SHIRE OF MURWEH

MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

21 April 2026

9.00am





A very successful Welcome to Charleville 2026

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 21, April 2026 at 9.00am.

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1 OPENING PRAYER

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

Applications for Leave of Absence

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

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Ordinary Council Meeting - 17 March 2026

SHIRE OF MURWEH

MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Tuesday, 17 March 2026

9.00AM



Mulga Lands Gallery

First Exhibition for 2026

Julie Stone artist

MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2026 AT 9.00AM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Scott (Chief Executive Officer), J Barton (Director of Engineering), J Kronk (Director of Corporate Services), T Martin (Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure), J Nicholson (Director Economic Development), R Richen (Manager Tourism), K Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services),

1 OPENING PRAYER

Fr Peter Doohan delivered the prayer for the guidance of Council.

Remembering the Shephard Family in prayers today.

Acknowledgement of St Patricks Day today.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Teri Sommerfield declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in Item 14.6 as she is the Vice President of the Charleville and District Show Society.

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 073/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 February 2026 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings with the following corrections:

- Correction of time for Cr Eckel entry to 10.19am (page 5).
- Change from development application to development application fees (page 5, 10.5)
- Change Augathella Progress to Augathella & District Progress Association. (page 5, 10.4)
- 14.14 Change 'Council considers' to 'Council approves'.

CARRIED

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Caboolture WWII collection has been accepted in full, due to there being no additional cost to Council other than the committed $5000.00 approved at the February Council Meeting

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

AGENDA & MINUTES SOFTWARE

RESOLUTION 074/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That due to consistent issues with the current agenda and minute software, Council proceed with assessment and procurement of appropriate software for Council agendas and minutes.

CARRIED

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

RESOLUTION 075/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the correspondence received post the 17 February 2026 Council Meeting that will be of interest to Councillors.

CARRIED

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION 076/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence for the March 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

10.2 SALE BY TENDER OF PROPOSED LOT COMPRISING OF LOT 4 ON RP220935

RESOLUTION 077/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council

1. Accept the tender submitted by Westex Investments Pty Ltd in the amount of $50,000.00 (excluding GST) for the sale of the proposed lot comprising part of Lot 4 on RP220935, on the basis that the offer is the most advantageous to Council having regard to both evaluation criteria and the sound contracting principles under section 104 of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld), noting in particular Westex Investments Pty Ltd.'s specific and feasible commitment to construct up to six additional two-bedroom employee housing units on the amalgamated lot to address Charleville's documented housing shortage.
2. Recover all out of pocket legal and valuation costs associated with the tender process from the successful tenderer.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Contract of Sale and all associated documentation required to give effect to the accepted tender on behalf of Council.
4. Note that all costs associated with survey, reconfiguration, planning approvals, legal access, and utility connections are the sole responsibility of the successful tenderer under the terms of the Contract of Sale.

CARRIED

10.3 OUR WAY - TOGETHER: FIRST NATIONS HEALTH EQUITY STRATEGY 2025-2028

RESOLUTION 078/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives and endorses the South West Hospital and Health Service *Our Way – Together First Nations Health Equity Strategy 2025-2028*, and commits to assisting, where practicable, all health providers in Closing the Gap in health services in Murweh Shire.

CARRIED

10.4 PROPOSED INLAND OIL REFINERY JET A1 REFUELLING FACILITY

RESOLUTION 079/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council approve in principle for Inland Oil Refinery (IOR) to install a 6000 litre Jet A1 refuelling facility at the Augathella Airport with the following conditions:

1. Review the proposed access to ensure that refuelling trucks are not traversing on the Augathella Airport apron near the amenities facility; and
2. Fuel truck must access the fuel pod so as there is no turning movement by the fuel vehicle on the current sealed apron/aircraft use surface; and
3. Review the road access into the airport, as the pavement has not been designed to carry heavy haulage fuel transporters; and
4. Upon completion of the above, a report be tabled at a general meeting of Council for approval for the pod location and route of access for the refuelling truck.

CARRIED

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

The Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 10.16am.

11.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION 080/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 28 February 2026, 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 February 2026
9. Balance Sheet February 2026
10. Financial Statement Actual February 2026

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:46am.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:19am.

11.2 FIN-011 NON-CURRENT ASSETS, REVALUATION AND DEPRECIATION POLICY

RESOLUTION 081/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council review and adopt the draft FIN – 011 Non-Current Assets, Revaluation and Depreciation Policy as presented.

CARRIED

11.3 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 082/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Planning Report for the March 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

11.4 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

RESOLUTION 083/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

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

.**CARRIED**

The Regulatory Services Manager entered the meeting at 11.39am.

11.5 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION 084/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for March 2026.

CARRIED

11.6 USE OF OLD HANGAR BY ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE FOR BLACK TIE BALL

RESOLUTION 085/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

Council has been approached by the organiser of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) annual fund-raising ball, seeking permission to use the old aircraft hangar to house the event on Saturday 31 October 2026. It is recommended that Council approve the use of the hangar for the annual fund-raising ball on the following conditions:

1. RFDS to have their own ASIC approved personnel on site for the duration of setting up and decommissioning, the entirety of the event itself to ensure the safety of airside movements; and
2. RFDS to have their own insurance policy for the event with a public liability cover of $20,000,000.00, a copy to be provided to Council; and
3. A risk assessment is to be completed prior to the event by RFDS and a copy provided to Council; and
4. Any damage done to Council property by patrons of the event is to be covered by RFDS.

   This will be assessed by Council's Airport Reporting Officer (ARO) prior and post the event.

CARRIED

The Director of Corporate Services and Regulatory Services Manager exited the meeting at 12.03pm.

The Director of Engineering Services entered the meeting at 12.04pm.

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES

12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION 086/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report for March 2026.

CARRIED

12.2 ENGAGEMENT OF DRFA PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES - SHEPHERD SERVICES PTY LTD

RESOLUTION 087/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council:

1. Engage Shepherd Services Pty Ltd (ABN 55 611 140 946) under the Local Buy LB505 Disaster Management and Recovery preferred supplier arrangement to provide Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Project Management Services for Council's current and future flood restoration programmes.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to confirm current pricing with Shepherd Services Pty Ltd and execute a formal engagement agreement on terms consistent with the Local Buy LB505 arrangement and Council's Procurement Policy, with the agreement to clearly define scope, deliverables, reporting obligations, QRA compliance responsibilities, fee arrangements, and termination provisions.
3. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to implement a coordinated transition plan with Enginfra Consulting and Shepherd Services Pty Ltd to ensure uninterrupted delivery of current flood restoration works and Council's preparedness for future disaster events.

CARRIED

Council acknowledges and appreciates the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Project Management Services work provided by Russell Hood from Enginfra Consulting.

12.3 DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN - RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

RESOLUTION 088/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council:

1. Receive and note that a comprehensive risk assessment of Murweh Shire Council's drinking water schemes has been completed by Council's operational team in collaboration with GBA Consulting Engineers, forming the basis of the revised risk assessment for submission to the Regulator as part of the 2026 Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP) review.
2. Note that the DWQMP review submission was due to be lodged with the Regulator on 13 March 2026.

CARRIED

12.4 HIRE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PREFERRED SUPPLIER PANEL SUBMISSION

RESOLUTION 089/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council under *section 233* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, includes the following submission onto the preferred supplier arrangement for the hire of plant and equipment (wet and dry hire) for Council works in 2025-26 at the rates submitted under this arrangement:

- R & R Tickell Pty Ltd

CARRIED

12.5 REQUEST TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT - LANDSBOROUGH HIGHWAY - AUGATHELLA

RESOLUTION 090/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Notes the correspondence from Acting Sergeant Tanya Clarke, Officer in Charge, Augathella Police Station, dated 23 February 2026, regarding road safety concerns on the Landsborough Highway at the southern entry to Augathella.
2. Endorses the concerns raised by Queensland Police regarding vehicle speeds and intersection safety on the Landsborough Highway between the Mitchell Highway intersection and the northern side of the Warrego River bridge and causeway.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to write to the District Director (South West), Southern Queensland Region Program Delivery and Operations, Department of Transport and Main Roads: - requesting an urgent review of the posted speed limit on the Landsborough Highway between the Mitchell Highway intersection and the northern side of the Warrego River bridge, with a view to reducing the limit to 80 km/h; - requesting a turning lane be investigated and constructed at the intersection of the Landsborough Highway and Main Street, Augathella; and - requesting an update on the status of any previously scoped intersection treatments for this location.

CARRIED

The Director of Engineering Services exited the meeting at 12.50pm.

The Director of Economic Development entered the meeting at 12.55pm.

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 091/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the March 2026 Economic Development Report.

CARRIED

The Director of Economic development exited the meeting at 12.57pm.

The Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure entered the meeting at 1.00pm.

14.1 CHARLEVILLE LIBRARY MARCH REPORT

RESOLUTION 092/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the March 2026 Charleville Library Report.

CARRIED

14.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR REPORT

RESOLUTION 093/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the report from the Community Service Coordinator.

CARRIED

14.3 CHARLEVILLE SWIMMING POOL - FEBRUARY 2026 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT

RESOLUTION 094/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Charleville Swimming Pool Operations Report for February 2026.
2. Notes the ongoing degradation of the Softfall rubber surface on the splashpad and the damaged stormwater downpipe elbow at the female amenities building, and requests

officers to provide a further report on rectification options and estimated costs at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED

14.4 ADOPTION OF REVIEWED COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY (FIN-012)

RESOLUTION 095/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Adopt the reviewed Community Grants Policy (FIN-012) Version 4.0 as presented in Attachment A, pursuant to sections 194 and 195 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld).
2. Note that the reviewed policy incorporates the direction of Council Resolution 286/25 (24 October 2025) regarding assistance to events held on private property.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative amendments to the policy as required to maintain currency with legislative changes, without the need for a further Council resolution, provided any such amendments are subsequently reported to Council.
4. Note that the reviewed Community Grants Applicant Guide (FIN-012-G), presented in Attachment B, has been updated to reflect the reviewed policy and does not require a separate Council resolution.

CARRIED

In Favour: Crs S Radnedge, R Eckel, P Alexander and T Sommerfield

Against: Cr M Ebsworth

CARRIED 4/1

14.5 REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR BRASSINGTON PARK - AUGATHELLA

RESOLUTION 096/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council ratify the out of session approved request to Council on the 19th of February 2026 to waive fees for the use of Brassington Park in Augathella for the "Push to Bush" event for ANZAC Day 2026.

CARRIED

14.6 REQUEST TO WAIVE VENUE HIRE FEES FOR CHARLEVILLE TOWN HALL AND RACECOURSE

RESOLUTION 097/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approves the request to waive venue hire fees for L Brennan and B Murphy to conduct fundraiser events in 2026 for the Cancer Council.

CARRIED

14.7 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ASSISTANCE - THE AUGATHELLA & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION 098/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approves the application for in-kind assistance from the Augathella & District Progress Association for their annual Easter events.

CARRIED

14.8 REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF HIRE FEES - EMMANUEL COLLEGE

RESOLUTION 099/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council approves the request for the use of the Charleville Racecourse Complex by Emmanuel College for the period Sunday 21 June to Wednesday 24 June 2025 (three nights) and waives the hire fees for the Charleville Racecourse Complex for that period.

CARRIED

14.9 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - CHARLEVILLE POLOCROSSE CLUB 2026 CARNIVAL

RESOLUTION 100/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council provides $500 cash sponsorship towards the 2026 Charleville Polocrosse Carnival, consistent with support provided in 2024 and 2025, and that Council's support be acknowledged during the event.

CARRIED

14.10 AUGATHELLA DIGGERS EASTER RODEO 2026 - REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

RESOLUTION 101/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

Provide cash sponsorship of $500.00 towards prize money for the 2026 Augathella Diggers Easter Rodeo, consistent with Council's sponsorship at the 2025 event, to be funded from the Community Assistance budget.

CARRIED

14.11 REQUEST TO WAIVE HALL HIRE FEES — SWHHS-TRACC PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS, AUGATHELLA TOWN HALL

RESOLUTION 102/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approves the request from SWHHS-TRACC to waive the hire fee for the use of the Augathella Town Hall on 17 April 2026 for the delivery of the Just a South West Farmer Photography Workshops.

CARRIED

14.12 REQUEST FOR HIRE FEE WAIVER – SWHHS TRACC JUST A SOUTH WEST FARMER MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT – CHARLEVILLE RACEVIEW COMPLEX

RESOLUTION 103/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Approves the request from the South West Hospital and Health Service (SWHHS) TRACC team to waive hire fees for the Charleville Raceview Complex (Warrego Room/Downstairs Hall, Sound and Lighting, Bar inside Warrego Room, Stage and Backstage area, Kitchen, and Bar Facilities) on 9 October 2026 for the Just a South West Farmer Mental Health Awareness Event (movie screening and Q&A panel).
2. Note that the fee waiver represents an in-kind contribution to the community consistent with Council's established practice of supporting community wellbeing events hosted by government health services and not-for-profit organisations.
3. Advise the applicant that all other conditions of hire, including bond requirements and compliance with Council's standard hire conditions, remain applicable.

CARRIED

14.13 REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CHARLEVILLE TOWN HALL HIRE FEES — QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

RESOLUTION 104/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council:

1. Approves the request from Queensland Symphony Orchestra to waive the hire fee for the Charleville Town Hall for the purpose of string ensemble rehearsals and a community performance with Charleville students on Thursday 21 May 2026, from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
2. Note that Queensland Symphony Orchestra holds current public liability insurance to the value of $50,000,000 per occurrence through Insurance Australia Limited (CGU Insurance), expiring 31 December 2026, which satisfies the indemnity requirements of the Town Hall Hire Agreement.

CARRIED

14.14 HIRE OF CHARLEVILLE RACECOURSE COMPLEX AND CHARLEVILLE TOWN HALL – CHARLEVILLE DEBUTANTE BALL 2026 – REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF HIRE FEES

RESOLUTION 105/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Approves waiving the hire fees for the Charleville Racecourse Complex and the Charleville Town Hall for all dates requested by Ms Kelly Shearwin in connection with the Charleville Debutante Ball 2026, as listed in Attachment A, on the condition that both venues are left clean and tidy at the conclusion of each hire period.
2. Note that the hire application forms for both venues have been signed by the applicant acknowledging and agreeing to all standard conditions of use.
3. Note the invitation extended to two members of the Murweh Shire Council to attend the Charleville Debutante Ball as special guests on the evening of the main event.

CARRIED

14.15 REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRE FEES — CHARLEVILLE TOWN HALL — INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION, 7–9 AUGUST 2026

RESOLUTION 106/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council:

1. Agree to waive the hire fees for the Charleville Town Hall for 7, 8 and 9 August 2026 to allow the Indonesian community associated with Western Meat Exporters Pty Ltd to hold an Indonesian Independence Day celebration.

2. Note that the cost of the hire fee waiver will be absorbed within the existing Community Services operational budget as an in-kind community contribution.

CARRIED

Cr Sommerfield declared a conflict of interest in Item 14.16 and exited the meeting at 2.40pm.

14.16 REQUEST FOR GROUNDKEEPING ASSISTANCE — 2026 CHARLEVILLE SHOW

RESOLUTION 107/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council

1. Approves the provision of in-kind groundskeeping assistance to the Charleville & Southwest Queensland Show Society for the 2026 Charleville Show, subject to operational work timetables and staff availability permitting.

2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to confirm staffing arrangements with the Charleville & Southwest Queensland Show Society, with the period of assistance to be from Monday 11 May 2026 to Monday 18 May 2026 inclusive.

3. Note that any costs associated with the provision of staff assistance will be absorbed within Council's existing operational budget.

CARRIED

Cr Sommerfield entered the meeting at 2.50pm.

Cr Eckel exited the meeting at 2.50pm

The Tourism and Events Manager entered the meeting at 2.51pm.

Cr Eckel entered the meeting at 2.52pm.

The Chief Executive Officer exited the meeting at 2.58pm.

The Chief Executive Officer entered the meeting at 3.00pm.

14.17 TOURISM & EVENTS REPORT - MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION 108/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives and notes the Tourism, Marketing and Events Report for March 2026.

CARRIED

14.18 TOURISM STAFF ONBOARDING WORKSHOP

RESOLUTION 109/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council note and receive the report regarding the Tourism Staff Onboarding Workshop conducted for new and returning tourism staff ahead of the upcoming visitor season.

CARRIED

14.19 COSMOS CENTRE THEATRE ROOM AND PLANETARIUM HIRE FEES

RESOLUTION 110/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council adopt the proposed venue hire fees for the Charleville Cosmos Centre for the 2026–2027 financial year, being:

- Cosmos Theatre Room Half Day Hire: $250
- Cosmos Theatre Room Full Day Hire: $450

That Council note that evening bookings for the Theatre Room will be considered subject to availability and quoted on a case-by-case basis.

That Council note that hire of the Planetarium will be quoted on request, with fees determined based on availability and the nature of the function.

CARRIED

14.20 TOURISM PRECINCT SIGNAGE AUDIT UPDATE

RESOLUTION 111/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the report regarding the installation of new tourism signage within the Charleville tourism precinct and the ongoing signage audit across the Murweh Shire.

CARRIED

14.21 MYSTERY BOX RALLY - REQUEST FOR HIRE FEE WAIVER

RESOLUTION 112/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approves the waiver of hire fees for the Charleville Showgrounds for the Mystery Box Rally on Saturday 24 October 2026 and Wednesday 28 October 2026, subject to compliance with Council's standard hire conditions.

CARRIED

14.22 QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL - SADDLE UP EVENT SUPPORT

RESOLUTION 113/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

1. That Council approve the use of the generator at the Raceview Complex by the Queensland Music Festival for the Saddle Up event in Charleville on 24 April, subject to operational requirements being met and power load considerations being managed in consultation with Council staff.
2. If the above solution is not logistically or technically possible, that Council includes the two portable trailer mounted generators as part of the in-kind contribution.

CARRIED

14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

The Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure exited the meeting at 3.23pm.

The Tourism and Events Manager exited the meeting at 3.23pm.

15 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 114/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

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 Engagement of CUF Group Pty Ltd for Engineering Secondment Services - Single Supplier Resolution

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - 3 (g) 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 negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;.

CARRIED

16.1 ENGAGEMENT OF CUF GROUP PTY LTD FOR ENGINEERING SECONDMENT SERVICES - SINGLE SUPPLIER RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 115/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council:

1. Resolve, pursuant to section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that it is satisfied there is only one supplier reasonably available to provide engineering secondment services of the nature required, being CUF Group Pty Ltd (represented by Richard Cuffe).
2. Resolve, pursuant to section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that, because of the specialised nature of the services sought and the intimate project knowledge required, it would be impractical and disadvantageous to invite written quotes or tenders.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with CUF Group Pty Ltd for the provision of engineering secondment services for the period 16 March 2026 to 16 March 2027 at a rate of $165.00 per hour (excluding GST), with an estimated annual fee of $326,040 (nominal, excluding GST), funded from the Engineering Services operational and capital works budgets.
4. Note that all travel, accommodation, and incidental expenses associated with site visits to Charleville will be borne by CUF Group Pty Ltd at no cost to Council.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 116/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

16 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.35pm.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

Author: **Chief Executive Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives notes the correspondence received post the 17 March 2026 Council Meeting that will be of interest to Councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

Correspondence received post the March 2026 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. **Biosecurity Queensland Land Protection Fund Murweh** ⇩
2. **Biosecurity Queensland 2nd Invoice Land Protection Fund Murweh SC** ⇩
3. **DG Letter to CEOs re changes to land access via section 143 of Local Government Act** ⇩
4. **DG letter to councils re Auditor General's Report - Local Government 2025** ⇩
5. **DG Council accessing land for materials FAQ** ⇩
6. **DG Council accessing land for materials under Section 143 fact sheet** ⇩
7. **Public Service Medal Nominations** ⇩
8. **Transport and Main Roads Response to March Council Meeting Correspondence Augathella Turnoff** ⇩
9. **Crime and Corruption Commission Corruption in Focus Newsletter** ⇩
10. **Privacy Awarness Week 2026** ⇩
11. **Get Ready Queensland News Letter March 2026** ⇩
12. **Invitation 2026 Small Business Friendly Conference and Welcome Reception** ⇩
13. **Coexistence Queensland Community Leaders Council Roma event 8 and 9 June 2026** ⇩
14. **NBN Local Update Issue 17** ⇩
15. **OQTA Invite to Join the Australian Tourism Exchange 2026** ⇩
16. **QTIC advocacy Update Fuel Prices** ⇩
17. **Queensland Ombudsman Public Interest Disclosure** ⇩
18. **Letter of Agreement - Murweh Shire Australian Space Agency and the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning** ⇩
19. **Thank You Australian Space Agency** ⇩
20. **Thank you CWAATSICH Pathways Program Brian Robinson** ⇩
21. **Thank you Maria Esmayeli for Invitation to Australian of the Year Katherine Bennel-Pegg Event** ⇩

22. Thank you Owen and Wendy Ryan ⇩
23. Thank You Adrian Vowles Cup 2026 Sponsor Murweh Shire Council ⇩

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Department of
Primary Industries

Our ref: CTS 04414/26

1 April 2026

Mr Bruce Scott
Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council
PO Box 63
Charleville QLD 4470

Dear Mr Scott

I am writing to you regarding the Land Protection Fund annual payments required in accordance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. The invoice for the 1st instalment for the 2025-26 Weeds/Pest Animals Annual Payment along with important information on research and operational activities undertaken was sent on 30 October 2025.

Please find enclosed your Land Protection Fund 2nd instalment Tax Invoice for 2025-26 provided at Attachment 1.

If you require any further information please contact Ms Kathleen Robson, Manager Policy and Engagement, Invasive Plants and Animals, on telephone 0438 392 981 or email Kathleen.Robson@dpi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Sapuppo
Acting General Manager, Invasive Plants and Animals
Biosecurity Queensland, Department of Primary Industries

Attachment 1 - Land Protection Fund Tax Invoice 2nd instalment for 2025-26.

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Queensland 4001 Australia
Business Centre 13 25 23
Website www.dpi.qld.gov.au
ABN 66 934 348 189

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artment of Primary Industries
George Street, Brisbane
O BOX 46
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N: 66934348189

TAX INVOICE

Invoice Date	26.03.2026
Invoice No.	1800189383
Customer No.	20005244
Due Date	29.04.2026
Amount Due	$134,572.00

Contact Details

Contact	Receipting Officer
Phone	1300 146 370
Email	AR.Receipting@chde.qld.gov.au

ATTN: ATTN: ENVIRONMENTAL PEST CONTROL O
MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
PO BOX 63
CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470

ditional Information:
Q: KATHLEEN ROBSON PH: 0438 392 981

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ne em	Description	Amount excl GST	GST	Total
001	ON-GROUND AND RESEARCH	17,370.00	0.00	17,370.00
002	WILD DOG BARRIER FENCE Note: 2nd instalment 25/26 Weeds/Pest Animals Annual Payment as required by the Biosecurity Act 2014	117,202.00	0.00	117,202.00
	TOTAL	134,572.00	0.00	134,572.00

Total Amount Payable excl GST	$	134,572.00
GST Amount Payable	$	0.00
Total Amount Payable incl GST	$	134,572.00

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Biller Code: 136945
Ref: 0000 0180 0189 3831 0818

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Contact your bank or financial institution to make this payment from your cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account. More info: www.bpay.com.au
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Credit/debit card payments can be made by telephone or internet.
Phone: 1300 276468
Website: www.bpoint.com.au

Payment by Direct Deposit
Please deposit your payment directly into the following account quoting the reference number provided.
Deposit details are to be forwarded to:
Email AR.Receipting@chde.qld.gov.au
BSB/Account 064-013 10007512
Reference Number 1800189383

Payment by Mail
Tear off the payment slip and complete payment details. Cheque or money order to be made payable to:
Department of Primary Industries
GPO Box 46
BRISBANE QLD 4001

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Local Government,
Water and Volunteers

Our ref: CTS 04951/26

Mr Bruce Scott
Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council

Email: bruce_scott@murweh.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Scott

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring councils are empowered to deliver for their communities.

In mid-2025, the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV) clarified that section 143 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (LGA) allows local governments to access state-owned quarry materials to undertake day-to-day operations, where there are no other reasonably practicable alternatives, and not just for disaster recovery activities.

As part of the recently passed *Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2026* (Empowering Councils Amendment Act), the Queensland Government has taken further action to safeguard the continuity and efficiency of councils' access to essential quarry material.

The Empowering Councils Amendment Act simplifies the process for councils to access land for quarry materials under section 143 of the LGA. The LGA now requires councils to provide "reasonable entry notice" to landowners and occupiers within a reasonable period before entry. This replaces the previous fixed requirement of giving notice at least seven days in advance.

To support the ongoing efficient operation of section 143 of the LGA in enabling councils to access essential state-owned quarry material, DLGWV encourages councils to advise the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) Quarry Material Operations Team when they make use of the power to access materials. DPI's Quarry Team can be contacted at forestryquarry@dpi.qld.gov.au.

To assist councils, the previously developed Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions document have now been updated to reflect the new access provisions. Copies are enclosed for your information and are also available on DLGWV's website at www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au/for-councils/resources/local-government-best-practice-and-information.

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If you require any further information, please contact the Local Government Policy and Legislation Team by email at localgovernmentpolicy@dlgwv.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Bronwyn Blagoev
Director-General

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Department of
Local Government,
Water and Volunteers

Our ref: CTS 06184/26

Mr Bruce Scott
Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council

Email: bruce_scott@murweh.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Scott

The Auditor-General recently tabled in Parliament her Report 12: Local Government 2025 (the report). A copy of the report can be found on the Queensland Audit Office's (QAO) website at www.qao.qld.gov.au/reports-resources/reports-parliament/local-government-2025.

The Auditor-General has made one recommendation for councils in the report, advising councils to review the termination clauses in executive contracts to ensure they are appropriate.

In addition to the above recommendation for councils, the Auditor-General highlighted several other matters for councils throughout the report. I encourage you to address the following if they apply directly to your council:

- ensuring access to appropriately skilled finance staff, as a key enabler of timely financial reporting
- maintaining a continued focus on controls needed to prevent fraud
- actioning the increasing number of new or unresolved significant deficiencies
- attending to any outstanding prior year recommendations
- strengthening asset accounting and asset valuation processes
- proactively planning for, and maintaining, appropriate controls to support timely end-of-financial-year reporting
- meeting the requirements of an active internal audit function, and an effective audit committee where required.

I look forward to working with all councils in implementing the QAO's recommendation.

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If you require any further information, please contact Ms Tara Nguyen, Acting Director, Local Government Division in the department by telephone on (07) 3096 6573 or via email tara.nguyen@dlgwv.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Bronwyn Blagoev
Director-General

cc Mr Justin Kronk
Director of Corporate Services
Murweh Shire Council
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Councils accessing land for materials

Frequently asked questions

Why is this information being provided now?

It is acknowledged that local governments play a critical role in maintaining community infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public assets. Ensuring reliable access to materials to undertake this responsibility is important, as is safeguarding ownership rights for landholders.

