Is this property a multi-residential premises? Y / N	
Is there a dwelling on the property? Y / N	
Does the applicant own the property? Y / N	
Allocate a preferred time and date for property inspection:	

6. Keeping Additional Animals

The reason for keeping more than two (2) dogs within the Town Area (Please refer to extraordinary circumstances)?

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7. Dog Details

NB: APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IF YOUR DOGS ARE NOT MICRO-CHIPPED.

Dog 1	**Dog 2**
Name:	Name:
Age/D.O.B	Age/D.O.B
Desexed: Y / N *Must include veterinary certificate*	Desexed: Y / N *Must include veterinary certificate*
Breed	Breed
Sex: M / F	Sex: M / F
Microchip Number	Microchip Number:
Colour and markings	Colour and markings
Dog 3	**Dog 4**
Name:	Name:
Age/D.O.B:	Age/D.O.B:
Desexed: Y / N *Must include veterinary certificate*	Desexed: Y / N *Must include veterinary certificate*
Breed	Breed
Sex: M / F	Sex: M / F
Microchip Number	Microchip Number
Colour and markings	Colour and markings

8. Action Plan If you have more than two dogs that can be approved for a property you must complete this 'Action Plan.' This is your agreed plan for reducing the number of dogs on your property over time or rehoming your excess dog(s) within 28 days of notification of an unsuccessful application.	
Dog Name: Microchip Number:	Action Plan: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Rehoming Address:
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Dog Name: Microchip Number:	Action Plan: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Rehoming Address:
Dog Name: Microchip Number:	Action Plan: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Rehoming Address:

If you would like to add more information, please attach an A4 sheet of paper

9. Animal History
Have any of the animals described in section 7 been involved in offences such as wandering, causing nuisance, being menacing or dangerous? This includes dogs that are declared as regulated. If yes, provide details: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Murweh Shire Council
95 – 101 Alfred Street
Charleville QLD 4470

10: Declaration of Applicant/s	
I/We, the applicant declare that the above information is correct in all respects, at the time of lodgement of this application with Murweh Shire Council. Should any of the details given in relation to this application change in the future, I/We shall advise Murweh Shire Council in writing and request a change to the approval. By making this application, I/We give permission for an authorised persons of Council to inspect the premises where the dogs will be kept. The inspection will be at a mutually agreed date and time by the parties of this agreement.	
Name: **Signature:**	**Date:**

Privacy Council will use any personal information provided by you for the intended purpose only and for remaining in contact with you. Council is authorised to collect this information in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and other Local Government Acts. Your personal information is only accessed by persons authorised to do so. Council may provide information about you to any relevant Queensland State Department. Your personal information is dealt with in accordance with council's privacy policy.

Office Use Only		
Receipt No:	**Amount Paid**	
Council Officer:	**Signature**	

Comments:

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Application for Excess Dog cont.

Appendix 1.

Drawing of design, location, and dimension of dog enclosure/s on above specified premises.

11.9 EXEMPTION OF LANDING FEES - CHARLEVILLE AIRPORT

Author: **Manager Regulatory Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve landing fee exemptions from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, for the following organisations that use the Charleville Airport for medical purposes:

1. Angel Flight
2. Lifeflight

BACKGROUND

Purpose

In previous years, Council has advised Avdata; the Company that collects fees and charges for the landing and parking fees of planes at the Charleville Airport; to exempt such fees for any plane that undertakes work for Angel Flight.

During recent discussions with this Company, and sorting through collection of fees and implementing applicable exemptions, it is noted that Lifeflight has not been exempt from landing and parking fees at the Charleville Airport.

Discussion

Over the past three financial years, Lifeflight has paid for all landing and parking fees for planes used in their pre-hospital and retrieval work with total costs shown below:

2024-25 $2,091.72 (including) approx. 140 landings

2023-24 $2,074.60 (including)

2022-23 $ 469.69 (including)

Last year, a report was presented to Council regarding a request for exemption from Little Wings. This organisation has chartered medical staff, into and out of Charleville (Medical Wings), that provide their services to the Charleville hospital. It is understood, after consulting with nursing staff at the Charleville Hospital last year, no patients had been airlift from Charleville by this organisation. Council has not received a request for exemption from the business for this financial year.

Please note that Angel Flight do request exemption of landing and parking fees, however, Lifeflight has never requested formally an exemption. It was my understanding that an exemption already existed, until my discussion with Avdata personnel.

Consultation

The purpose of this report is to obtain a resolution from elected members to allow the exemption of Council's statutory fees and charges of the Charleville Airport, so as information can be passed onto Avdata by formal resolution of Council.

These are the only two businesses that have landing and parking exemptions at the Charleville Airport.

Financial Risks

Reduction in annual fees from Lifeflight

Environmental Risks

Nil environmental risk.

Social Risk

Council is supporting its community by exempting landing and retrieval fees incurred when applicable aircraft use the Charleville Airport.

Legal Risk

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11.10 USE OF PORTABLE TOILETS - COOLADDI RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION INC.

Author: **Manager Regulatory Services**

Authoriser: **Director of Corporate Services**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve for

1. Cooladdi Recreational Association to use two portable toilets for its forth coming gymkhana on 6 September 2025; and
2. The regulatory hire fees and charges of $58.00 per toilet per day, be waived for the use of this equipment for this event; and
3. Cooladdi Recreational Association be advised that collection and return of the portable toilets will be their responsibility.

BACKGROUND

Purpose

The Cooladdi Recreational Association are holding a gymkhana for the first time in many years. The grounds and facilities went under flood waters during the March/ April flooding event. The toilets on site have not been tested since the flooding, and were not used extensively prior to the flooding event. Testing of toilets is expected to occur Saturday 23 August 2025, which is post Council delivering water to the two tanks on site and during a working bee.

The request for portable toilets (Attachment 1) is for the purpose of having extra toilets on site for the gymkhana.

Discussion

Will and Sash Treloar, President and Secretary of the Association have been in contact with Council seeking various items to be rectified prior to the Gymkhana.

Consultation

Elected members have been provided with the requests from the Cooladdi Recreational Association Inc. received by Council.

Consultation has occurred with the Supervisor of Water and Sewage, and usual practice is for the portable toilets to be delivered to events within the town area, however delivery is not undertaken out of town, the client would be required to collect.

Financial Risks

Reduction of approximately $500.00 of equipment hire income, should Council waive the fees. This approximate cost does not include delivery and collection fees.

Environmental Risks

It will be the responsibility of the Association to empty the cassettes from the portable toilets.

Social Risk

Nil – Council providing assistance to a small community group for the use of equipment for an event that has not occurred for many years – this gymkhana was an annual event.

Legal Risk

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

1. Cooladdi Recreational Association - request for potable toilets - August 2025 ⇩

Kay Crosby

From: Cooladdi Recreation <cooladdirecreation@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 August 2025 2:06 PM
To: Kay Crosby
Subject: Re: Cooladdi Gymkhana

Hi Kay,

Would we be able to get 2 portable toilets from the shire to use at the gymkhana please.

Cheers
Will
Sasha Treloar
Secretary
Cooladdi Recreation Association Inc.

M: 0408726878

On Thu, Aug 7, 2025 at 4:42 PM Kay Crosby <Kay_Crosby@murweh.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Congratulations on receiving one of the grants that you have applied for. I will send an email to both Bruce and Jake, letting them know that clean water is fine – as drinking water will come from a bottle I assume at the day. Will let you know when a truck can get to site with the clean water – more than likely be the RMPC team – fitting it in with other work and when the truck will be in town is the tricky part – we will get there.

Kay Crosby | Manager Regulatory Services | Murweh Shire Council

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12 ENGINEERING SERVICES

12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

Author: **Director Engineering Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report for August 2025.

BACKGROUND

Executive Update

Local Roads

- Reseal program – Charleville town street reseals Scope of Works (SOW) out for tender. Tender responses expected by mid-August.
- Construction crew continuing with flood damage works on Biddenham Road, with sealing expected to be completed by the end of August. The crew will then move over to the Old Tambo Road.
- Flood damage pickup ongoing.

TIDS

- FY25/26 asphalt works in Alfred & Wills Street Charleville design phase progressing, with preliminary design shared with the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC).

Water and Sewerage

- Naegleria fowleri detection within the Charleville and Augathella (separate Preliminary Investigation Report included in agenda).

- Engagement of third-party consultant to complete follow up testing for N. Fowleri commencing on 25th August at Charleville, Augathella and Morven - Approx. 52 tests across the sites.

- Water main renewal in progress on Parry Street towards Old Cunnamulla Road. Further scope to be developed ahead of the town streets reseal.

- Further community messaging regarding asbestos cement main breakages in Charleville during colder months.

Works for Queensland (W4QLD)

- Rekeying project in progress with integration into master keying system.

Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program - Phase 4

- Charleville back-up power generators delivered and installation in progress.

- Charleville swimming pool grandstands delivered and installation in progress.

- EOT request submitted on 27/06 that any remaining eligible expenditure incurred beyond the 2024–25 financial year be claimable under LRCIP Phase 4 through to 30 December 2025 - awaiting response.

Other

- Aurora Estate design progressing and expected to be completed by end of September. SARA referral agency response received for Aurora Estate, Under section 56(1)(a) of the Planning Act 2016, SARA advises it has no requirements relating to the application (Attachment 1 - SARA Response Notice).

- Engagement of Voditi Advisory Pty Ltd provide project management services to support Murweh Shire Council to deliver Augathella and Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plants and the subdivision of Aurora Estate Charleville (separate report attached to this agenda).

Local Shire Roads

A summary of the capital works and maintenance activities on Local Shire Roads are listed below.

Road Name	Activity Name	Chainage From (km)	Chainage To (km)	Remarks
Adavale Road	Install Signs	55,590.00	68,820.00	
Adavale Road	Guide Post maintenance	52,460.00	68,940.00	
Adavale Road	Install Signs	51,320.00	51,320.00	Install new sign and post
Adavale Road	Guide Post maintenance	41,020.00	67,060.00	
Adavale Road	Guide Post maintenance	69,820.00	69,750.00	Install new guide post
Adavale Road	Guide Post maintenance	51,640.00	51,640.00	
Albury Road	Inspections	0.00	950.00	Racas run - Category 3
Armidilla Road	Inspections	0.00	5,220.00	Racas run - Category 2
Auburnvale Road	Inspections	0.00	1,810.00	Racas run - Category 3
Bakers Bend Road	Inspections	0.00	2,690.00	Racas run - Category 3
Balmacarra Road	Inspections	0.00	15,480.00	Racas run - Category 2
Barngo Road	Inspections	0.00	132,280.00	Racas run - Category 3
Belrose Road	Inspections	0.00	6,410.00	Racas run - Category 3
Biddenham Road	Inspections	0.00	62,400.00	Racas run - Category 2
Biddenham Road	Inspections	51,690.00	63,590.00	Racas run - Record for polycom
Bilbie Park Road	Inspections	0.00	19,140.00	Racas run - Category 3
Black Ward Road	Install Signs	2,810.00	2,810.00	Install new dip sign
Blackburn Road	Inspections	0.00	8,450.00	Racas run - Category 3
Burrandulla Road	Guide Post maintenance	170.00	29,580.00	Install new guide post
Burrandulla Road	Inspections	0.00	32,670.00	Inspection - Category 3

Burrandulla Road	Guide Post maintenance	11,080.00	11,140.00	Install new guide post
Calowrie Road	Inspections	0.00	13,829.00	Racas run - Category 4 maintenance grade
Columbo Road	Inspections	0.00	2,430.00	Racas run - Category 3
Cooladdi Langlo Road	Inspections	0.00	69,200.00	Racas run - Category 3
Creswell Access Road	Inspections	0.00	1,560.00	Racas run - Category 3
Dillalah Bridge Road	Inspections	0.00	4,360.00	Racas run - Category 2
Durella Road	Inspections	0.00	5,530.00	Racas run - Category 3
Glenallen Road	Inspections	0.00	6,550.00	Racas run - Category 3
Greenstead Road	Inspections	0.00	5,660.00	Racas run - Category 3
Hillgrove Road	Inspections	0.00	690.00	Racas run - Category 3
Killarney Road	Inspections	0.00	80,760.00	Racas run - Category 3
Khyber Road	Install Signs	13,610.00	23,990.00	Installation of new sign
Khyber Road	Install Signs	79,210.00	79,210.00	Install new sign and post
Khyber Road	Guide Post maintenance	3,770.00	65,800.00	Replace missing guide post
Khyber Road	Inspections	0.00	86,629.00	Racas run - Category 3
Laguna Road	Inspections	0.00	40,790.00	Racas run - Category 3
Langlo Mt Morris Road	Install Signs	260.00	30,170.00	Install new sign and post
Langlo Mt Morris Road	Install Signs	10,390.00	63,970.00	Install new sign and post
Langlo Mt Morris Road	Inspections	10,390.00	63,970.00	Install new sign and post
Lasso Gowrie Road	Inspections	0.00	1,231.00	Racas run - Category 2
Loddon East Road	Inspections	0.00	19,910.00	Racas run - Category 3
Loddon West Road	Inspections	0.00	5,001.00	Racas run - Category 3
Lyons Road	Inspections	0.00	2,090.00	Racas run - Category 2
Meigunya Access Road	Inspections	0.00	4,790.00	Racas run - Category 3
Merrigang Road	Inspections	0.00	1,500.00	Racas run - Category 3
Merrigol Road	Inspections	0.00	17,080.00	Racas run - Category 3
Middle Creek Road	Inspections	0.00	52,250.00	Racas run - Category 3
Middle Creek Road	Guide Post maintenance	6,750.00	52,240.00	Install new guide post
Mona Road	Inspections	0.00	3,550.00	Racas run - Category 3
Newholme Road	Inspections	0.00	18,780.00	Racas run - Category 4
Newstead Road	Inspections	0.00	11,870.00	Racas run - Category 3
Noorooloo Road	Inspections	0.00	92,270.00	Racas run - Category 3
Noorooloo Road	Routine Grid Work	81,450.00	81,450.00	Remove grid
Noorooloo Road	Routine Grid Work	75,800.00	75,800.00	Remove grid

Noorooloo Road	Routine Grid Work	78,010.00	78,010.00	Remove grid
Old Tambo Road	Install Signs	23,900.00	28,020.00	Install new sign and post
Old Tambo Road	Inspections	0.00	58,880.00	Racas run - Category 4
Palmers Road	Inspections	0.00	1,670.00	Racas run - Category 3
Red Ward Road	Guide Post maintenance	19,810.00	58,050.00	Install new guide post
Red Ward Road	Install Signs	35,600.00	35,600.00	Install new sign and post
Red Ward Road	Guide Post maintenance	36,360.00	36,430.00	
Riccatoon Road	Inspections	0.00	6,520.00	Racas run - Category 3
Rosewood Road	Inspections	0.00	5,140.00	Racas run - Category 2
Shelbourne Road	Inspections	0.00	9,660.00	Racas run - Category 3
Tantellon Road	Inspections	0.00	1,920.00	Racas run - Category 2
Valeravale Road	Inspections	0.00	7,200.00	Racas run - Category 3
Wallal Riverleigh Road	Inspections	0.00	34,200.00	Racas run - Category 3
Wellwater Road	Inspections	0.00	80,430.00	Racas run - Category 3
Wellwater Road	Inspections	0.00	80,430.00	Inspection - a little rain
Woolabra Road	Inspections	0.00	590.00	Racas run - Category 3
Wooyenong Road	Inspections	0.00	13,750.00	Racas run - Category 3

Construction crew still undertaking REPA works.

Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC)

July 2025 Maintenance Works on National Highways and State Controlled Roads

Location	Activity Name	Chainage From (km)	Chainage To (km)	Quantity	Costs ($)
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Inspections for Forward List of Works	0.01	106.15	6,270.00	$6,270.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Rest Area Servicing	0.01	106.15	23,475.00	$23,475.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Damages Recovery	176.00	176.00	5,062.00	$5,062.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Damages Recovery	171.45	171.45	12,950.00	$12,950.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Gravel Supply - Heavy Shoulder Grading	148.20	151.30	1,000.00	$45,000.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Gravel Supply - Heavy Shoulder Grading	148.20	151.30	300.00	$13,500.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Hand Mowing	126.54	196.52	200.00	$1,600.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural	148.20	151.30	3.00	$35,085.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural	148.20	151.30	7.00	$81,865.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Other roadside work	126.54	196.52	6,800.00	$6,800.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Tractor Slashing, Rural	126.54	196.52	70.00	$26,950.00
Warrego Highway (Mitchell to Morven)	Hand Mowing	67.44	92.60	500.00	$4,000.00
Warrego Highway (Mitchell to Morven)	Herbicide Spraying	67.44	92.60	1,500.00	$7,500.00
Warrego Highway (Mitchell to Morven)	Inspections for Forward List of Works	67.44	92.60	6,270.00	$6,270.00
Warrego Highway (Mitchell to Morven)	Rest Area Servicing	67.44	92.60	7,560.00	$7,560.00
Warrego Highway (Mitchell to Morven)	Tractor Slashing, Rural	67.44	92.60	40.00	$16,080.00
				TOTAL	**$299,967.00**

RMPC 25-26 Works Expenditure

Schedules	Allocated Budget	UpToDate Expenditure	Remaining
Schedule 1 (National Highways)	$444,400.00	$41,410.00	$402,990.00
Schedule 2 (Other State Controlled Roads)	$2,336,437.00	$258,557.00	$2,077,880.00
Schedule 3 – Invasive Plants & Animals (National Highways)	$16,000.00	$0.00	$16,000.00
Schedule 4 – Invasive Plants & Animals (Other State Controlled Roads)	$24,000.00	$0.00	$24,000.00
Schedule 5 – Fire Risk Management (National Highways)	$16,000.00	$0.00	$16,000.00
Schedule 6 – Fire Risk Management (Other State Controlled Roads)	$24,000.00	$0.00	$24,000.00
Schedule 7 (National Highways)	$323,096.00	$0.00	$323,096.00
TOTALS	**$3,183,933.00**	**$299,967.00**	**$2,883,966.00**

Water & Sewerage

Maintenance works carried out in July 2025.

Water Works

Charleville

Activities	Completed
Service Line Breaks	3
Repair Water Mains	4
Meters Replaced/ checked	6
Pump Station Faults	2
Water Bore Maintenance	2
Disconnections	0
New Connections	0

General Comment

- Start plans for 800m of new water main on Parry Street from the Pool to Old Cunnamulla Road.
- Install new water test taps.
- Repair water leak on SES Bore.

- Water board inspection.

Morven

Activities	Completed
Service Line Breaks	2
Repair Water Mains	2
Meters Replaced/ checked	0
Pump Station Faults	2
Water Bore Maintenance	1
Disconnections	0
New Connections	0

General Comment

- New water main project complete in Morven.
- Service UV
- Water inspection

Augathella

Activities	Completed
Service Line Breaks	2
Repair Water Mains	0
Meters Replaced/ checked	2
Pump Station Faults	2
Water Bore Maintenance	2
Disconnections	0
New Connections	0

General Comment

- Replace water Pump #2
- Install new test taps for water testing
- Replace pressure sensors in water pumps
- Service UV
- Water board inspection

Sewerage Works

Charleville

Activities	Completed
Main line Chokes	2
Service Line Chokes	4
Pump Station Faults	3
Toilet Faults	2
New Connections	1
Unblock Sewer House / Main Connections	2

General Comment

- Complete new sewer line at 64 Edward Street.
- Replace sewer jump up at 163 King Street.

Morven

Activities	Completed
Main line Chokes	0
Service Line Chokes	0
Pump Station Faults	0
Toilet Faults	3
New Connections	0
Unblock Sewer House / Main Connections	0

Augathella

Activities	Completed
Main line Chokes	0
Service Line Chokes	0
Pump Station Faults	0
Toilet Faults	6
New Connections	0
Unblock Sewer House / Main Connections	0

General Comment

- Replace 6 x toilet cisterns at Brassington Park and Main Street.

Building

Building works from the month of July.

Activity
- Form and pour 5 x slabs for new backup generators at the Depot, Admin Office, Showgrounds, Racecourse and Water Tower.
- Mount TV's at Racecourse Complex
- Concrete Qantas 1st flight plaque at the airport
- Maintenance work at Unit 1 Alfred Street
- Remove / install new disabled lift at swimming pool
- Maintenance jobs at Brassington Park
- Make plot cabinet for cemetery
- Fix door at Store
- Dismantle old swimming pool grandstands ready for installation of new grandstands

Electrical

Works completed by Council's Preferred Supplier's for Electrical Services, **Charleville Refrigeration and Electrical (CRE), Brayley's Electrical, Patto's Electrical and NHC Auto Refrigeration.**

Patto's Electrical
- Repair generator – throwing to neutral
- Install new power points at aged units 208 Alfred Street, 29 Alfred Street and Delta Court.
- Fit out for water crew shed - electrical + aircons - Relocate earth stake main depot switchboard
- Inspect gate switch not working at Augathella Aerodrome
- Pump repairs – Sewerage Pump Station #5
- Check pump at Augathella
- Cable runs at Racecourse Complex for VC
- Check fire alarms at Unit 4 33 Edward Street
- Fix lights in rooms 1 and 4, replaced air con units in two rooms at Charleville Camp
- Installation of new cable runs at Admin office - Replacement of faulty sensor lighting
- Check heater at emulsion tank not working - Install 2 power points at Store
- Pump changeover at Augathella
- Davey Mechanical seal kits for pumps at Racecourse
- Replace power point at Café in the Mulga
- New phase failure – Pump Station 12
Brayley Electrical
- Unit 1 Forrest Street – switches - Unit 4 Forrest Street – hot water
Augathella Airport - Remove power to shed for removal. Leave power box on wall with two sockets. - Repair automatic gate falling off hinges.
Depot - Replace two LED battens in oil room - Supply and replace 3KW 3PH solar inverter
- Aged housing smoke alarms

Town Maintenance

Activity	Charleville	Augathella	Morven
Grave Digging	1	0	1
Edge Break			
Pothole Patching	✓	✓	✓
Repair Seal Defects			
Bitumen Sealing (Reseal)			
Heavy Patching/Pavement Repair			
Gravel Resheeting			
Table Drain & Floodway Maintenance			
Clear Culverts			
Subsurface Drains			
Slashing	✓	✓	✓
Hand Mowing	✓	✓	✓
Clearing	✓	✓	✓
Weed Spraying	✓	✓	
Maintain Signs			
Guidepost Maintenance	✓		
Footpath Works			
Line Marking	✓		
Kerb & Channel			
Street Furniture Maintenance			
Riverwalk Maintenance	✓		
Litter Collection	✓	✓	✓
Pit Maintenance	✓	✓	✓
Dead Animals			
Other			
Works Requests	✓	✓	✓
Playground Inspections	✓	✓	✓
Clean BBQs	✓	✓	✓
Slash Gully	✓		
Plant Flowers			
Fix Sprays in Park	✓	✓	✓
Water pots in Main Street	✓	✓	
Mow Ovals & Parks	✓	✓	✓
Service Plant	✓	✓	✓
New Signs			

Completed Town Works

- General town maintenance in all three towns.
- Cleared stormwater pipes in Alfred Street that were blocked and silted up.
- Dead trees removed at King Edward Park and dead wood removed out of trees in Park and around ponds / seating areas at GA Park.

Workshop

MSC WORKSHOP MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2025	
SAFTEY	Zero incidents and zero accidents
WORK CARRIED OUT ON VEHICLES	
Unit 664	Carried out service, replaced belt idler pulley
Unit 678	Carried out service
Unit 656	Fit relay for invertor
Unit 682	Carried out service, replaced LH CV boots, replaced spotlights
Unit 680	Replaced bulbar guards, carried out service
Unit 661	Replaced spotlights, carried out service
Unit 659	Carried out service
Unit 617	Replaced RHR abs sensor
Unit 676	Carried out service
Unit 681	Carry out service
WORK CARRIED OUT ON GRADERS	
Unit 116	Carry out service, replaced turbo pressure hose, replaced RH door glass, replaced seat belt
Unit 118	Carry out 4000hr service, replaced spare ripper mount, replaced coolant drain hose, adjust circle
Unit 119	Carry out service
Unit 117	Replaced coolant drain hose, replaced auto boom position rod and sensor, repaired spare wheel carrier
Unit 114	Refit head lights, replaced reverse alarm
Unit 115	Replaced windscreen wiper motor, replaced high beam switch
WORK CARRIED OUT ON TRUCKS	
Unit 56	Carried out service, repaired work lights, repaired beacon lights
Unit 2	Carried out service, repaired rear taillight frame
Unit 55	Replaced fridge, replaced leaking RHR wheel cylinder
Unit 44	Repairs to pogo stick
Unit 38	Carry out DPF forced burn
Unit 60	Carry out top motor service, repaired suction hoods
Unit 50	Repaired AdBlue leak
Unit 62	Carried out service
Unit 33	Replaced battery earth lead
Unit 1	Carried out service
Unit 46	Replaced spray nozzle tilt cylinder
Unit 49	Replaced hydraulic hose

WORK CARRIED OUT ON TRAILERS	
Unit 257	Replaced suspension bushes
Unit 436	Replaced wheel bearings
Unit 492	Replaced damaged air lines
WORK CARRIED OUT ON NAVMAN	
Unit 617	Remove Navman system
Unit 688	Installed new Navman system
WORK CARRIED OUT MOWERS AND TRACTORS	
Unit 194	Replaced roof, resealed hitch cylinders, replaced gear selector lever, replaced PTO shaft seal
Unit 175	Replaced PTO solenoid, replaced PTO selector cable, replaced cabin filter cover
Unit 183	Replaced side window mount
Unit 591	Replaced belt tensioner
Unit 190	Repair air con, refit beacon light, repair uhf, replaced heater tap, replaced A/C blower motor resistors
Unit 581	Replaced throttle cable, carried out service, replaced transmission seal, replaced deck spindle
Unit 192	Replaced transmission solenoid, carried out service
Unit 193	Replaced draft control switch, replaced UHF hand piece, carried out service
Unit 183	Replaced steering column gas strut, replaced PTO shaft and clutch pack
WORK CARRIED OUT ON MISCELLANEOUS	
Unit 176 - Excavator	Replaced all boom pins and bushes, replaced head unit, replaced light
Unit 201 - Multi Tyre Roller	Replaced damaged air lines and wheel rotators, replaced RH head light, replaced air pressure sensor, carried out service
Unit 178 - Backhoe	Carried out service
Unit 165 - Backhoe	Repaired front mud guards
Unit 164 – Backhoe	Replaced both RH windows, clean hand throttle controller,
Unit 1005 - Profiler	Replaced all teeth
Unit 351 - Dingo	Refit and adjust trencher chain
PLAN FOR AUGUST	
Continue with workshop organising and preventive maintenance.	

Murweh Shire Flood Restoration Works – July Report

Monthly Progress Report

Enginfra Consulting
Engineers and Project Managers

Project Name	Murweh Shire January and April 2024 and March 2025 Flood Restoration Delivery		
Date	5 August 2025	Report Period	July 2025
Project Manager	Russell Hood		
Reporting To	Bruce Scott, Jacob Barton, Troy McQueen		

1.	**Current Status**
	Overall progress for the Jan and April 24 events from the 23-24 year to the end of July 2025 as reported to QRA is 30%. Of the total 1537 damage sites, there are 725 remaining under both these events. This work must be completed prior to 30 June 2026.
2.	**Delivery**
	○ Heavy formation grading with areas of top-up gravel have been completed on Biddenham, Black Ward, Langlo Mt Morris, Wardsdale, Croxdale, Red Lane, Newholme, Valeravale, Meigunya, Laguna, Cunno, Caldervale, Khyber, Barngo, Newstead, Tantellon, Uabba, Ouida Downs and Winneba Roads. ○ Heavy formation grading is in progress on Barngo and Clara Creek Roads. ○ Pavement repairs on Biddenham Road started this week and will continue throughout August and September.
3.	**Submissions**
	○ All submissions under the Jan and April 24 events are approved and the total approved funding for these events including project management, contingencies and escalation is $16,914,785.
4.	**Overall Program Progress**
	○ Jan & April 24 events overall program progress is 30% to end of July 2025.
5.	**Budget**
	○ Total claimed expenditure for the Jan & April 24 events to end of July 2025 - $4,747,932 ○ Estimated cost to complete - $10,898,000 ○ Estimated final cost - $15,645,932
6.	**Reporting, Claims and Close outs**
	○ QRA monthly progress reporting and payment claims have been lodged with QRA on 5 August 2025.
7.	**Potential Risks and Issues**
	○ Damage assessment for the latest March 2025 event is progressing and is planned to be complete by 31 August 2025. There are currently 540 damage sites with the estimated restoration cost at $5M. ○ 1 submission for Wellwater, Greenstead and Belrose Roads has been lodged with QRA under the March 2025 event valued at $365,000. ○ Submissions continue to be developed and submitted as damage assessment in areas is complete.

JANUARY & APRIL 2024 EVENTS FLOOD RESTORATION

Asset / road name	Recommended Value	Claimed Expenditure	% Complete	Timing
Belrose Road	$63,546.60	$44,657.93	100%	
Greenstead Road	$65,942.09	$42,244.87	100%	
Wellwater Road	$631,164.95	$408,206.71	100%	
Adavale Road (Jan 24)	$7,830.18	$4,110.50	100%	
Bollon Road (Jan 24)	$141,167.76	$95,705.50	50%	In-progress
Caroline Crossing Road	$10,198.89	$15,965.36	100%	
Meigunya Access Road	$4,535.42	$0.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
Mt Tabor Road (Jan 24)	$612,785.06	$12,759.93	1%	Aug-24
Bilbie Park Road	$5,055.99	$2,520.00	100%	
Merrigang Road	$4,333.71	$2,160.00	100%	
Noorooloo Road	$827,761.61	$449,713.51	100%	
Shelbourne Road	$58,393.88	$30,074.62	100%	
Bakers Bend Road	$11,809.01	$9,706.00	100%	
Croxdale Road	$35,933.60	$0.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
Glenbrook Road	$8,125.68	$1,552.90	100%	
Guestling Road	$21,487.93	$18,840.00	100%	
Hythe Road	$101,140.03	$82,806.00	100%	
Murweh Road	$16,789.01	$14,774.00	100%	
Palmers Road	$9,570.26	$7,536.00	100%	
Wallal Riverleigh Road	$105,415.74	$84,701.00	100%	
Wheatleigh Road	$32,311.17	$28,214.00	100%	
Yanna Bridge Road	$13,007.69	$11,304.00	100%	
Biddenham Road	$1,442,590.38	$1,007,571.49	70%	In-progress
Balmacarra Road	$80,644.79	$60,915.65	100%	
Black Ward Road	$172,313.98	$22,033.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
Burrandilla Road	$34,850.20	$17,485.80	100%	
Creswell Access Road	$7,583.98	$3,805.20	100%	
Middle Creek Road	$125,134.55	$61,274.40	100%	
Red Ward Road	$364,062.39	$188,121.94	100%	
Alice Downs Road	$43,996.30	$43,950.00	100%	
Armidilla Road	$32,537.44	$29,585.00	100%	
Coolaman Road	$2,889.13	$2,512.00	100%	
Dundee Road	$21,126.80	$15,072.00	100%	
Maryvale Road	$19,074.79	$18,840.00	100%	
Mt Maria Road	$150,623.36	$31,410.00	80%	Not yet invoiced
Nebine Road	$367,422.39	$241,871.90	100%	
Newstead Road	$39,489.62	$51,106.32	100%	
No 7 Block Road	$3,071.06	$3,014.00	100%	
Old Charleville Road	$55,383.40	$49,617.00	100%	
Rocky Road	$12,515.14	$11,526.00	100%	
Tregole Road	$902.85	$879.00	100%	
Winnebah Road	$50,681.68	$49,198.50	100%	
Allendale Warrah Road	$608,714.72	$0.00	0%	Oct-25
Borea Road	$59,147.67	$0.00	0%	Oct-25
Clara Creek Road	$205,309.15	$0.00	0%	Aug-25
Gundare Road	$128,729.87	$0.00	0%	Aug-25
Hill Street	$23,093.90	$32,250.03	100%	