Important information has been previously circulated by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to help local governments access materials to facilitate disaster recovery activities. This information is still relevant and should be considered alongside the fact sheet provided to explain the broader use of section 143 of the ***Local Government Act 2009*** (LGA)**.**

My council already holds a sales permit under Forestry Act 1959, why should I use section 143 of the Local Government Act 2009 to access quarry materials?

If your council holds a valid sales permit under the ***Forestry Act 1959*** and the materials available through the sales permit are sufficient to meet your needs, there is no need to use section 143 of the LGA. However, there may be times when a permit does not provide authorisation to access the materials needed by council. In this case, where there is no other reasonably practicable way to obtain the materials, you may continue to access relevant land and remove materials that are required to perform council responsibilities.

What factors do I need to consider regarding the no other reasonably practicable way test?

The assessment of requirement in the legislation will always depend on each council's circumstances and there is no definitive test that can be applied. Some factors that may be considered include:

- whether there is another source for the required materials, for example another quarry with a valid sales permit
- the difference in time and cost between using the alternative source and the source you are considering using
- the impact to the landowner or occupier in accessing and removing materials, and
- the cost to council in compensation to the landowner or occupier.

What is relevant land?

The LGA states that only ***relevant land*** can be accessed. This land must be located in the local government area of the council wishing to obtain the material but cannot be:

- the site of, or curtilage around, a home or other structure; or
- a court, lawn, park, planted walk or avenue or yard; or
- under cultivation (including a garden, nursery or plantation, for example); or
- a state forest or timber reserve under the Forestry Act; or
- a protected area under the ***Nature Conservation Act 1992***; or
- the wet tropics area under the ***Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993.***

What materials may be removed from relevant land?

Materials that can be removed are those which the local government requires to perform its responsibilities. For example, soil to fill slippage, quarry rock to repair roads, and timber for construction of local government infrastructure.

Material cannot be search for, or removed, if it is within 50 metres of any structure or works on the land (including a house, bridge, dam or wharf).

Note that there was a drafting error which referred to both rateable and relevant land. This has been rectified in the recent amendments to the LGA.

What procedure do I need to follow to access land under section 143?

While the process will vary under the circumstances, the following is a general guide on key steps:

- Consideration of the available options to access relevant materials, including the relevant cost and time estimates involved in each option. Estimates should clearly detail cost and time impacts and should be documented to support future assessments and decision making.
- Issue a reasonable entry notice to the owner and occupier of the relevant land within a reasonable period prior to entry with the notice to include who is to enter the property, reason for entering the property and the days and times of the entry. What is a reasonable notice period will depend on the circumstances and urgency in each case. The former requirement to provide 7 days notice no longer applies.
- Consideration of any compensation to be paid to the owner/ occupier for the materials taken. This may include a calculation of costs relating to cultural value.

Land where native title exists

Land where native title has been determined is not considered protected land and access to the land to obtain the materials under section 143 of the LGA can occur, provided there is no other reasonably practicable way of obtaining the materials.

What if I am not sure whether I can use section 143?

The onus for demonstrating that there is no reasonably practicable alternative will sit with the council and will depend on the circumstances in each case.

If you are not sure whether your particular circumstances fit within the 'reasonably practicable' test, you may seek your own independent legal advice.

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Council accessing land for materials

Section 143 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the LGA) provides for councils to enter land and remove materials. This section can be used by councils to:

- Respond to immediate and emergent issues, such as to gather material to fix or remedy damage caused by natural events, and
- Undertake business-as-usual activities. Business as usual activities are those which local governments are required to perform as part of its responsibilities, for example, repair of roads or the making safe of buildings.

Relevant circumstances

The LGA states that this provision can be used when the local government has no other reasonably practicable way of obtaining the materials. Council must determine whether it would be reasonably practical to obtain the material from another source on a case-by-case basis.

Factors that may be considered in this decision include demonstrable differences in cost, time and logistics between sourcing the material from the relevant land and alternative locations.

Other considerations

Materials

Materials that can be removed are those which the local government requires to perform its responsibilities. For example, soil to fill slippage, quarry rock to repair roads, timber for construction of local government infrastructure.

Material can not be searched for, or removed, if it is within 50 metres of any structure or works on the land (including a house, bridge, dam or wharf).

Relevant land

The LGA states that only relevant land can be accessed. This land must be located in the local government area of the council wishing to obtain the material but cannot be:

- The site of, or curtilage around, a home or other structure; or
- A court, lawn, park, planted walk or avenue or yard; or
- Under cultivation (including a garden, nursery or plantation, for example); or
- A state forest or timber reserve under the Forestry Act; or
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However, the land outside the local government area can be accessed where Ministerial approval is given (under Section 9(4)(b)(i) of the LGA) or for the purposes of a joint local government project where the land is in the other local government's area.

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Land without *Forestry Act 1959* sales permits

Should the criteria of section 143 of the LGA be met, there is no requirement for the land being accessed to be the subject of a *Forestry Act 1959* sales permit.

Land where native title exists

Land where native title has been determined is not considered protected land and access to the land to obtain the materials under section 143 can occur, provided there is no other reasonably practicable way of obtaining the materials.

Timing and access

The local government must give a reasonable entry notice to the owner and occupier of the land prior to accessing the land. A reasonable entry notice is a notice that:

- informs the owner or occupier of the property of:
    - who is to enter the property
    - the reason for entering the property
    - the days and times when the property is to be entered; and
- is given to the owner or occupier of the relevant land within a reasonable period prior to entry.

What is considered a reasonable period will depend on the circumstances, including the urgency of the requirement to access materials. This is a new amendment to the LGA, removing the requirement to provide 7 days notice.

Where there is an occupier on the property, on entry the local government officer must inform them of the reason for entering, advise they are able to enter the property without the permission of the occupier and present their identify card for inspection.

Compensation for removal of materials

The owner of the land is entitled to compensation for the taking of material under section 147 of the LGA. The compensation amount is to be agreed to between the owner of the land and the local government. Should an agreement on the amount not be able to be reached, the amount can be decided by the courts.

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Department of the Premier and Cabinet

For reply please quote: *E&P/JB – TF/26/357 – DOC/26/2393*

Mr Bruce Scott OAM
Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council

Dear Mr Scott

Public Service Medal (PSM) nominations are now open for consideration in the Australia Day 2027 Honours List.

The PSM award provides an opportunity to recognise remarkable local government officers who are going above and beyond in their roles. This could be through service excellence, innovation in program, project or policy development, outstanding leadership, the achievement of process efficiencies, improved productivity or better service delivery.

I encourage you to seek nominations for those whose work is contributing significantly both to your community and your local council. I also encourage you to ensure nominations celebrate gender equality and reflect the strong diversity of the Queensland public sector.

A toolkit has been developed to assist your promotion of the PSM award and encourage nominations across your organisation. All forms relevant to Queensland PSM nominations are also available on the Queensland Government Honours and Awards website.

Any local government PSM nomination must be endorsed by you as Chief Executive Officer, or in the case of a nomination for a chief executive officer, the highest equivalent delegate of your council. Nominations are to be submitted by email to honours@premiers.qld.gov.au by close of business **Monday 1 June 2026**.

For further information regarding submitting nominations, please contact Ms Jules Burton, Principal Advisor, Events and Awards, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, by email at honours@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3003 9200.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this distinguished award.

Yours sincerely



Damien Walker
Director-General
Department of Premier and Cabinet

13 April 2026

Good afternoon Bruce.

Thank you for your email, and attached letter, on behalf of Murweh Shire Council to formally raise road safety concerns on the Landsborough Highway at the southern entry to Augathella.

Steve has asked me to provide you with the below information on his behalf.

In 2020, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) finalised the Landsborough Highway Road Link Plan (13A and 13B – Morven to South West District Boundary). The Link Plan determined deficiencies and documented a 20-year strategy of prioritised actions to achieve desired vision standards in accordance with TMR State Controlled Priority Road Network Investment Guidelines.

The Link Plan identified the Landsborough Highway intersection at Augathella as a priority and recommended upgrading the intersection within the next five years, subject to further assessment and competing state wide priorities and budget.

In 2021, TMR completed a business case to investigate upgrading the Landsborough Highway and Main Street intersection at Augathella. As a part of the planning project safety benefit–cost ratios were developed using various relevant Australian standards and guidance to understand the benefits of different safety treatments at the intersection.

Unfortunately, due to the low traffic volumes, low crash history and low predicted number of future Fatal and Serious Injury crashes, and other factors at the intersection, the safety benefit-cost ratio indicated that an upgrade was economically unviable.

TMR is intending to submit a project nomination for consideration as part of the Targeted Road Safey Program (TRSP) development in July this year. Due to the lack of crash history at this intersection any proposed treatments would be considered pro-active and therefore unlikely to be considered as high a priority as other reactive nominations.

Regarding your request for a speed limit reduction for the Landsborough Highway between Mitchell Highway and northern side of the Warrego River bridge and causeway, I can confirm that a speed limit review will be added to our program to be undertaken as soon as possible. This review will also form part of the TRSP project nomination.

Kind regards

Jude Osborne
Program Support Coordinator, Program Support
Program Delivery and Operations | Infrastructure Management and Delivery
Department of Transport and Main Roads
30 McDowall Street, Roma Qld 4455

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Corruption in Focus

Newsletter

March 2026 | Edition 5



In this edition: Misuse of confidential information • Corruption in recruitment • Corruption in Focus online forum

Message from the Senior Executive Officer (Corruption)



Welcome to the first edition of the *Corruption in Focus* Newsletter for 2026.

With many Queensland communities experiencing severe weather and flooding, my thoughts are with all of you in these regions.

While you work to support your communities during this time, I also urge you to stay vigilant to the threat of corruption in your organisations. Unfortunately, we've seen that natural disasters can sometimes increase the risk of fraud and corruption occurring, especially when significant funds are allocated to response and recovery.

Since our last edition, in December 2025 five people were charged with criminal offences including fraud and official corruption as a result of Investigation Barzona. This investigation was conducted with the Queensland Office of the Health Ombudsman.

We've also finalised 18 corruption investigations. This work has led to 10 prevention recommendations aimed at building public sector agencies' resistance to corruption. With the restoration of our reporting powers we are in the process of drafting public reports on many of these investigations. Sharing findings from our investigations is an important way of raising awareness about corruption risks and preventing future corruption from occurring.

Our corruption prevention program is another way we share information and resources to help you. Recruiting staff to public sector positions can be particularly prone to corruption and that's why it's one of our corruption priorities and a focus for our prevention program. We'll be sharing insights about corruption in recruitment, plus practical guidance and resources, at our next online forum in May 2026.

At our recent meeting with the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee (PCCC), we discussed changes to our complaints intake and assessment processes, our Corruption Allegations Data Dashboard (CADD) and our ongoing plans to share more corruption data with you. I wish to assure you we are committed to updating the CADD and providing relevant information to you as soon as reasonably practicable. This includes a new series of sector-based insights that will be available on our

website from mid-2026.

As always, if you have any feedback about this newsletter or specific topics of interest you'd like us to cover in future editions or online forums, please let us know, by emailing Corruption.Engagement@ccc.qld.gov.au.

Kind regards,

Craig Capper
Senior Executive Officer (Corruption)
Crime and Corruption Commission

Corruption priorities

Our corruption priorities help focus our activities. They are also an important element of our approach to assessing, investigating and helping to prevent corruption across the public sector.

Misuse of confidential information

Misuse of confidential information remains one of the most common types of corruption allegations received by the CCC.

These types of complaints often involve allegations that employees have accessed sensitive or private information without a valid work reason – including their own records, or those of partners, family or friends.

Read more about the misuse of confidential information

Corruption in recruitment

Recruitment decisions are one of the most important choices that public sector agencies make. Recruiting the right people is not only necessary to deliver essential government services and programs but it is critical to maintaining trust and confidence in the integrity of the public sector.

Recruiting people with the right skills, qualifications, and standards of integrity ensures the efficient use of public funds and safeguards the public sector against corruption.

Read more about corruption in recruitment

Corruption news and events

Register now - Next Corruption in Focus online forum

Date: Wednesday, 13 May 2026 **Time:** 10.30am – 12.00pm

Please join us at the first Corruption in Focus online forum for 2026. These forums are designed to support you, and are open to all Public Officials, Nominated Persons, Liaison Officers, HR practitioners and anyone who works in integrity-related roles. Our May forum will focus on corruption in recruitment and how to prevent it, information about our monitoring process and new tools to support the provision of outcome advice.

If there are any particular topics you'd like covered please get in touch.

Register now for the May forum

Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSACC) 2026

APSACC is Australia's premier corruption prevention conference. Members of the CCC team will also be presenting at this year's APSACC being held in Canberra from 7–9 September 2026. Our speakers will be addressing topics such as complaint management models, corruption perceptions surveys, lobbying and improper influence, and local government corruption risks and opportunities.

You can attend the conference either in person or online, so register now.

Register now for APSACC 2026

Quarterly meeting of the CCC and PCCC

On 17 February 2026 we held our regular meeting with our oversight body, the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee (PCCC).

You can read our public report to the Committee, read the transcript or watch the recording of the meeting.

Complaint numbers

Complaint data for the period 1 July to 31 December 2025

2,735
complaints of suspected corruption received

2,949
complaints of suspected corruption assessed

↓ 4% decrease

↑ 2% increase

See our latest complaint data

Dealing with corruption

Dealing with new referrals of existing complaints

From time to time, you may receive a referral from the CCC about a complaint that your agency has already received. You may be currently assessing or investigating it, or have dealt with it previously and closed the file. This could occur when a complainant does not tell us that they have already raised the matter with another agency or is dissatisfied with the outcome, or where your agency's section 40 directions mean that you were not required to notify us about it.

Read more about dealing with new referrals of existing matters

Suspect corruption?

Need help reporting suspected corrupt conduct? There are a couple of ways agencies can report a complaint to us. You can use the online referral form for agencies, download a referral form and email it to Complaints@ccc.qld.gov.au or use your agency's existing notification process.

Learn more about reporting suspected corrupt conduct

Stay up-to-date

If your agency's public official, nominated person or liaison officer details change, please **let us know**.

Templates are available to help you prepare or update your **section 48A policy**.

Our **contact list** will direct you to the right team in the Corruption Division.

Reach out to us for help identifying or reporting corruption, guidance on corruption prevention or to organise a speaker from the CCC.

Subscribe to receive the Corruption in Focus newsletter or view **past editions**.

OFFICE OF THE Information Commissioner QUEENSLAND

Message from the Information Commissioner & Privacy Commissioner: Privacy Awareness Week 2026

Dear Local Council Chief Executive,

Celebrate Privacy Awareness Week 2026

Queensland will celebrate Privacy Awareness Week (PAW) from 4–10 May 2026, shining a light on the importance of protecting and respecting personal information, from the perspective of both the community and public sector agencies.

This year's theme, *Smart tech, smarter choices: Protecting your privacy in the age of AI*, focuses on the decisions we make as we use technology and their impact on our privacy, particularly with the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI).

We encourage everyone to be vigilant and proactive in protecting and respecting personal information – whether it is your own or, as a public sector agency, personal information you manage to deliver services.

Use PAW to embed a privacy culture

We encourage all local councils to celebrate PAW, raise awareness and understanding about privacy rights and responsibilities among your staff and the broader community, thereby embedding a privacy culture that benefits Queenslanders and fosters trust in government.

PAW can be celebrated in many ways—holding morning teas, privacy quizzes, communications to staff or community organisations, or information sessions.

To assist you, we have developed several resources and communications. Check our:

1. **PAW webpage** for posters, logos, social media shareables, e-signatures, Teams backgrounds, and privacy tips.

2. **PAW communications content** for emails, intranet messages, and your website.

OIC support of PAW

This year, OIC is adopting a new, digital PAW approach that will be more accessible for those unable to attend in-person events in Brisbane. A series of targeted, recorded presentations will be released on our website, including presentations for public sector agencies, the community, and senior executives.

With each presentation, we will spotlight associated resources.

Request for your questions on the Mandatory Notification of Data Breach (MNDB) scheme

Local councils will be subject to the MNDB scheme from 1 July 2026, when relevant amendments to the *Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)* commence.

To support your readiness for the scheme's commencement, OIC will host a webinar as part of our PAW activities, to address any local council questions or concerns.

This is your opportunity to seek clarity on any aspects of the scheme including compliance requirements, reporting processes, or practical implementation. Your insights and queries are invaluable as they will help us tailor the webinar, and we appreciate your collaboration in this vital initiative to strengthen data privacy across Queensland.

Please submit your questions or concerns via email, by Friday 10 April 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Kumrow	Alexander White
Information Commissioner	**Privacy Commissioner**

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Hi everyone,

Welcome to the March edition of the Get Ready Queensland newsletter.

It's been a busy few weeks across Queensland, with heavy rainfall, flooding and the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Narelle felt in the north. Thank you to councils and community partners for the work you did to share timely preparedness messages and support your communities during this period.

We also took the opportunity to recognise International Women's Day and International Women's Week, celebrating the many women across Queensland who contribute to disaster preparedness, recovery and community resilience.

In this edition, we share updates from across the state, highlight council-led initiatives, and provide practical resources to support your work in the months ahead. It's encouraging to see the continued collaboration and commitment to building stronger, more prepared communities.

We've also welcomed a strong number of new subscribers recently. If you know colleagues or partners who would benefit from these updates, please consider sharing this newsletter.

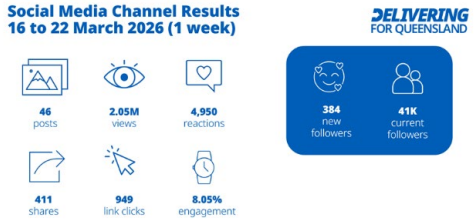
As always, thank you for the role you play in helping Queenslanders prepare. Please take a moment to note key dates in your calendar and read on for the latest news, resources and opportunities.

Warm regards,
Gillian Moody
Manager,

Get Ready Queensland | Strategy & Engagement

Tropical Cyclone Narelle hits the north

In recent weeks, communities in North Queensland braced for and responded to the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Narelle. We acknowledge the efforts of councils, emergency services, and local partners who worked together to support residents and reinforce preparedness messaging during this event.



Get Ready Queensland's social media channels continue to play a critical role in building a disaster-resilient Queensland by delivering accessible, timely, and actionable preparedness information to communities across the state, especially during events. For TC Narelle, the team adopted a strategy that was audience first. Given the area at risk, the GRQ Team ensured the content was easy to load, was targeted to the audience needs and then geotargeted to the areas most at risk. The image below shows our most popular posts, and the statistics of how many people were reached through our social media channels.

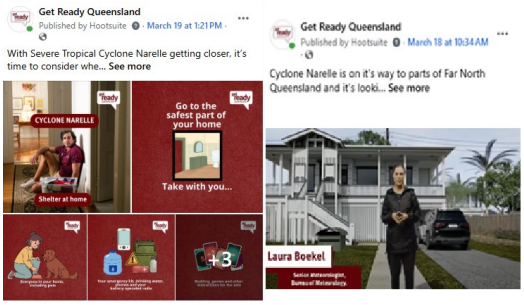


Image caption: (*left*) **Shelter in Place** Facebook post with JT and *(right)* **Cyclone education video** developed by Get Ready in partnership with Bureau of Meteorology and

Nominate now! Resilient Australia Awards 2026



Nominations are now open for the 2026 Resilient Australia Awards in Queensland, and we're calling on organisations across the state to apply.

We're inviting councils, organisations, schools, businesses and community groups across Queensland to step forward and showcase the work strengthening disaster resilience in our communities.

These awards recognise and celebrate initiatives that make a real difference, from council-led programs and grassroots community projects to innovative business solutions and research that drives impact.

Nominations are open across the following categories:

- Local Government
- State Government
- Business
- Community
- Schools
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- People's Choice Photography
- National Research for Impact.

If your council has delivered a disaster resilience project in the past two years that you'd like to showcase, or if you know of a local organisation, school, business or community group doing great work – we encourage you to spread the word and submit a nomination.

This is your opportunity to gain recognition, highlight local leadership, and inspire others across Queensland to build stronger, more prepared communities.

Don't miss the chance to put your work — or your community's work — in the spotlight. Submit a nomination today.

If you have any enquiries, please reach out directly to **Faye Gibson** as the State Convenor for the Resilient Australia Awards 2026 – **Check out last year's Resilient Australia Awards 2025 Winners.**

For more details on how to apply, visit: **https://www.aidr.org.au/programs/resilient-australia-awards/**



100.9 MOB FM interview with GRQ Manager Gillian

Get Ready Queensland Manager Gillian Moody recently joined Tanya Biondi from MOB FM in Mount Isa for a chat on YARN (Your Aboriginal Radio News).

The interview focused on the Get Ready Queensland website and the practical information available to help communities across North West Queensland prepare for severe weather and disasters.

Gillian spoke about the range of resources on the website, including tools to help households make a plan, and information tailored for local conditions.

MOB FM is a vital community voice in the region, and the interview provided a valuable opportunity to connect with local audiences and support preparedness across North West Queensland. Check in soon on the **NIRS Weekly News in Review** page to listen to the interview once it's available.

Get Ready Queensland educational cyclone video

Each cyclone is different, but all are dangerous. **In this video**, Laura Boekel from the Bureau of Meteorology explains how to prepare, what the cyclone categories mean, and what to expect after a cyclone.



You may have seen this Get Ready Queensland video shared while we planned for the arrival of Tropical Cyclone Narelle, where it reached a wide audience across the state.

We received strong feedback from stakeholders and the community. If you haven't already, check out **Get Ready TV** for more video resources.

If It's Flooded, Forget It operational insights day

With a new phase of the *If It's Flooded, Forget It* campaign now in development, the Get Ready Queensland team recently hosted agency partners for an operational insights workshop.

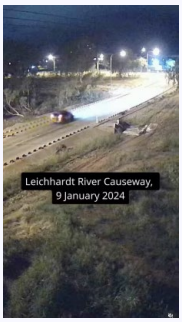
The session brought together road safety, transport, emergency services, disaster management, and behavioural experts to share data, on-the-ground experience and lessons from recent flood events. It was a valuable opportunity to step back and look at what we know about flood-related road incidents, how conditions are changing across the state, and to look at any opportunities to strengthen our approach.



Discussions covered common crash scenarios, regional differences, and the practical realities faced during fast-moving weather events. There were also useful conversations around improvements in flood gauge data, traffic systems and trip planning tools, and how these could better support decision-making during severe weather.

The conversations gave us plenty to think about as planning continues, and it was encouraging to see such strong engagement across agencies as we move into the next stage of the campaign.

Flood message goes viral as Queensland braces for severe weather



Over the last few weeks with many LGAs on flood watch, GRQ were busy ensuring Prepare for Flood and If it's flooded, forget it messaging was delivered where it was needed most.

Our team shared a **timelapse video** from 2024 of flood camera footage in Mt Isa, demonstrating how a dry riverbed can become a raging torrent of floodwater in 30 minutes. And it went viral!

With over 1.5 million views in the first 24 hours, it went far and wide, reaching people across Queensland and beyond. With the numbers still climbing it has now been seen over 3.3 million times and shared 2,050 times.

AusAlert: A collaborative effort for a safe Queensland

Queensland is no stranger to natural disasters. From floods and storms to cyclones and bushfires, our state faces these challenges year after year. That's why being disaster-ready remains a top priority for keeping Queenslanders safe and protected. To help us stay ahead of the curve, a new national emergency messaging system, AusAlert, is set to revolutionise how we receive critical warnings during emergencies.

Developed by the Australian Government, AusAlert is Australia's next-generation emergency alert system. Using internationally proven cell broadcast technology, it offers faster, more reliable, and more targeted emergency notifications to help protect lives and property.

What makes AusAlert Different?

AusAlert brings several key advantages to Queensland communities, including:

- Warnings and alerts are sent directly to mobile phones, bypassing network congestion during high-demand periods, such as during cyclones or other emergencies.
- The system ensures only those in affected areas receive alerts, making communication more precise and relevant.
- Unlike some other alert systems, AusAlert does not require users to register. If you have a compatible mobile phone, you'll receive the alerts automatically.

- Even if your phone is on silent or 'do not disturb' mode, AusAlert messages will still come through, ensuring you never miss a critical warning.

Working Together

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is leading the state's implementation of AusAlert, working closely with councils, emergency services, Government Departments and community organisations. This collaborative approach ensures the system is tailored to meet the needs of Queenslanders.

Community-based testing is currently being scheduled and a national test of the system is planned for later this year. Further information will be shared with disaster management practitioners in the lead up to scheduled testing events.

Why AusAlert Matters

As natural disasters and other crises continue to impact Queensland, AusAlert ensures our emergency services technology evolves to meet the challenge. By delivering accurate, timely, and inclusive warnings, this system will help protect lives, property, and communities across the state.

Stay Informed

By visiting the **NEMA website**.

International Women's Day

This year we celebrated International Women's Day and International Women's Week, shining a spotlight on the many women working across the disaster preparedness and resilience space.



The 2026 theme, *Balance the Scales*, reminds us that every woman deserves to be safe, respected and empowered.

To the women reading this who contribute to disaster preparedness and resilience in your communities, thank you. We couldn't do this work without you. 💛

Check out our **social media carousel** to meet some of the many amazing women we get to work with at Get Ready Queensland.

Have a Get Ready event or story you'd like to share? Let us know!

Local governments across Queensland have been reaching out to the Get Ready inbox to access assets, materials and design support for a range of events planned later this year.

If you're hosting a Get Ready event or have a story to share, we'd love to hear from you. Let us know what you have planned. We may be able to attend, support your event or feature it in an upcoming newsletter.

Email us at **getready@gra.qld.gov.au**



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2026 SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY CONFERENCE

Local Leadership ... Lasting Impact

Dear Bruce,

You are cordially invited to the 2026 Small Business Friendly Conference in Central Queensland, proudly hosted by two of our 2025 SBF Award winners, Rockhampton Regional Council and Livingstone Shire Council.

This premier event brings together council leaders, economic development professional and Chambers of Commerce from across Queensland to exchange insights and explore strategies that strengthen local small business communities.

Wednesday 27 May — Welcome Reception



The Welcome Reception offers all delegates the opportunity to connect with speakers and colleagues in a relaxed riverside setting.

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Venue: CocoBrew Riverfront (Cnr Archer Street & Victoria Parade, Rockhampton)

Thursday 28 May — Small Business Friendly Conference

This year's conference will bring together councils from across Queensland to explore practical leadership, collaboration, and community impact. Momentum, focuses on turning ideas into action, leadership into impact, and collaboration into lasting outcomes for local economies.

Time: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
Venue: Frenchville Sports Club (105 Clifton St, Berserker, Rockhampton)
Attendance: In-person only | Invite-only | Complimentary

Keynote Spotlight



Spotting the Signals: Trends Councils Can't Ignore
Katrina Paterson, Senior Local Government Leader and Strategic Advisor

Communities across Queensland are changing rapidly, and councils are expected to respond faster than ever. Katrina will explore the emerging trends shaping local economies, populations and infrastructure—and why recognising these shifts early supports confident, forward-looking decision-making.