Killarney Road	$39,415.93	$3,873.39	50%	Aug-25
Ouida Downs Road	$61,612.22	$20,347.61	100%	Not yet invoiced
Rainmore Road	$4,761.00	$0.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
Tantellon Road	$55,312.28	$0.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
Uabba Road	$109,064.84	$0.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
Adavale Road	$79,176.94	$5,172.90	5%	Aug-25
Langlo Mt Morris Road	$216,003.84	$54,772.52	25%	Aug-25
Newholme Road	$73,397.35	$0.00	100%	Oct-25
Nungil Maruka Road	$7,214.64	$0.00	100%	Sep-25
Red Lane Road	$6,139.42	$0.00	100%	Oct-25
Valeravale Road	$105,965.69	$0.00	100%	Nov-25
Wardsdale Road	$88,219.74	$7,123.05	80%	Not yet invoiced
Wiringa Road	$7,222.83	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Bollon Road	$280,388.01	$228,861.05	80%	In-progress
Doobiblah Road	$68,699.11	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Loddon East Road	$40,380.94	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Merrigol Road	$12,648.11	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Old Quilpie Road	$60,607.52	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Riccatoon Road	$13,542.82	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Wongalee South Road	$27,356.50	$18,147.25	100%	
Wongamere Road	$2,708.57	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Wooyenong Road	$5,442.51	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Wyandra Boatman Road	$39,545.04	$35,933.70	100%	
Caldervale Road	$42,386.30	$0.00	0%	Aug-25
Cargara Road	$91,167.65	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Caroline Crossing Road	$40,084.27	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Khyber Road	$490,346.96	$2,646.99	1%	Aug-25
Laguna Road	$470,057.47	$38,327.95	10%	Oct-25
Raincourt Road	$150,931.40	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Oxford Downs Road	$169,065.24	$6,706.09	5%	Oct-25
Roselyn Road	$16,973.66	$0.00	0%	Sep-25
Barngo Road	$540,637.20	$217,636.81	40%	In-progress
Bogarella Road	$133,808.10	$93,080.00	100%	
Cunno Road	$97,276.82	$0.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
Orange Tree Crossing	$5,413.84	$0.00	0%	Aug-25
Derbyshire Downs Road	$27,278.89	$0.00	0%	Nov-25
Hoganthulla Road	$139,147.50	$0.00	0%	Oct-25
Mt Tabor Road (Apr 24)	$1,428,268.70	$397,869.93	30%	Sep-25
Waterford Road	$101,213.70	$0.00	0%	Oct-25
Old Tambo Road	$3,447,447.01	$8,076.31	0%	Sep-25
Project Management	$1,278,259.30	$299,764.64	25%	
Total	**$16,914,785.66**	**$4,747,932.25**	**64%**	
Weighted Percentage Complete from QRA Progress Report			30%	

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

2.4.1 Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Attachment 1 - Aurora Estate SARA Response Notice** ⇩
2. **Attachment 2 - Engineering Services Costing Report** ⇩

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Queensland Government

SARA reference: 2505-45847 SRA
Council reference: PA7830
Applicant reference: P11122

6 June 2025

Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council
PO Box 63
CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470
mail@murweh.qld.gov.au

Attention: Justin Kronk

Dear Mr Kronk,

SARA referral agency response—High Street and Racecourse Road, Charleville

(Referral agency response given under section 56 of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 8 May 2025.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response – No requirements
	Under section 56(1)(a) of the *Planning Act 2016*, SARA advises it has no requirements relating to the application.
Date of response:	6 June 2025
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in **Attachment 1**
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in **Attachment 2**

Development details

Description:	Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – 1 lot into 65 residential lots, 2 park lots and 1 pump station lot
SARA role:	Referral agency
SARA trigger:	Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 1, Table 1, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017)
	Development impacting on state transport infrastructure
SARA reference:	2505-45847 SRA

Darling Downs South West regional office
128 Margaret Street, Toowoomba
PO Box 825, Toowoomba QLD 4350

2505-45847 SRA

Assessment manager:	Murweh Shire Council
Street address:	High Street and Racecourse Road, Charleville
Real property description:	Lot 500 on SP343472
Applicant name:	Murweh Shire Council
Applicant contact details:	PO Box 18132, Clifford Gardens Toowoomba QLD 4350 murray.neumann@hig.com.au
Human Rights Act 2019 considerations:	A consideration of the 23 fundamental human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s. 30 Development Assessment Rules).

Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 3**.

A copy of this response has been sent to the applicant for their information.

For further information please contact Lawson Costello, A/Senior Planning Officer, on (07) 4924 2914 or via email ToowoombaSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Rodney O'Brien
Principal Planning Officer

cc Murweh Shire Council, murray.neumann@hig.com.au

enc Attachment 1 – Advice to the applicant
Attachment 2 – Reasons for referral agency response
Attachment 3 – Representations about a referral agency response provisions

Attachment 1—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the *Planning Act 2016* its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP), (version 3.2). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

Attachment 2—Reasons for referral agency response

(Given under section 56(7) of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The reasons for SARA's decision are:

SARA assessed the development application against the following code of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) version 3.2:

- State code 6: Protection of state transport networks

The development complies with all relevant performance outcomes of State code 6 (version 3.2). Specifically:

- The development does not create a safety hazard for users of state transport infrastructure
- The development does not result in a worsening of the physical condition or operating performance of the state transport network.

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the SDAP, version 3.2, as published by SARA
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- Section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

Attachment 3— Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL ENGINEERING SERVICES COSTING SUMMARY

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND FLOOD DAMAGE

Road No	Road Name	Routine Maintenance Expenditure	QRA Apr 2024 (EW) Flood Damage Expenditure	QRA Apr 2024 (REPA) Flood Damage Expenditure
4001	Adavale Road	$ 11,449	$ -	$ 5,173
4002	Alice Downs Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4003	Allambie Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4004	Allendale - Warrah Road	$ 375	$ -	$ -
4005	Armadilla Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4006	Bakers Bend Road	$ 494	$ -	$ 9,706
4007	Balmacarra Road	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4008	Bannermans Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4009	Barngo Road	$ 8,497	$ -	$ 2,455
4010	Biddenham Road	$ 2,410	$ -	$ 665,573
4011	Bilbie Park Road	$ 425	$ -	$ 2,520
4012	Biloola Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4013	Blackburn Road	$ 465	$ -	$ -
4014	Loddon Road Black Tank	$ 465	$ -	$ -
4015	Black Ward Road	$ 2,905	$ -	$ 59,288
4016	Boggarella Road	$ 465	$ -	$ -
4017	Belrose Road	$ 465	$ -	$ -
4018	Burrandulla Road	$ 1,598	$ -	$ 0
4019	Albury Road	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4020	Caldervale - Khyber Road	$ -	$ -	$ 21,648
4021	Auburnvale Road	$ 425	$ -	$ -
4022	Calowrie Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4023	Cargara Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4024	Caroline Xing Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4025	Clara Creek Road	$ 761	$ -	$ -
4026	Cooladdi Access Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4027	Cooladdi-Langlo Crossing	$ 1,426	$ -	$ -
4028	Cooladdi-Yarronvale Road	$ 1,065	$ -	$ -
4029	Coolamon Road	$ 1,900	$ -	$ -
4030	Croxdale Road	$ -	$ -	$ 33,322
4031	Cunno Road	$ -	$ -	$ 47,707
4032	Derbyshire Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4033	De Warra Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4034	Dilallah Bridge Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4035	Doobiblah Road	$ 1,963	$ -	$ -
4036	Dundee Road	$ 10,552	$ -	$ -
4037	Durella Road	$ 1,183	$ -	$ -
4038	Fortland Road	$ 0	$ -	$ -
4039	Glenallen Road	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4040	Glenbrook Road	$ 499	$ -	$ 1,553
4041	Greenstead Road	$ 1,472	$ -	$ -
4042	Guestling Road	$ -	$ -	$ 18,840
4043	Gundare Road	$ 755	$ -	$ -
4044	Gunnawarra Road	$ 5,672	$ -	$ -
4045	Hillgrove Road	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4046	Hoganthulla Road	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4047	Hythe Road	$ 384	$ -	$ 82,806
4048	Joylands Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4049	Khyber Road	$ 9,337	$ -	$ 87,420
4050	Killarney Road	$ 13,883	$ -	$ -
4051	Laguna Road	$ 5,516	$ -	$ 38,328
4052	Langlo River Road	$ 10,273	$ -	$ 135,732
4053	Maruga Road	$ -	$ -	$ 7,160
4054	Maryvale Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4055	Merrigang Road	$ 507	$ -	$ 2,160
4056	Merrigol Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4057	Middle Creek Road	$ 5,527	$ -	-$ 0
4058	Mona Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4059	Mt Maria Road	$ 793	$ -	$ -
4060	Meigunya Access road	$ 409	$ -	$ -
4061	Mt Tabor Road	$ 6,224	$ -	$ 798
4062	Murweh Road	$ -	$ -	$ 14,774
4063	Narrga (Raincourt) Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4064	Nebine Road	$ 48,551	$ -	$ -
4065	Nebine Bollon Shortcut	$ 3,799	$ -	$ -
4066	Nebine Comm. Ctr Road	$ 439	$ -	$ -
4067	New Farm Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4068	Newholme Road	$ 590	$ -	$ 61,379
4069	Newstead Road	$ 833	$ -	$ -
4070	Nimboy Road	$ 186	$ -	$ -
4071	Nooraloo Road	$ 27,688	$ -	$ 449,714
4072	Norah Park Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4073	No 7 Block Road	$ 2,569	$ -	$ -
4074	Old Charleville Road	$ 993	$ -	$ -
4075	Old Quilpie Road	$ 953	$ -	$ -
4076	Old Tambo Road	$ 3,942	$ -	$ 21,339
4077	Orange Tree Xing Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4078	Ouida Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4079	Ouida Downs Road	$ -	$ -	$ 14,996
4080	Oxford Downs Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4081	Perola Park Road	$ 439	$ -	$ -
4082	Pinnacle Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4083	Red Ward Road	$ 3,337	$ -	$ -
4084	Rhylstone Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4085	Rocky Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4086	Rosebank Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4087	Roslin Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4088	Rose Park Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4089	Rosewood Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4090	Shelbourne Road	$ 494	$ -	$ 30,075
4091	Sherwood Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4092	Loddon Road West	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4093	Tantellon road	$ 798	$ -	$ -
4094	Tregole Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4095	Uabba Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4096	Urana Road	$ 1,907	$ -	$ -
4097	Valeravale Road	$ 125	$ -	$ 29,166
4098	Wallal-Riversleigh Road	$ 432	$ -	$ 84,701
4099	Wardsdale Road	$ 561	$ -	$ 64,710
4100	Waterford Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4101	Wellwater Road	$ 3,562	$ -	$ -
4102	Wheatleigh Road	$ 899	$ -	$ 28,214
4103	Winneba Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4104	Wiringa Road	$ -	$ -	$ 7,160
4105	Wongalee South Rd	$ 414	$ -	$ 18,147
4106	Wongalee North Rd	$ -	$ -	$ -
4107	Wongamere Road	-$ 0	$ -	$ -
4108	Woolabra	$ -	$ -	$ -
4109	Wooyanong Road	$ 561	$ -	$ -
4110	Boatman Wyandra Road	$ 16,030	$ -	$ 35,934
4111	Red Lane Road	-$ 0	$ -	$ 6,302
4112	Borea Access Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4113	Clara Access Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4114	Caledonia Road	-$ 0	$ -	$ -
4115	Wintara Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4117	Riccartoon Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4118	Yanna Bridge Road	$ -	$ -	$ 11,304
4119	27 Mile Gardens Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4120	Bollon Road	$ 2,188	$ -	$ -
4121	Breakaway Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4122	Claren Park Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4123	Columbo Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4124	Cooladdi Pump Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4125	Creswell Access Road	$ 865	$ -	$ 0
4128	Lango Hall Road	-$ 0	$ -	$ -
4129	Lasso Gowrie Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4130	Rosemount Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4131	Aronfield Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4132	Monamby Park Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4133	Northview Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4134	Palmers Road	$ -	$ -	$ 7,536
4135	Lyons Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4136	Percival Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4137	Rainmore Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4138	Westlyn Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4139	Old Ward Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Total	**$ 236,663**	**$ -**	**$ 2,107,639**
	Budget	$ 2,280,997		
	Percentage Expended	10%		
	Percentage through Year	13%		

PLANT MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Wages	$ 528,617	$ 44,650
Parts	$ 876,610	$ 103,940
Tyres & Tubes	$ 168,274	$ 24,660
Fuels & Oils	$ 1,029,591	$ 137,520
Registration	$ 110,648	$ -
Wages (supervision)	$ 249,212	$ 35,539
Consumables	$ 46,453	$ 6,064
Insurance	$ 62,460	$ 63,609
Total Expenditure	**$ 3,071,865**	**$ 415,982**
	Budget Expenditure	$ 3,406,209
	Percentage Expenditure	12%
	Revenue to Date	$ 1,047,226
	Budget Revenue	$ 5,208,953
	Percentage Revenue	20%
	Percentage through Year	13%

URBAN STREET MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Augathella Street Lighting	$ 23,146	$ 405
Morven Street Lighting	$ 296	$ -
Charleville Street Lighting	$ 39,869	$ -
Augathella Street Maintenance	$ 322,456	$ 40,971
Morven Street Maintenance	$ 122,873	$ 7,285
Charleville Street Maintenance	$ 891,668	$ 117,241
Augathella Street Cleaning	$ 56,225	$ 6,843
Morven Street Cleaning	$ 26,361	$ 2,266
Charleville Street Cleaning	$ 345,539	$ 40,066
Total Expenditure	**$ 1,828,433**	**$ 215,077**
	Budget	$ 1,588,991
	Percentage Spent	14%
	Percentage through Year	13%

PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Augathella Public Facilities Maintenance	$ 53,855	$ 9,272
Morven Public Facilities Maintenance	$ 63,646	$ 5,751
Charleville Public Facilities Maintenance	$ 97,468	$ 11,491
Augathella Vandalism Expenses	$ -	$ -
Charleville Vandalism Expenses	$ -	$ -
Morven Vandalism Expenses	$ 1,553	$ 317
Total Expenditure	**$ 216,522**	**$ 26,831**
	Budget	$ 210,556
	Percentage Spent	13%
	Percentage through Year	13%

PARKS AND GARDENS MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Augathella Parks & Garden	$ 80,370	$ 6,947
Morven Parks & Garden	$ 114,861	$ 6,328
Charleville Parks & Garden	$ 851,935	$ 113,731
Total Expenditure	**$ 1,047,166**	**$ 127,006**
	Budget	$ 1,056,084
	Percentage Spent	12%
	Percentage through Year	13%

WATER & SEWERAGE MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Charleville		
Charleville Water Pump Maintenance	$ 78,075	-$ 1,990
Charleville Water Telemetry Maintenance	$ 56,460	$ 123
Charleville Water Retic Maintenance	$ 646,168	$ 63,630
Charleville Water Meter Maintenance	$ 17,582	$ 411
Charleville Sewerage Treatment Maintenance	$ 15,604	$ 1,517
Charleville Sewerage Pump Station Maintenance	$ 128,286	$ 2,717
Charleville Sewerage Retic Maintenance	$ 102,916	$ 18,879
Augathella		
Augathella Water Pump Maintenance	$ 116,490	$ 2,122
Augathella Water Telemetry Maintenance	$ 6,986	$ 483
Augathella Water Retic Maintenance	$ 44,086	$ 3,881
Augathella Water Meter Maintenance	$ 17,498	$ 1,148
Augathella Sewerage Treatment Maintenance	$ 2,675	$ -
Augathella Sewerage Pump Station Maintenance	$ 33,585	$ 1,971
Augathella Sewerage Retic Maintenance	$ 4,708	$ 2,322
Morven		
Morven Water Pump Maintenance	$ 69,903	$ 263
Morven Water Telemetry Maintenance	$ 1,375	$ -
Morven Water Retic Maintenance	$ 41,153	$ 7,157
Morven Water Meter Maintenance	$ 4,769	$ 656
Morven Rail Hub Water Maintenance	$ 5,830	$ -
Morven Sewerage Works	$ 17,125	$ 759
Capital Works		
Augathella Water Renewals	$ -	$ 19,756
Morven Water Renewals	$ 135,795	$ 46,364
Charleville Water Renewals	$ 51,516	$ 3,461
Augathella Sewerage	$ -	$ -
Charleville Sewerage	$ 153,379	$ -
Total Expenditure	**$ 1,751,964**	**$ 175,628**
	Budget	$ 2,869,243
	Percentage Spent	6%
	Percentage through Year	13%