Setting the scene for the day, this keynote provides the strategic lens that underpins the practical insights, case studies and partnerships explored throughout the program.

From data-driven economic insights and small business perspectives to placemaking, planning and cross-sector collaboration, the conference program brings together a diverse range of speakers to share practical ideas councils can apply in their own communities.

View the program overview

Additional Information

Each member council's Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, and Economic Development representatives are invited to attend, with invitations also extended to Presidents of local Chambers of Commerce across Queensland.

Can't make it on the day? While virtual participation won't be available in 2026, a recording will be shared with members after the event.

23 March 2025

Dear Mr Scott,

We invite you to attend our Community Leaders Council event on Tuesday, 9 June 2026 from 8:00am to 2:30pm at the Roma Explorers Inn Conference Centre, 44778 Warrego Highway, Roma. The day prior, we also invite you to join us for an informal dinner from 6:30pm at Royal on Ninety-Nine, 99 McDowall St, Roma.

The Maranoa region continues to experience strong growth across the resources and energy sector, and when coupled with the continued strong performance of the agricultural sector, coexistence is a foundation of sustainable regional economic development.

That is why Coexistence Queensland and the Maranoa Regional Council are convening this event to provide a valuable opportunity to bring together state, regional and local leaders representing community, agriculture, resources, energy, and all levels of government in one room. The Community Leaders Council provides a forum for open discussion, shared learning, and practical action to support better coordination, clearer expectations and stronger outcomes in the region.

The theme of the invite-only event is *'Shaping meaningful coexistence outcomes in the Maranoa'* and will feature key insights shared by state and regional leaders, and collaborative sessions aimed at constructive dialogue and actionable outcomes.

Your organisation's participation would greatly enrich the discussion and strengthen outcomes across this complex operating environment.

Please register here to confirm your attendance before Tuesday 19 May 2026.

If you are unable to attend, you may nominate one alternative representative from your organisation to attend in your place. As this is an invite-only event with limited capacity, attendance is limited to one representative per organisation. Please forward this invitation to your nominee and advise us of the change.

Coexistence Queensland staff will be in touch with more details as the event date approaches. Should you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Charlene Broad (Communications and Media Manager) on 0439 638 199 or charlene.broad@cqld.org.au.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 8 June 2026.

Yours sincerely



Cr Wendy Taylor
Mayor
Maranoa Regional Council



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Supporting respectful and balanced relationships between communities and industry

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FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE:

- nbn® progresses plans for Low Earth Orbit satellite services for regional and remote Australia
- More regional communities set to benefit from expanded fibre upgrade programs
- Expanded full fibre upgrade eligibility for Fibre to the Curb customers from 2026
- Connectivity helping uplift wellbeing and productivity across Australia

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Hi Folks,

Welcome to our latest update. As the year progresses so does our work to upgrade regional Australia to support both current and future needs for communities right across Australia. A good example of this is the progress we're making on our Satellite strategy.

In August last year we announced a partnership with Amazon LEO that will see nbn deliver Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite services as an upgrade path for our nbn® Sky Muster® customers, I am pleased to say that our plans are progressing.

In mid-February we commenced consultation with industry (Retail Service Providers, Peak Industry Bodies and Consumer Advocacy Groups) on two fronts: the product and pricing construct, and the future of nbn® Sky Muster® and Sky Muster Plus satellite services. These discussions are an important part of ensuring any future LEO satellite service is well considered, fit-for-purpose, and complementary to our existing network technologies, particularly for regional and remote Australia. I look forward to updating you in due course.

Equally important as introducing a fit for purpose satellite service is how we manage existing customers through the upgrade process. Late last year my team engaged with key stakeholders across regional Australia, industry and government to reflect on the recent 3G Network closure, to understand what worked well and what not so well. Migrating customers off one technology to the next is a complex task and at nbn we are committed to ensuring that where possible it will be an overwhelmingly positive experience shifting to fibre.

You may recall around this time last year, nbn and the Australian Government announced a $3bn program to provide new upgrade paths for around 622,000 premises on the Fibre to the Node network by 2030, more than half of which are in Regional Australia. This build on our existing fibre upgrade program, under which 26% of upgrades have already been in regional areas, bringing world-class connectivity to even more Australians.

If you're a 'townie' living in regional Australia, chances are you can already upgrade to our fastest residential wholesale speeds today.^ Visit nbn.com.au/CheckRegional and check your address to see what is available to you.

Thank you for your continued engagement. We look forward to keeping you informed as work progresses over the coming months.

Cheers, Gav

Gavin Williams
Chief Development Officer,
Regional and Remote, nbn



NBN® LOCAL STORIES IMPACTING RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA



Innovating education with nbn®: Meet our 2025 Champion

When connectivity meets purpose, the impact can be life-changing. Meet Kylie Jones, founder of RAISEducation and our Innovate with nbn® Australia Education 2025 Champion, and see how reliable connectivity is helping unlock better learning outcomes for students across Australia.

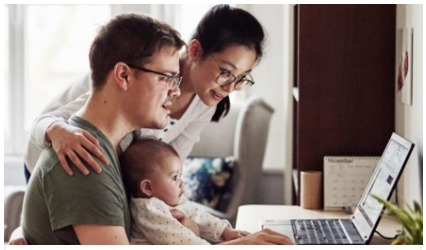
Watch more



Expanding eligibility to full fibre upgrades for FTTC customers

From July 2026, nbn plans to remove the high-speed tier requirement for customers upgrading from Fibre to the Curb (FTTC) to Fibre to the Premises (FTTP), making full fibre access available to around 600,000 more homes.

Find out more >



New insights into the benefits of connectivity

New research shows how access to fast, reliable broadband is supporting improved wellbeing and productivity for people across Australia.

Find out more >

Kind regards,

Grant Higgs
Regional Development and Engagement Manager
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25 March 2026

Dear Robyn,

We are pleased to invite you to join us at the Australian Tourism Exchange 2026 (ATE26) in Adelaide as part of the Western Queensland QRA Flood Recovery Trade Capability Program.

This initiative is designed to support your continued recovery and growth, providing access to valuable trade opportunities, industry engagement and international market exposure.
As part of the program, you will have the opportunity to sit in on meetings within the OQTA – Outback Queensland Collective Booth. These B2B appointments are scheduled across four business days and will be conducted by a member of the OQTA team.
Depending on your level of participation, you may also attend selected networking events, offering further opportunities to build relationships and expand your trade connections.

Participation options for ATE26 (Adelaide, 10–14 May 2026):

ATE26 One (1) Day Pass Fully subsidised (value $550)
- Access to the full ATE26 program on your selected day
- Opportunity to attend allocated meetings within the Outback Queensland Collective Booth on that day
- *Please note*: this option does not include evening networking events (available for separate purchase)

OR

ATE26 Additional Delegate Pass – $700 (total value $1,250, inclusive of a $700 subsidy
- Access to the full ATE26 program, including the Welcome Event and Last Shout
- Opportunity to attend allocated meetings within the Outback Queensland Collective Booth across the four business days
- All meals as specified in the official program

Please note that this program does not cover travel expenses, including flights, transfers or accommodation.

Action required: Please RSVP by 30 April 2026 replying to this email with the following: **YES** or **NO** to confirm your attendance. Places are limited.

If YES - your preferred option:
- Day Pass (included), and your preferred date of attendance, or
- Upgrade to Additional Delegate ($700 at your own cost)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to having you involved in ATE26.

Kind regards,
DD, Kelly and Amanda Kruse

QUEENSLAND TOURISM INDUSTRY COUNCIL 25 YEARS

QTIC advocacy update: Fuel costs and cost pressures

Hi Bruce,

On behalf of you, our members, QTIC has written to the Prime Minister to advocate for immediate, targeted support for tourism businesses as fuel costs add further pressure to an already challenging operating environment.

This advocacy builds on ongoing engagement with industry, Tourism and Events Queensland, national peak bodies and all levels of government, and reflects what we are consistently hearing from operators across Queensland.

What we're hearing from industry

While demand for travel remains strong, businesses are managing a sustained increase in the cost of doing business. Rising fuel prices are now adding an immediate and compounding pressure - particularly for regional and remote operators, and those with high fuel dependency such as marine tourism, transport and touring experiences.

Many businesses have absorbed significant increases across insurance, energy, labour and compliance over recent years. However, there are clear limits to what can be sustained without impacting pricing, operations and visitor demand.

We are also seeing early shifts in traveller behaviour, including shorter booking windows, increased price sensitivity and a preference for shorter, closer-to-home trips.

What QTIC is doing

QTIC is actively advocating for a coordinated national response, with a focus on practical, time-limited measures that support business viability and maintain travel confidence.

In our correspondence to the Prime Minister, we have called for:

- A nationally coordinated domestic tourism activation campaign, delivered with Tourism Australia and the states, to drive demand while maintaining international market presence

- Targeted, time-limited financial support for businesses with high exposure to fuel and energy costs, particularly in regional and remote areas
- Continued coordination to ensure fuel supply confidence across key travel routes, supported by clear and consistent communication
- Establishment of a cross-portfolio Tourism Cost Pressures Taskforce to monitor emerging challenges and enable rapid, coordinated responses

This work aligns with QTIC's broader advocacy focus on reducing the cost of doing business - a priority consistently identified by industry and reflected in our State Budget submission.

Our approach

We are continuing to work closely with national industry bodies, Tourism and Events Queensland, Regional and Local Tourism Organisations, Associations and state and federal governments to ensure:

- Industry concerns are clearly understood and represented
- Policy responses are practical and targeted
- Confidence in travel is maintained, particularly in the lead-up to key periods such as Easter

It is important to reinforce that this is not a demand issue - Australians continue to value travel and experiences. The challenge is affordability for consumers and sustainability for businesses.

At the same time, there is an opportunity to encourage Australians to explore their own backyard, supporting regional economies and small businesses across Queensland.

What this means for you

QTIC's role is to ensure your voice is heard at every level of government and that emerging pressures are translated into clear, actionable policy responses.

We will continue to:

- Advocate for targeted cost relief measures
- Provide updates as discussions progress
- Ensure industry insights inform government decision-making

If you are experiencing specific impacts related to fuel or broader cost pressures, we encourage you to share your feedback with us - it strengthens our advocacy and ensures we are representing the full picture.

Tourism remains one of Queensland's most important economic drivers, supporting businesses and communities across every region. Our focus is on ensuring the industry can continue to operate sustainably through this period of pressure.

Kind regards,

Natassia Wheeler

QTIC Chief Executive Officer



QTIC Corporate Network

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31 March 2026



Self Assessment audit snapshot

The PID 2025 Self Assessment audit snapshot is now available on our webpage.

The snapshot summarises key findings about agencies':

- overall PID readiness and PID Standard compliance
- PID awareness
- PID assessment
- PID management
- PID recordkeeping.

Check out the link to see the audit's highlights, and what we are doing to help agencies build PID management capability.



More PID training options

New online PID module

Earlier this month the Ombudsman launched the PID essentials online training. This is a self-paced entry level PID awareness module, primarily for public sector officers.

It takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and is currently available for free during the pilot period.

Register for free by using the token 'PID'.

Regular virtual training continues

As we power towards the end of the 2025–26 financial year, it is a good opportunity to revisit your team's PID learning goals. Ensure your colleagues are PID aware by having them attend one of our regularly run PID training sessions.

Register today

General Awareness and Assessment training	**Awareness, Assessment and Support Officer training**
Managing Organisational Risk training	Wed 6 May Wed 3 Jun

Wed 29 Apr	Tue 28 Apr
Thu 28 May	Tue 26 May
Tue 23 Jun	

In the courts

Cases that refer to Public Interest Disclosures:

- *Sherlock & Smith v State of Queensland (Queensland Health) & Anor [2026] QIRC 83*
- *XY v State of Queensland (Department of AB) (No. 3) [2026] QIRC 74*
- *XY v State of Queensland (Department of AB) (No 2) [2026] QIRC 73*
- *XY v State of Queensland (Department of AB) [2026] QIRC 72*
- *Phillips v State of Queensland (Department of Transport and Main Roads) & Ors [2026] QIRC 57*



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- *Whistleblower Project Public Forum* | IPAA South Australia
- *KPMG responds to allegations raised in the Senate* | Canberra Sentinel
- *ASIC reveals findings from corporate whistleblower review* | Money Management
- *Whistleblowers are an essential service* | The Saturday Paper

- *Union pushes for change to misconduct reporting in government-owned corporations* | ABC News
- *ASIC's expectations for whistleblower programs: Critical findings from its recent whistleblower survey and next steps for Australian corporates in 2026* | Clayton Utz
- *Media Release: Whistleblower public forum* | Independent Commission Against Corruption SA
- *The hard truth about whistleblowing in Australia* | Big News Network
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- *Breaking the Silence: A Proposal for Whistleblower Protections to Enable Migrant Workers to Address Exploitation* | Migrant Justice Institute
- *Labour to set up new extremism whistleblowing service for university staff | Communities* | The Guardian
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19 March 2026

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Dear Mr Scott,

On 19 – 20 March 2026, the Murweh Shire Council (Council) will host the 2026 Australian of the Year, Katherine Bennell-Pegg in Charleville for two STEM aspiration sessions and community engagement activities in partnership with the TASC Community Legal Centre and Angel Flight, in partnership with the Australian Space Agency and the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP).

In preparations and planning for this event, Mr John Nicholson, Director-Economic Development & Tourism, at the Council requested a financial contribution from the State towards this initiative.

I am please to advise that DSDIP will contribute up to $1,400.00 (excluding GST) to support the exciting program for Charleville and the wider region.

Particulars of contribution.

Item 1: Contribution fee

DSDIP agrees to provide a contribution of up to $1,400.00 (excluding GST) for the following elements associated with Ms Bennell Pegg's program in Charleville:

- up $200.00 for bus hire costs to transport students to and from planned events (three school events are planned, targeting primary schools and the secondary school with a live Distance Education opportunity) and a STEM focused excursion to view Angel Flight aircraft and tour of the Aerospace Museum at Charleville Airport.
- Up to $200.00 overnight accommodation for Ms Bennell-Pegg for the night of 19th March 2026 in Charleville.
- $1,000.00 contribution for cost of photographer/videographer to capture photos and video of the STEM and community engagement and provision of an edited representation of photographs/video footage to the Department.

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Item 2 – Lump sum payment

A valid tax invoice must be forwarded to the Delegate listed in Item 10. Please address the Organisation's tax invoice to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

Milestone	Amount payable (excluding GST)	Amount of GST payable (if applicable under clause 9.1(b))	Total Maximum payable
Copies of invoices for the cost elements and completion and satisfactory fulfilment of terms outlined in Item 1 above.	Up to $1,400.00	Up to $140.00	$1,540.00
TOTAL	Up to $1,400.00	$140.00	$1,540.00

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Ravindra Kumar Deo, Sovereign Industries, in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, by telephone on (07) 3452 7969 or by email at Ravindra.kumar@dsdip.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Denise Johnston
Executive Director
Sovereign Industries

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23 March 2026

To Syb, and the Tasc, Angel Flight, Murweh Council and Qld Govt teams,

A quick email from me – on behalf of the Agency and Katherine – to thank you for your exceptional efforts in coordinating our astronaut visit to Charleville. Katherine had a brilliant time and was really taken by the optimism, innovation, and community spirit on display. She was a huge fan of the Cosmos Centre and the Yacht Club – which she tells me has 'exceptional food'.

The Agency is very familiar with the level of effort required to make even a short visit come to life and I wanted to express our gratitude. I'm confident there are many young people in the region who are now more inspired to pursue their dreams, and hopefully greater understanding in the broader community about the essential nature of space to maintaining and improving their everyday lives.

As promised, attached is a media monitoring report for Katherine from 18-21 March. I've grouped syndicated mentions, so the coverage on Channel 7 and 10 of the visit is streamlined. Unfortunately, our service does not pick up the regional radio stations she did the interviews on.

I look forward to receiving a link to some of the footage for the Agency to use on its own channels and for future b-roll.

Thanks again.

Keegan

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Acknowledgement of Country

Our department recognises the First Peoples of this Nation and their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to the lands, waters, seas, skies, and communities.

We Acknowledge First Nations Peoples as the Traditional Custodians and Lore Keepers of the oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to all First Nations Peoples.

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10/02/2026

Mr Bruce Scott
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Dear Bruce,

RE: CWAATSICH Pathways Program

CWAATSICH is a not for profit, organization and provides Primary Health Care to the community. CWAATSICH continues to strive to expand its programs and services to the community.

Firstly, we would like to thank you and your organisation for showing interest in being a part of our Pilot Program, CWAATSICH Pathways Program, we have developed this Program to support the Charleville State High school and Students.

A big part of the program is to ensure better Attendances levels, Health Care education and building better relationships with local businesses and organisations. The Program will be delivered on a weekly basis, students must have good attendance, complete weekly activities which align with this Program. We would also like to encourage Parents to attend at different stages of the program.

We are grateful for your trust and partnership, and we look forward to continuing to work together to achieve our shared goals. Please feel free to reach out should you have any feedback or suggestions.

Thank you once again for being such an essential part of our journey.

Yours Sincerely,

Brian Robinson

Contact: (07) 4654 3277

25 March 2026

Hi Dear Robyn,

Hope you are well.

After taking a few days to reflect, I truly felt that I needed to write this message to express my deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to you, the Mayor, and everyone involved in making this incredible opportunity possible, and how deeply this experience has impacted me.

I honestly don't think words can fully describe how much this meant to me. Being able to meet our first astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg in person, ask my questions, and have a real conversation with her was something I had only ever imagined before. That moment became real and had a profound impact on me. It didn't just inspire me, it felt like fuel added to my dreams, pushing me forward with even more determination than before.

As someone who is working hard every day toward becoming an aerospace engineer in future, and hopefully one day an astronaut, this experience meant everything to me. It made my goals feel closer, more real, and more possible.

I feel incredibly lucky and grateful that I had the chance to meet Katherine and speak with her. When I look back at those two days, I truly see them as some of the best and most meaningful days of my life. Even now, thinking about them fills my heart with so much happiness and motivation.

I want to sincerely thank all of you for making this event possible, and also for inviting me to be part of it. Your kindness and support have left a lasting impact on me, and I will carry this experience with me as I continue my journey.

Thank you again for the wonderful event last week.

Kind regards,

Maria

P.S. I would also like to apologise for my delayed response to the original invitation. The email unfortunately did not appear in my inbox at the time, and I only became aware of it when Angela from the Charleville Neighbourhood Centre kindly contacted me. I truly appreciate the follow-up and I'm very sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Hi All,

My wife and I have spent the past 2 weeks caravaning in your shire.

We would like to congratulate you, your staff and citizens for making us feel very welcome and providing us with some memorable experiences.

The Great Artesian Spa, Augathella Experience, Bilby Experience, Secret WW2 base and the Cosmos centre were all fantastic with enthusiastic staff.

All the public facilities we used were clean and tidy with special mention to toilets beside Historic House in Charleville.

Thanks for your services and encouraging tourism, we will spread the word of your amazing Shire.

Regards,

Owen & Wendy Ryan
0461474732

Friday, 20 March 2026

Murweh Shire Council

95-101 Alfred Street

Charleville QLD 4470

Dear Bruce, Councillors & Staff,

Thank you for your generous support of the Adrian Vowles Rugby League Cup Carnival in previous years and for your commitment to 2026. With more than 54 teams registered, the carnival's success is due in large part to your valued sponsorship, which benefits our committee, competitors, and attendees.

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to promote and support your organisation in 2026.

Your ongoing contribution not only makes a significant difference in the execution of the carnival but also enriches the broader community by encouraging teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy competition among participants. The event brings together families, friends, and supporters from across the region, fostering connections and community pride.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities that our continued collaboration with Murweh Shire Council will bring. We are committed to acknowledging your efforts through our promotional activities and ensuring that your invaluable role in the success of this event is widely recognised.

Once again, thank you for your dedication and support. We look forward to working closely with you to make the 2027 Adrain Vowles Rugby League Cup Carnival an even greater success.

Kind regards,

Adrian Vowles

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2026

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 the April 2026 Council Meeting.



CR SHAUN RADNEDGE

MAYOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF April 2026

Date	Meeting
March	
18	Briefing SWROC for Canberra Delegation Meeting for Katherine Bennell-Pegg visit Meeting with Charleville Police re: dirt bikes around town Citizenship Ceremony 7 conferees
19	Australian of the year visit with Katherine Bennell-Pegg • Town Tour, dinner with Councillors • Community activity • Cosmos centre activity
20	SWROC leadership meeting Bilby and WWII with Katherine Bennell-Pegg
22	Travel to Canberra SWROC
23	SWROC deputations, Parliament House Canberra • Advisor to Minister for Communications and Sport • Advisor to Minister for Environment and Water • Hon Daniel Mulino MP • Senator Pauline Hanson • Mr Brendan Moon, Dr Jill Charker, Andrew Minack - National Emergency Management Agency • Senator Anthony Chisholm and Senator Corinne Mulland

	• Home Emma Mc Bride MP • Senator Nita Green • Hon Michael McCromack
24	SWROC deputations, Parliament House Canberra • Hon Kristy McBain • Hon David Littleproud • Lena Soboisky, Advisor to Assistant Minister Josh Wilson • Department of Education
25	Travel to Charleville
27	SWROC leadership meeting SW Water strategy meeting with Anne Leahy Meeting with FGP Morten re Day care infrastructure and funding
30	OQTA catch up meeting with CEO QMF meeting re: Outback Sounds Future
31	SWQROC Tourism Meeting Wynnum Fringe – we are heading west meeting
April	
7	WQAC Executive Meeting SWQROC meeting with Senator Allman Payne
9	CEO Briefing MSC Meeting with Jake Ash from David Littleproud office
10	SWQROC leadership weekly meeting Fuel Crisis meeting with Premier Crisafulli Fuel tracker meeting SWQROC
14	SWQROC Tourism Manager Fuel Tracker Meeting Meeting with Suncorp Executives, Insurance pricing and risk for Murweh Meeting SW Fuel Tracker about rolling out in Western Qld
15	OQTA board meeting
16	QRL & Little Wings meeting about future partnership
17	LGAQ Elected Member Update SWQROC Leadership Meeting Murweh LDMG Meeting
21	Murweh April Council Meeting

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) 2026** ⇩
2. **Department of Transport and Main Roads Letter Murweh Shire Council Corridor Policy** ⇩
3. **Department of Transport and Main Roads Attachment 1 Corridor Policy Discussion Paper** ⇩
4. **Transport Minister Letter Cr Radnedge Murweh Shire Council Regulated Air Services** ⇩
5. **Mayor Letter from BQ regarding the Wild Dog Barrier Fence Murweh** ⇩
6. **Mayor Attach 1 Wild Dog Barrier Fence Consultation Guide Councils** ⇩
7. **Minister Leahy Mayor Murweh Shire Council - Local Resilience Action Plan** ⇩
8. **Minister Simpson 2026 Queensland Reconciliation Letter to Cr Shaun Radnedge** ⇩
9. **Queensland Fire Department Survey Mayor Murweh Shire Council** ⇩
10. **National Corrections Day Mayor Murweh Shire Council** ⇩
11. **National Corrections Day Reply Commissioner Stewart** ⇩
12. **UniSC Medical Program proposal overview - Cr Shaun Radnedge - 8 April 2026** ⇩
13. **UniSC Correspondence - Establishing the UniSC Medical Program - 30 March 26** ⇩
14. **QTIC CEO Letter to Prime Minister Re Visitor Economy** ⇩
15. **Supporting Outback Tourism** ⇩
16. **National Fuel Security Campaign** ⇩
17. **Chair OQTA Big Red Bash Cancelled** ⇩
18. **Mayor Mr Ted Davis Katerrine Bellell-Peg** ⇩



REGID: 194

Dear Mayor Radnedge

Your council is invited to participate in the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) 2026, which will bring together representatives from councils across Australia to engage directly with the Australian Government on shared priorities for communities.

ACLG provides an opportunity for local government leaders to meet with Australian Government ministers and participate in discussions on key policy issues affecting the sector.

The 2026 ACLG will take place on Monday 22 June 2026 at the Great Hall, Australian Parliament House, as a dedicated afternoon event. The program will feature a series of panel discussions and presentations focused on priority areas for local government, including housing, emergency management and productivity.

The event will also incorporate the 40th National Awards for Local Government, recognising innovation and excellence across councils nationwide.

To maximise participation, ACLG 2026 will be held alongside the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly, taking place from 23–25 June 2026 in Canberra.

ACLG 2026 TIMINGS

- Access to the Great Hall: 2:30 PM
- Sessions commence: 3:30 PM
- Networking Event: following the forum, concluding at 8:00 PM

ACLG 2026 REGISTRATION LINK

Each council is invited to nominate ONE representative to attend ACLG 2026, registrations will remain open until 5:00 PM AEST on Friday 15 May 2026.

You may wish to forward this invitation and registration link to the appropriate person within your council if required. Murweh Shire Council ACLG Registration Form

We look forward to welcoming a representative from your council to this important national forum.

Kind regards

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12 March 2026

Councillor Shaun Radnedge
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Dear Councillor Radnedge

Homelessness and illegal camping on public land presents significant challenges for both local and state governments in Queensland. These issues are complex and multifaceted, often intersecting with broader social, economic, and legal considerations. While homelessness is a pressing social issue requiring compassionate and coordinated responses, illegal camping—particularly on road corridors and public land—raises concerns around public safety, traffic movements, pollution, environmental degradation, and the equitable use of shared spaces. Additionally, the presence of illegal camping sites can create tensions within local communities, particularly when public spaces are perceived as being inaccessible or unsafe.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is undertaking a body of work to help address the issue of illegal camping on state-controlled roads (SCRs). The actions include:

- A sunset review of the *Transport Infrastructure (State-controlled Roads) Regulation 2017* (TIA Regulation) – including clarifying when camping restrictions apply.
- Inclusion of camping in agreements made under Section 66 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* (TORUM).

Sunset review of TIA Regulation

The ten-year sunset review of the TIA Regulation is currently being undertaken. The TIA Regulation supports the Queensland Government's road safety objectives by regulating:

- the restriction of animals on, traffic type and access to a motorway or SCR
- fatigue management opportunities on or near a SCR
- the management of certain public utility plant in SCRs
- the approval process for ancillary works and encroachments on a SCR

- the chief executive's powers to investigate, survey and prepare land to carry out works on existing and proposed SCRs.

TMR welcomes your feedback on all aspects of the TIA Regulation.

As you may be aware, local governments are a significant stakeholder in the penalty provisions of the TIA Regulation. The *State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014* allows local government authorised persons to issue infringement notices under the TIA Regulation. Consequently, we are particularly interested in your views on the proposed amendments relating to rest areas and camping. We encourage you to share your thoughts on the effectiveness of the TIA Regulation and suggest ways it could be enhanced to better achieve its objectives.

To assist you in providing feedback on the review of the TIA Regulation, a Discussion Paper (**Attachment 1**) and Feedback Template (**Attachment 2**) are attached.

Inclusion of camping in agreements made under Section 66 of TORUM

Over the years, TMR has been asked by local government to include camping in the agreements that allow local governments to apply their local laws to SCRs. These agreements, commonly referred to as Section 66 Agreements, are made under Section 66 of TORUM. The matters which local laws can be made on are listed in Section 66(3) of TORUM. Some examples include roadside vending, footpath dining, certain roadside advertising devices and the depositing of goods on or over a road.

To allow local governments to regulate illegal camping on SCRs, TMR is amending Section 66 of TORUM to include camping. This change will enable councils to adopt a more consistent and comprehensive approach to managing illegal camping within their jurisdictions, should they choose to do so. It is important to note that any arrangements must continue to support fatigue management for road users. Allowing limited camping on SCRs is a key component of this, as it can contribute to road safety and network efficiency.

Please note Section 66 Agreements can apply to all SCRs within a local government area, or to specific SCRs nominated in the agreement. This flexibility will allow councils to address local priorities effectively and ensure a coordinated response to illegal camping.

TMR is currently conducting a separate review of the remainder of Section 66 of TORUM. You will have the opportunity to provide input as part of that review in the near future. The review aims to examine and enhance:

- the process for establishing Section 66 Agreements
- other matters relevant to Section 66 Agreements
- the administration of Section 66 Agreements.

Providing comment on the TIA Regulation and Section 66 Agreements

Your comments on the proposed amendments would be greatly appreciated. Comments should be addressed to corridorpolicy@tmr.qld.gov.au by 8 April 2026.

TMR remains committed to working closely with local governments to address these shared challenges. If you have any questions or require further information about the proposed amendments, please send them to corridorpolicy@tmr.qld.gov.au.

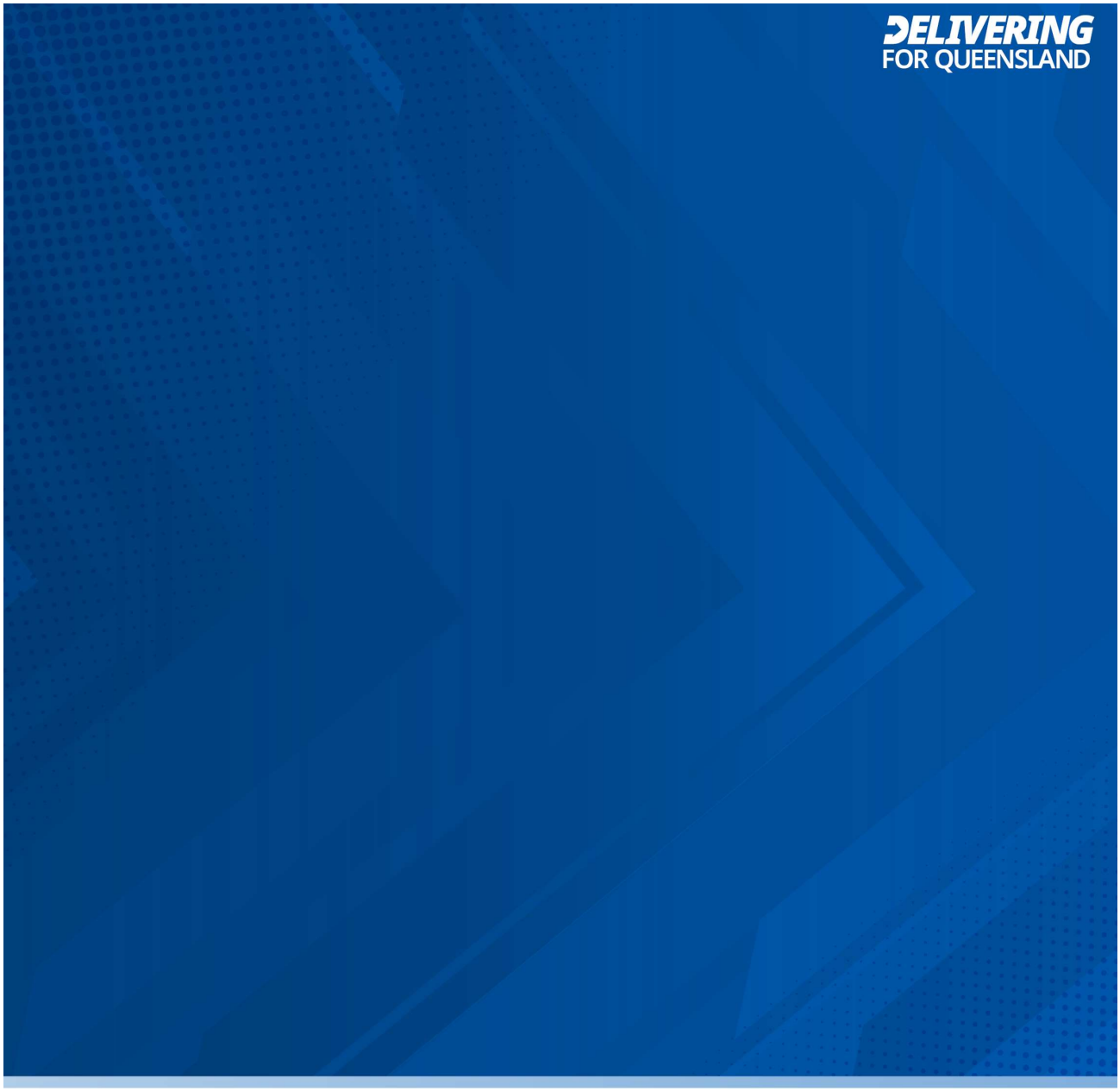
Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring the safety, accessibility, and sustainability of public spaces across Queensland.

Yours sincerely

Myles Fairbairn

Executive Director, Statewide Transport Planning Management
Department of Transport and Main Roads

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Legislative Discussion Paper

Sunset review and remake of the *Transport Infrastructure (State-controlled Roads) Regulation 2017*

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this discussion paper is to seek input from relevant stakeholders for the sunset review of the *Transport Infrastructure (State-controlled Roads) Regulation 2017* (the Regulation).

2. Background

2.1 Sunset review

In accordance with section 54(1) of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992,* subordinate legislation automatically expires every 10 years unless action is taken to preserve it. The Regulation is set to expire on 1 September 2027 unless remade following a sunset review. A sunset review evaluates the continuing need, effectiveness and efficiency of a regulation. The objective of the sunset review is to determine if the regulation:

- supports the objectives of the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* (Transport Infrastructure Act)
- provisions remain current, clear and relevant and
- addresses emerging challenges in road management.

2.2 History of the Regulation

The Regulation plays a critical role in supporting the objectives of the Transport Infrastructure Act. One of the primary objectives of the Transport Infrastructure Act is to establish a road regime that enables the effective planning and efficient management of roads of national and state significance while ensuring the department can maintain adequate levels of safety and community access to the road network.

The Regulation supports the operation of the Transport Infrastructure Act by regulating key matters, including:

- the restriction of animals on, traffic type and access to a motorway or state-controlled road (SCR)
- fatigue management opportunities on or near a SCR
- the management of certain public utility plant in a SCR

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- the approval process for ancillary works and encroachments (AWEs) on a SCR
- the chief executive's power to investigate, survey and prepare land to carry out works on existing or proposed SCRs.

The Transport Infrastructure Act commenced on 15 April 1994, replacing the *Transport Infrastructure (Roads) Act 1991* (Roads Act) as part of major road reforms of the construction and maintenance of roads, and the management of the road network. These reforms shifted the focus from a supply-driven approach to a more strategic delivery of the roads program.

To support the new legislative framework, the 1994 Regulation was introduced, replacing the *Transport Infrastructure (Roads) Regulation 1991* (Roads Regulation). The 1994 Regulation reflected the powers contained in the Roads Act and the Roads Regulation with modifications to align with the new strategic approach.

The 1994 Regulation enabled the exercise of powers to:

- increase road safety, operational effectiveness and maintain traffic flow
- reduce damage to SCRs, including temporary deviations under construction by the prevention of traffic
- allow the chief executive to undertake surveys and investigations for road works
- limit camping on SCRs to prevent longer-term stays
- specify mechanisms for approving construction of AWEs within the boundaries of a SCR
- provide a mechanism to advise the public of the setting or variation of tolls and the liability to pay.

And amended the powers to:

- reduce illegal roadside advertising by prosecuting individuals whose product or services is advertised in SCRs.
- improve road safety, operational effectiveness and maintain traffic flow by enabling the removal of immobilised vehicles from the South East Arterial Freeway.

Since its 1994 introduction, several amendments have been made, including:

Date	Description
April 1995	Removal of provisions relating to presumptions about advertising signs or devices.

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October 2001	Introduction of provisions for the declaration of AWEs, including a new schedule listing activities classified as AWEs. Additionally, Part 4 was replaced to address toll roads, including schedules specifying toll roads and vehicle types liable for tolls. These toll-related provisions were later removed in January 2006.
September 2002	Insertion of Part 4A, addressing public utility plant in state-controlled roads.
November 2003	Amendment to camping provisions, introducing a calculation for overstaying and a maximum penalty unit.
January 2006	Introduction of provisions for the approval process for AWEs.

The 1994 Regulation underwent a comprehensive review in 2006 resulting in updates to improve its clarity and functionality. Further amendments were made including:

Date	Description
2006	Provisions in Part 2 regulating traffic on roads were split into individual sections and notices were introduced as a means of informing persons.
September 2012	Introduction of a requirement for applicants to provide additional information for AWE applications and to construct AWEs according to approved plans. Consequential amendments were made to reflect changes in other legislation, such as the renaming of the Act governing exceptions for taking animals onto SCRs.

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The 2006 Regulation was reviewed and modernised in 2017 following an extension of its expiry by one year**.** Key amendments included:

- Updates to Schedule 1 of the *State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014* (SPER), introducing infringement notice offences and fines for sections 8, 9, 10, 15, and 16.
- Insertion of a definition for "remotely piloted aircraft" into Schedules 1 and 2.
- Introduction to allow the chief executive to require specific documents for AWE applications, with non-compliance resulting in potential refusal of the application.

Further amendments were made including:

Date	Description
December 2019	Refinement of a provision relating to the chief executive's ability to request information from AWE applicants and renumbering of section 50 as part of a redraft of the AWE definition.
September 2020	Amendments were made to Part 3 to clarify rest area use, particularly heavy vehicle rest area use. These changes also addressed when areas outside a designated rest area may be used for fatigue management purposes.

No further amendments have been made to the Regulation. The current sunset review provides an opportunity to assess the Regulation's effectiveness, efficiency and relevance to ensure it continues to meet the needs of Queensland's road network and its users.

2.3 Operation of the Regulation

The Regulation contains a number of offence provisions that are crucial for regulating activities on and near a SCR. These provisions help protect road infrastructure and ensure adherence to road safety and operational standards.

The Regulation is structured into several parts, each addressing specific aspects of road management and use:

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Part 2 – Regulating traffic on roads

This part regulates the movement of traffic and animals on motorways and SCRs to ensure safety and minimise disruption. It includes provisions for managing unauthorised activities that may interfere with traffic flow or safety.

Part 3 – Fatigue management – designated rest areas and camping

This part sets out restrictions on camping on or near a SCR and rest area use to manage fatigue, prevent long-term stays and ensure the safety of road users. It includes provisions for managing overstaying and penalties for non-compliance.

Part 4 – Public utility plant in SCRs

This part regulates the installation, maintenance and management of public utility plant which aren't otherwise authorised under another act to be in SCRs, and to minimise disruption to road infrastructure and traffic.

Part 5 – AWE

This part provides a framework for the approval for construction of third-party AWE structures within the boundaries of SCRs. This part outlines the requirements and timeframes for when supporting material such as plans or further information about an application is required from the applicant.

Part 6 – Chief executive's powers for carrying out road works

This part grants the chief executive authority to investigate, survey and prepare land to carry out works on existing or proposed SCRs.

Offence provisions

The Regulation includes offence provisions to ensure compliance with its requirements. These provisions address activities that may compromise road safety, disrupt traffic or damage road infrastructure. Examples of this include:

- camping in a SCR or in a rest area beyond the permitted time
- failing to comply with conditions for the approval of AWEs
- interfering with traffic flow or safety on a motorway or SCR.

The Regulation prescribes penalties for offences to discourage non-compliance and encourage responsible use of the road network.

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Infringement notice offences and fines

The Regulation prescribes infringement notice offences and fines under Schedule 1 of the SPER. These offences offer an efficient means of addressing non-compliance without the need for court proceedings.

Section	Description	Infringement notice offence penalty units	Infringement notice fine penalty units
8	Compliance with prohibitions Provides that a person must comply with a notice of prohibition given under sections 4 to 7 unless the person has written permission from the chief executive to engage in the prohibited conduct.	20 (s.8(1))	2
9	No animals on motorway other than in non-prohibited vehicles Provides that a person must not take an animal onto, allow an animal to be taken onto, or have control of an animal on a motorway, unless the animal is in or on a vehicle that is not prohibited on the motorway.	20 (s.9(1))	2
10	Heavy vehicle rest areas Allows the chief executive to designate, regulate and permit use of an area on or near a SCR as a heavy vehicle rest area	20 (s.10(2) & 10(3))	2

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10A	General vehicle rest areas Allows the chief executive to erect a sign to designate, regulate and permit use of an area on or near a SCR as a general vehicle rest area. If not stated, a person may stay at the rest area for a period of no longer than 20 hours within a 24-hour period from when person first enters rest area.	20 (s.10A(3))	2
10B	Prohibited conduct-designated rest area Lists prohibited conduct in rest areas.	20	2
10C	Chief executive may direct road user to leave designated rest area Allows chief executive to direct a road user to leave a designated rest area if the road user is committing an offence in a designated rest area or when there is an emergency situation on or near a designated rest area.	20 (s.10C(4))	2
10D	Camping generally prohibited Lists prohibited camping on a SCR and exemptions.	20 (s.10D(1))	2
10F	Prohibited conduct – camp site Lists prohibited conduct in a camp site.	20 (s.10F(1))	2
10G	Chief executive may direct a person to leave camp site	20	2

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	Allows chief executive to direct a road user to leave a camp site if the road user is committing an offence in a camp site or when there is an emergency situation on or near a camp site.	(s.10G(4))	
15	Construction to be according to approved plans and specifications and approval conditions	20	2
	Provides that a person must construct AWEs as approved under section 50(2)(a) of the Act in accordance with specifications approved and conditions fixed by the chief executive under section 50(6) of the Act.	(s.15(2))	
16	Chief executive's powers for carrying out road works	20	2
	Provides the chief executive with certain powers in relation to investigating, surveying and preparing land to carry out works on an existing or proposed SCR.	(s.16(2))	

The fines[1] for these offences are proportionate to the severity of the breach and aim to encourage compliance while maintaining fairness.

Authorised officers

Enforcement is carried out by:

- authorised officers appointed under section 20 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*
- an employee for the Brisbane City Council appointed as an authorised person under the *City of Brisbane Act 2010,* section 199 or
- an employee for a local government appointed as an authorised person under the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 202.

[1] The penalty unit value In Queensland for the financial year 2025/2026 is $166.90 (Sentencing fines and penalties for offences | Your rights, crime and the law | Queensland Government).

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For the Regulation, these include:

- a police officer
- a public service employee
- employees of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
- where there is an agreement with the department, a local government employee appointed as an authorised person under the respective local government act.

Authorised officers play a key role in enforcing the Regulation and ensuring compliance. Their responsibilities include:

- monitoring activities in SCRs to identify potential breaches of the Regulation
- issuing directions to persons to address non-compliance
- investigating incidents or complaints related to road use and camping in SCRs
- issuing infringement notices for offences under the Regulation.

Authorised officers are empowered to act in the interest of public safety and the protection of road infrastructure.

3. Key issues for discussion

3.1 Part 3 – Fatigue management – designated rest areas and camping

Part 3 of the Regulation focuses on the importance of travellers managing their fatigue as part of their journey on a state-controlled road. Fatigue is estimated to contribute to around 20–30 per cent of all road fatalities. The department encourages the appropriate use of designated rest areas for fatigue management purposes to improve road safety and foster safer travel across Queensland. Illegal camping is discouraged as it compromises the safety of the road environment.

Section 10 – Heavy vehicle rest areas

This provision allows the chief executive to designate, regulate and permit use of an area on or near a SCR as a heavy vehicle rest area. The types of vehicles that are currently permitted to use a designated heavy vehicle rest area include a commercial truck, a fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle or an escort or pilot vehicle accompanying a commercial truck. A ***fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle*** is defined under section 7 of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland).* The inclusion of these types of heavy vehicles ensures that only vehicles of this type are authorised to use a designated heavy vehicle rest area.

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It is important to clarify that **no** recreational vehicles, including reconfigured vehicles which were previously heavy vehicles, are classified as heavy vehicles who are able to utilise heavy vehicle rest areas.

Recommendation 1: **Explore the option to clarify types of vehicles authorised to use heavy vehicle rest areas.**	
Question 1.1:	Do you support amending the definition of ***heavy vehicle*** to explicitly exclude recreational vehicles? This amendment aims to ensure that heavy vehicle rest areas are used exclusively by vehicles classified as heavy vehicles under the Regulation, regardless of their configuration or weight. If not, please provide reasons behind your decision and any other alternative options available to address this issue.
Question 1.2:	Are these offence provisions clear and appropriate for ensuring compliance?
Question 1.3:	Are the infringement notice offences and fines proportionate and effective in promoting compliance?
Question 1.4:	What other operational or policy issues exist with the current wording of the section 10? How can this be addressed by the sunset review?

Reasonable excuse

Several sections of Part 3 of the Regulation allow the defence of 'reasonable excuse' to justify actions involving the unlawful use of a designated rest area or camping outside a designated rest area. These sections are sections 10(3), 10C(4), 10D(2)(b)(iii) and 10G(4).

The current sections do not provide examples of what constitutes a reasonable excuse for unlawful activities involving the use of a designated rest area or camping on a SCR outside a designated rest area. Including such examples would help road users better understand the limited circumstances in which the defence of reasonable excuse may apply. This would improve consistency in interpretation,

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enforcement and understanding by clarifying that the use of a designated rest area by authorised vehicles and persons or camping in SCRs is only permissible in emergency situations such as a mechanical breakdown or severe weather event.

Recommendation 2: **Explore the option to amend section 10D(2)(b)(iii) to include examples of reasonable excuse for camping on the SCR.**	
Question 2.1:	Do you support the proposed amendment to section 10D(2)(b)(iii) to clarify the meaning of reasonable excuse and limit its interpretation? If so, do you support including examples of reasonable excuses for unlawful activities involving the use of a designated rest area or camping on the SCR outside a designated rest area? If not, please provide reasons behind your decision and any other alternative options available to address this issue.
Question 2.2:	Are the infringement notice offences and fines proportionate and effective in promoting compliance for illegal camping on SCRs?

3.2 Part 5 – Ancillary works and encroachments

Section 14 – Chief executive may require information about application

This provision allows the chief executive to require an application under section 50(2)(a) of the Transport Infrastructure Act to be accompanied by certain documents or information such as plans when deciding the application. If these requirements are not met, the chief executive can refuse the application.

Currently, the wording of this provision is ambiguous. Based on a review of this provision by Corridor Policy and Legislation Reform teams in Transport Strategy and Planning, the Department of Transport and Main Roads, it is recommended to amend the wording to clarify that the *applicant* has at least 28 days to provide any further information to the chief executive, as requested by the chief executive in the notice.

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Recommendation 3: **Explore the option to clarify section 14 which requires an applicant to give the chief executive further information within at least 28 days after the applicant receives the notice from the chief executive.**	
Question 3.1:	Do you support the proposed amendment to section 14 to remove the ambiguous wording? The amendment will clarify *who* must provide further information as stated in the notice within 28 days of receiving said notice. If not, please provide reasons behind your decision and any other alternative options available to address this issue.
Question 3.2:	What other operational or policy issues exist with the current wording of section 14? How can this be addressed by the sunset review?

3.1 Schedule 1 – Dictionary

Schedule 1 of the Regulation lists the terms used in the Regulation. Currently, the term ***camp*** is defined in Schedule 1 as having the same meaning given under the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006.*

Recommendation 4: **Explore the option to insert a self-contained definition of *camp* to better align with the objectives of Part 3, Division 2 Camping which focuses on a driver's fatigue management.**	
Question 4.1:	Do you support the amendment to the definition of ***camp*** to clarify camping outside a designated rest area but within a safe area of a SCR is primarily for managing driver fatigue and is for activities related to fatigue management. Does this help implement measures used in the Regulation to combat fatigue-related incidents? If not, please provide reasons behind your decision and any other alternative options available to address this issue.

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Question 4.2:	What other operational or policy issues exist with the current definition of ***camp***? How can this be addressed by the sunset review?
Recommendation 5: **Explore the option to further clarify what a *recreational vehicle* is by amending the definition.**	
Question 5.1:	Do you support the proposed amendment to the definition of ***recreational vehicle*** to ensure heavy vehicle rest areas are to be used exclusively by those vehicles classified as ***heavy vehicles*** regardless of their configuration or weight? By incorporating the definition of ***motorhome*** from section 7(4) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland), the proposed amendment will support the proposed amendment to ***heavy vehicle*** by reinforcing the exclusion of recreational vehicles from accessing heavy vehicle rest areas. If not, please provide reasons behind your decision and any other alternative options available to address this issue.
Question 5.2:	What other operational or policy issues exist with the current definition of ***recreational vehicle***? How can this be addressed by the sunset review?

3.2 Other provisions not identified

Appendix A outlines the provisions not specifically addressed in this discussion paper. Are there any concerns, challenges or issues with these provisions? If so, could you please provide the following details to help us better understand and address your concerns:

- What specific provision(s) are you concerned about?
- What is the nature of the issue or challenge you have identified?
- How does this issue impact you and/or relevant stakeholders?
- Do you have any proposed solutions to address this issue?
- If so, what is the desired outcome or improvement?
- Are there any additional risks we should be aware of regarding this provision?

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Your feedback at this time is important in ensuring the provisions of the Regulation are thoroughly reviewed and appropriately addressed. Please provide as much detail as possible to assist us in improving these provisions.

4 Review of offence provisions and prescribed infringement notice offences

A review of the offence provisions will be undertaken as part of the sunset review. An amendment to the SPER will be required to replace references to the 2017 version of the Regulation and replace the infringement notice fines (penalty units) in Schedule 1 of the SPER.

Penalty infringement notices (PINs) serve as an alternative to court prosecution for certain offences. The PIN system allows alleged offenders to resolve matters by paying a fixed fine rather than undergoing court proceedings. Individuals may pay the penalty upfront and avoid court, contest the allegation or plead guilty in court to receive a court decision. Giving offenders a less punitive way of addressing minor offences benefits both the individual and government by offering a cost-effective method of enforcement and administrative efficiency.

PIN offences and penalty amounts are prescribed in the SPER which also designates the administering authority for the PIN offences and the authorised officers to issue a PIN.

Each PIN will be reviewed on its merits to ensure that it remains suitable as a PIN offence as a fair and proportional response.

5 Consequential amendments

An amendment to Schedule 1 of the SPER is required to replace the reference to the 2017 version of the Regulation when the Regulation is remade.

6 Request for feedback

This discussion paper is intended to facilitate discussion and explore opportunities for the sunset review of the Regulation.

Please provide your feedback on the recommendations and questions raised in this paper and submit your comments via email to CorridorPolicy@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Appendix A – *Transport Infrastructure (State-controlled Roads) Regulation 2017*

#	Title	Description
Part 1	**Preliminary**	
1	Short title	
2	Commencement	Date of commencement of the Regulation.
3	Definitions	Schedule 1 contains the definitions.
Part 2	**Regulating traffic on roads**	
4	Prohibition on access to motorway	Allows the chief executive to give notice to prohibit access by all traffic to a motorway from a road.
5	Prohibition on access to State-controlled road	Allows the chief executive to give notice to prohibit access by all traffic to a SCR or future SCR under specific circumstances.
6	Prohibition on types of traffic on motorway	Allows the chief executive to give notice to prohibit specific types of traffic on a motorway.
7	Prohibition on animals on State-controlled road other than motorway	Allows the chief executive to give notice to prohibit a person to take an animal onto or have control of an animal on a SCR (other than a motorway), unless in specified circumstances.

#	Title	Description
8	Compliance with prohibitions	Provides that a person must comply with a notice of prohibition given under clauses 4, 5, 6 or 7 unless the person has written permission from the chief executive to engage in the prohibited conduct. Includes a penalty for non-compliance to ensure adherence to the requirements.
9	No animals on motorway other than in non-prohibited vehicles	Provides that a person must not take an animal onto, allow an animal to be taken onto, or have control of an animal on a motorway, unless the animal is in or on a vehicle that is not prohibited on the motorway. Includes a penalty for non-compliance to ensure adherence to the requirements.
Part 3	Fatigue management – designated rest area and camping	
Div 1	Designated rest areas	
10	Heavy vehicle rest areas	Allows the chief executive to designate, regulate and permit use of an area on, or near a SCR as a heavy vehicle rest area. Includes penalties for use of the area other than for what is permitted.
10A	General vehicle rest areas	Allows the chief executive to erect a sign to designate, regulate and permit use of an area on, or near a SCR as a general vehicle rest area. If no period is stated then a person may stay at the rest area for no longer than 20 hours within a 24-hour period, which starts when the person first enters the rest area.

#	Title	Description
		Includes a penalty for non-compliance of the conditions of use.
10B	Prohbitieed conduct – designated rest areas	Lists prohibited conduct for designated rest areas and includes a penalty for the prohibited conduct.
10C	Chief executive may direct road user to leave designated rest area	Allows the chief executive to direct a road user to leave a designated rest area if the road user is committing an offence against Division 1 or an emergency situation exists on, or near a designated rest area. E.g. emergency situation – a bushfire, unsafe or unsanitary conditions and so on. Includes a penalty for non-compliance to ensure adherence to the direction.
Div 2	Camping	
10D	Camping generally prohibited	Creates a penalty for a person camping on a state-controlled road. Provides an exemption to the penalty that the section does not apply if a person complies with section 10E.
10E	Permitted camping	Allows a person to camp on a SCR other than a motorway or toll road) in the following circumstances: • there is no sign prohibiting parking and • the person camps to alleviate fatigue and the person camps between the hours of 4pm and 8am and

#	Title	Description
		• the persons camp site is located outside a built-up area and • camping is not prohibited under another Act.
10F	Prohibited conduct – camp site	Includes a penalty for the prohibited conduct of a person who camps on a SCR.
10G	Chief executive may direct person to leave camp site	Allows the chief executive to direct a road user to leave an area used for camping if the person is committing an offence against Division 2 or an emergency situation exists on, or near a designated rest area. E.g. emergency situation – a bushfire, unsafe or unsanitary conditions and so on. Includes a penalty for non-compliance to ensure adherence to the direction.
Part 4	Public utility plant in SCR	
11	Chief executive's requirements – Act, s 79	Prescribes a list of requirements the chief executive may make regarding a public utility plant located in a SCR.
Part 5	Ancillary works and encroachments	
14	Chief executive may require information about application	Allows the chief executive to require an application made under s 50(2)(a) of the Act to be accompanied by certain documents or information when deciding the application. If these requirements are not met, the chief executive can refuse the application.
15	Construction to be according to approved	Provides that a person must construct AWEs as approved under section 50(2)(a) of the Act in accordance with the specifications

#	Title	Description
	plans and specifications and approval	approved and conditions fixed by the chief executive under s 50(6) of the Act. Includes a penalty for non-compliance to ensure adherence with the requirements.
Part 6	Chief executive's powers for carrying out road works	
16	Chief executive's powers for carrying out road works	Provides the chief executive with certain powers to investigate, survey and prepare land to carry out road works on a SCR or proposed SCR. Includes a penalty for obstruction or othersie interfere with survey equipment.
Part 7	Transitional provision for Transport Infrastructure and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2019	
17	Existing applications for approval for ancillary works and encroachments	Provides that for applications for the chief executive's approval under s 50 of the Act prior to the commencement of the amendment regulation, s 14 of this regulation continues to apply as if the amendment regulation had not been made.
Schedule 1	Dictionary	Defines terms used in the Regulation.