CAPITAL WORKS - FOOTPATH & KERB/CHANNEL

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Footpath Renewals	$ 27,658	$ 3,112
Kerb and Channel Renewals	$ 7,478	$ -
Total Expenditure	**$ 35,136**	**$ 3,112**
	Budget	$ 350,000
	Percentage Spent	1%
	Percentage through Year	13%

12.2 HIRE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PREFERRED SUPPLIER PANEL 2025-2026

Author: **Director Engineering Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council under section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, includes the following contractors on a preferred supplier arrangement for the hire of plant and equipment (wet and dry hire) for Council works in 2025-26, commencing from 25 August 2025 at the rates submitted under this arrangement:

- Bitumill Pty Ltd
- BK Hire Pty Ltd
- Brooks Hire Service Pty Ltd
- Charleville Haulage
- Charleville Truck and Bobcat
- Comac Equipment Pty Ltd T/A Comac Earthmoving Trust
- Comlek Plumbing
- Ellis Profiling QLD Pty Ltd
- Ezyquip Hire Pty Ltd
- Frazer Earthmoving & Mechanical
- Hastings Deering (Australia) Limited
- Hazell Bros Plant Hire (Qld) Pty Ltd
- HBS Earthmoving (QLD) Pty Ltd
- Jason Bell Contracting Pty Ltd
- Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd
- Long Plain Trading Pty Ltd
- Luke Maher Construction & Earthworks
- Pipe Management Australia Pty Ltd
- PVE Civil Solutions Pty Ltd
- Rollers Queensland
- Russell's Grader Hire Pty Ltd
- Schmidt Plant Hire
- Sherrin Rentals Pty Ltd
- Sidedump Industries Australia Pty Ltd
- Suffcon Pty Ltd
- THE Stabilising Pty Ltd
- Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage
- United Rentals Australia Pty Ltd
- Warrego Earthworks & Tree Services Pty Ltd

BACKGROUND

Purpose

To establish a preferred supplier arrangement for the wet and dry hire of plant and equipment to support Council operations across the Shire during the 2025-26 financial year, with the option to extend for a further twelve (12) months.

Discussion

Establishing a preferred supplier arrangement allows the engagement of contractors as needed without the ongoing need to request quotations, having already assessed compliance with Council's requirements, specifications and sound contracting principles. Rates for various items of plant for either wet hire, dry hire or both are included and will be valid for the 2025/26 financial year with an option to extend the arrangement for a further twelve (12) months into 2026/27.

Consultation

Submissions were publicly advertised on Council's website and social media platforms and were open for a period of twenty-one (21) days as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012 and closed at 4:30pm on Monday 25 July 2025.

Financial Risks

The establishment of a preferred supplier arrangement does not guarantee or commit Council to any minimum amount of work to any suppliers, therefore carries no financial risk.

Environmental Risks

Nil

Social Risk

Local and regional suppliers that have undertaken works for Council previously have provided submissions under this arrangement, have been assessed against the requirements of the tender specifications and compliant suppliers have been recommended to be included in the preferred supplier arrangement.

Legal Risk

The establishment of a preferred supplier arrangement is a valid and legal contracting method under section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

2.4.1 Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12.3 TRADE SERVICES PREFERRED SUPPLIER PANEL 2025-2026

Author: **Director Engineering Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council under section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, includes the following contractors on a preferred supplier arrangement for the provision of trade services to support Council operations and maintenance in 2025-26, commencing from 25 August 2025 at the rates submitted under this arrangement:

Electrical
- Brayley Electrical Pty Ltd
- Ecurb Electrical Pty Ltd T/A Bruce Air and Electrical
- Charleville Refrigeration and Electrical Pty Ltd
- Comlek Group
- Outback Energy Solutions Pty Ltd T/A South West Tech
- Patelre Pty Ltd T/A Pato's Electrical and Refrigeration

Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration
- Brayley Electrical Pty Ltd
- Ecurb Electrical Pty Ltd T/A Bruce Air and Electrical
- Charleville Refrigeration and Electrical Pty Ltd
- Comlek Group
- NHC Auto Refrigeration
- Outback Energy Solutions Pty Ltd T/A South West Tech
- Patelre Pty Ltd T/A Pato's Electrical and Refrigeration

Plumbing
- Comlek Plumbing

Building and Carpentry (including concreting and handyman services)
- Charleville Construction and Tiles Pty Ltd
- Charleville Refrigeration and Electrical Pty Ltd
- Comlek Group
- JD Carpentry and Garden Edging
- Murphy and Capewell Construction Pty Ltd
- Short and Sons
- Stephen Norris-Smith T/A SWQ Construction Services

Metal Fabrication and Welding
- Comlek Group
- Young's Welding Works Pty Ltd

BACKGROUND

Purpose

To establish a preferred supplier arrangement for the provision of trade services to support Council operations and maintenance across the Shire during the 2025-26 financial year, with the option to extend for a further twelve (12) months. Trade services sourced through the panel may be used for a variety of operational needs including electrical works, air-conditioning and refrigeration servicing,

plumbing maintenance and installation, building and carpentry tasks, and metal fabrication and welding projects.

Discussion

Establishing a preferred supplier arrangement allows the engagement of contractors as needed without the ongoing need to request quotations, having already assessed compliance with Council's requirements, specifications and sound contracting principles. The submitted rates will be valid for the 2025/26 financial year with an option to extend the arrangement for a further twelve (12) months into 2026/27.

Consultation

Submissions were publicly advertised on Council's website and social media platforms and were open for a period of twenty-one (21) days as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012 and closed at 4:30pm on Monday 25 July 2025.

Financial Risks

The establishment of a preferred supplier arrangement does not guarantee or commit Council to any minimum amount of work to any suppliers, therefore carries no financial risk.

Environmental Risks

Nil

Social Risk

Local and regional suppliers that have undertaken works for Council previously have provided submissions under this arrangement, have been assessed against the requirements of the tender specifications and compliant suppliers have been recommended to be included in the preferred supplier arrangement.

Legal Risk

The establishment of a preferred supplier arrangement is a valid and legal contracting method under section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12.4 1 X MOTOR GRADER REPLACEMENT - TENDER MG1. 25-26

Author: **Director Engineering Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar 150 Motor Grader from Hastings Deering for a total cost of $603,993.77 (excl. GST).

BACKGROUND

Purpose

This purchase is to replace Unit 115 (John Deere 770G Grader) in accordance with the approved Plant Replacement Schedule.

Discussion

Tender Process and Evaluation

Tenders were invited and three submissions were received. The evaluation panel assessed each against the criteria outlined in the tender documentation, in line with Council's Procurement Policy. The results are summarised below:

RANK	TENDERER	EVALUATION SCORE
1	Caterpillar 150	263
2	John Deere 670GP	256
3	Komatsu GD655-7	230

Key Considerations

Proven Performance: Caterpillar is a trusted and proven brand within Murweh Shire Council's fleet and across neighbouring Councils, delivering strong operational results and reliability.

After Sales Service: Hastings Deering provides local field service support from Roma, backed by a dedicated product support team. Spare parts are readily available from Toowoomba, minimising downtime.

Operator Usability: The Caterpillar 150 meets all operational, safety, efficiency, and comfort requirements for grader operations within Council.

Warranty: Comprehensive warranty coverage of 72 months or 5,500 operating hours is included, providing long-term assurance.

Consultation

The evaluation panel comprised of Council staff in accordance with procurement requirements.

Financial Risks

N/A

Environmental Risks

N/A

Social Risk

N/A

Legal Risk

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tender assessment Graders ⇩

Motor Grader	Price	Resale	Servicing parts costs 8000 hours @current prices	Average fuel cost over 8000hrs @$1.70 per litre AdBlue @$1 per litre	Delivery	Warranty	WLC COST
John Deere 670GP	$615,000	$235,000	$24,619.49	12.1 LPH $164,560	6 to 8 weeks	60 months/5000 hours	$569,179.49
Komatsu GD655-7	$580,000	$152,800	$46,480	13.7 LPH Fuel 0.4 LPH AdBlue $186,320 $3,200	6 to 12 weeks	60 months/6000 hours	$663,200
Hastings Cat 150M	$603,993.77	$241,597.50	$38,338.24	14.84 LPH $201,824	6 to 8 weeks	12 Months Full Machine 72 Months/5500 hours hydraulic power train and technology	$602,558.51

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES MULTI TYRE ROLLER								
DATE: 17.7.24	ASSESSOR: MARK JOHNSTONE							
VEHICLE MODELS	Price and Delivery Time	Serviceability	Operation Features	Warranty	Resale Value	Maintenance costs	Operating costs	TOTAL SCORE
ASSESMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	0 - 30	0 - 25	0 - 5	0 - 10	0 - 10	0-10	0-10	MAX 100
John Deere 670GP	25	24	3	7	7	6	8	80
Komatsu GD655-7	22	22	3	6	6	5	7	71
Caterpillar 150M	26	24	4	8	8	8	8	86

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES MULTI TYRE ROLLER								
DATE: 16/07/25	**ASSESSOR:** Ryan Carr							
VEHICLE MODELS	**Price and Delivery Time**	**Serviceability**	**Operation Features**	**Warranty**	**Resale Value**	**Maintenance costs**	**Operating costs**	**TOTAL SCORE**
ASSESMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	**0 - 30**	**0 - 25**	**0 - 5**	**0 - 10**	**0 - 10**	**0-10**	**0-10**	**MAX 100**
John Deere 670GP	25	23	5	8	9	9	9	88
Komatsu GD655-7	25	25	4	10	5	5	8	82
Caterpillar 150M	25	25	5	8	10	9	7	89

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES MULTI TYRE ROLLER								
DATE: 17-7-25	ASSESSOR: Billy Fitzpatrick							
VEHICLE MODELS	Price and Delivery Time	Serviceability	Operation Features	Warranty	Resale Value	Maintenance costs	Operating costs	TOTAL SCORE
ASSESMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	0 - 30	0 - 25	0 - 5	0 - 10	0 - 10	0-10	0-10	MAX 100
John Deere 670GP	25	25	5	7	9	9	8	88
Komatsu GD655-7	25	23	3	10	5	4	7	77
Caterpillar 150M	25	23	5	8	10	9	8	88

12.5 3 X TRACTOR REPLACEMENT - TENDER TR2. 25-26

Author: **Director Engineering Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the purchase of three (3) John Deere 6M 125 Tractors for a total cost of $692,557.39 (excl. GST).

BACKGROUND

Purpose

This purchase will replace three tractors (Units 175,183 and 190) in accordance with the approved Plant Replacement Schedule and donate two existing tractors (Unit 174 and 190) to local community groups as per Council Resolution 158/25.

Discussion

Tender Process and Evaluation

Tenders were invited from five suppliers, with three submissions received. The evaluation panel assessed each against the criteria outlined in the tender documentation, in line with Council's Procurement Policy. The results are summarised below:

RANK	TENDERER	EVALUATION SCORE
1	John Deere 6M 125	223
2	New Holland T5. 140	170
3	Massey Ferguson MF 6S. 135	44

Key Considerations

Proven Performance: John Deere is a trusted and proven brand within Murweh Shire Council's fleet, with previous purchases delivering reliable and effective performance.

After Sales Service: John Deere provides local field service technicians from Roma, combined with a professional parts support network to ensure rapid and efficient maintenance response times.

Operator Usability: The John Deere 6M 125 meets all operational, safety, efficiency, and comfort requirements for Council's intended use.

Warranty: Comprehensive warranty coverage of 60 months or 5,000 operating hours, providing strong long-term value and protection.

Consultation

The evaluation panel comprised of Council staff in accordance with procurement requirements.

Financial Risks

N/A

Environmental Risks

N/A

Social Risk

N/A

Legal Risk

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tender Assessment Tractors ⇩

Tractors	Price	Resale	Servicing 5000 hours	Operating Costs 5000 hours @$1.70 per litre	Delivery	Warranty	WLC COST
John Deere 6M 125	$216,310.42 each Auto grease $10,000 Forks $2613.60 Jib $4013.76 Front and rear spare $7200 **Total cost x3 $692,758.62**	$90,000 each	$11,000 each	24L per hour $204,000 each $612,000	May 2026	2 years/2000 hours Optional 5 year/5000 power train $10,478 each machine	$1,067,758.62
New Holland T5.140	$217,160.93 each Front and rear spares $5,000 Forks $1949.15 **Total cost x 3 $658,431.94** Guarding $15,500	$65,000 each	$28,060 each	18L per hour $153,000 each $459,000	8 weeks	2 years/2000 hours Option 5 years/5000 hours $9350 each machine	$1,006,611.94
Massey Ferguson MF 6S.135 Dyna-VT	$282,729.00 each Forks $1900 Jib $298.00 Front and Rear spares $9260 **Total x 3 $859,645**	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	2 years/2000 hours Option 5 years/5000 hours $12813 each machine	

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES TRACTORS								
DATE: 29/07/25	**ASSESSOR:** Ryan Carr							
VEHICLE MODELS	**Price and Delivery Time**	**Serviceability**	**Operation Features**	**Warranty**	**Resale Value**	**Maintenance costs**	**Operating costs**	**TOTAL SCORE**
ASSESMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	**0 - 30**	**0 - 20**	**0 - 10**	**0 - 10**	**0 - 10**	**0-10**	**0-10**	**MAX 100**
John Deere 6m125	25	20	10	9	10	10	7	91
New Holland T5.140	30	15	10	10	7	5	10	87
Massey Fergusion MF 6S.135 Dyna-VT	10	10	10	9	0	0	0	39

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES TRACTORS								
DATE: 29/07/25	ASSESSOR: DAVID ROSS.							
VEHICLE MODELS	Price and Delivery Time	Serviceability	Operation Features	Warranty	Resale Value	Maintenance costs	Operating costs	TOTAL SCORE
ASSESMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	0 - 30	0 - 20	0 - 10	0 - 10	0 - 10	0-10	0-10	MAX 100
John Deere 6m125	20	15	7	6	7	6	10	71.
New Holland T5.140	15	10	5	3	4	2	3	42
Massey Fergusion MF 6S.135 Dyna-VT	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	5.

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES TRACTORS								
DATE: 29/07/25	ASSESSOR: Keith Kent							
VEHICLE MODELS	Price and Delivery Time	Serviceability	Operation Features	Warranty	Resale Value	Maintenance costs	Operating costs	TOTAL SCORE
ASSESMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	0 - 30	0 - 20	0 - 10	0 - 10	0 - 10	0-10	0-10	MAX 100
John Deere 6m125	15	8	8	5	7	8	10	61
New Holland T5.140	7	5	7	3	5	6	8	41
Massey Fergusion MF 6S.135 Dyna-VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

12.6 8 X UTILITY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT - TENDER LV8. 25-26

Author: **Director Engineering Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the purchase of five (5) Ford Ranger XL Dual Cabs with steel trays, one (1) Ford Ranger XL Super Cab with steel tray and two (2) Ford Ranger Super Duties with steel trays for a total cost of $598,580.00 (excl. GST).

BACKGROUND

Purpose

This purchase will replace eight utility vehicles in accordance with the approved Plant Replacement Schedule.

Discussion

Tender Process and Evaluation

Tenders were invited and three submissions were received. The evaluation panel assessed each against the criteria outlined in the tender documentation, in line with Council's Procurement Policy. The results are summarised below:

RANK	TENDERER	EVALUATION SCORE
1	South West Ford	300
2	Black Toyota	263
3	Tait Toyota	245

Key Considerations

Proven Performance: Ford is a proven and reliable brand, with Murweh Shire Council's existing Ford Rangers consistently meeting operational requirements without issues.