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Dear Mayor

I am writing to extend my sincere appreciation for your participation in my Department's engagement process on Queensland's regulated air services.

Since November 2025, my Department has worked closely with local councils, regional communities, advocacy groups and supporting aviation industries and government agencies to gather valuable insights into the current performance and future requirements of the aviation sector across Queensland. This engagement period concluded on 27 March 2026.

The time, effort and thoughtful feedback provided throughout this process has been invaluable. The extensive input received throughout the process, will play a critical role in informing decision making and planning, while helping ensure the future procurement of air services meets the needs of regional communities and stakeholders, and also delivering value for money for the state.

My Department has commenced a review of all community and stakeholder feedback received to date. This feedback will help inform improvements to the next generation of aviation service contracts. Following consideration of the available options, my Department will re-engage with local councils through the Regional Organisation of Councils board meetings to discuss how the matters raised will be addressed.

Should you have any questions about the regulated air services, please contact my Department by email at RegionalAirServicesEngagement@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Thank you once again for your continued support and collaboration.

Yours sincerely

BRENT MICKELBERG MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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31 March 2026

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Dear Councillor Radnedge

The Department of Primary Industries has engaged KPMG to conduct a review of the current funding and capitalisation models for the Wild Dog Barrier Fencing (WDBF). The consultation guide, provided at Attachment 1, details the background and phases of the project being undertaken by KPMG.

I am contacting you as one of the local government contributors to the Land Protection Fund WDBF component, to advise that KPMG will be engaging with you shortly as part of their current state assessment consultation. There are some questions provided in the attached consultation guide for your consideration. KPMG will also be guided by council on key areas you would like to discuss.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Laura Crossing, Project Manager, KPMG on +61 2 6267 5162 or at lcrossing@kpmg.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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Wild Dog Barrier Fence consultation guide

Background

The Department of Primary Industries is conducting review of the current funding and capitalisation models for the Wild Dog Barrier Fencing (WDBF). The purpose of this review is to develop a future-focused, transparent and equitable cost sharing model and capital working model for the WDBF. Options and recommendations identified throughout the review, will be focused on future requirements of landholders, and address ongoing annual operational budget shortfalls. This project will incorporate analysis and outcomes of previous reviews commissioned by the Department but will not seek to re-prosecute these findings.

KPMG has been engaged to conduct a funding and capitalisation model review of the WDBF. The key focus and outcomes of the review include:

1. Analysis and review of the existing methodology for calculating the WDBF component of the LPF apportioned to local governments.
2. Developing options for a new cost-sharing model that is transparent, equitable and provides a sustainable funding approach.
3. Test and recommend of a preferred methodology for the apportionment calculation for the WDBF component of the LPF between local governments. The preferred model will be developed to ensure the Department can maintain ongoing currency and application of the preferred method.

The project will be delivered across four phases, including current state assessment, future state needs, capitalisation model development and analysis, and reporting. The project commenced in March 2026 and is expected to be completed by the end of April 2026 assuming timeframes for consultation and data analysis are met.

To inform the current state assessment consultations with key stakeholders including the nine Local Government contributors to the Land Protection Fund WDBF component, Oversight Group and WDBF Panel. KPMG commences facilitating consultations with the Department of Primary Industries' key operational personnel from the week commencing 16th March 2026. Stakeholder consultations with the nine Local Government contributors to the Land Protection Fund WDBF component are sought to be facilitated as soon as possible.

Key KPMG contacts

The following tables provides you with the key KPMG contacts who will be available throughout the project.

KPMG personnel	Role	Contact details
 **David Talbot**	**Project Partner -** David will provide leadership for the engagement and will be responsible for leading facilitation and quality review of all outputs from the review.	dtalbot@kpmg.com.au +61 417 451 076
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Focus questions

The following questions provide an overview of the key areas we would like to discuss with the nine Local Government contributors to the Land Protection Fund WDBF component. The following are key questions to commence the discussions, and we will be guided during the consultations on key areas you would like to discuss or provide a point of view.

1. How does your local government shire engage with the Land Protection Fund (LPF)? How does your council contribute, what role do you take, and how involved are you in LPF-related activities? Including the local impacts, it has within the shire, and any insights or feedback you have received from farmers regarding the LPF or WDBF activities?
2. Could you please provide the Council's perspective on the effectiveness of the LFP and current calculation approach for determining contributions?
3. Do you have a view on the ongoing financial sustainability of the WDBF program, and key factors influencing the cost base?
4. What is your perspective on the impacts for landholders, as well as the future requirements that may arise, due to increasing levels of private investment in fencing?

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Dear Mayor

Supporting the Development of Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs)

I am writing to express my strong support for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's (QRA) previous correspondence advocating for the development and completion of Murweh Shire Council new Local Resilience Action Plan (LRAP).

I'd like to firstly acknowledge your Council's continued leadership in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. However, as our State continues to face increasingly complex and frequent disasters, mitigation and preparedness are even more critical to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents, as well as the sustainability of local economies.

LRAPs enable councils to identify local risks, prioritise resilience-building initiatives, and access funding opportunities to implement these measures. Importantly, council's LRAP provides visibility to the QRA of your local priorities, helping them to develop targeted funding programs, and ensuring strong alignment with state and national risk and resilience programs.

I understand QRA has developed a comprehensive framework to support councils in preparing their new LRAPs and accurately determining the breadth of projects and scope of funding required. I encourage you to work closely with the QRA team to ensure your plan is tailored to the unique needs of your community. Completion and adoption of your updated LRAP by July 2026 will ensure your council's projects are considered in upcoming resilience funding such as the 2026-27 Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program.

I greatly appreciate the significant role local governments play in disaster preparedness and recovery, and I commend your ongoing commitment to building safer and more resilient communities.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the QRA or my Chief of Staff, Mr Angus McCaffrey on 0407 073 631 or via email at Angus.McCaffrey@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Dear Councillor Radnedge

I am pleased to announce that nominations are open for the 2026 Queensland Reconciliation Awards.

Since 2003, the Queensland Reconciliation Awards have recognised outstanding collaborations and projects on a shared journey toward reconciliation. Businesses, community organisations, sporting clubs, educational institutions and government agencies have been awarded for their inspiring work in improving social relations, enhancing health outcomes, supporting employment and achieving better outcomes for all Queenslanders.

Nominations for the 2026 Queensland Reconciliation Awards are encouraged across five categories – business, community, education, health and wellbeing, and partnership. The Queensland Reconciliation Award will also be presented to a nominated initiative that has demonstrated innovative strategies and exceptional outcomes toward advancing reconciliation in Queensland.

To ensure outstanding reconciliation initiatives continue to be recognised and championed across our state, I encourage you to support and promote the Awards in your local community and electorates. To assist you in promoting the 2026 Awards, a promotional toolkit has been developed.

Nominations will be accepted until Friday 10 April 2026. The 2026 Awards recipients will be announced during National Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May to 3 June 2026, with eligible organisations receiving a share of $30,000 in prize money across all categories.

Should you have any questions regarding the 2026 Awards please contact Engagement and Partnerships, Department of the Premier and Cabinet on telephone (07) 3003 9200 or by email at reconciliation.awards@premiers.qld.gov.au. For more information, please visit the 2026 Awards website.

Thank you for supporting and promoting the 2026 Queensland Reconciliation Awards.

Yours sincerely



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31 March 2026

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Dear Councillor Radnedge

The 2023–24 severe weather season was challenging, with 12 disaster events including bushfires, severe storms, cyclones and flooding occurring between October 2023 and April 2024. These overlapping and compounding events placed significant pressure on local governments, state agencies and communities, particularly during the holiday season.

The Inspector-General Emergency Management's review of the season highlighted both the resilience of Queensland's disaster management arrangements and opportunities for improvement. Among the nine recommendations, Recommendation 4 emphasised the importance of engaging with local government to improve the sharing of relevant bushfire intelligence.

In response, Queensland Fire Department has developed a survey to gather input from local governments and Local Government Association of Queensland to improve the sharing of relevant bushfire intelligence. We kindly request that the survey be completed by the Local Disaster Coordinator, Disaster Management Officer or an equivalent responsible officer within your council by 30 April 2026. The survey can be accessed at https://forms.office.com/r/bPpmsTrwZY or by scanning the QR code below.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Matthew Bulow, Assistant Commissioner, State Operations Directorate on (07) 3635 3432 or email Matthew.Bulow@fire.qld.gov.au.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and resilience of Queensland communities.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mayor

I write asking for your continued support of the vital work of our officers in keeping your community safe by lighting up your landmarks in blue as part of this year's **National Corrections Day** celebrations on **Friday 15 May 2026**.

This year, the theme of *Extraordinary Work, Extraordinary People* recognises the demanding and often unseen work undertaken by remarkable officers across Australia and New Zealand. It highlights the critical role officers play on the frontline of public safety, reducing reoffending and preventing crime, while honouring the dedication, professionalism and resilience of a diverse workforce committed to making a meaningful difference.

As in previous years, we will showcase participating landmarks illuminated in blue through our social media channels and in media releases. We would welcome the opportunity to publicly acknowledge your valued support as key stakeholders should you choose to take part in these celebrations.

If you would like to recognise the work of our officers in your community by lighting up your landmarks in blue or in other ways, I encourage your staff to contact our Media and Communications Unit so they can help facilitate photos and acknowledgements by emailing at QCSMedia@corrections.qld.gov.au.

Thank you for standing with us in recognising the correctional officers whose work helps keep Queensland communities safe.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Commissioner Stewart

RE: National Corrections Day — Friday 15 May 2026

Thank you for your letter of 9 April 2026 and for the opportunity to once again demonstrate Murweh Shire Council's support for the vital work undertaken by Queensland Corrective Services. On behalf of Council and the Charleville community, I am pleased to confirm our participation in the National Corrections Day 2026 celebrations.

Murweh Shire Council has a genuine and deep appreciation for the role correctional officers play in keeping our communities safe. As your letter highlights, the work of these dedicated officers is often demanding and unseen - carried out day after day on the frontline of public safety. Their commitment to reducing reoffending, preventing crime, and supporting rehabilitation through facilities like the Charleville WORK Camp has a direct and meaningful impact on regional and remote communities like ours, and Council does not take that contribution for granted.

This year's theme of *Extraordinary Work, Extraordinary People* resonates strongly with Murweh Shire Council. The professionalism, dedication, and resilience shown by correctional officers - and the diversity of the workforce that stands behind that mission - reflects values that our community greatly admires. We recognise that the work undertaken by Queensland Corrective Services extends well beyond the walls of correctional facilities; it underpins the safety and cohesion of communities right across Queensland, including here in Charleville.

It is with great pride that I confirm Murweh Shire Council will light the Charleville Water Tower in blue on Friday 15 May 2026 in recognition of National Corrections Day. The Charleville Water Tower is one of our most iconic and recognisable landmarks, and illuminating it in blue on this occasion, is Council's way of making a visible and public statement of solidarity with correctional officers and their families.

Council is committed to ensuring that the contribution of correctional officers is acknowledged not just on National Corrections Day, but as an ongoing part of the fabric of our community. To that end, Council will be featuring National Corrections Day in the Murweh Shire Council's

social media with photos of the Charleville Water Tower draped in blue in recognition of the contribution of correctional officers and their commitment to our community through the Charleville WORK Camp.

On behalf of Murweh Shire Council, I extend my sincere thanks to you and to every officer across the Queensland Corrective Services workforce for the extraordinary work they do. We are proud to stand with you on 15 May 2026 and to shine a light - in every sense - on the people who make Queensland communities safer.

In closing, it would be my pleasure to invite you to visit Murweh Shire and the Charleville WORK Camp correctional facility. The Charleville WORK Camp plays a very important role in our three (3) communities' wellbeing and social licence. It would be a great opportunity for me to host you as Queensland Corrective Services Commissioner and show you firsthand the great contribution this facility makes to the work of the local volunteer organisations and not for profit agencies - as well as to the rehabilitation of the correctional facility inmates.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Shaun Radnedge
Mayor
Murweh Shire Council

University of the Sunshine Coast Australia

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Vice-Chancellor and President

8 April 2026

Cr Shaun Radnedge
Mayor
Shire of Murweh
Via email: shaun_radnedge@murweh.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor,

RE: University of the Sunshine Coast's Medical Program proposal

I am writing to advise you of the University of the Sunshine Coast's (UniSC) intention to apply for approval to establish a medical program, based out of a series of distributed learning hubs and targeting a geographic footprint spanning eighteen Local Government Areas (LGAs) across southern and inland outer-urban, regional, rural and remote Queensland.

At this stage our plans are focused on the program launching between 2029 and 2030, subject to attaining a commitment of medical Commonwealth Supported Places from the Commonwealth Government, and to achieving accreditation by the Australian Medical Council.

Please find attached an overview of our proposal. I invite you to provide feedback on the proposal via VCOffice@usc.edu.au. Should you wish, the UniSC team would be delighted to meet with you to discuss our plans in more detail and answer any questions that you may have.

I look forward to engaging further with you as we progress this exciting new medical program development.

Best regards

Professor Helen Bartlett
Vice-Chancellor and President

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The University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) plans to establish a six-year, direct-entry (school leaver) Bachelor of Clinical Science/ Doctor of Medicine program.

This program will focus on developing the skills and knowledge required for general practice and generalist medicine and target a geographic footprint spanning a large area of southern and inland Queensland.

Key points

- An innovative model designed to transform the medical training pipeline for doctors through hub-based learning, distributed across outer-urban, regional and rural areas.
- Offering a solution to a critical shortage of doctors, particularly an imbalance of general practitioners in regional and rural areas.
- Targeting 18 local government areas, including some of Australia's fastest growing and ageing populations – most with medical practitioner deficits, including communities that are veritable 'doctor deserts'.
- Aimed at supporting future doctors to learn where they live and encouraging them to remain there to practice when they graduate.

Vision

At its heart, the UniSC medical program will focus on general practice and generalism. We aim to contribute to redressing medical practitioner maldistribution and improving access to medical services across the outer-urban, regional, rural and remote communities that we serve.



BACKGROUND

Since 1996, UniSC has made a major contribution to building the healthcare workforce of our regions. Each year, more than 1,000 health professionals graduate from UniSC, including nurses, midwives, paramedics and allied health practitioners, with the majority staying in our local communities to work after graduation.

UniSC currently delivers 47 health programs, including 13 nationally-accredited degrees across our five campuses to more than 6,100 equivalent full-time students. Clinical placements for our students are delivered through partnerships with over 280 healthcare providers.

UniSC also has a strong track record in medical program partnership. Since 2018, the University has successfully delivered the Bachelor of Medical Science (pre medicine pathway) in collaboration with Griffith University, supporting 20 commencing students each year who progress on to Griffith University's Sunshine Coast medical program.

Extending our program offerings to include medicine allows UniSC to contribute to a priority area of need, producing cohorts of skilled medical graduates who will boost the supply and stability of the medical workforce practicing across southern and South West Queensland.

The UniSC medical program supports a number of current national and state strategies and plans including:

- National Medical Workforce Strategy 2021-2031[1]
- Future focused primary health care: Australia's Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan 2022-2032[2]
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2021-2031[3]
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) National Workforce Strategy 2025-30[4]

All highlight priorities including the need to rebalance the supply and distribution of Australia's medical workforce to improve access for underserved communities, and build the primary care and generalist capabilities of the medical workforce.

- The 2025 AMA Queensland's Workforce Action Plan[5] has identified the need to reform the medical training pipeline and to address the significant imbalance of generalist skills in comparison to highly specialised practitioners as two key issues facing the Queensland health system.
- A 2025 Queensland Health workforce gap analysis[6] predicts Queensland will require almost 5,300 extra doctors by 2032.



1 https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-medical-workforce-strategy-2021-2031?language=en
2 https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/australias-primary-health-care-10-year-plan-2022-2032?language=en
3 https://www.health.gov.au/topics/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-health/how-we-support-health/health-plan?language=en
4 https://www.racgp.org.au/advocacy/racgp-national-workforce-strategy-2025-30
5 https://www.ama.com.au/sites/default/files/2025-07/2025_AMAQ_WWG_Action%20Plan.pdf
6 https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/strategic-direction/plans/workforce-gap-analysis/_nocache?SQ_ACTION=login&

ALIGNMENT

with Government priorities

This program will incorporate many features that set it apart from other medical programs and will directly address Government medical workforce priorities.

The vision and model for the program have been developed by UniSC health leaders and external members of our Medical Program Advisory Committee, drawing on their extensive collective expertise in establishing and delivering other medical programs.

Their first-hand insights into what works well – and the current problems – in medical training has led to an innovative approach to learning delivery that has the potential to transform medical education, particularly in regional and rural areas.

Regional snapshot – North Burnett

The area of the North Burnett is a major agricultural region providing food for Queensland and Australia. The residents of the area, including significant First Nations populations, are historically under-serviced by General Practitioners, as are the transient Pacific Islander workforce that provides seasonal labour to the local industries.

General practices and associated rural hospitals provide primary health care, secondary care and aged care, however for several decades have had difficulty attracting and retaining medical practitioners. These rural hospitals are commonly on bypass to the regional centres on the east coast leaving the local residents without consistent, reliable care.

1. Recruit and train more doctors to serve regional, rural and remote Australia

Strong evidence shows that when medical programs recruit students from the regions where they want graduates to eventually work, and train them in those areas, the graduates are more likely to remain there to practice.[1]

Building on this, and in a major departure from traditional medical school models which tend to base students at a central university campus for most of their studies, we will adopt a highly contemporary distributed training model.

The UniSC program will base students in regional training hubs, including (Modified Monash Model classification) MM1, MM2, MM3 and MM5 communities, from the commencement of their studies, and support them to remain in those hubs, typically for the full six years of the degree. This extended immersion in their communities will strengthen students' community identity, support meaningful relationships, and reduce the well-documented risk of students, particularly rural students, losing connection to their home regions when displaced to major cities.

All hubs will incorporate MM5 and/or MM6 communities, and all students will have the opportunity to elect a final year extended pre-internship placement in a rural or remote community (MM5-7).

Program delivery will be enabled through contemporary digital technologies connecting students and educators across hubs and building strong digital competencies that will help to prepare students for future technology-enabled healthcare.

Students will undertake academic and pre-clinical learning from their hubs, supported by in-person and networked teaching. Clinical learning will include extended general practice and hospital placements undertaken in health facilities located across their hub catchments. During this time, they will periodically travel to the University's main campus at Sippy Downs on the Sunshine Coast for intensive laboratory blocks. Some may need to attend placements at specialist/tertiary health facilities to undertake clinical training where this is not available from the health services within their hubs.

1 Russell D, Mathew S, Fitts M, Liddle Z, Murakami-Gold L, Campbell N, Ramjan M, Zhao Y, Hines S, Humphreys JS, Wakerman J. Interventions for health workforce retention in rural and remote areas: a systematic review. Hum Resour Health. 2021 Aug 26;19(1):103. doi: 10.1186/s12960-021-00643-7. PMID: 34446042; PMCID: PMC8393462.

2. Address a worsening general practitioner shortage

Our curriculum will focus on developing the skills and knowledge required for general practice and generalist medicine, being the fields of medicine through which the majority of people obtain medical care, supported as necessary by acute and specialist services. We believe that supporting students to develop their professional identity in general practice will result in more graduates seeking to work in general practice. For those who ultimately elect to pursue other specialist medical career paths, the early and deep understanding of primary care will help them to more effectively integrate the care they provide to patients with the primary health system.

Our curriculum will be adapted and contextualised to meet the unique requirements of our communities and to ensure graduates are equally proficient for both general practice and the hospital setting of their internship and residency.

Clinical training will be based around general practice placements at each year level with blended in-hospital training to ensure a generalist, community-based model of healthcare as the foundational understanding of medicine. Longitudinal clinical placements will allow students to integrate into practices, rural hospitals and aged care facilities as supportive, functional clinicians improving the clinical and research output, efficiency and quality of the practices at which they are placed.

Each student will be assigned a primary care doctor as a formal mentor for the duration of the program, supporting the development of their professional identity in primary care.

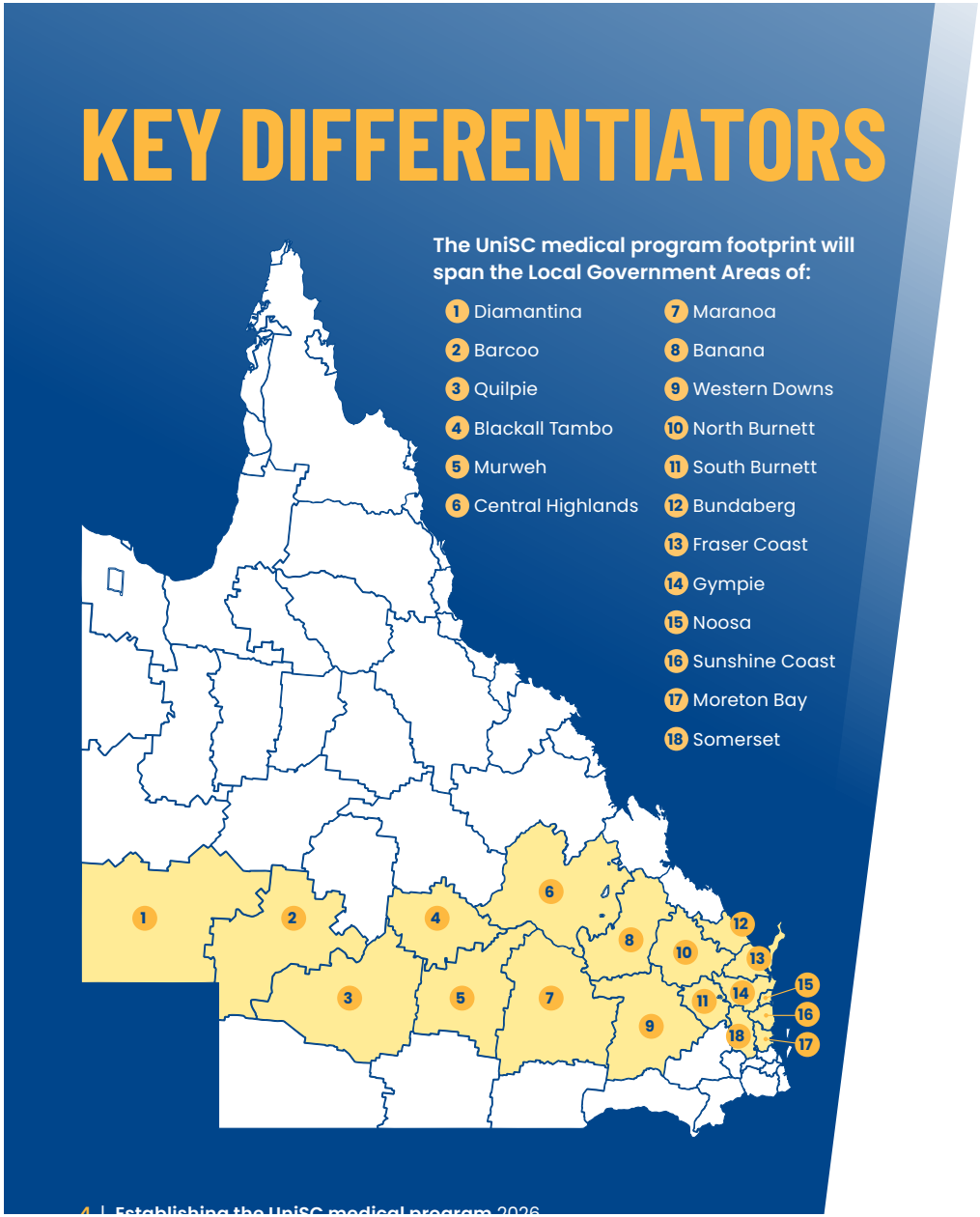


3. Improve the health of, and the health services provided to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

In addition to preferencing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants for admission to the medical program, we will ensure that all medical students acquire a sound understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and develop capabilities to deliver healthcare to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally-safe way.

We will also engage deeply with the Aboriginal communities across our region to encourage more young Indigenous people to aspire to a future career in medicine. We will replicate for medicine the highly successful UniSC “Capture and Keep” program. This culturally-led initiative provides students with academic, cultural and emotional support through their entire student journey and has resulted in increasing numbers of UniSC Indigenous nursing and midwifery students being successfully recruited, retained and transitioned into the workforce.





Focus on an under-utilised and under-served region to source our medical training

The UniSC medical program will be anchored across 18 Local Government Areas (LGAs) from the high-growth population centres on the east coast including Moreton Bay in the south to Hervey Bay in the north, and west towards the Queensland border.

The footprint has been intentionally selected as a region of medical workforce shortage and includes outer-urban, regional and rural populations with increasing prevalence of chronic and comorbid conditions. Furthermore, the footprint includes substantial areas and significant clinical training sites that currently undertake limited, or no medical student training.

These LGAs currently have a combined estimated population of 1.4 million and include some of Australia's fastest growing and ageing populations. The footprint is home to over 50,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and includes some of Queensland's most medically underserved communities.

Local health leaders have described this footprint as a "vulnerable corridor" with respect to GP and general medical workforce. In 2022, all but three of the eighteen LGAs had medical practitioner deficits when compared to major cities including:

- Total medical practitioner deficits ranging from 10 to 429 medical practitioners per 100,000 population, and
- General Practitioner deficits ranging from 8 to 106 GPs per 100,000 population, with three of the LGAs (Barcoo, Diamantina, and Quilpie) recording no GPs within their local government areas in 2022.[1]

There are of course many communities across this vast region that enjoy access to high-quality and stable local medical care from skilled and committed doctors.

However, there are many other communities, particularly regional and rural communities, who are living in veritable 'doctor deserts' and for whom access to local medical care is disproportionately difficult to obtain. For these communities, the only options available to access medical services may be to travel long distances, or for the local health services to engage locum and international medical graduates (IMGs), with over-dependence on these options creating financial, continuity-of-care, and workforce stability challenges.