After Sales Service: South West Ford is the only local dealership offering comprehensive parts, warranty, and servicing support, providing convenient and responsive after-sales service tailored to Council's needs.

Operator Usability: The Ford Ranger vehicles fully comply with Murweh Shire Council's occupational workplace health and safety (OWHS) standards and operational requirements.

Warranty: Ford offers a 5-year unlimited kilometre warranty, ensuring long-term coverage.

Consultation

The evaluation panel comprised of Council staff in accordance with procurement requirements.

Financial Risks

N/A

Environmental Risks

N/A

Social Risk

N/A

Legal Risk

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tender assessment of 4 x 4 Utilities ⇩

Utility Vehicles	Price	Resale	Servicing 100,000 km's	Operating Costs	Delivery	Warranty	WLC COST
SWF	$636,985 D/C $63,965 K/C $62,165 S/D $102,370 S/D $114,220	$25,000 $35,000	$1200 $1500	8 LP100k 9 LP100k	6-8 months 8-12 months	5 years Unlimited km's	
Black Trucks	$665,535.05 D/C $69,017 K/C $66,115 L/C $101,617 L/C $120,118	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	Hilux 7.8 LP100k L/C not supplied	16-26 weeks	5 years Unlimited km's	
Tait Toyota	$677,164.73 D/C $72145.53 K/C $69130.92 L/C $102,859.94 L/C $113,731.81	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	5 years Unlimited km's	

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES UTES								
DATE: 29/7/25	**ASSESSOR:** Ryan Carr							
VEHICLE MODELS	**Price and Delivery Time**	**Serviceability**	**Operation Features**	**Warranty**	**Resale Value**	**Maintenance costs**	**Operating costs**	**TOTAL SCORE**
ASSESMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	**0 - 30**	**0 - 25**	**0 - 5**	**0 - 10**	**0 - 10**	**0-10**	**0-10**	**MAX 100**
SOUTH WEST FORD	30	25	5	10	10	10	10	100
BLACK TRUCKS	25	20	5	10	10	8	10	88
TAIT TOYOTA	24	15	5	10	10	8	10	82

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES UTES								
DATE: 29/7/25	ASSESSOR Georgina Breehaver Georgina Breehaver							
VEHICLE MODELS	Price and Delivery Time	Serviceability	Operation Features	Warranty	Resale Value	Maintenance costs	Operating costs	TOTAL SCORE
ASSESMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	0 - 30	0 - 25	0 - 5	0 - 10	0 - 10	0-10	0-10	MAX 100
SOUTH WEST FORD	30	25	5	10	10	10	10	100
BLACK TRUCKS	25	30	5	10	10	5	10	88
TAIT TOYOTA	24	15	5	10	10	5	10	82

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES UTES								
DATE: 29/7/25	ASSESSOR Chris Skinner							
VEHICLE MODELS	Price and Delivery Time	Serviceability	Operation Features	Warranty	Resale Value	Maintenance costs	Operating costs	TOTAL SCORE
ASSESMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	0 - 30	0 - 25	0 - 5	0 - 10	0 - 10	0-10	0-10	MAX 100
SOUTH WEST FORD	30	25	5	10	10	10	10	100
BLACK TRUCKS	26	20	4	10	10	7	10	87
TAIT TOYOTA	20	20	4	10	10	7	10	81

12.7 NAEGLERIA FOWLERI PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REPORT - CHARLEVILLE DRINKING WATER SCHEME

Author: **Director Engineering Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the attached report with preliminary findings from Murweh Shire Council Engineering Services' internal investigation of the N.fowleri detection within the Charleville Hospital precinct.

BACKGROUND

Purpose

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Discussion

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Consultation

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Financial Risks

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Environmental Risks

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Social Risk

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Legal Risk

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LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

2.3.1 Stakeholders are informed, knowledgeable and committed to implementing effective and strategic biosecurity management of existing infestations and prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of new weeds and pest animals.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Naegleria fowleri Preliminary Investigation Report - Charleville Drinking Water Scheme** ⇩

SHIRE OF MURWEH

Murweh Shire Council
Preliminary Investigation Report

Naegleria fowleri detection within the Charleville Hospital Precinct

Prepared for: Cr. Shaun Radnedge, Mayor

Prepared by: Jacob Barton, Director of Engineering Services

13 August 2025

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(A) Markup of Charleville Hospital historical drawing 27338/CD.H01.01 Rev G 05/03/2014

(B) Excerpt of UQ Legionella Investigation Report

1. Executive Summary

This report provides an in-depth account of Murweh Shire Council's (MSC) follow-up investigation into the detection of Naegleria fowleri within the Charleville Hospital precinct. The initial findings from the University of Queensland (UQ) indicated a positive detection of the organism at the inlet to the Waroona Residential Aged Care Facility ("WAR1"), while a separate test at the inlet to the Charleville Hospital water treatment plant ("CHA3") returned a negative result. These results were used by Queensland Health to publicly attribute the contamination to MSC's reticulation network. However, no control testing was undertaken at the MSC point of supply, and testing was conducted by a non–NATA-accredited laboratory. This has raised serious concerns about the validity of the conclusion reached by Queensland Health and the Public Health Unit, and whether premature community messaging may have unfairly implicated Council.

2. Background

On 5 August 2025, MSC was formally advised by the Public Health Unit of positive detections of Naegleria fowleri in Charleville and Augathella. In Charleville, two key locations within the hospital precinct were sampled as part of a broader Legionella investigation undertaken by UQ. These were the inlet to the Charleville Hospital water treatment plant (CHA3) and the inlet to the Waroona Residential Aged Care Facility water treatment plant (WAR1).

Despite both locations being asserted by Queensland Health as direct connections to the MSC potable water network, only the WAR1 site returned a positive detection. The CHA3 site, which should have shown a similar result if the contamination originated in the town's mains, tested negative.

It is understood that sampling was caried out by UQ between 27 and 29 May 2025. Given the samples have a holding time of 96-hours for N.fowleri testing, it is believed that the detection of N.fowleri at the Charleville and Augathella facilities was known on or around 2 June 2025, 2 months before Murweh Shire Council was notified. Council has not yet been provided copies of test certificates from UQ laboratory work to confirm the detection date, despite requesting test certificates from Queensland Health on 3 occasions.

3. Anomalies in Test Results

The disparity between the CHA3 and WAR1 results is a significant anomaly. If both points are genuinely supplied directly from the same section of the MSC reticulation network, then the presence of the organism at one location but not the other is inconsistent with the claim that the contamination originated upstream in Council's system. This raises the possibility that contamination may have occurred within Queensland Health's own internal water network, or that the results could have been influenced by sampling errors, false positives, or false negatives. The absence of any confirmatory testing at the MSC point of supply prevents a definitive conclusion about the source.

4. Council's Site Investigation

In response to these concerns, MSC's Engineering Services Department undertook a detailed site inspection on 12 August 2025 and reviewed historical infrastructure drawings (27338/CD.H01.01 Rev G). The investigation suggests that the hospital precinct is supplied via two separate connections to the MSC mains, despite 6 water meters being located on site. The first connection, located at King Street, provides the primary feed to the hospital's main and CHA3 treatment plant. The second connection, near the pathology building, supplies the 100 mm fire main, which services the Waroona facility and other buildings, and also links back into the hospital's internal fire main. Table 1 below provides further details on the tapped locations to Council mains:

Table 1 – Connection To Council Mains

	Coordinates GDA2020MGA Zone 55	
Connection to MSC Mains	**E**	**N**
King Street – Feed to hospital ring main and primary connection to hospital water treatment plant.	424010.59	7078696.08
Pathology Building – Feed for 100mm Fire Main / Waroona and Red Cross Building. Secondary feed to hospital water treatment plant.	424078.55	7078635.11

Both the CHA3 and WAR1 inlets are located approximately 200 metres downstream from Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) backflow prevention devices at the connection to MSC water mains. This means that water within Queensland Health's internal system, beyond these RPZ devices, is classified as an unprotected network under the National Construction Code, Part B5, Provision D5.

Within Queensland Health's unprotected internal water network, MSC observed multiple irrigation lines without clear evidence of backflow protection, as well as a lack of signage indicating non-potable water at external outlets. Our preliminary findings suggest that 4 of the 6 water meters on site are metering unprotected water off Queensland Health's internal ring main and fire main and are not directly connected to Council's water reticulation network as report by UQ.

Historical works undertaken sometime after 2014 also appear to have altered supply arrangements, particularly to Waroona. Water meter "C136787" located within the Waroona water treatment plant compound is not listed in Council's rates database. It is believed that prior to 2014, Waroona sourced its water from the hospital's ring main. This meter is suspected to have been installed when Waroona started sourcing water from the new 100mm fire main after the infrastructure upgrades circa 2014 (refer connection to FH-100 fire main noted on drawing 27338/CD.H01.01). Further investigation is required to verify the actual connection point(s) to MSC water mains to remove any question of doubt.

5. Laboratory and Sampling Concerns

Council's concerns are further compounded by the fact that the laboratory testing for Naegleria fowleri was conducted by a facility without NATA accreditation. The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) stipulate in Section 9.10.2 that water quality testing should be performed by accredited laboratories to ensure validity, comparability, and reliability of results. Furthermore, the choice of sampling locations—inside Queensland Health's internal system rather than at the protected point of supply—means the results cannot be directly attributed to MSC's mains. The absence of documented quality assurance measures, such as a chain of custody or the use of certified reference materials, further undermines confidence in the findings.

6. Council's Assessment

Based on the evidence collected during the site inspection and a review of Queensland Health's sampling methodology, MSC has concluded that the positive detection at WAR1 is most likely the result of contamination within Queensland Health's own internal network, which is unprotected and contains multiple potential cross-connection hazards.

There is currently no evidence to indicate that Naegleria fowleri was present in MSC's potable water network at the time of testing. The absence of accredited boundary testing prior to issuing public health advisories means that Queensland Health's attribution of the contamination to MSC was both premature and potentially misleading.

A detailed markup of the Charleville Hospital internal water reticulation network is attached to this report. The accuracy of this drawing is yet to be confirmed, as a request to Queensland Health Building Engineering and Maintenance Services local staff on 11/08/2025 indicated that they do not hold a copy of as-constructed schematics. Drawing 27338/CD.H01.01 was later sourced from an anonymous resource outside of Queensland Health, who had prior knowledge of water infrastructure projects within the precinct.

7. Potential Consequences for Council

The handling of this matter has exposed MSC to reputational risks as a water service provider. Public trust in Council's ability to deliver safe drinking water has been placed under strain, and there is concern that this incident sets a precedent for future situations where Council could be implicated without robust, evidence-based investigation. The premature release of public messaging attributing blame to MSC has the potential to cause lasting damage to community confidence.

8. Recommendations

Council should formally request that Queensland Health:

- explain why accredited control testing was not undertaken at the MSC point of supply prior to public messaging, and why a non-accredited laboratory was used.
- fully disclose the original laboratory results, including quality assurance and chain of custody records, and clarification of sampling methodology in the context of ADWG compliance.
- Verify and provide a certified schematic of the internal water reticulation network within the Charleville Hospital precinct and confirm the point of supply from Council's main for water sourced at test locations CHA3 and WAR1.

If it is confirmed that the test locations were in fact sourcing water from the hospitals internal unprotected water reticulation network, Council should publicly clarify that the positive detection occurred within Queensland Health's internal network, well downstream of RPZ protection, and that there is no evidence of contamination within MSC's mains. The Water Services Regulator should be engaged to review the adequacy of Queensland Health's sampling process, and MSC's independent testing program should continue to provide additional assurance to the community.

9. Conclusion

The discrepancies in the Charleville Hospital precinct test results, combined with the absence of accredited control testing and the identification of vulnerabilities within Queensland Health's internal network, strongly suggest that the contamination did not originate from MSC's potable water network.

Queensland Health's reliance on unaccredited laboratory data and their failure to verify the integrity of their own infrastructure prior to attributing blame to MSC has resulted in premature public health messaging that may have misled the community.

MSC must continue to challenge these findings to protect the integrity of its water services and to ensure that future advisories are based on rigorous, accredited, and scientifically sound evidence.

It is entirely possible that the broad-scale testing across Murweh Shire scheduled for 24 August 2025 may detect Naegleria fowleri, given that our drinking water schemes are unchlorinated. However, there is no evidence to suggest that our schemes are any more at risk than those of neighbouring Councils, who also rely on the Great Artesian Basin as their water source and supply unchlorinated water. Council has been forced into undertaking widespread testing due to a likely contamination source originating from Queensland Health's own infrastructure.

Rather than allowing Murweh Shire Council to be potentially labelled as the first Queensland drinking water supplier with a Naegleria fowleri detection—purely because it was the first to test for the organism following premature blame by Queensland Health—Council should appeal to the Water Services Regulator to insist on the testing of all comparable water schemes in South West Queensland. This will ensure fairness and regional context is considered in any future community messaging that Murweh Shire Council may be obligated to issue under the direction of the Public Health Unit.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment A - Markup of Charleville Hospital historical drawing 27338/CD.H01.01 Rev G 05/03/2014

BARCODE

Markup by Jacob Barton
Murweh Shire Council
13/08/2025

NOTES:
1. ALLOW TO SAWCUT, REMOVE AND REINSTATE EXISTING SURFACES TO ALLOW INSTALLATION OF NEW SERVICE. REINSTATE TO STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS APPROVAL.
2. ALLOW TO USE VACUUM EXCAVATION IN AREAS WHERE EXISTING SERVICES MAY BE ENCOUNTERED.
3. ALLOW TO PROVIDE BOLLARD PROTECTION (2 NO.) AT EACH HYDRANT.

CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE WRITTEN REPORT & PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE CONSULTANT ON THE CONDITION OF THE EXISTING HYDRANT AND IN-GROUND MAIN PRIOR TO REPLACEMENT OR RECONNECTION OF THE EXISTING HYDRANT

CAP & SEAL EXISTING BRANCH FROM EXISTING MAINS

CONNECT EXISTING TO NEW SERVICE

EXISTING DUAL PILLAR HYDRANT TO BE DEMOLISHED & REMOVED

NEW DUAL PILLAR HYDRANT

Connection to Fire Main - Not Council Main

Ø50 line observed on site

Possible cross connection to Council Main or Fire Main needs further investigation.

Waroona water treatment plant

UQ Test Point "WAR1" Positive for N.fowleri Approx. 200m from Point of Supply

Water Meter "136787" (not listed in Murweh Shire Council's rate database)

WAROONA NURSING HOME

buried valve for Waroona feed - suspected tee into 50mm irrigation line

NEW DUAL PILLAR HYDRANT ADJACENT NEW STAIRCASE.

NEW DUAL PILLAR HYDRANT

EXISTING DUAL PILLAR HYDRANT TO BE DEMOLISHED & REMOVED

Suspected QH water main for Waroona "WAR1"

HYDRANT BOOSTER CABINET WITH ALL VALVES, SIGNAGE & ACCESSORIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS2419.1

LIAISE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITY & PAY ALL COSTS FOR A NEW Ø100 WATER CONNECTION, SINGLE DETECTOR CHECK VALVE ASSEMBLY & METERED BY-PASS FOR THE NEW HYDRANT SYSTEM

EXISTING Ø100 COUNCIL METER

EXISTING IN-GROUND SPRING HYDRANT

REFER TO DRAWING 27338-CD.H020.01 FOR CONTINUATION

NEW FHR SUPPLY TO BUILDING

Connection to Council Mains

EXISTING ABOVE-GROUND VALVE ASSEMBLY

EXISTING Ø25 COUNCIL METER TO PATHOLOGY

Secondary QH water main for Charleville Hospital "CHA3"

Relocated

EXISTING IN-GROUND SPRING HYDRANT

Pathology meter appears to be relocated to (-26.410027, 146.238265), possibly servicing the Training Building not shown on these plans. Further investigation required to determine if water is being sourced directly from the Council main or if it is also being feed from the 100mm Fire Main.