1 https://www.ruralhealth.org.au/workforce-mapping-tool-lga-medical-practitioners (accessed June 2025).

Rebalance the supply and distribution of a medical workforce through an admissions process that positively discriminates in favour of Indigenous, rural and local applicants

As well as encouraging general applicants from across the program's geographic footprint, admission processes will preference targeted intakes from underrepresented groups including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants; and
- Applicants from regional, rural and remote areas across the program footprint (MM3-7).

We are also planning a targeted pathway for non-medically registered health clinicians.

The admission process will select students based on the qualities that define a good medical practitioner, such as a strong motivation to become a doctor, as well as empathy, compassion and problem solving, along with the ability to know their limitations and when to seek support.

We contend that too many medical programs heavily emphasise unrealistically high measures of academic performance when selecting students. Within our communities, we have witnessed many worthy local applicants to medical programs passed over in favour of applicants from outside of the region who have high tertiary-entrance (ATAR) scores, who then mostly return home or take up positions elsewhere after completing their degrees. To overcome this, our admission criteria will incorporate thresholds of prior academic performance, but avoid a pattern of admitting students based predominantly on unrealistic ATAR scores.

A focus on learning outcomes, regardless of where the learning occurs

The program will provide early clinical exposure across diverse healthcare settings including general practices, hospitals, residential aged care, urgent care, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations and other community-based health services that are located within commutable distances from each study hub. We recognise the rich learning experiences that exist in all healthcare settings and the ability for students to achieve learning outcomes within diverse environments.

Long-term integrated placements that allow stability, promote deep learning, and benefit placement sites

Many traditional medical programs revolve around a model whereby students rotate across placement sites for short, often observational, placement blocks which allow minimal opportunity for students to build connection with, or deliver tangible benefits to, their placement sites. The UniSC program's use of longitudinal integrated placements will replace traditional short, fragmented rotations, allowing students to develop strong professional relationships with supervisors, health services, patients and communities.

Longitudinal models are recognised as highly effective in developing primary care competencies, assisting in the formation of strong professional identity in generalist practice, and increasing the likelihood that graduates will return to the regions in which they trained. Extended immersion also strengthens placement site capacity by enabling students to contribute meaningful service value throughout their clinical learning.

Under current planning, the medical program will operate from five hubs, serving the outer metropolitan and adjoining rural areas of the Sunshine Coast and Caboolture, the agricultural basin of the North Burnett, and the rural areas of the Fraser and Cooloola Coasts. Students will also have the opportunity to elect a final year extended pre-internship placement in a remote community (MM5-7). By delivering the entire six-year program from these distributed hubs, students who are admitted to the program from across these regions will have the opportunity to remain in their home communities while undertaking their studies. They will retain access to stable support networks, and benefit from the ability to retain stable local housing and employment necessary to support their studies.

Leveraging existing infrastructure

Four of the proposed hubs will be based at existing UniSC campuses (Caboolture, Gympie, Fraser Coast and Sunshine Coast), utilising existing infrastructure, minimising the need for new construction, and enabling immediate access to purpose-built learning spaces, IT platforms and student support services. The fifth hub (proposed for Gayndah) will likely require capital infrastructure, possibly supported through the RHMT Rural Clinical Schools program.

We have undertaken early engagement with, and received positive feedback from, The University of Queensland (UQ) in relation to UniSC potentially collaborating on opportunities to establish, and share access to, training facilities that would complement UQ's existing and extensive rural clinical training network. We are also investigating the use of existing Regional University Study Hubs as teaching sites, particularly in our more remote areas of operation.

HOW WE ARE PREPARING

The University has made initial contact with the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and discussed our intention to seek accreditation for a new medical program.

At this stage our plans are focused on the program launching between 2029 and 2030, subject to attaining a commitment of medical CSPs from the Commonwealth Government, and to achieving accreditation by the AMC.

The UniSC Council has already committed more than $23m to support the establishment of the program, including $8.7m for 2026 to enable key start-up appointments to be made and initial curriculum development to be completed.

What we need

To allow us the certainty to progress with the AMC accreditation process, we are seeking the support of the Commonwealth Government through a commitment to allocate medical CSPs.

The University is planning to admit 100 domestic medical students each year.

The 50 CSPs currently allocated to Griffith University for its Sunshine Coast medical program are expected to transition to UniSC upon successful accreditation and Government approval of the UniSC program. Transition of the Sunshine Coast medical program from Griffith University to UniSC was anticipated by both universities from the outset of Griffith's planning for expansion of its medical program to the Sunshine Coast in 2013-2017.

Both universities signed a joint statement of intent in 2025, confirming Griffith University's intention to cooperate in the planning and facilitation of the transition of the Sunshine Coast medical program to UniSC (subject to UniSC achieving AMC accreditation). Following AMC accreditation, Griffith has confirmed that transition to UniSC would lead to discontinuation of its Sunshine Coast medical program.

An additional 50 medical CSPs are sought to enable the University to achieve the workforce growth requirements within our proposed medical program footprint.



AN EXPERIENCED TEAM

The University has formed a highly-experienced and capable team to lead the initial stages of development of the medical program. Leaders include:

Professor Mike Wilmore
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

Professor Michael Wilmore is an experienced academic leader who has held senior academic positions in universities in Australia and the UK. As Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Wilmore oversees the academic functions of UniSC and related support areas. His portfolio includes UniSC's schools, including the School of Health.

Prior to joining UniSC in June 2023, Professor Wilmore served for two periods as the Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC) of the University of New England with responsibility for the University's three faculties, including the School of Medicine which offers a Joint Medical Program in collaboration with the University of Newcastle. He co-chaired the JMP steering committee in his role as DVC. He has extensive experience in academic governance and program accreditation.

Professor Scott Kitchener
Professor of General Practice and Rural and Remote Medicine

With almost 40 years' experience in medicine as a practicing clinician, manager, educator, public health physician and researcher, Professor Kitchener brings a comprehensive and unique skill set, including in-depth knowledge of the geographic footprint across which the UniSC medical program will operate having lived and practiced in the region.

Professor Kitchener established the highly successful Griffith University rural clinical school network across the Darling Downs and South Burnett regions of southern Queensland. As the first academic appointment to the UniSC medical program, the University is making a powerful statement about the importance of general practice and rural and remote medicine to its medical program.

Professor Tony Perkins
Foundation Dean of Health

Professor Perkins was Head of Medical Sciences (2008-2011) and the Dean Academic (2012-2018) at Griffith University. He was heavily involved in the establishment of the Griffith Medical Program at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital in 2017. He took up the role as the Foundation Dean of Health at UniSC in 2022.

He brings over 30 years of experience in tertiary education in health programs and is well placed to oversee the development of the UniSC program until the appointment of a Dean of Medicine in 2026.

Peter Westwood
Senior Program Development Manager – Medicine

Peter Westwood brings over 28 years' experience in the administration/management of universities and health research organisations including: Griffith University (where he was involved in the start-up teams establishing new medical and dental programs, and securing funds to support the establishment of a multi-site rural clinical school); the University of Sydney (Manager, University Centre for Rural Health); James Cook University (Director of Operations, Division of Tropical Health and Medicine; and Operations Manager, Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine); and the Townsville Hospital and Health Service (Manager, Research).

Support and advice are being provided by the external members of our Medical Program Advisory Committee, including:

Professor David Wilkinson
National Clinical Lead for CPD, RACGP;
Senior Medical Officer, Queensland Health;
Chair Sunshine Coast Health Institute

Dr Jon Harper
President, Sunshine Coast Local Medical Association

Dr Evan Jones
Director, Health Hub Doctors

Associate Professor John Adie
Urgent Care Specialist,
ForHealth and UniSC

Professor Richard Murray
Senior Clinical Lead, Rural Health Systems,
Queensland Health

Kim Pryce-Lunt
Director, ForHealth Queensland

Dr Shea Spierings
Chair, Country to Coast QLD;
Director, Institute for Urban Indigenous Health; Board Member, Metro North HHS;
Board Member, Health and Wellbeing Queensland

Senior representatives from public health services (Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service and Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service) are also participating in the Advisory Committee.

NEXT STEPS

We would be delighted to have the opportunity to discuss our proposal further with relevant Ministers, Departmental staff and other stakeholders.

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26 March 2026

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing on behalf of Queensland's visitor economy to highlight increasing pressure on business viability and to seek targeted support to maintain confidence and continuity across the sector.

We respectfully highlight four areas where coordinated action would assist:

- A nationally coordinated domestic visitor economy activation, delivered in partnership with Tourism Australia and states, including targeted incentives linked to travel expenditure, to encourage Australians to travel while maintaining a strong and consistent presence in priority international markets
- Targeted, time-limited support for businesses with high exposure to fuel, energy and supply chain cost increases, particularly in regional and remote areas. This could include temporary cost offsets linked to unavoidable operating expenses, such as marine park charges for reef operators or equivalent support for land-based experiences with high transport and logistics costs
- Continued coordination to ensure fuel supply confidence across regional routes and destinations, supported by clear and consistent communication to industry and consumers to maintain travel confidence.
- Establishment of a cross-portfolio Tourism Cost Pressures Taskforce to support real-time monitoring of emerging cost pressures and enable coordinated, time-limited responses

Tourism continues to deliver strong visitor expenditure outcomes; however, this is occurring alongside record levels of business costs. The margin on doing business has been steadily eroded over recent years, with operators absorbing sustained increases across insurance, energy, labour and regulatory compliance.

For many businesses, insurance costs alone now represent a significant proportion of operating expenditure, in some cases increasing by more than 30 per cent in recent years. Energy costs remain elevated, particularly for regional and remote operators reliant on limited supply or diesel-generated power. At the same time, industrial relations complexity and compliance obligations have increased the cost and administrative burden of managing workforce requirements.

These are not isolated pressures. They are cumulative, structural and ongoing.

In addition, businesses across the visitor economy are now experiencing flow-on impacts through their supply chains. Operators, particularly in regional areas, are reporting fuel-related surcharges being applied across deliveries of essential goods and services, in some cases increasing costs by up to 20 per cent. These impacts

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extend beyond tourism businesses themselves, affecting accommodation providers, hospitality venues and their suppliers, and further compounding the cost of operating in regional Australia.

Against this backdrop, rising fuel costs represent an additional and immediate challenge. For consumers, this is influencing travel decisions, with a shift toward shorter trips and more price-sensitive behaviour. For businesses, particularly those with high fuel dependency, such as marine tourism, transport providers and remote operators, it is a direct increase in the cost of delivering services.

This convergence of factors is placing the visitor economy in a position where businesses are increasingly constrained in their ability to absorb costs and limited in their capacity to pass them on without impacting demand.

We are hearing from operators across Queensland that booking patterns are becoming more volatile, with shorter lead times and increased sensitivity to price. Some businesses are beginning to adjust pricing structures, including fuel-related surcharges, to remain viable.

This is not a question of demand for travel and experiences. Australians continue to value these highly. It is a question of affordability for consumers and sustainability for businesses. At the same time, there is an opportunity to support stronger domestic travel outcomes as Australians prioritise closer-to-home and value-driven experiences.

Recent market data reinforces this position. Analysis of Australian travel behaviour shows strong growth in domestic search activity, particularly for Queensland destinations, with increases of between 15 and 53 per cent across key routes. However, booking conversion is lagging or declining on many of these routes, reflecting increasing price sensitivity and cost-related barriers to travel decisions. This gap between intent and conversion highlights the importance of maintaining affordability and consumer confidence.

The visitor economy is a cornerstone of regional Australia's prosperity, supporting around 277,000 jobs in Queensland alone and underpinning the viability of small businesses and communities across the country. Periods such as Easter are critical for many operators, and maintaining both consumer confidence and operational continuity is essential.

We are working closely with the Australian Tourism Industry Council, the Tourism & Transport Forum, Tourism Australia, regional tourism organisations and associations to ensure a coordinated national response, including reinforcing the importance of fuel availability and confidence across regional Australia during this peak travel period.

We also note the importance of longer-term structural settings, including energy supply, insurance affordability and workforce regulation, which continue to shape the competitiveness and sustainability of the visitor economy.

These measures are not proposed as a broad-based intervention, but as practical, time-limited steps to support an industry that is operating under sustained cost pressure while continuing to deliver significant economic and employment outcomes.

The visitor economy is resilient, but resilience should not be mistaken for unlimited capacity to absorb ongoing cost increases.

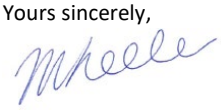
We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further.

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Yours sincerely,



Natassia Wheeler
Chief Executive Officer

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SUPPORTING OUTBACK TOURISM: A MESSAGE FROM OQTA

Outback Queensland's recovery from recent flooding is now facing added pressure from fuel price uncertainty, creating immediate challenges for our drive tourism market.

We all know when travel confidence drops, it flows quickly through accommodation, tours, retail and local jobs right across our communities.

Sustaining momentum in regional travel is critical and OQTA is actively working with the Queensland Department of Tourism, Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) and the Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) to highlight the challenges and impacts being experienced.

OQTA Chair Cr Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge is also travelling to Canberra this week, alongside other Outback Queensland Mayors, to meet with the Federal Government about a range of issues including regional fuel supply and disaster recovery.

Confidence is everything in the current environment and if we can reduce

uncertainty for visitors, we can continue to drive visitation, support our operators and sustain our regional economies.

Members seeking support or wishing to collaborate on campaigns or offers are encouraged to connect with the OQTA team.



IT'S SOMETHING ELSE AND IT'S LIVE!

OQTA will be rolling out a range of destination marketing and PR activities in the coming months, as part of our new campaign, Outback Queensland. It's Something Else - and we'd love for you to be involved!

Download our practical toolkit designed to ensure you are well equipped to make the most of the increased visibility and marketing activity.



TEQ LAUNCHES NEW KICKSTARTER EVENT FUND

Applications for Round 1 of TEQ's Homegrown Destination Events Fund (Homegrown) are now open.

A key highlight this round is the Homegrown Destination Kickstarter Event Fund, a new funding stream designed specifically to support **new and emerging events** in their **first year of operation**.

Kickstarter provides funding of up to $25,000 (ex GST) per event, per year, for up to two years. Funding must be matched or exceeded in cash by the event's Local Council.

Round 1 applications close on Wednesday, 8 April 2026, with eligible event dates running from October 2026 to January 2028.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY



TRADE MISSION BOOSTS OUTBACK EXPOSURE

OQTA and regional operators were on the road in Sydney and Melbourne this month, connecting with key travel trade partners.

The first two days in Sydney formed part of Tourism and Events Queensland's Inbound Queensland program, where the team met with international buyers and inbound operators to showcase Outback Queensland experiences and explore future itinerary opportunities.

The delegation continued with an Outback Queensland-led trade roadshow across Sydney and Melbourne.

Representing the region were Alan Smith (Outback Aussie Tours), Glenda Daly (Cobbold Gorge), Anita Clark (AC Tourism), Georgia Nicholls (Maranoa Regional Council), Meryl Eddie and Marina Gobbi (Boobook Explore), along with OQTA's Amanda Kruse and Kelly Hensley.

It was a valuable week strengthening relationships, building product knowledge

and sharing the message far and wide that Outback Queensland really is something else.



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We're thrilled to unveil our new 2026 Outback Queensland Traveller's Guide!

Packed with must-see destinations, local tips, maps, events and inspiration, it's the ultimate one-stop guide for exploring the region.

We recommend stocking up your Visitor Information Centres and local businesses to help your travellers plan their next Outback adventure.

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RTO FORUM: TOP TAKEAWAYS FOR OUTBACK TOURISM

OQTA's Kelly Hensley attended Destination Australia and the RTO Forum in Melbourne this week, with the following key takeaways for Outback Queensland's tourism industry:

Disaster Readiness

Disaster readiness is no longer something sitting on the side. It's front and centre for destinations, and the session reinforced just how important it is to be ready, respond well, and recover with purpose.

Regional Tourism

Regional tourism continues to hold its own, with 44 cents of every tourism dollar spent outside major cities. That's a strong position, but also a reminder that there's still plenty of opportunity to grow yield, not just chase volume.

Search and Digital

The biggest shift is happening in search and digital. We're moving quickly into a zero-click world, where people aren't necessarily landing on websites in the same way. AI is changing how travellers discover, compare and decide. The

takeaway here was pretty clear – SEO still matters, but it's now sitting alongside GEO, and we need to be thinking about both.

That means getting the fundamentals right. Accurate Google Business profiles, strong local signals, structured data. But also making sure content is genuinely useful, easy to understand, and built for both people and machines.

There was also a strong push around being more deliberate with who we're targeting. Understanding who is already coming into our regions, where the gaps are, and how experiences can better connect and work together.

And importantly, more localised data is coming, which will help all of us make better decisions on where to focus.

The biggest takeaway?
Don't overcomplicate it.

Be visible, be relevant, and make it easy for people (and now AI) to find and understand what you offer.

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INDUSTRY UPDATE: NATIONAL FUEL SECURITY CAMPAIGN

Dear members and partners

I wanted to provide an update on OQTA's response to the evolving fuel security situation and the impacts on our industry and local communities.

Yesterday we wrote to the Prime Minister, along with other senior federal ministers and shadow ministers, following the announcement of the National Fuel Security Campaign aimed at reducing fuel use.

While we acknowledge the intent behind the initiative, we expressed concern that the messaging does not reflect the realities of regional and remote Australia. For Outback Queensland, drive tourism underpins our entire visitor economy — there is simply no viable alternative at scale.

Campaign messaging focused solely on reducing fuel use, without appropriate balance, risks further impacting visitation, business confidence and the sustainability of our regions.

In our correspondence, we called for a recalibration of the campaign to better recognise and support regional, drive-based tourism. This includes more balanced travel messaging, alignment with state tourism efforts, and consideration of targeted incentives to sustain visitation and support regional businesses during this period.

We will continue to advocate strongly on your behalf to support our industry and our communities.

Denise (DD) Brown
OQTA CEO



NEW QUEENSLAND INDUSTRY PULSE SURVEY

OQTA, in partnership with the Queensland Tourism Industry Council, Regional Tourism Organisations and industry associations, has launched a co-ordinated Industry Pulse Survey to build a clear, real-time picture of the pressures facing our sector.

The survey takes less than 2-3 minutes and focuses on key indicators including bookings, cashflow, cost pressures and business outlook.

This feedback is vital and will be used to support co-ordinated advocacy, track changes in conditions, identify emerging risks early, and strengthen the case for timely and targeted support.

We encourage you to take a few moments to have your say.

TAKE THE SURVEY



FORUM MARKS STATE TOURISM PLAN MILESTONE

OQTA CEO Denise Brown was pleased to attend last week's Destination 2045 Tourism Forum in Brisbane. The event provided a valuable opportunity for open dialogue between industry and government, with discussion focused on implementation updates, emerging challenges, and the shared priorities required to continue strengthening Queensland's visitor economy.



NOMINATE OUR BEST THIS QLD DAY

On 6 June, we mark the anniversary of the day that Queensland stood on its own, officially separating from New South Wales in 1859.

QLD Day is the day to get together, celebrate our state and show your love for Queensland's best!

👉 Vote for your favourite Outback businesses across 15 categories - from cafes to camping spots, bakeries to butchers

👉 Celebrate our greats by nominating local legends in the QLD Day Awards

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ORDER THE 2026 GUIDE TODAY

Don't forget to order our new 2026 Outback Queensland Traveller's Guide for your Visitor Information Centre or local business.

Packed with must-see destinations, local tips, maps, events and inspiration, it's the ultimate one-stop guide for exploring the region.



BUSINESS CAPABILITY SUBSIDY NOW OPEN

The Tourism Business Capability Subsidy is now open, offering up to $2,000 to help Queensland tourism and event businesses invest in training, accreditation and growth. But you'll need to act fast, Round One applications close 30 June!

Whether you're looking to upskill your AI practices, improve accessibility, or build new marketing skills, this funding is designed to help you strengthen your business and deliver even better visitor experiences.

With limited funding available, secure your $2,000 grant and apply today.

The Tourism Business Capability Subsidy is proudly funded by the Queensland Government and Tourism and Events Queensland.

TEQ WEBINAR: LEVERAGING EVENTS

Join TEQ's upcoming webinar and learn how to turn regional events into an opportunity by engaging visitors before, during and after events.

Hear firsthand insights from Kate Scott, Principal Tourism & Events at Toowoomba Regional Council - Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, and Scott Healey, Destination Events Leader at Tourism and Events Queensland.

Date: Monday, 27 April
Time: 11:30AM - 12:15PM

Register here

GLOBAL FORUM LANDS IN BRISBANE

Connect with destination experience operators from across Oceania and the Asia-Pacific region at Arival 360, a working industry event built specifically for operators of tours, activities, attractions, and multi-day experiences.

Held in Brisbane from 22-24 June, this three-day conference will feature hands-on discussion around technology, distribution, connectivity, and AI.

Arival is offering a **15% discount** to all OQTA operator partners (tours, activities and attractions) within our network. To access the discount, use code **MPAU-AWXV26** when registering. *(Discount does not apply to Arival Insider Pro Access Members or non-operators and cannot be combined with other promotions.)*

Register here

27 March 2026

Dear Members and Industry Partners

I am writing on behalf of the Board of the Outback Queensland Tourism Association following today's announcement from Greg Donovan regarding the difficult decision to cancel the 2026 Big Red Bash.

We acknowledge the extraordinary effort Greg and his team have undertaken in exploring all possible options to relocate the event and deliver an alternative within Diamantina Shire. We also appreciate the efforts of the Diamantina Shire Council and the Brook family in this process.

The level of due diligence, risk assessment and commitment to the event, its patrons and the region has been significant, and we commend all involved for the care and professionalism shown.

OQTA will work closely with Greg and the Donovan family to support clear and consistent communication across media and our membership base during this time.

Importantly, we will continue to support the future of this iconic event and look ahead to ensuring the 2027 Big Red Bash is strongly supported through our ongoing partnership.

The Board acknowledges the cancellation of the 2026 Big Red Bash will have a significant impact on our region's drive tourism market and the many operators who rely on this event for business success.

OQTA is actively working with the Queensland Department of Tourism, Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) and the Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) to highlight the challenges and impacts being experienced.

We'll provide further updates as they become available and remain here to support you.

Kind regards

Cr Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge

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24 March 2026

Mayor Shaun Radnedge
Shire of Murweh
95–101 Alfred St
CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470

Dear Mayor Radnedge,

I saw with interest various features, on recent editions of Channel 7's news bulletin, regarding astronaut, and Australian of the Year Katherine Bennell–Pegg, visiting the Cosmos Centre in Charleville and also the World Science Festival in Brisbane.

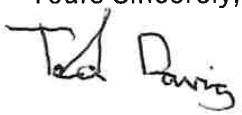
You may be interested in the attached copy of my home designed logo to commemorate, next year, the 50th anniversary of the launching of the Voyager Spacecraft.

I have recently written to the Management of the Cosmos Centre and have asked them that if, next year. they will be having an exhibition to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Voyager Spacecraft launching, could they please include my home designed logo in that exhibition.

You may soon see my home designed logo in your local newspaper, the *Western Times*.

I would like to enquire if you would be interested in displaying this copy in your council's premises.

Yours Sincerely,



TED DAVIS

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VOYAGER SPACECRAFT



50 YEARS
1977 - 2027

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10.2 COUNCIL POLICIES

Author: **Special Project Officer/Disaster Management Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the following Policies as presented.

- GOV-020 Complaints Management Policy
- GOV-021 Complaints Management Procedure
- GOV-022 Human Rights Policy
- GOV-023 Information Privacy Policy

BACKGROUND

Council is responsible for maintaining a contemporary and effective suite of policies to support sound governance, legislative compliance, and consistent decision-making. The policies presented for adoption have been developed and/or reviewed to ensure alignment with current legislation, best practice, and Council's strategic objectives.

These policies have undergone internal review and consultation as required and are now presented to Council for formal adoption.

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. **GOV-020 Complaints Management Policy** ⇩
2. **GOV-021 Complaints Management Procedure** ⇩
3. **GOV-022 Human Rights Policy** ⇩
4. **GOV-023 Information Privacy Policy** ⇩

Complaints Management Policy

Policy No:	GOV-020
Council Resolution Ref:	
Date Adopted:	
Review Date:	
Version No:	
Responsible Officer:	

Purpose

This policy applies to all complaints lodged with Council, as defined in this policy, made by customers in relation to any of Council's operations.
This policy does not include the management of service requests.
To enhance public confidence by creating a framework that is fair, efficient and consistent for managing complaints lodged with Council.

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 employees of Murweh Shire Council. It does not form part of any employee's contract of employment.
Procedures as approved and issued by the Chief Executive Officer, and subject to further revision, amendment and issue under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.

Policy

Murweh Shire Council intends to provide a level of customer service that does not attract complaints, but acknowledges the right for people to provide feedback, both positive and negative on its services and/or to lodge a complaint about a decision or other action it takes.

Our Guiding Principles

1. People Focus

Council acknowledges that everyone has the right to complain.
Council has adopted a people-focused and proactive approach to seeking and receiving feedback and complaints.

Receipt of each complaint will be acknowledged in accordance with Council's Customer Service Charter. Complainants will be treated respectfully and kept informed of the progress of their complaint as far as practicable and appropriate in the circumstances.

Council will seek clarification on whether feedback or general concerns are intended to be handled as a complaint, where appropriate.

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Complaints lodged without contact information, where it appears the complainant wants to retain anonymity, will be exempt from active involvement. Further, Council will only address the content of anonymous complaints where sufficient information enables Council to do so.

2. No Detriment to Complainant

Council will take all reasonable steps to ensure that complainants are not adversely affected because of a complaint made by them, or on their behalf by Council or Council Officers.

3. Visibility and Transparency

The Complaints Management Policy and Complaints Management Procedure are available to the public:

- At Council's public offices; and
- On Council's website.

4. Accessibility

Language assistance is available to non-English speakers by contacting the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450. Individuals will be required to advise TIS National their preferred language, name, the organisation needed to be contacted (Murweh Shire Council), and the phone number of the organisation (07 4656 8355).

Assistance for hearing or speech impaired persons is available by contacting the National Relay Service on 1300 555 727 (speak and listen) or 133 677 (type and listen or speak and read).

5. Fairness and Objectivity

All complaints/feedback received by Council will be considered on their merits and addressed in an equitable and unbiased manner through the observation of the principles of natural justice.

6. Confidentiality

All complaints/feedback will be treated with the relevant level of confidentiality.

7. Integration into Business Improvement Processes

The outcomes under the complaints management procedure will be analysed and Council's systems, policies and procedures amended if improvements are identified as contributing to business effectiveness.

8. Openness and Accountability

Council is committed to an open and transparent complaints management process. The procedure of reporting on the actions and decisions of Council will be clearly established, including the outcome of investigations.

9. Natural Justice

All parties directly affected by the complaint will have an opportunity to present their views and the process will be conducted without bias.

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10. Courtesy to Council Officer

While most complainants behave in a cooperative and respectful way, at times Councillors and Council Officers are confronted with behaviours that are classified as unreasonable customer conduct (UCC). Procedures are in place to protect officers from the small percentage of customers who may behave unreasonably.