EXISTING Ø150 COUNCIL MAIN

Connection to Council Mains

EXISTING Ø100 COUNCIL METER

Primary QH water main for Charleville Hospital "CHA3"

VACANT DOCTORS RESIDENCE

DENTAL CLINIC

TREATED WATER TO HOSPITAL BUILDING

NEW DUAL PILLAR HYDRANT

UQ Test Point "CHA3" Negative for N.fowleri Approx. 200m from Council point of supply.

Charleville Hospital water treatment plant

Previously Irrigated area (recently constructed carpark - July 2025)

EXISTING DUAL PILLAR HYDRANT TO BE DEMOLISHED & REMOVED

NEW NURSES QUARTERS

INSTALL RPZD ON MORTUARY FEED

REFER TO DRAWING 27338-CD.H20.01 FOR CONTINUATION

CORONES STAFF QUARTERS

OLD NURSES QUARTERS

SHED

SHEDS

BULK STORES

WORKSHOP

LAUNDRY

PHYSIOTHERAPY / OT

AMBULANCE

ALLIED HEALTH

Irrigated area

TAP

FH

ebw

IV

100

32

0 5 10 15 20 25m
SCALE 1:500 AT ORIGINAL SIZE

FORM BPRS F1010

DRAWINGS INDEXING SYSTEM
FOR PROJECT SERVICES, PLANS AND RECORDS USE ONLY

☐ DRAINAGE PLANS ☐ SEWERAGE
☐ FIRE SERVICES ☐ SITE PLAN
☐ GASES / MEDICAL ☐ STANDARDS
☐ OTHER ☐ WATER RETICULATION
☐ PLUMBING PLAN

AMENDMENTS

ISSUE	DATE	SUBJECT	AUTHORISED
A	16.05.13	REVISED TO SUIT FIRE SERVICES NOT IN THIS CONTRACT	*BG
B	25.07.13	HYDRANT WORKS INCLUDED	*BG
C	01.08.13	REVISED HYDRANT LOCATIONS	*BG
D	28.11.13	REVISED WATER RETICULATION	*BG
E	10.12.13	WRW CONSTRUCTION ISSUE	*BG
F	20.12.13	WRW AMENDMENTS	*BG
G	05.03.14	WAROONA REAR HYDRANT ADDED	*BG

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Department of Housing and Public Works

CHARLEVILLE HOSPITAL
RURAL & REMOTE INFRASTRUCTURE RECTIFICATION WORKS - STAGE 1

HYDRAULIC & FIRE SERVICES
SITE PLAN

SCALE	1 : 500
AT	A1 SIZE
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CLIENT REFERENCE NUMBER	73905
DRAWING NUMBER	27338/CD.H01.01
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Attachment B - Excerpt of UQ Legionella Investigation Report

Excerpt of Legionella Investigation report for Murweh Shire Council

Sample collection

Five locations as part of the SWHHS were chosen for the field visits (27-29 May 2025). Facilities visited were located in Augathella, Charleville, Mitchell and Roma.

Both water and filter samples were collected for microbiological and chemical analyses to assess the operational performance of the LegioGuard system. Water chemistries (nutrient and metal levels) were measured to draw comparisons between the data provided at a council level to the water sample collected during the onsite visit.

Water and filter samples were obtained to gain an understanding of the overall microbial content and correspondingly the levels of *Legionella* and *L. pneumophila*. Occurrence of *Legionella* with protozoan hosts were also included, using *Naegleria fowleri* as a protozoan model and thermophilic pathogen.

As *Legionella* can enter a VBNC state, quantitative PCR (qPCR) was used to assess the levels of total *Legionella* and *L. pneumophila*, to draw correlations of Legionella to Naegleria fowleri as a protozoan model and thermophilic pathogen.

Water samples were collected from a number of location at each of the health facilities including the incoming mains supply, facility water treatment systems and internal locations such as hand basin and showers.

Four medical filter heads were also obtained from the washbasin and patient/resident showers, including two from Augathella (washbasin and showerhead), one from Mitchell (showerhead) and one from Westhaven (showerhead). Both washbasin and shower filters were from Aquastream Anti-*Legionella* filters, consisting of 0.15 micron hollow-fibre membrane filters (SKU: FMS-SSC and FMT-SSC, for the washbasins and shower filters, respectively)

Quantitative PCR (qPCR) Assay

To detect and quantify *Legionella* spp. and *L. pneumophila* in the collected samples, the extracted DNA was analyzed using qPCR. *Naegleria fowleri* (*N. fowleri*), a free-living, thermophilic amoeba capable of surviving at temperatures up to 45 °C, was also included in the analysis. Additionally, *N. fowleri*, *Burkholderia pseudomallei* and *L. pneumophila* are particularly significant opportunistic pathogens of concern in drinking (NHMRC, 2011). Its inclusion aimed to assess potential interactions between *Legionella* species and protozoan hosts, as well as to evaluate the presence of other thermophilic pathogenic species.

Pathogen Quantification and Variation Between Different Sites

Augathella MPH (AUG)

The mains water supply to AUG tested positive for all three pathogens. The washbasin in the patient's room also showed the presence of all targets, despite the use of the LegioGuard-treated water (AUG2). Although a significant reduction in *Legionella* and *N. fowleri* concentration compares to the town water (AUG1) was observed in the washbasin sample ($p < 0.05$), the concentration of *L. pneumophila* remained largely unchanged ($p > 0.05$).

For LGS treated water was collected from a washbasin AUG2 (without MF) and AUG3 (with MF), the concentration of all targets was significantly reduced (p-value < 0.05) after filtration, with reductions of *Legionella* (2-log), *L. pneumophila* (1.5-log) and *N. fowleri* (2-log). This indicates that the use of medical or point-of-use filters (particularly in the absence of residual disinfectants supplied within premise plumbing) are an effective barrier. From the measurements of the flow rate for the water at this washbasin, when the medical filter is attached substantial reduction in

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flow rate is observed (flow rate without MF: 390mL/sec, flow rate with MF: 140mL/sec). This may suggest that the use of medical filters can obstruct water flow when installed.

Augathella was the facility that was most comprehensively sampled amongst these points on the LGS. The hot tank drain had the highest target pathogen levels (LEG, LP and NF), followed by the cold tank drain, hot tank vent and cold tank vent. This indicates that there are elevated levels of these pathogens of interest circulating within the LGS itself, particularly in the hot and cold storage tanks (drain samples are ~$5x10^1$ gc/500mL, vent samples are ~$2x10^1$ gc/500mL for *Legionella* spp.).

Notably, *Legionella* was detected in hot vent samples with a temperature of 70 °C, a condition under which *Legionella* species are typically expected to be inactivated. These results raise concerns that pasteurization may not fully inactivate the microorganism and suggest the potential presence of thermotolerant strains. *L. pneumophila* and *N. fowleri* were not detected in the vent sample. However, the hot drain sample showed an on-site temperature of 38 °C, which is within the optimal growth range for both pathogens and tested positive for both *L. pneumophila* and *N. fowleri (*$5.8x10^1$ and $7.2x10^1$ gc/500mL respectively). It is likely that some biofilms and sediments have formed on the bottom of the drains and could contribute to the detection of the targeted microorganisms. This raises concerns about potential pathogen transition to resistant forms under hot stress and their reactivation under favourable thermal conditions.

Charleville Hospital (CHA)

Charleville Hospital was selected as a control site, as it does not have the LegioGuard system installed but relies on in-facility chlorine disinfection. The town water was pre-treated with a high chlorine concentration (1.5–1.6 mg/L), ensuring that the chlorine residual remained at the point-of-use. All water samples obtained from within the Charleville Hospital tested negative, indicating the effectiveness of the chlorine disinfection. However, the town water sample (CHA-3) showed a weak positive for *L. pneumophila* (Cq = 34.46, with a threshold of 35), suggesting the presence of trace amounts of the target pathogen. This signal may reflect residual DNA from non-viable organisms; however, the possibility of a chlorine-tolerant or resistant strain cannot be ruled out.

Waroona RACF (WAR)

The concentrations of the three target pathogens in samples collected from the Waroona RACF were notably higher than those detected at other sites, despite its location directly opposite the Charleville Hospital control site. This elevated pathogen load in town water suggests the possibility of upstream contamination; however, further investigation into water quality and the microbial community composition is required to confirm this. Moreover, all end-user samples, including those from kitchen taps and patient rooms, tested positive for *Legionella*, *L. pneumophila*, and *N. fowleri*, indicating a high prevalence of these pathogens within the facility.

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Co-detection of *Legionella* and *N. fowleri*

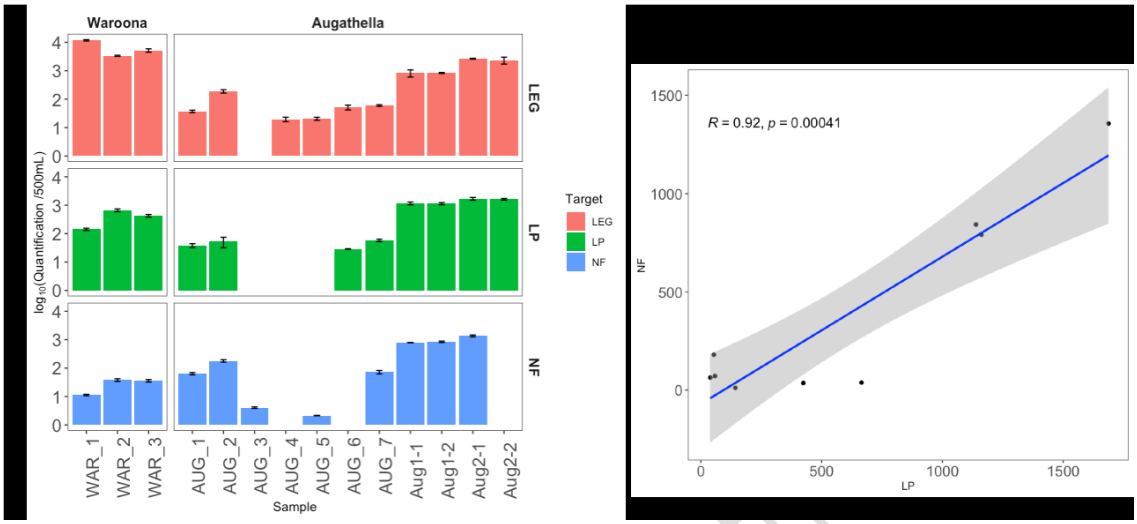


Fig 8. Co-detection of N. fowleri and Legionella. (A) Quantification of the N. fowleri and Legionella in WAR and AUG. (B) Pearson correlation between NF and LP.

Co-detection of *Legionella* and *N. fowleri* was observed in WAR and AUG but not in MIT and WES, suggesting that the presence of *N. fowleri* may be influenced by geographical factors. A strong positive correlation between *N. fowleri* and *L. pneumophila* was observed (Pearson r = 0.92, p < 0.01), indicating a potential ecological interaction between the two pathogens. This finding raises the possibility that *N. fowleri* may serve as a host or reservoir *for L. pneumophila*.

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12.8 VODITI ADVISORY PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR AUGATHELLA & CHARLEVILLE STP'S AND AURORA ESTATE SUBDIVISION

Author: **Director Engineering Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council delegates authority to the CEO to enter into a sole invitee contract under Local Government Regulation 2012 s234(2) on an hourly rate / cost plus basis with Voditi Advisory for the project management services of the Augathella and Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plants and the proposed Aurora Estate subdivision.

BACKGROUND

Purpose

Engage a consultant to provide project management services to support Murweh Shire Council to deliver Augathella and Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plants and the subdivision of Aurora Estate Charleville.

Discussion

Council had been utilising the project management services of Connell Griffin consultant Leigh Hansen to assist with the delivery of the Augathella and Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plants.

Council was notified in July that Voditi Advisory project manager Leigh Hanson planned to resign from Connell Griffin and join Voditi Advisory.

Council has received two proposals for project management services of the two projects mentioned, Augathella and Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plants ($390,720) and Aurora Estate Charleville ($216,080) for consideration.

Voditi Advisory project manager Leigh Hanson is currently delivering Murweh Shire Council's Augathella and Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plants and has a strong understanding of Council's business requirements. He has strong established relationships with key stakeholders and currently holds a wealth of knowledge on these projects (even more historical knowledge than the Principal Design Consultant) and has clear understanding of their challenges. Therefore, we are confident that Leigh is in the best position to make an immediate impact and maintain project momentum.

Given the urgency to complete these projects and position Murweh Shire Council for a favourable outcome in their delivery stage, along with Voditi Advisory's project manager Leigh Hanson's strong performance to date and extensive prior involvement, it is recommended that a sole invitation be extended to Voditi Advisory under the LGA purchasing arrangements (Local Buy). Voditi Advisory has confirmed they can commence work immediately.

By engaging Voditi Advisory on an hourly rate / cost plus basis, it is expected that more value for money will be achieved as their initial cost estimate priced a high level of contingent risk due to the limited information available at the time. By engaging on a schedule of rates basis, Council can better manage costs associated with contingent risks rather than paying for them all upfront with a lump sum arrangement.

Consultation

This package of work has not been offered to the open market. Being a 100% funded program, confidence in a high-quality suite of construction documents delivered in the earliest possible timeframe is of more value to Council given the immediate need for the Augathella and Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plants and further residential land.

Financial Risks

N/A

Environmental Risks

N/A

Social Risk

N/A

Legal Risk

Local Government Regulation 2012 s234(2) permits a local government to enter into a contract for goods and services without first inviting written quotes or tenders if the contract is entered into under an LGA arrangement.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Author: **Director Economic Development**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the August 2025 Economic Development Report.

BACKGROUND

1. **Project Updates**

Cluster Fencing

All progressing for completion by the Loddon cluster for completion by October 2025 subject to other flood work priorities.

Cosmos Centre Upgrade

All designs have been signed off and installation works will commence mid-September

Inter Modal Freight Hub Study - Rural Economic Futures Fund

The first set of freight data has been produced and consolidated in Southwest Queensland Intermodal Analysis internal document.

The over-arching study will produce analyses on: -

- current freight loads
- supply chains
- emissions
- economies of scale
- efficiencies and
- products compatible with transitioning from road freight to rail freight.

Murweh Business Hub

The next meeting of the Business Hub is set for the 27th August at the Cosmos Centre. This will be a recruitment and retention' masterclass delivered by the Queensland Business Chamber.