11. Privacy and Disclosure

Personally identifiable information about any individual will only be used in compliance with all relevant privacy laws and ethical obligations when managing complaints.

Council is Committed to:

- A structured process for complaints management to ensure anyone who is dissatisfied about a decision or other action of Council, a Council Officer or a Councillor can easily and simply lodge a complaint.
- Providing adequate resources and trained officers to deal with complaints and to record and analyse complaint data.
- Identifying and allocating the management resources needed for an effective complaint process.
- Complaints will be received by Council Officers in a professional manner.
- Welcoming valid feedback as an opportunity for improvement of Council's practices.
- Responding to complaints as quickly as possible and in accordance with the timeframes set out in the relevant procedure.
- Training Council Officers on good decision making in government.
- Providing information to affected people as to their statutory rights of review if they are not satisfied with the outcome of the complaints process.

How to Make a Complaint

All complaints can be made:

In writing, by mail to	Chief Executive Officer Murweh Shire Council PO Box 63 MURWEH QLD 4470
By telephone	07 4656 8355
By email	mail@murweh.qld.gov.au
In Person	At the Council office at 95–101 Alfred Street, Charleville QLD 4470

Except for Statutory Reviews or Appeals, and Competitive Neutrality Complaints, which must be submitted in writing, all other complaints will be accepted in any of the above forms.

Complaints may be anonymous except for those complaints which can only be accepted from an affected person.

Complaints Management Policy

Only an affected person or their agent can lodge the following types of complaints:

1. Administrative Action Complaint;
2. Statutory Review or Appeal;
3. Human Rights Complaint;
4. Competitive Neutrality Complaint.

Such complaints must be received from:

- the affected person directly communicating with a Council Officer; or
- the affected person consenting to another person (their agent) communicating a complaint on their behalf to a Council Officer.

Where consent cannot be provided by an affected person and an agent is acting on behalf of the affected person, the agent must provide Council with a signed statutory declaration confirming that they:

- are acting on behalf of the (named) affected person with the explicit consent of the affected person with respect to the complaint being made; and
- have been nominated by the affected person as the person to receive all communications from Council about the complaint made; and
- have, in the complaint made by them on behalf of the affected person, to their knowledge truthfully and correctly disclosed the subject of the complaint to the employee as was advised to them by the affected person.

If a telephone complaint is complex, Council may request the complainant to put the complaint in writing so it can be addressed effectively.

What to Include in a Complaint

- All relevant contact information including the person's name, address, telephone and/or email contact details unless the person chooses to remain anonymous or lodges a complaint via an agent.
- Sufficient details to enable investigation of the complaint.
- Details of any loss or detriment a person claims to have suffered.
- A list of any other persons, agencies or authorities that the person has reported the complaint to.
- An outline of the outcome the person seeks (e.g., an apology, a different decision, restitution, a change in policy or procedure).
- Any supporting information and documentation including names and contact details of any other persons who can support the complaint.

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How We Classify Complaints

Complaints will be classified into the following categories and will be managed in accordance with the processes set out in the Complaints Management Procedure:

1. Administrative Action Complaint
2. Statutory Review or Appeal
3. Complaint regarding the conduct of an Employee/s
4. Public Interest Disclosure[1]
5. Human Rights Complaint
6. Competitive Neutrality Complaint (CNC)[2]
7. Privacy Complaint
8. Complaint regarding the conduct of the Chief Executive Officer
9. Complaint regarding the conduct of the Mayor and/or Councillors[3]

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[1]Refer to sections 12 & 13 of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* for the type of information that, if disclosed as part of a complaint, should be managed under Council's Public Interest Disclosure Procedure.

[2]Refer section 48 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Chapter 3, Part 2, Division 7 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the process of dealing with competitive neutrality complaints.

[3]Refer Chapter 5A, Part 3, Division 2 of the *Local Government Act 2009* which sets out the process of dealing with complaints about the conduct and performance of Councillors.

How Complaints Will Be Managed

Complaints will be categorised and managed in accordance with the following policies and procedures, together with the relevant legislation applying to the type of complaint lodged:

Complaint Category	Policy/Procedure
Administrative Action Complaint	Administrative Action Complaints Policy Administrative Action Complaints Procedure
Statutory Review or Appeal	Compliance Policy Penalty Infringement Notice and Impound Fees Internal Appeal Procedure
Human Rights Complaint Competitive Neutrality Complaint Privacy Complaint	Complaints Management Policy Complaints Management Procedure
Complaint regarding the conduct of an employee	Employee Code of Conduct Policy Employee Code of Conduct Procedure
Public Interest Disclosure	Public Interest Disclosure Procedure
Complaint regarding the conduct of the CEO	Complaints About a Public Official Policy
Complaint regarding the conduct of the Mayor and/or Councillors	Councillor Code of Conduct Policy

Complaints Management Policy

The Complaint Management Procedure provides complainants with advice on the notifications to be received following lodgement of a complaint. The procedure also includes the further appeal or review rights available should the complainant be dissatisfied with the outcome of the investigation of their complaint.

Where a complaint is determined to be a service request, the request will be dealt with in accordance with Councils Customer Service Charter and the respective procedure for the request type.

Frivolous and Vexatious Complaints

Complaints considered to be Frivolous or Vexatious, or where there is insufficient information or grounds, will not be investigated and the complainant will be advised accordingly.

Persons who engage in vexatious complaints may be subject to other legislative action where it is considered warranted (i.e., defamatory and slanderous activity).

Unreasonable Complaint Conduct (UCC)

Councillors, Council staff and members of the public have a right to dignity, physical and emotional safety, and respect.

Council is committed to:

- Protecting the health and safety of Council Officers, Councillors, Customers, and others.
- Ensuring a fair, accessible and responsive complaints process.
- Investing appropriate resources, time and attention across all complaints, rather than diverting resources unfairly to manage UCC.

Council does not tolerate behaviour that is offensive, abusive, threatening or consumes disproportionate resources.

Council will consider the individual circumstances of unreasonable complaint conduct and provide reasonable, and proportionate response that are designed to manage the impacts of the conduct as well as resolve any underlying or substantive issues.

Council's responses to unreasonable complaint conduct will, as far as practicable, allow the complainant involved in the UCC to continue to communicate with Council in a controlled and appropriate manner.

Council follows the Queensland Ombudsman's guidelines on Managing Unreasonable Complaint Conduct. The Queensland Ombudsman categories UCC into five broad categories for the purpose of managing UCC.

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These categories are listed below:

Conduct	Examples of unreasonable conduct
Persistence	• Making excessive contact via phone, written correspondence, or unscheduled in-person attendance. • Refusing to accept the outcome of the complaint. • Lodging a new complaint that, in substance, is the same as a finalised complaint.
Demands	• Demanding a different outcome without showing any error in the original decision. • Demanding additional reviews beyond what is provided for in Council policy. • Seeking that the complaint is prioritized or handled other than in accordance with Council policy. • Demanding an impossible, impractical or disproportionate outcome .
Lack of cooperation	• Withholding information or providing incomplete or inaccurate information. • Deliberately providing overwhelming volumes of information. • Generally choosing to be obstructive or unhelpful, despite being able to assist.
Arguments	• Argumentative or irrational conduct. • Alleging a conspiracy or plot. • Making unrealistic, illogical or baseless claims.
Behaviour	• Threatening yourself or others. • Being aggressive, abusive or violent. • Lying or acting in a misleading or deceptive manner. • Being manipulative. • Threats to the safety of Council staff or threats to damage Council property may be referred to the Queensland Police Service .

Conduct that has been assessed as unreasonable will be managed in accordance with Council's Unreasonable Complaints Conduct Procedure.

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Our Reporting Obligations

Administrative Action Complaints

Under section 187 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council must set out in its annual report the following matters with respect to Council's commitment to dealing with Administrative Action Complaints:

1. A statement on Council's commitment to dealing fairly with Administration Action Complaints.
2. A statement on the implementation of the complaints management procedure, including where the policy and procedure can be obtained and an assessment of Council's performance in resolving complaints under that process.
3. Number of Administrative Action Complaints made for the financial year.
4. Number of Administrative Action Complaints resolved for the financial year.
5. Number of Administrative Action Complaints not resolved for the financial year.
6. Number of Administrative Action Complaints made under s187(2)(b) that were made in a previous financial year and carried forward.

Public Interest Disclosure

Council has an obligation under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* to report information to the Queensland Ombudsman on public interest disclosures received.

Council will report information in accordance with the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* and Council's Public Interest Disclosure Procedure.

Complaints regarding the conduct of Mayor, Councillors, CEO and Employees

Where the circumstances warrant, the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* requires Council to report conduct complaints associated with Councillors and employees to the Office of the Independent Assessor and/or Crime and Corruption Commission.

Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every ***three years*** or as required due to changes to in legislation.

Definitions

Administrative Action Complaint

Defined in section 268(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*; namely "a complaint that –

a) is about an administrative action of a local government, including the following, for example -

(i) a decision, or a failure to make a decision, including a failure to provide a written statement of reasons for a decision;

(ii) an act, or a failure to do an act;

(iii) the formulation of a proposal or intention;

(iv) the making of a recommendation; and

b) is made by an affected person".

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Affected Person

1. For the purposes of an Administrative Action Complaint - a person who is apparently directly affected by an administrative action of a local government; or

2. For a Human Rights Complaint – a person the subject of a public entity's alleged contravention of section 58(1) of the *Human Rights Act 2019*; or

3. For a Competitive Neutrality Complaint – it is as defined in section 48(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009*; namely "an affected person is –

(a) a person who –

(i) competes with the local government in relation to the business activity; and

(ii) claims to be adversely affected by a competitive advantage that the person alleges is enjoyed by the local government; or

(b) a person who –

(i) wants to compete with the local government in relation to the business activity; and

(ii) claims to be hindered from doing so by a competitive advantage that the person alleges is enjoyed by the local government."

4. For a Statutory Review or Appeal – a person whose interests are adversely affected or could be adversely affected (for example: the infringement notice recipient; the property owner for a compliance notice involving land; the registered owner of a motor vehicle for vehicle related offences).

CEO

Chief Executive Officer of Murweh Shire Council.

Competitive Neutrality Complaint (CNC)

As defined by section 48(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and involves a failure of a local government to conduct a business activity in accordance with the competitive neutrality principle. CNC complaints can only be lodged by an affected person.

Complainant

A person or organisation who makes a complaint.

Council

Murweh Shire Council

Councillor

A councillor (including the Mayor) of Council

Employee

An employee of Council appointed under the *Local Government Act 2009*

Frivolous complaint

A complaint that is trivial or lacking in substance, annoying or designed to cause embarrassment to the subject of the complaint, which is unworthy of serious attention.

Human Rights

As defined in Part 2, Division 2 and 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* and includes:

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- taking part in public life;
- privacy and reputation;
- cultural rights – generally;
- cultural rights – aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- property rights;
- peaceful assembly and freedom of association;
- freedom of expression;
- freedom of movement;
- freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief;
- recognition and equality before the law;
- right to life;
- protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;
- freedom from forced work;
- protection of families and children;
- right to liberty and security of person;
- humane treatment when deprived of liberty;
- right to education;
- right to health services;
- fair hearing;
- rights in criminal proceedings;
- children in the criminal process;
- right not to be tried or punished more than once; and
- retrospective criminal laws.

Human Rights

Complaint A complaint about an alleged contravention by Council in relation to:

- acting or making a decision in a way that is not compatible with human rights; or
- in making a decision, failing to give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision.

Public Interest

Disclosure (PID) As defined in Chapter 2 of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* and relates to a disclosure, in the public interest, of information about wrongdoing in the public sector.

For an allegation to be considered a PID it must meet one of the following three criteria, being wrongdoing by any person, including a public-sector officer, about:

(1) a substantial and specific danger to the health or safety of a person with a disability;
(2) a substantial and specific danger to the environment; or
(3) a reprisal action associated with a PID; OR

A public officer[1] may also make a disclosure about:

(a) corrupt conduct;
(b) maladministration that adversely affects a person's interest in a substantial and specific way;
(c) substantial misuse of public resources;
(d) substantial and specific danger to public health and safety; or
(e) substantial and specific danger to the environment.

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Service Request

Where the initial complaint is a customer service request / maintenance request about the condition of a council service or facility, for example:

- reports of damages or hazards i.e. footpath maintenance, fallen tree branch
- missed waste bin
- requests for information

Statutory Review or Appeal

An internal review of a formal notice issued under legislation (i.e., an infringement notice, compliance notice, enforcement notice etc.) .

Unreasonable Complaint Conduct (UCC)

Any behaviour by a complainant (current or former) which, because of its nature or frequency raises substantial health, safety, resource or equity issues for Council, its staff, or the community. A complainant's conduct is

unreasonable if it has unacceptable consequences for one or more of the parties to a complaint or other third parties exposed to the conduct.

Vexatious Complaint

A complaint intended to, or perceived to intend to cause distress, embarrassment, or to harass the subject of the complaint which lacks sufficient grounds to warrant an investigation.

References

Crime and Corruption Act 2001

Human Rights Act 2019

Information Privacy Act 2009

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010

Right to Information Act 2009

Version Control

Version No.	Date	Approved	Amendment
1.0	dd/mm/yyyy	[officer name]	[brief description]

Approval

Chief Executive Officer			
Date:	dd/mm/yyyy	Signature:	

Complaints Management Procedure

Policy No:	GOV-021
Council Resolution Ref:	
Date Adopted:	
Review Date:	
Version No:	
Responsible Officer:	

Purpose

This procedure outlines the processes which will be applied in the management of complaints lodged with Murweh Shire Council.

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.

Procedure

Upon receipt of a potential complaint, Council will consider whether it is a complaint, and if so:

- identify the category of complaint; and
- determine the relevant policy and procedure to manage that complaint.

For more information on how Council classifies complaints, refer to the Complaints Management Policy.

This procedure outlines the way in which Council will manage complaints of the following nature:

- Human Rights Complaint
- Competitive Neutrality Complaint
- Privacy Complaint

The following are not considered complaints, and will be managed under another procedure, for example, Council's Customer Service Charter:

- a request for a service or maintenance
- requests for information

Where possible, Council will aim to manage and resolve all complaints at the first point of contact.

If the Complaints Officer assesses that the complaint can be resolved informally, they will discuss the issue with the relevant Council Officer with a view to resolving the complaint without a formal investigation process.

Complaints Management Procedure

How to make a Complaint

Complaints can be made:

In writing, by mail to	Chief Executive Officer Murweh Shire Council PO Box 63 CHARLEVILLE QLD 4770
By telephone	07 4656 8355
By email	mail@murweh.qld.gov.au
In Person	At the Council office in Charleville

To assist Council in understanding the nature of the complaint and any outcome sought, it is preferred that all complaints are submitted in writing.

If a telephone complaint is of a complex nature, you may be asked to put the complaint in writing before it will be actioned by Council.

If You Require Assistance to Make a Complaint

If you require assistance to make a complaint, Council will endeavour to provide that assistance. The aim will be to clarify what you wish to raise, and the outcome/s sought.

If you require interpreting services, or have additional needs, you will be referred to the nominated Complaints Officer who will provide advice or arrange assistance as practical.

Anonymous and Pseudonymous Complaints

Anonymous and pseudonymous complaints will be received however Council may have difficulty communicating with you, if you remain anonymous. When complaints can only be made by an affected person Council will make all reasonable attempts to contact the affected person in relation to the matter.

If you wish to lodge a complaint but do not wish to provide any identifying details, you are advised that:

a) Council does not victimise a person who makes a complaint; and

b) Unless there is sufficient detail about the complaint, it may be difficult for Council to fully and effectively investigate the issue.

Your Privacy and Confidentiality

All complaints will be treated with the relevant level of confidentiality.

When handling complaints, Council will manage your personal information in accordance the *Information Privacy Act 2009.*

You may want to know how Council is handling your complaint, how the investigation is progressing, and the outcome. Council will provide you with updates, however due to the Queensland Privacy Principles, we will not provide information that discloses personal information about the subject of an investigation, other individuals involved, or witnesses.

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Reporting and Review

The Governance team maintain oversight of the management of Council's complaints registers, ensuring best practice is maintained and develop and prepare reports that provide information to assist the Executive Management Team in monitoring complaint management effectiveness.

Quality control of complaints will be undertaken by the Manager Governance and Chief Executive Officer, who will be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of data entered into the complaints register and ensuring compliance with the Complaints Management Policy and this procedure.

Appointment of a Complaints Officer

The CEO may delegate the power to investigate and deal with complaints to a Complaints Officer on an ongoing basis or may select and appoint an officer to investigate and deal with each individual complaint.

Skills of Complaints Officer

The person appointed as a Complaints Officer for a complaint must have the appropriate knowledge, qualifications, skill and experience, including the relevant investigative, analytical and report-writing skills, to investigate the complaint, make findings, formulate recommendations (where appropriate) and prepare a report on the outcome of the investigation for consideration by Council or its delegate.

Recordkeeping Requirements

All complaints will be recorded in Council's electronic document management system (MagiQ) and referred to the CEO for investigation or assignment to a Complaints Officer.

The Complaints Officer must ensure all documents, including correspondence, files and decisions are recorded in MagiQ.

1. Human Rights Complaints

Under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, if you believe Council has breached or limited your human rights, you must submit your human rights complaint directly to Council. Complaints can only be made for breaches that occur after 1 January 2020.

Council has 45 days to respond to your complaint.

The steps for handling human rights complaints are:



Who Can Make a Human Rights Complaint

Under the *Human Rights Act 2019* an individual can submit a human rights complaint if they believe Council has breached or limited their human rights.

Only an affected person or their agent can lodge a human rights complaint.

Human rights complaints must be received from:

- the affected person directly communicating with a Council Officer; or
- the affected person consenting to another person (their agent) communicating a complaint on their behalf to a Council Officer.

Complaints Management Procedure

1.1 Receiving Human Rights Complaints

Human rights complaints can be submitted to Council through a variety of formats, such as by telephone, letter, email, online, or face-to-face. Council's contact information is detailed above.

Where necessary, the Complaints Officer will provide advice on the services available for individuals who need support in making a complaint.

1.2 Assessing the Human Rights Complaint

An initial assessment of the complaint will be made, to determine the context and circumstances of the complaint (and the individual who made the complaint) to determine its priority, how it should be managed and who should respond.

Within 10 days, the Complaint Officer will send an acknowledgement, noting the date of the complaint and any materials received.

This acknowledgement will include:

- details of the complaint/s
- how you can access the policy and procedure
- the anticipated timeframe to resolve your complaint
- the name of the Complaints Officer assigned to your complaint
- that the Complaints Officer may contact you to seek further information
- contact details of the Complaints Officer.

1.3 Considering and Identifying Human Rights

Human rights will Council's primary consideration when reviewing the complaint. This involves three (3) key steps:

1. Identify the human rights relevant to the complaint– see Attachment 1 – Human Rights
2. Consider whether the action or decision limits those human rights, and
3. Assess whether the limitation is justified and reasonable in the circumstance

1.4 Resolving Human Rights Complaints

Council is accountable for their actions and decisions. If it is found that Council has limited your human rights in a way that does not meet the requirements of the *Human Rights Act 2019* then appropriate actions will be considered to resolve the situation.

Subject to any applicable legislation and relevant policies of Council, some options may include:

- Acknowledging the error and apologising.
- Providing a better explanation for a decision or action.
- Explaining why or how the error occurred and the steps that Council is taking to prevent it happening again.
- Changing the decision.
- Updating policies, procedures or practices.
- Offering more training to staff.
- Advising that disciplinary or management action has been taken (if appropriate).

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1.5 Responding to Human Rights Complaints

The key aim of responding to your complaint will be to help you understand what the outcome is, and Council's reason for the decision. Providing you with clear reasons for decisions shows fairness, transparency and accountability on the part of Council.

At the conclusion of an investigation, you will be provided with written advice outlining:

- the outcome using plain English (or another language as necessary)
- how and why decisions were made
- list any remedies/and or other changes made as a result of the complaint
- provide information about your review rights if you are unsatisfied with the outcome, (including options for internal review of the complaint outcome, or referral to an external oversight body that may review the outcome)

1.6 Learning from Human Rights Complaints

Following a human rights complaint, Council may review relevant policies and procedures to ensure any

future limitations on human rights are reasonable and justified.

1.7 Reporting on Human Rights Complaints

A register of human rights complaints processed by Council will be maintained by the Governance team

and provided to the Executive Management Team (EMT) and Council on a quarterly basis, if required.

The register will record:

- details of each human rights complaint
- actions taken in dealing with the complaint
- the outcome of all complaints
- details of reviews of services, policies or procedures in relation to compatibility with human rights.

2. Competitive Neutrality Complaints

Council may undertake business activities involving the supply of goods and/or services in competition, or potential competition with the private sector.

A competitive neutrality complaint is made by an affected person alleging that Council has failed to conduct a business activity in accordance with the competitive neutrality principle, e.g. by utilising its position to compete unfairly with a business competitor.

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires every complainant to make a genuine attempt to resolve their concerns with Council relating to perceived non-compliance with the Competitive Neutrality Principles, before those concerns can trigger an investigation by the Queensland Productivity Commission.

What is a Competitive Advantage?

A competitive advantage is a business advantage of Council's business activity that is solely due to local government ownership. It can be financial advantage, a regulatory advantage, a procedural advantage, or any other advantage.

2.1 Who Can Make a Competitive Neutrality Complaint

A complaint can only be made by a person who:

- currently is competing with an activity alleged to have a competitive advantage; or

- is hindered from competing by the alleged competitive advantage of Council's business under the *Local Government Act 2009*.

2.2 How to Make a Competitive Neutrality Complaint

Competitive neutrality complaints must be:

- addressed to the Chief Executive Officer
- made in writing.

Competitive neutrality complaints must briefly outline:

- the Council business activity related to the complaint
- how the complainant is adversely affected by the Council business activity (your concerns)
- the principles of the competitive neutrality allegedly compromised by the business activity
- the impact to the complainant of the alleged breach.

2.3 Investigation and Decision of Competitive Neutrality Complaint – Preliminary Procedure

The CEO may assign a Complaints Officer to the matter or choose to personally undertake the investigation of the matter.

Within 10 business days, the Complaints Officer will send an acknowledgement, noting the date of the complaint and any other materials received.

This acknowledgement will include:

- details of the complaint/s
- how you can access the policy and procedure
- the anticipated timeframe to resolve your complaint
- the name of the Complaints Officer assigned to your complaint
- that the Complaints Officer may contact you to seek further information
- contact details of the Complaints Officer.

The Complaints Officer will:

- follow procedures, gather information, and observe natural justice
- find the facts, apply the law and reasonably exercise discretion.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the Complaints Officer will:

- prepare a response to the concerns, and obtain the complainant's views on the proposed response
- submit a written report to the CEO on the concerns, together with the proposed response and the complainant's views on the proposed response

The CEO will consider the information and prepare a final response to the complainant in writing or direct the Complaints Officer to finalise the response in writing.

The final response will include details of how to make a formal complaint to the Queensland Productivity Commission.

2.4 Investigation and Decision of Competitive Neutrality Complaint – Formal Procedure

If your attempt to resolve your complaint with Council has not been successful, you can submit a formal competitive neutrality complaint in writing to the Queensland Competition Authority (the competition authority), or to Council.

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If a formal complaint is made directly to Council, we will refer that complaint to the authority to investigate. They are required to investigate complaints that fall within the scope of competitive neutrality provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*, unless they consider that:

1. the complainant has not made a genuine attempt to resolve the issue with Council
2. the complainant is not, or will not be, in competition with the relevant Council business activity
3. the complainant is not, or is unlikely to be, adversely affected, even if the business activity does not comply with the competitive neutrality principle
4. the complaint is frivolous or vexatious.

The competition authority investigation will examine whether Council's business activity breached the competitive neutrality principle. They are required to consider the competitive neutrality criteria in their investigation — these criteria are set out in section 51 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

A formal competitive neutrality complaint received by Council, will be processed as follows:

- on receipt of a formal complaint, the CEO will acknowledge the receipt of the complaint within 10 business days
- forward the complaint to the Queensland Competition Authority as soon as practicable.

The competition authority will investigate the complaint and provide a written report to Council and the business entity itself (if it is a separate legal entity to Council).

The report will state whether the competition authority considers the complaint to be substantiated.

If they decide that the local government business entity has a competitive advantage (or disadvantage), the report will also include recommendations on addressing this advantage (or disadvantage).

This report provides advice and recommendations only, and Council is not required to accept the advice.

Council must decide, by resolution, whether to implement the recommendations in the report, and the resolution must state the reasons for Council's decisions. Council must make this decision within 1 month after receiving the report, or if no ordinary meeting is held within that month, at the first meeting of Council after that month.

A copy of the report must be available for inspection by the public at Council's offices. There is no requirement for the report to be published on Council's website.

Within 7 days after making the resolution, the CEO will give notice of the resolution to:

- the complainant: and
- the competition authority: and
- if a corporatised business entity is conducting the business activity—the corporatised business entity.

If a corporatised business entity is conducting the business activity, the corporatised business entity must implement the recommendations as soon as practicable.

2.5 Confidentiality Requests

If you believe that the disclosure of information given, or to be given, to the competition authority is likely to damage your business activities, you can give the competition authority written notice that:

- states your belief; and
- asks the authority not to disclose the information to an external entity without your consent.

The competition authority may accept your confidentiality request if the authority is satisfied your belief is justified and disclosure of the information would not be in the public interest.

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If the competition authority accepts your confidentiality request, the authority must not include the information in a report about the investigation of a competitive neutrality complaint or otherwise disclose the information to an external entity.

3. Privacy Complaints

If you believe that Council has dealt with your personal information in a way that is not consistent with the Queensland Privacy Principles (QPPs) you may make a privacy complaint.

3.1 Who Can Make a Privacy Complaint?

Privacy complaints can only be made by an individual or their authorised agent about their own personal information.

3.2 How to Make a Privacy Complaint

Privacy complaints can be submitted to Council through a variety of formats, such as by telephone, letter, email, online, or face-to-face. Council's contact information is detailed above.

To assist Council in understanding the nature of the complaint and any outcome sought, it is preferred that privacy complaints are submitted in writing.

Where necessary, the Complaints Officer will provide advice on the services available for individuals who need support in making a complaint.

3.3 Assessment of Privacy Complaints

Upon receiving a privacy complaint, Councill will ensure that the complaint is properly understood and will seek clarification or further information if necessary.

Council may refuse to deal with a privacy complaint when:

- the complaint does not concern your personal information
- the complaint concerns the personal information of a child and you are not the parent or guardian of the child
- the complaint concerns the personal information of an individual and you are not the agent of the individual authorised to act on their behalf
- 12 months have passed since the act or practice that is the subject of the complaint
- the complaint is considered vexations, in that it is made maliciously or in bad faith.

If your privacy complaint has been refused based on one or more of the reasons noted above, the Complaints Officer will provide you with written advice within 10 business days.

3.4 Investigation and Decision of Privacy Complaints

Within 10 business days, the Complaints Officer will send an acknowledgement, noting the date of the complaint and any other material received.