Funding Submissions

A Funding submission confirmed

- **Community Energy Upgrade Program** –

  Contracts have now been established and project is now able to proceed

B Funding submissions awaiting confirmation

- Charleville Airport: - Upgrade to Taxiways and Apron areas.
- Local Battery Collection Infrastructure (Charleville Waste Facility)
- Welcome to Charleville 2026

2. ACTIVITIES

Intermodal Freight Study evaluations

Business Data Indicator Reviews

3. Economic Indicator Review - Corporate Plan 2022 -2025

		Corporate Plan 2022		2025		Variation		% Increase
Population		4,150		3,992		-158		-0.03
Median House Price		$ 125,059		$188,528		$ 63,470		50.75
Gross Regional Product		$ 263 million		$ 362 million		$ 99 million		37.65
Total Industry Value		$222.8 million		$361.8 million		$139 million		62.4
	Added Value	Not computed		$320.3 million		$320.3 million		
Unemployment		5%		3%		-2%		-2%
Household Income less than $650 per week		28.30%		24.80%		-3.5%		-3.5%
Households with no internet connection		23.70%		17% (est)		6.70%		6.70%

Positive **Negative**

4 Meetings

- Department of State Development
- Charleville Neighbourhood Centre
- CSIRO
- Department of Main Roads
- Maranoa Council – Intermodal Freight Study

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Synopsis. Stage 1 ⇩

DRAFT SYNOPSIS. STAGE 1

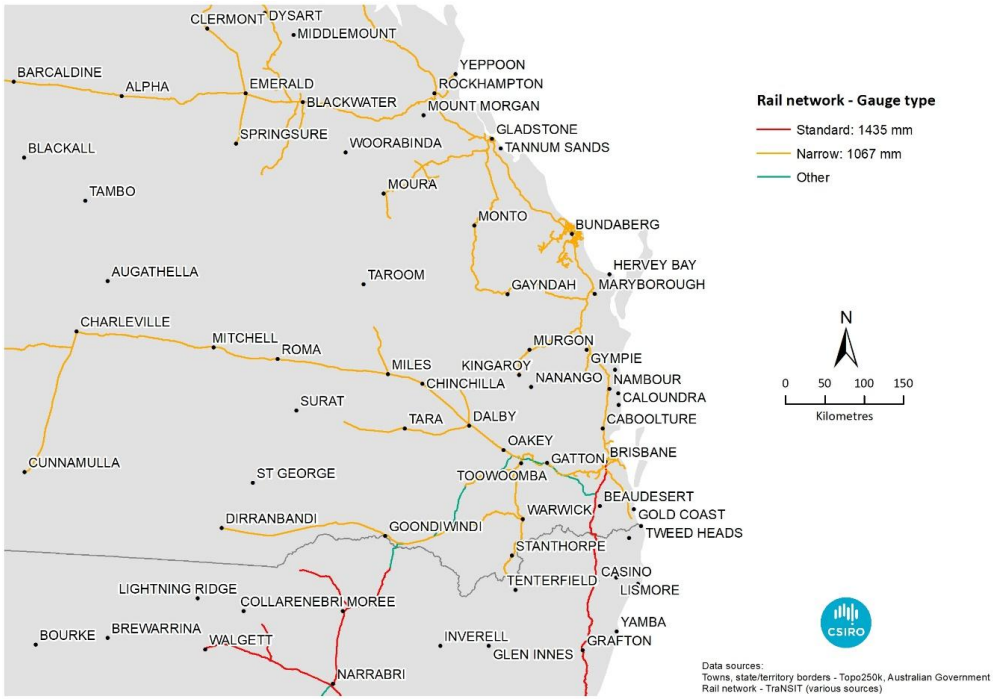
Southwest Queensland Intermodal Analysis



Freight Volumes Summary

Total Outbound Freight	**Murweh Shire**	**Maranoa**
Freight	99,151 Tonnes	857,088 Tonnes
Value	$1.418 Billion	$2.43 Billion
Trailers used	5,063	40,103
$C0^2$ Emissions	6,371 Tonnes	33,638 Tonnes
Total Inbound Freight	**Murweh Shire**	**Maranoa**
Freight	124,222 Tonnes	532,327 Tonnes
Value	$919.53 **Million**	$2.12 **Billion**
Trailers used	8,341	25,543
$C0^2$ Emissions	9763 Tonnes	25,852 Tonnes
Freight Passing Through	**Murweh Shire**	**Maranoa**
Freight	1.67 Million Tonnes	2.53 Million Tonnes
Value	$12.53 **Billion**	$14.98 **Billion**
Trailers used	88,613	125,066
$C0^2$ Emissions	417,355 Tonnes	360,594 Tonnes

Rail Gauge Type



Charleville - Murweh Shire

A profile of freight for road freight in the Murweh LGA

There are 99,151 tonnes of annual freight (TraNSIT version - July 2025) with a value of $1.41 billion that have an origin in Murweh LGA and a destination elsewhere. The largest being livestock and meat products, with the latter largely transported to southeast Queensland.

1. Summary of annual movements for outbound road freight from Murweh LGA. TraNSIT model

Industry	Tonnes	CO2 (t)	Value	Trailers	KM	Hours	$/tonne
Construction	3,500	98	$700,000	159.1	363.2	3.77	$50.17
Fruit	492	68	$4,923,130	27.4	1,423.9	14.82	$249.74
Grains	2,807	105	$1,150,746	112.3	567.7	5.94	$72.23
Livestock	45,400	2,940	$135,226,500	2,310.9	740.5	7.95	$116.68
Meat	36,952	2,939	$1,256,377,228	2,052.9	821.8	8.79	$148.67
Wood Product	10,000	220	$20,000,000	400.0	332.4	3.48	$41.29
Total	**99,151**	**6,371**	**$1,418,377,604**	**5,063**			

*2. **Summary of annual movements for inbound road freight to Murweh LGA. – TraNSIT model***

Industry	Tonnes	CO2(t)	Value	Trailers	Average KM	Hours	$/tonne
Beverage	757	54	$2,270,407	34.4	714.5	7.65	$149.19
Chemicals	193	13	$211,885	9.5	794.1	8.49	$124.12
Dairy Product	628	52	$8,164,627	33.1	714.5	7.65	$173.93
Food	394	41	$3,154,155	26.3	714.5	7.65	$219.02
Fruit	248	23	$1,238,968	14.6	715.6	7.66	$194.47
Fuel	26,659	1,632	$47,823,880	1,070.7	865.4	9.17	$106.45
Grains	255	8	$76,354	11.1	423.0	4.43	$55.92
Household General	7,439	948	$297,565,800	572.2	824.3	8.78	$311.10
Livestock	85,140	6,408	$498,235,500	6,309.0	583.5	6.26	$131.77
Meat	350	30	$8,043,227	19.4	714.4	7.65	$183.39
Medicines	5	2	$15,829,321	1.1	767.1	8.21	$954.80
Nuts	4	0	$127,060	0.2	729.9	7.81	$197.00
Other Retail Ess	4	1	$11,637	0.4	716.5	7.67	$324.25
Ppe	5	1	$183,490	0.6	760.5	8.13	$525.60
Seafood	46	6	$1,377,836	3.8	714.5	7.65	$274.93
Sugar	37	2	$21,967	1.6	714.5	7.65	$141.24
Tissue Product	34	9	$101,118	5.6	714.5	7.65	$542.44
Vegetables	356	37	$1,993,481	23.7	715.7	7.66	$220.62
Vehicles	1,031	455	$29,902,306	171.9	1,204.5	13.02	$896.90
Wood Product	639	43	$3,193,725	31.9	758.0	8.13	$208.04
Total	**124,222**	**9,763**	**$919,526,741**	**8,341**	*715.65*		

*Table 3 Summary of annual movements for road freight passing through **Murweh** LGA. TraNSIT model*

Industry	Tonnes	CO2 (t)	Value	Trailers	Average KM	Hours	$/tonne
Alcohol Beverage	71,176	15,760	$1,076,063,414	3,558.8	2,535.6	26.59	$361.05
Beverage	79,178	21,117	$251,770,882	3,599.0	3,310.0	34.55	$439.00
Chemicals	358	114	$457,522	29.2	2,215.4	23.41	$520.71
Construction	92,096	21,137	$28,803,724	4,202.3	2,849.9	29.82	$371.84
Dairy Product	100,317	22,979	$580,590,522	4,893.3	2,614.3	28.78	$381.56
Fibre	36,254	9,066	$119,638,530	1,510.6	3,408.4	35.23	$393.74
Food	34,682	12,582	$199,520,134	2,232.7	3,112.0	32.70	$612.26
Fruit	266,347	79,411	$1,033,334,972	14,213.4	3,111.9	33.59	$495.37
Fuel	187,047	27,995	$334,929,127	7,528.7	2,106.7	22.77	$249.70
Grains	41,520	13,741	$95,914,356	2,032.7	3,828.8	39.57	$516.91
Household General	72,503	28,038	$2,242,593,629	5,071.4	2,705.5	28.32	$793.24
Livestock	368,066	49,964	$1,193,413,926	18,581.0	1,537.3	16.38	$226.39
Meat	19,693	5,182	$469,602,104	1,094.1	2,635.0	27.82	$441.29
Medicines	621	713	$2,172,546,506	155.2	2,604.3	27.54	$1,893.38
Nuts	944	233	$16,850,848	52.5	2,544.0	26.53	$398.04
Other Retail Ess	468	268	$561,481,375	53.6	2,829.4	29.90	$929.39
Ppe	898	487	$29,488,758	103.7	2,645.4	28.04	$961.97
Seafood	21,173	12,635	$701,366,319	1,764.4	3,950.4	43.54	$963.03
Steel	53,100	13,301	$95,560,000	3,537.3	2,141.0	22.75	$413.79
Sugar	22,871	8,388	$13,722,805	994.4	4,734.3	48.73	$618.63
Tissue Product	4,646	4,134	$11,718,866	774.3	2,981.5	31.38	$1,481.42
Vegetables	140,565	46,895	$795,740,058	8,499.3	3,061.3	33.78	$561.45
Vehicles	13,465	12,009	$390,487,607	2,244.2	2,444.2	25.54	$1,785.23
Wood Product	42,886	11,207	$124,081,547	1,886.6	3,182.1	34.60	$467.18
	1,670,873	**417,355**	**$12,539,677,529**	**88,613**	*2,830*		

Roma

A profile of freight for road freight in the Maranoa LGA.

There are 857,088 tonnes of annual freight valued at $2.43 billion transport from the Maranoa LGA to other LGA's. A large portion of that is livestock from the properties and saleyards to enterprises in south east Queensland. The grain movements are largely from the grain storage facilities east of Roma or from farms to other enterprises east of the Maranoa LGA.

4 Summary of annual movements for outbound road freight from Maranoa LGA -TraNSIT Model

Industry	Tonnes	CO2(t)	Value	Trailers	KM	Hours	$/tonne
Construction	22,106	580	$4,081,911	1,088	311.6	3.36	$50.85
Fibre	16,121	674	$47,556,714	1,290	312.5	3.43	$79.81
Grains	352,577	7,064	$156,103,831	14,458	292.4	3.13	$38.28
Livestock	341,080	18,179	$1,635,833,093	16,662	626.7	6.77	$97.62
Waste	6,912	282	$691,200	691	186.5	1.96	$84.45
Wood Product	118,292	6,859	$591,457,785	5,915	636.9	6.82	$124.51
Total	**857,088**	**33,638**	**$2,435,724,534**	**40,103**			

5 Summary of annual movements for inbound road freight to Maranoa LGA

Industry	Tonnes	CO2(t)	Value	Trailers	KM	Hours	$/tonne
Alcohol Beverage	1,587	67	$31,734,200	79	477.4	5.18	$122.43
Beverage	3,846	190	$11,539,326	175	495.7	5.37	$100.46
Chemicals	20,768	944	$17,811,090	870	621.0	6.74	$85.31
Construction	24,670	800	$5,513,565	1,210	378.9	4.13	$63.01
Dairy Product	3,192	182	$41,496,633	168	495.7	5.37	$116.95
Fibre	9,100	272	$9,100,000	569	289.9	3.14	$56.95
Food	2,004	163	$14,231,337	152	490.7	5.33	$166.03
Fruit	1,450	93	$7,251,676	85	495.6	5.37	$130.57
Fuel	84,044	4,452	$150,766,054	3,375	756.5	8.22	$99.20
Grains	146,707	3,205	$62,103,894	5,922	326.1	3.53	$41.58
Household General	22,357	1,709	$894,294,840	1,720	538.0	5.83	$207.02
Livestock	180,400	10,491	$567,002,500	8,869	682.9	7.33	$102.32
Meat	2,071	117	$50,963,812	115	464.5	5.03	$115.84
Medicines	15	3	$53,468,688	4	517.2	5.60	$662.08
Nuts	37	2	$1,098,458	2	494.3	5.35	$121.81
Other Retail Ess	20	2	$59,944	2	496.0	5.37	$223.94
Ppe	15	2	$533,558	2	513.6	5.56	$307.33
Seafood	233	21	$7,002,836	19	495.7	5.37	$185.17
Steel	12,000	901	$21,600,000	800	632.2	7.09	$140.97
Sugar	186	9	$111,645	8	495.7	5.37	$96.09
Tissue Product	171	31	$513,932	29	495.7	5.37	$368.36
Vegetables	1,990	144	$11,142,950	133	495.7	5.37	$148.13
Vehicles	4,825	1,784	$139,915,932	804	1,009.2	10.99	$755.20
Wood Product	10,639	269	$23,193,725	432	371.7	3.90	$52.83
Total	**532,327**	**25,852**	**$2,122,450,595**	**25,543**			

6 Summary of annual movements for road freight with both an origin and destination in Maranoa LGA (Local Traffic)

Industry	Tonnes	CO2 (t)	Value	Trailers	KM	Hours	$/tonne
Construction	5,096	32	$803,724	234	75.9	1.16	$14.62
Grains	74,693	311	$30,032,210	2,989	57.9	0.65	$9.95
Livestock	56,700	350	$122,188,500	2,835	71.3	0.80	$14.24
Medicines	1	0	$500,000	2	4.6	0.09	$181.64
Waste	1,296	3	$129,600	130	10.2	0.11	$10.15
Wood Product	119,135	1,474	$250,676,615	4,807	175.0	2.60	$26.35
Total	**256,921**	**2,170**	**404,330,648**	**10,997**			

Through Traffic Freight

A large portion of the freight in the **Maranoa** LGA passes through with a total annual value of $14.98 billion based on commodities within TraNSIT. The general freight and food passing through have average travel distances of about 2000km, largely to/from the major centres in south each Australia.

7 Summary of annual movements for road freight passing through Maranoa LGA

Industry	Tonnes	CO2 (t)	Value	Trailers	KM	Hours	$/tonne
Alcohol Beverage	55,583	8,349	$749,299,229	2,779	1,744.4	18.82	$270.81
Beverage	87,691	14,084	$286,375,358	3,986	2,042.6	21.86	$285.36
Chemicals	32,287	3,658	$29,616,612	1,487	1,446.2	15.47	$208.73
Construction	84,691	13,998	$26,707,447	3,865	2,041.6	22.23	$291.26
Dairy Product	29,744	5,525	$193,248,915	1,459	2,159.9	23.17	$330.89
Fibre	152,081	17,723	$399,855,934	7,650	1,337.9	14.11	$201.01
Food	59,557	16,201	$325,844,755	4,809	1,926.6	20.62	$490.88
Fruit	252,025	55,069	$966,827,114	13,490	2,299.4	24.69	$376.45
Fuel	768,332	71,199	$1,361,969,667	31,294	1,305.2	14.20	$168.70
Grains	299,203	26,753	$203,805,900	12,546	1,241.3	13.05	$152.11
Household General	81,419	23,446	$2,496,655,209	5,678	2,075.7	21.87	$624.77
Livestock	362,927	37,702	$1,357,106,000	18,222	1,201.1	12.92	$183.43
Meat	75,757	10,191	$2,283,264,272	4,209	1,397.8	14.96	$248.37
Medicines	538	437	$1,882,089,122	134	1,896.7	20.27	$1,474.16
Nuts	651	141	$16,840,140	36	2,272.6	23.92	$372.16
Other Retail Ess	854	372	$874,381,723	96	2,225.7	23.97	$762.25
Ppe	138	94	$6,567,935	22	2,433.2	25.59	$1,628.08
Seafood	18,615	10,310	$605,101,652	1,551	3,769.2	39.39	$888.11
Steel	52,600	10,768	$94,640,000	3,501	1,769.8	19.08	$351.93
Sugar	3,664	499	$2,198,307	159	1,822.3	19.28	$247.67
Tissue Product	3,856	2,357	$9,747,815	643	2,073.4	22.32	$1,094.93
Vegetables	68,122	16,210	$403,205,434	4,337	2,138.6	23.16	$421.20
Vehicles	9,889	8,000	$286,781,624	1,648	2,216.4	23.33	$1,626.06
Wood Product	31,242	7,507	$120,259,797	1,464	2,826.6	29.52	$428.68
Total	**2,531,468**	**360,594**	**$14,982,389,959**	**125,066**			

14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES

14.1 JULY MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORTS

Author: **Charleville Librarian**

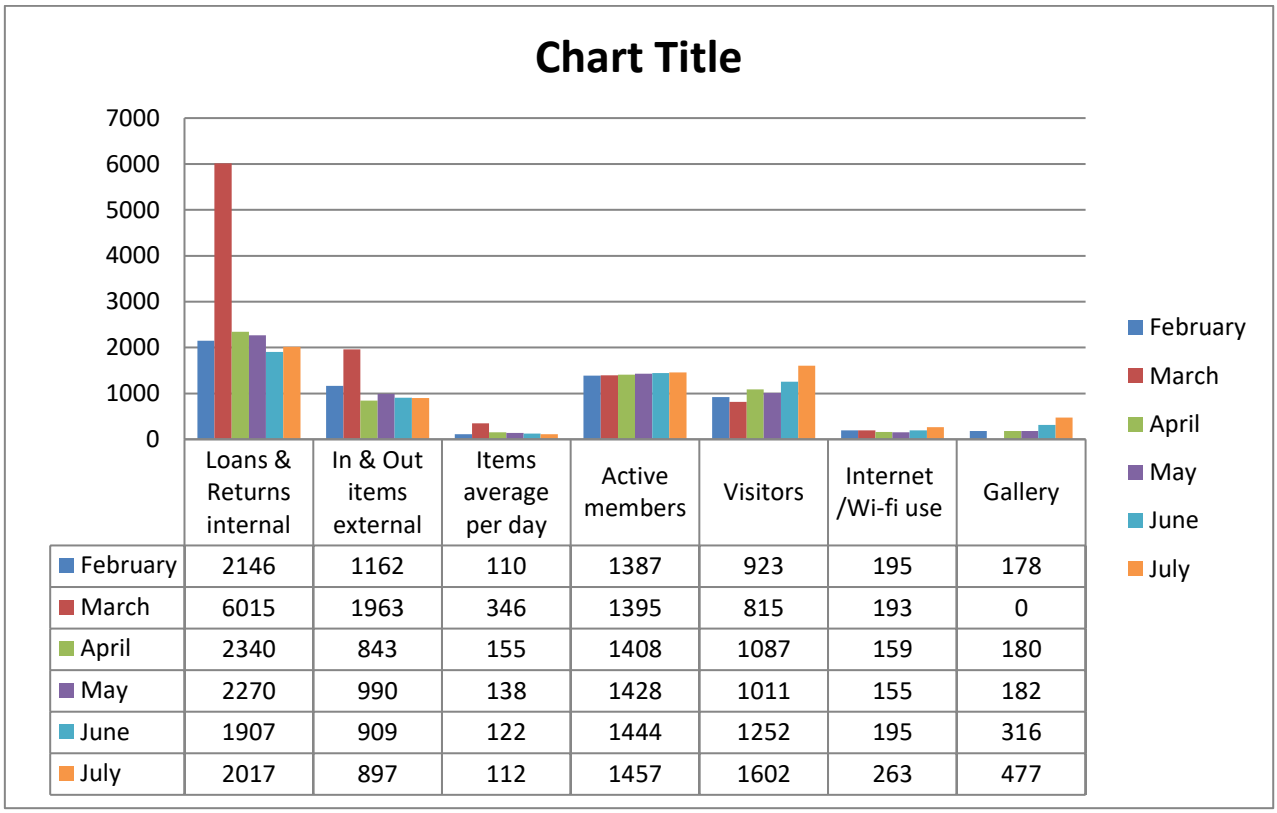
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the August Library Report.

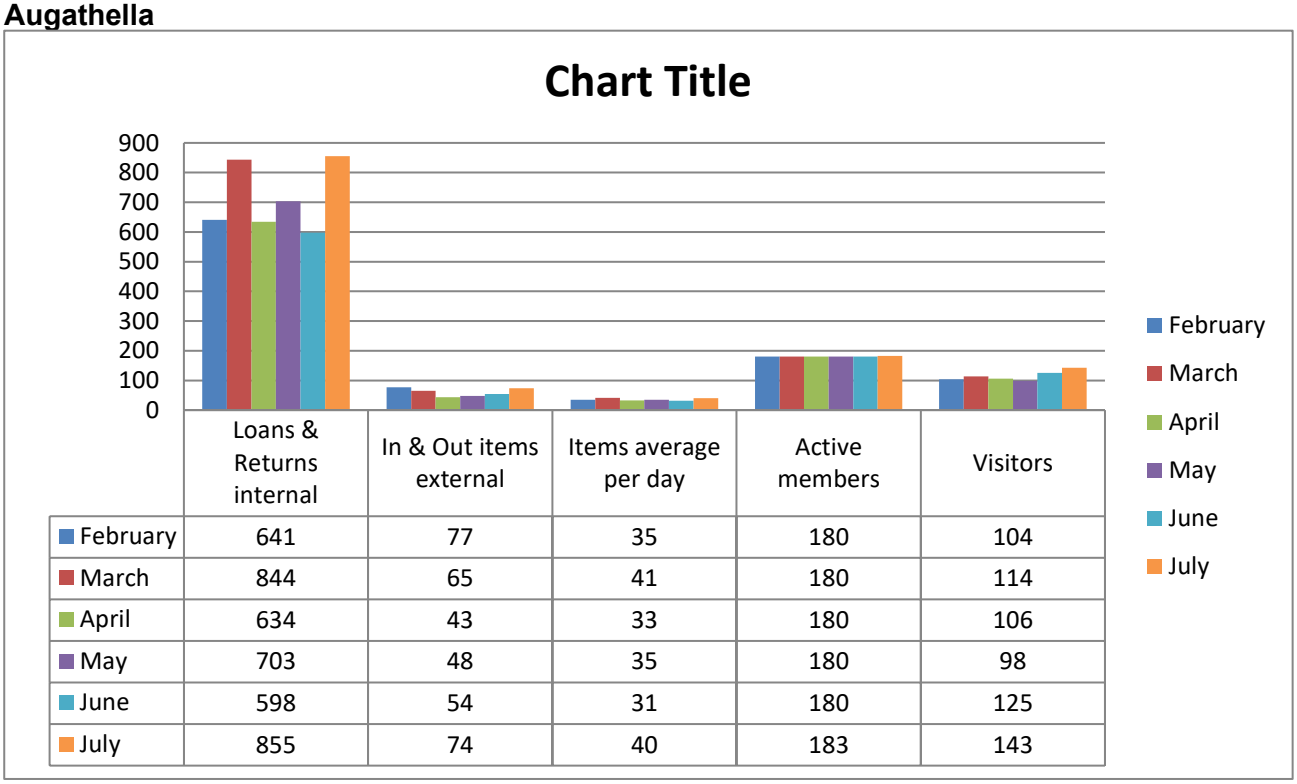
BACKGROUND

Charleville



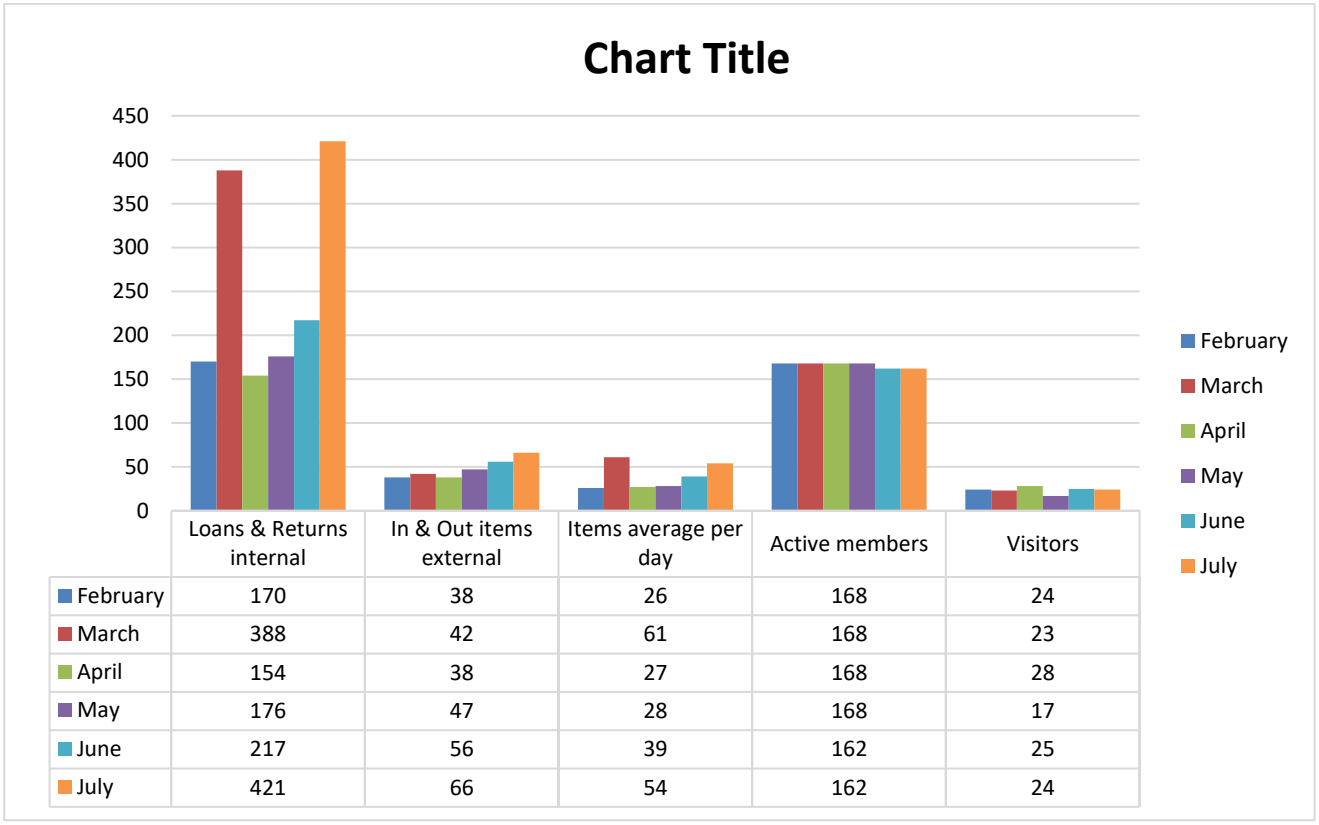
	Loans & Returns internal	In & Out items external	Items average per day	Active members	Visitors	Internet /Wi-fi use	Gallery
February	2146	1162	110	1387	923	195	178
March	6015	1963	346	1395	815	193	0
April	2340	843	155	1408	1087	159	180
May	2270	990	138	1428	1011	155	182
June	1907	909	122	1444	1252	195	316
July	2017	897	112	1457	1602	263	477

Augathella



	Loans & Returns internal	In & Out items external	Items average per day	Active members	Visitors
February	641	77	35	180	104
March	844	65	41	180	114
April	634	43	33	180	106
May	703	48	35	180	98
June	598	54	31	180	125
July	855	74	40	183	143

Morven



	Loans & Returns internal	In & Out items external	Items average per day	Active members	Visitors
February	170	38	26	168	24
March	388	42	61	168	23
April	154	38	27	168	28
May	176	47	28	168	17
June	217	56	39	162	25
July	421	66	54	162	24

Operational Information

Charleville Library

The library experienced the following events over the month of July. Pictures included below.

- **Battle of the Shires: Lego Legends**
  This month's theme focused on memorable moments in the region's history. With support from Abigail Farrawell and Jozef Fox, the library created a series of informational posters showcasing key historical events and landmarks in Charleville. These posters remain on display and were used to inspire participant builds (video available on the Murweh Libraries Facebook page).
  Battle of the Shires ran three well-attended sessions in July, averaging 44 participants per session, with a total of 132 attendees. Anglicare continued to provide food and is planning a Christmas-themed challenge later in the year.

  This is the type of event supported by Service Development Subsidy (SDS) funding from the State Library of Queensland, which helps us provide resources and accessible programming for families in the Murweh community. The initiative aims to support children's development. It also offers a valuable opportunity to strengthen community engagement and build partnerships with local organisations. A three-month trial period will gauge the program's popularity.

- **Be Connected Tech Session**
  This month's tech literacy session was focused on Facebook safety, with a session planned in August focusing on scam awareness. Improving tech literacy is especially important for our aging population, empowering them to stay connected, independent, and safe online.

- **Big Bang workshop**
  Tamara Kelly from Children's Discovery delivered two STEM programs for children Monday the 7th. In the morning, Tamara facilitated an Edison Robotics session, introducing participants to the fundamentals of robotics, programming, and engineering through hands-on learning. This program provided an exciting and accessible entry point into the world of STEM. In the afternoon, Tamara ran *The Science of Sherbet*, a chemistry-based activity focused on exploring acid-base reactions. The session concluded with participants creating their own sherbet to take home, reinforcing scientific concepts through a fun and memorable experience.

  Children's STEM programming plays a vital role in nurturing curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills from an early age. These programs provide hands-on opportunities for children to engage with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in ways that are both fun and educational. Offering these programs for free ensures all children, regardless of background, can access and benefit from early exposure to science and technology.

- **Library Reshuffle**
  The changing needs of the libraries members has led to some reshuffling of the library's collection and has given a good opportunity for social media coverage helping us keep the public informed.






- **Library visitors** – 1602 visitors
- **Current Library Memberships** – 1457 (11 new members added in July)
- **Mulga Lands Gallery –** 477 visitors (Canvas to Catwalk)

First5 Forever –

A statewide program providing strong early literacy foundations for all Queensland children aged 0-5 years.

Charleville

We had a total of 86 parents and children attend the Storytime programming in May.

Morven Library

**Statistics compiled by Morven library staff and sent to Charleville Library for monthly report for the graph.*

Augathella Library

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LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

14.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR REPORT- AUGUST REVEIW OF A YEAR

Author: **Community Service Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Community Service Coordinator report regarding Community Health and Wellbeing.

BACKGROUND

Purpose

A year in review of Community Service Coordinator Pilot Role

Discussion

Understanding what has been achieved in the previous year July 2024- July 2025

Murweh Shire Council – Community Services Coordinator Report
Month: August
Presented at Public Forum

Overview

In July, I reflected on my first year in this role to the **Primary Health Care Network** — sharing its challenges, achievements, and key moments. This August, I share a snapshot of progress, collaboration, and priorities for the months ahead.

Over the past year, my role has been about **fostering connection where people feel disconnected** — not just in remote areas, but anywhere people feel isolated or overlooked. Whether it's helping someone access services or creating opportunities for people to feel part of their community, my aim has always been to ensure people feel **seen, supported, and connected**.

Achievements

- **Practical Resource List** – Compiled a centralised list of all incoming and local services for easy reference.
- **Community Services Directory** – Developing a comprehensive directory to assist residents and service providers.
- **Community Engagement Events** – Supported local activities such as the *LEGO Battle of the Shires* through promotion, coordination, and encouraging community participation. The event initially attracted 52 parents and children and still sees 30–40 participants most nights.

- **Reducing Isolation & Supporting Wellbeing** – Contributed to projects that bring people together, foster inclusion, and strengthen community ties.

Highlights

- **Flood Response Collaboration** – Worked with Quilpie and Thargomindah Coordinators during recent floods. This showed how shires can pull together when it matters — sharing resources, offering practical help, and sometimes simply being there to listen.

- **Healthy Ageing & Neighbourhood Centre** – Continued partnerships that build community connections and help residents access the right services and information locally.

- **Augathella Multipurpose Centre Visit** – Engaged with staff about what's working well in their community. The *Pink Ladies* volunteer program stood out for its significant impact in offering companionship, social connection, and a welcoming environment for elderly residents.

Looking Ahead

- **Improve Service Visibility** – Advocate for clearer information around hidden or lesser-known supports.

- **Expand Regional Collaboration** – Explore shared community events and outreach with neighbouring shires.

- **Sector Engagement** – Attend Aged Care Expos and industry events to bring fresh ideas and opportunities back to our community.

- **Explore the Australian Frailty Network** – Investigate resources, tools, and partnerships that can strengthen support for older residents, promote healthy ageing, and reduce frailty risks in our community.

- **Health Literacy** – Promote a better understanding of available health services and how to access them.

- **Clearer Referral Pathways** – Ensure both community members and professionals know the right processes, reducing confusion and delays.

- **Connected Pathways from Early Childhood to Adulthood** – Work towards smoother transitions from daycare to kindy, school, and beyond, ensuring mental health and wellbeing supports are in place for families and staff at each stage.

- **Early Intervention** – Advocate for consistent supports to be in place as early as possible.

- **Community Voice** – Keep local voices at the centre of all initiatives, ensuring our work remains relevant, useful, and responsive to real needs.

In summary, August has been about building on strong foundations, deepening partnerships, and ensuring our community — no matter where they live or what their circumstances — has access to the services, connections, and support they need.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 CLOSURE