This acknowledgement will include:

- details of the complaint/s
- how you can access the policy and procedure
- the name of the Complaints Officer assigned to your complaint
- that the Complaints Officer may contact you to seek further information
- contact details of the Complaints Officer.

Under the *Information Privacy Act 2009*, the timeframe for Council to respond to privacy complaints is 45 business days.

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The Complaints Officer will:

- follow procedures, gather information, and observe natural justice
- assess the complaint against the relevant QPPs
- find the facts, apply the law and reasonably exercise discretion.

At the conclusion of the investigation, you will be provided with written advice outlining:

- the steps taken to investigate your complaint
- the decision and clear reasons advising if your complaint was substantiated or unsubstantiated any recommendations or remedies.
- The written advice will also provide information about your external review rights.

3.5 Privacy Complaint Remedies

To resolve a substantiated privacy complaint, Council considers the following remedial actions appropriate:

- an apology
- developing or updating policies and procedures
- giving an undertaking that employees will attend refresher privacy training
- improving collection notices or the way a collection notice is provided to enhance awareness of what will or may happen to personal information once it is collected
- undertaking a physical or technical audit
- revisiting and revising outsourcing contracts which involve the handling of personal information
- correcting misleading or inaccurate documents by amending the document or allowing the complainant to provide a notation which can then be added to the document
- implementing additional security measures to documents which contain the complainant's personal information
- taking practical steps to recall the personal information or to take it down off a website
- clarifying precisely what personal information was involved in the breach by providing the complainant with administrative access to the relevant documents; or
- providing information and assistance to the complainant to deal with the consequences of the breach (for example, how to request a copy of their credit report for free or to access an employee assistance program)
- in some cases, financial compensation including an ex-gratia payment.

3.6 External Review

A privacy complaint must be made to Council first before it is submitted to the Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC). The *Information Privacy Act 2009* allows a maximum period of 45 business days from the date a privacy complaint was received for the Council to provide a response.

After the 45 business days have lapsed, you may lodge your complaint to the OIC if:

- you are unhappy with Council's response, or
- you have not received a response to your complaint.

This Council Procedure acknowledges the importance of fundamental human rights.

Council is committed to recognising and protecting these rights when creating policies and procedures that shape the frameworks, standards, behaviors, and actions of the Murweh Shire Council.

An assessment of this Procedure determined that it does not limit or affect any human rights.

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Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every ***three years*** or as required due to changes to in legislation.

Definitions

Affected Person

For a Human Rights Complaint – a person the subject of a public entity's alleged contravention of section 58(1) of the *Human Rights Act 2019*; or

For a Competitive Neutrality Complaint – it is as defined in section 48(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009*; namely "an affected person" is –

(a) a person who –

(i) competes with the local government in relation to the business activity; and

(ii) claims to be adversely affected by a competitive advantage that the person alleges is enjoyed by the local government; or

(b) a person who –

(i) wants to compete with the local government in relation to the business activity; and

(ii) claims to be hindered from doing so by a competitive advantage that the person alleges is enjoyed by the local government."

CEO

Chief Executive Officer of Murweh Shire Council.

Competitive Neutrality Complaint (CNC)

As defined by section 48(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and involves a failure of a local government to conduct a business activity in accordance with the competitive neutrality principle. CNC complaints can only be lodged by an affected person.

Complainant

A person or organisation who makes a complaint.

Complaint Officer

An employee of Council, assigned by the CEO to manage the complaint.

Council

Murweh Shire Council

Human Rights

As defined in Part 2, Division 2 and 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* and includes:

- taking part in public life;
- freedom from forced work;
- privacy and reputation;
- cultural rights – generally;
- cultural rights – aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- property rights;
- peaceful assembly and freedom of association;

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- freedom of expression;
- freedom of movement;
- freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief;
- recognition and equality before the law;
- right to life;
- protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;
- protection of families and children;
- right to liberty and security of person;
- humane treatment when deprived of liberty;
- right to education;
- right to health services;
- fair hearing;
- rights in criminal proceedings;
- children in the criminal process;
- right not to be tried or punished more than once; and
- retrospective criminal laws.

Human Rights Complaint

A complaint about an alleged contravention by Council in relation to:

- acting or making a decision in a way that is not compatible with human rights; or
- in making a decision, failing to give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision.

Privacy Complaint

As defined in s164 of the *Information Privacy Act 2009* -

A complaint by an individual about an act or practice of a relevant entity in relation to the individual's personal information that is a breach of the relevant entity's obligation under this Act to comply with—

a) the privacy principles; or
b) an approval under section 157.

Vexatious Complaint

A complaint intended to, or perceived to intend to cause distress, embarrassment, or to harass the subject of the complaint which lacks sufficient grounds to warrant an investigation.

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Attachment 1 – Human Rights

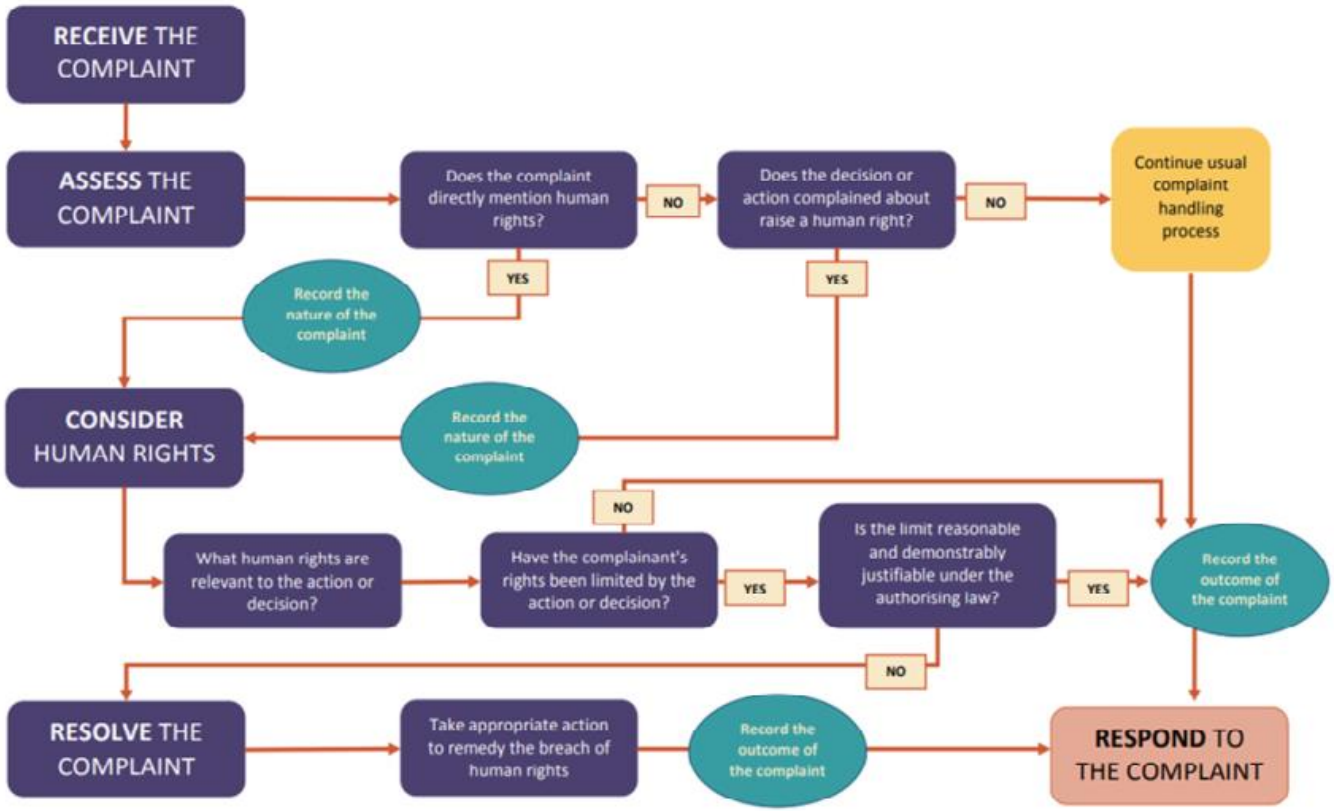
Human Rights	
Recognition and equality before the law (section 15)	Everyone is entitled to equal and effective protection against discrimination, and to enjoy their human rights without discrimination.
Right to life (section 16)	Every person has the right to life and to not have their life taken. The right to life includes a duty on government to take appropriate steps to protect the right to life.
Protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment (section 17)	People must not be tortured. People must also not be treated or punished in a cruel, inhuman or degrading way. This includes protection from treatment that humiliates a person. This right also protects people from having medical treatment or experiments performed on them without their full and informed consent.
Freedom from forced work (section 18)	A person must not be forced to work or be made a slave. A person is a slave when someone else has complete control over them.
Freedom of movement (section 19)	People can stay in or leave Queensland whenever they want to as long as they are here lawfully. They can move around freely within Queensland and choose where they live.
Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief (section 20)	People have the freedom to think and believe what they want – for example, religion. They can do this in public or private, as part of a group or alone.
Freedom of expression (section 21)	People are free to say what they think and want to say. They have the right to find, receive and share information and ideas. In general, this right might be limited to respect the rights and reputation of other people, or for the protection of public safety and order.
Peaceful assembly and freedom of association (section 22)	People have the right to join groups and to meet peacefully.
Taking part in public life (section 23)	Every person has the right to take part in public life, such as the right to vote or run for public office.
Property rights (section 24)	People are protected from having their property taken, unless the law says it can be taken.
Privacy and reputation (section 25)	Everyone has the right to keep their lives private. Your family, home or personal information cannot be interfered with, unless the law allows it.
Protection of families and children (section 26)	Families are entitled to protection. Children have the same rights as adults with added protection according to their best interests.
Cultural rights – generally (section 27)	People can have different family, religious or cultural backgrounds. They can enjoy their culture, declare and practice their religion and use their languages.
Cultural rights – Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples (section 28)	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Queensland hold distinct cultural rights. They include the rights to practice their beliefs and teachings, use their languages, protect and develop their kinship ties, and maintain their relationship with the lands, seas and waterways.

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Right to liberty and security of person (section 29)	Everyone has the right to freedom and safety. The right to liberty includes the right to not be arrested or detained except in accordance with the law. The right to security means that reasonable steps must be taken to ensure the physical safety of people who are in danger of physical harm.
Humane treatment when deprived of liberty (section 30)	People have the right to be treated with humanity if they are accused of breaking the law and are detained.
Fair hearing (section 31)	A person has a right to a fair hearing. This means the right to have criminal charges or civil proceedings decided by a competent, independent and impartial court or tribunal after a fair and public hearing.
Rights in criminal proceedings (section 32)	There are a number of minimum guarantees that you have when you have been charged with a criminal offence. These include the right to be told the charges against you in a language you understand; the right to an interpreter if you need one; the right to have time and the facilities (such as a computer) to prepare your own case or to talk to your lawyer; the right to have your trial heard without too much delay; the right to be told about Legal Aid if you don't already have a lawyer; you are presumed innocent until proven guilty; and you don't have to testify against yourself or confess your guilt unless you choose to do so.
Rights of children in the criminal process (section 33)	A child charged with committing a crime or who has been detained without charge must not be held with adults. They must also be brought to trial as quickly as possible and treated in a way that is appropriate for their age. Children are entitled to opportunities for education and rehabilitation in detention.
Right to not be tried of punished more than once (section 34)	A person will only go to court and be tried once for a crime. This means if the person is found guilty they will only be punished once. If they are found to be innocent they will not be punished.
Retrospective criminal laws (section 35)	A person has the right not to be prosecuted or punished for things that were not criminal offences at the time they were committed.
Right to education (section 36)	Every child has the right to primary and secondary schooling. Every person has the right to have access to further vocational education, based on their ability.
Right to health services (section 37)	Everyone has the right to access health services without discrimination. This right also states that nobody can be refused emergency medical treatment.

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Attachment 2 – Human Rights Complaint Handling Flowchart



Human Rights Policy

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Purpose

The *Human Rights Act 2019* (the Act) requires Council as a public entity to act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights. When making a decision Council must give proper consideration to a human right relevant to that decision.

Scope

This Policy applies to all workplace participants including temporary and contract staff.

This Policy applies to interactions that occur when: -

i. dealing with customers or community members when providing day-to-day services;
ii. processing and dealing with human rights complaints from the public;
iii. making decisions, interpreting and applying laws;
iv. developing policies and procedures; and
v. inducting new employees of Council.

Council will respond to human rights complaints in accordance with the *Human Rights Act 2019*, Council's Complaints (Administrative Action) Policy and any statutory or procedural requirements.

Legislation

Human Rights Act 2019
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulations 2012

Definitions

Compatible with human rights has the meaning given in section 8 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*: -

An act, decision or statutory provision is compatible with human rights if the act, decision or provision—
a) does not limit a human right; or
b) limits a human right only to the extent that is reasonable and demonstrably justifiable in accordance with section 13.

Human rights has the meaning given in part 2, divisions 2 and 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* and include: -

- Recognition and equality before the law (section 15)
- Right to life (section 16)
- Protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment (section 17)
- Freedom from forced work (section 18)

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- Freedom of movement (section 19)
- Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief (section 20)
- Freedom of expression (section 21)
- Peaceful assembly and freedom of association (section 22)
- Taking part in public life (section 23)
- Property rights (section 24)
- Privacy and reputation (section 25)
- Protection of families and children (section 26)
- Cultural rights – generally (enjoyment of culture, religion and language) (section 27)
- Cultural rights – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (section 28)
- Right to liberty and security of person (section 29)
- Humane treatment when deprived of liberty (section 30)
- Fair hearing (section 31)
- Rights in criminal proceedings (section 32)
- Children in the criminal process (section 33)
- Right not to be tried or punished more than once (section 34)
- Right not to be subject to retrospective criminal laws (section 35)
- Right to education (section 36)
- Right to health services (section 37)

Public Entity - A 'public entity' as defined in section 9(d) of the *Human Rights Act 2019* is a local government, a Councillor of a local government or a local government employee and includes a registered provider when performing 'functions of a public nature' in the State (as defined in section 10 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*).

Workplace Participants – Councillors and employees of Council including temporary and contract staff.

Policy

Murweh Shire Council is committed to protecting and promoting human rights, and to building a culture within Council that respects and promotes human rights and as such will respect, protect and promote human rights in our decision making and actions.

Guidelines

Councillors and Council employees are required to act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights. When making a decision Council must give proper consideration to a human right relevant to that decision.

Council employees responsible for responding to human rights complaints made under the *Human Rights Act 2019* will do so in accordance with the *Human Rights Act 2019*, Council's Complaint (Administrative Action) Policy and any relevant statutory or procedural requirements.

Related Documents

Human Rights Management Policy (Guidelines)
Complaints (Administrative Action) Policy

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Information Privacy Policy and Plan

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Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)

Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)

Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023 (Qld)

Intent

This policy outlines Murweh Shire Council's (**Council**) commitment to managing personal information responsibly and in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Qld) (**IP Act**), as amended by the *Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023* (Qld) (**IPOLA Act**). It also details procedures for handling data breaches under the Mandatory Notification of Data Breach (**MNDB**) scheme.

Scope

This policy applies to all Council employees, contractors, and agents of Council who collect, access, or manage personal information in the course of their duties.

Definitions

Data Breach: Unauthorised access to, or disclosure of, personal information, or a loss of personal information that the Council holds.
MNDB Scheme: A framework requiring agencies to notify affected individuals and the Officer of the Information Commissioner (**OIC**) about data breaches that are likely to result in serious harm.
Personal Information: Information or an opinion, whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an identified individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

Policy Statement

Council is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals by ensuring that personal information is:

- Collected only when necessary for Council functions and activities.
- Stored securely to prevent unauthorised access, modification, or disclosure.
- Used and disclosed only for the purposes for which it was collected, unless otherwise authorised by law.
- Accurate, complete, and up to date.
- Accessible to individuals upon request, with provisions for correction if necessary.

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Collection of Personal Information

Council will collect personal information in a lawful and fair manner, directly from individuals where possible. At the time of collection, Council will inform individuals about:

- The purpose of collection
- Any lawful authority for the collection
- Any third parties to who the information is usually disclosed.

Storage and Security

Council will take reasonable steps to protect personal information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification, or disclosure. This includes implementing physical, electronic, and managerial procedures to safeguard information.

Access and Amendment

Individuals have the right to request access to their personal information held by Council and to request corrections if the information is inaccurate, incomplete, or out-of-date. Requests will be handled in accordance with the IP Act.

Use and Disclosure

Council will only use personal information for the purpose for which it was collected, unless:

- The individual has consented to another use.
- It is required or authorised by law.
- It is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious threat to life, health, safety, or welfare.

Mandatory Notification of Data Breaches (MNDB)

In accordance with the MNDB scheme, effective from 1 July 2026, Council will:

- **Identify and Assess:** Promptly assess suspected data breaches to determine if they are likely to result in serious harm.
- **Notify:** If a data breach is likely to result in serious harm, Council will notify affected individuals and the OIC as soon as practicable.
- **Mitigate:** Take steps to contain the breach and prevent future occurrences.

Council will develop and implement a Data Breach Response Plan to ensure preparedness and a swift response to data breaches.

Responsibilities

- **Councilors and Employees:** Must adhere to this policy and related procedures.
- **Managers:** Ensure staff are aware of and comply with this policy.
- **Chief Executive Officer:** Oversee Council's compliance with privacy obligations, including the MNDB scheme.

Information Privacy Policy and Plan

Related Documents

- Public Interest Disclosure Policy
- Records Management Policy
- Information Security Policy
- Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy
- Data Breach Response Plan

Document Controls

This policy will be reviewed every two years or as required by changes in law or best practice.

Policy Owner

Legal and Governance.

Approval

Chief Executive Officer			
Date:	xx/03/2023	Signature:	

INFORMATION PRIVACY PLAN

Introduction

A key aspect of democratic governance is the responsible handling of personal information and Murweh Shire Council (**Council**) is strongly committed to protecting the individual's right to privacy and protecting the personal information of individuals.

The *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Qld) (**the Act**) gives an individual the right to access and amend any of their personal information that is held by Council.

Obligations about the collection, use, storage and disclosure of personal information are provided in the Information Privacy Principles (**IPPs**) contained in the Act. The eleven IPPs appear in Appendix "A" of this Information Privacy Plan (**Plan**).

Under the Act personal information held by Council must be responsibly and transparently collected and managed (including the transfer of personal information held by Council to other agencies, other levels of Government and to the community or private sector) in accordance with the IPPs.

The Act also provides a complaint mechanism for any act or practice thought to be in breach of the IPPs.

The Plan aims to assist members of the public in understanding how their personal information is managed within Council and to assure members of the public that their personal information is being managed in accordance with the Act. The Plan will also assist persons who deal with personal information and provide a strategic overview for achieving compliance with the Act.

Application of this Plan

The Plan applies to:

- all Councillors and Council employees; and
- contractors and consultants engaged by Council.

When dealing with personal information, the Councillors and Council employees must comply with the IPPs.

Council regularly enters into contracts with external bodies for the supply of goods and services. Some of these contracts require the disclosure of personal information to third parties, or the collection of personal information by third parties on behalf of Council. The Act requires personal information to be managed in accordance with the IPPs and, in regard to any outsourcing arrangements, contracts and licences entered into, Council will take all reasonable steps to ensure contractors agree to comply with the IPPs.

Where Council has partnership agreements with companies or individuals, Council must also take all reasonable steps to bind the companies or individuals to the IPPs.

Personal information

What is personal information?

Personal information is information or an opinion, including information or an opinion forming part of a database, whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual whose identity is apparent, or can reasonably be ascertained, from the information or opinion.

Examples of personal information include a person's name and address, signature, email address, date of birth, driver licence number and physical characteristics such as height, birthmarks and tattoos.

Personal information also includes information about a person's political and religious beliefs, psychological profile, medical records, disabilities and sexual preferences.

Information does not need to explicitly identify a person for it to be characterised as personal information. The information needs only to provide sufficient information to lead to the identification of a person. Personal information is not limited to confidential or sensitive personal details, and it covers information held in paper or electronic records, including images and sounds.

What is not personal information?

The IPPs do not apply to information that is publicly available, for example, information in Council's land record, white pages, electoral rolls, annual reports and the Queensland Government Gazette.

Documents

The IPPs do not apply to a document to the extent it contains personal information:

Covert activity

- arising out of or in connection with a controlled operation or controlled activity within the meaning of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* (Qld) or the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* (Qld) (**the CCC Act**);
- arising out of or in connection with a covert undertaking of an operation, investigation or function of a law-enforcement agency;
- obtained under a warrant issued under the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* (Cth);

Witness protection

- about a witness who is included in a witness protection program under the *Witness Protection Act 2000* (Qld), or who is subject to other witness protection arrangements made under an Act;

Disciplinary actions and misconduct

- arising out of a complaint made under Part 7 of the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* (Qld);
- arising out of a complaint or an investigation of corruption under the CCC Act;

Public interest disclosures

- contained in a public interest disclosure under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* (Qld) (**the PID Act**); or
- that has been collected in an investigation arising out of a public interest disclosure under the PID Act.

Additionally, the IPPs do not apply where the:

- authority to collect, use, store and disclose personal information has an overriding statutory base;
- personal information is that of a deceased person; or
- personal information is in a generally available document.

Classes of personal information held

Council holds a range of documents that contain personal information. These documents may include:

Operational documents

- internal and external correspondence
- application forms
- telephone recordings
- complaints
- inspection record, including photographs
- receipts and invoices
- customer requests
- purchase orders
- compliance and penalty notices
- transaction histories

Personnel records

- recruitment records
- attendance and overtime records
- medical records
- tax file number declaration forms
- personal history files
- performance appraisals
- trade, skill and aptitude tests
- travel documentation
- contracts and conditions of employment
- leave applications and approvals
- payroll records
- declarations of pecuniary interests
- education records
- personal development and training records
- personal welfare records

Other records

- records of accidents and injuries, including compensation and rehabilitation case files
- records relating to disciplinary matters, including records of complaints, grievances and investigations
- recommendations for honours and awards
- CCTV footage and photographic imagery

These classes of personal information are examples only and it is not intended to represent an exhaustive list. Council may hold other classes of personal information.

Responsibilities for privacy within Council

The overall responsibility for privacy in Council rests with the Chief Executive Officer. Council employees have a responsibility to ensure they comply with the Act. All Councillors and

The day-to-day management of privacy has been delegated to the Manager Legal Services who is responsible for reporting privacy matters to the Chief Executive Officer.

Council's Legal Services Department is the first point of contact for members of the public, Councillors and Council employees, on privacy matters, including:

- breach of privacy complaints;
- requests for internal reviews of decisions relating to privacy and personal information;
- requests from individuals for the amendment of their personal information in Council's records; and
- general information on privacy in Council.

The Legal Services Department can be contacted by email at mail@murweh.qld.gov.au or by phone on (07) 4656 8355.

Public registers managed within Council

Council is required to keep certain public registers which may contain personal information. Details of the registers are available on Council's website.

Access and amendment procedures

Under the Act, a person has a right to request access to or amendment of their personal information. Applications for access to, or amendment of, personal information must be dealt with through the existing

Right to Information and Information Privacy process. Details of this process are available on Council's website at Right to Information | Shire of Murweh.

Complaint process

If a person believes that Council has not dealt with their personal information in accordance with the IPPs, they may make a complaint to Council. If Council does not respond to the complaint within 45 business days of receiving the complaint, or the complainant considers the response to be inadequate, they may make a written complaint to the Information Commissioner.

Complaints or enquiries about privacy should be directed to the below address:

Post: PO Box 63, Charleville, Qld, 4470

Email: mail@murweh.qld.gov.au

APPENDIX A

Information Privacy Principle 1 - Collection of personal information (lawful and fair)

(1)

An agency must not collect personal information for inclusion in a document or generally available publication

unless –

(a)

(b) the information is collected for a lawful purpose directly related to a function or activity of the agency; and

the collection of the information is necessary to fulfil the purpose or is directly related to fulfilling the purpose.

(2)

An agency must not collect personal information in a way that is unfair or unlawful.

Information Privacy Principle 2 - Collection of personal information (requested from individual)

(1)

This section applies to the collection by an agency of personal information for inclusion in a document or generally available publication.

(2) However, this section applies only if the agency asks the individual the subject of the personal information for either –

(a)

(b) the personal information; or

information of a type that would include the personal information.

(3)

The agency must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the individual is generally aware of –

(a)

(b) the purpose of the collection; and

if the collection of the personal information is authorised or required under a law –

(i)

(ii) the fact that the collection of the information is authorised or required under a law; and

the law authorising or requiring the collection; and

(c)

(d) if it is the agency's usual practice to disclose personal information of the type collected to any entity (the first entity) -- the identity of the first entity; and

if the agency is aware that it is the usual practice of the first entity to pass on information of the type collected to another entity (the second entity) – the identity of the second entity.

(4)

The agency must take the reasonable steps required under subsection (3) –

(a)

(b) if practicable – before the personal information is collected; or

otherwise – as soon as practicable after the personal information is collected.

(5)

However, the agency is not required to act under subsection (3) if –

(a) (b)

(c)

call or during the giving of treatment or assistance to a person in need of an emergency service;

the personal information is collected in the context of the delivery of an emergency service; and

the agency reasonably believes there would be little practical benefit to the individual in complying with subsection (3) in the circumstances; and

the individual would not reasonably expect to be made aware of the matters mentioned in subsection (3).

Example –

Personal information collected during a triple 0 emergency

Information Privacy Principle 3 - Collection of personal information (relevance etc.)

(1) This section applies to the collection by an agency of personal information for inclusion in a document or generally available publication.

(2) However, this section applies to personal information only if the agency asks for the personal information from any person.

(3) The agency must take all reasonable steps to ensure that –

(a) the personal information collected is –

(i) relevant to the purpose for which it is collected; and

(ii) complete and up to date; and

(b) the extent to which personal information is collected from the individual the subject of it and the way personal information is collected, are not an unreasonable intrusion into the personal affairs of the individual.

Information Privacy Principle 4 - Storage and security of personal information

(1) An agency having control of a document containing personal information must ensure that –

(a) the document is protected against –

(i) loss; and

(ii) unauthorised access, use, modification or disclosure; and

(iii) any other misuse; and

(b)

if it is necessary for the document to be given to a person in connection with the provision of a service to the agency, the agency takes all reasonable steps to prevent unauthorised use or disclosure of the personal information by the person.

(2) Protection under subsection (1) must include the security safeguards adequate to provide the level of protection that can reasonably be expected to be provided.

Information Privacy Principle 5 - Providing information about documents containing personal information

(1) An agency having control of documents containing personal information must take all reasonable steps to ensure that a person can find out –

(a) whether the agency has control of any documents containing personal information; and
(b) the type of personal information contained in the documents; and
(c) the main purposes for which personal information included in the documents is used; and
(d) what an individual should do to obtain access to a document containing personal information about the individual.

(2) An agency is not required to give a person information under subsection (1) if, under an access law, the agency is authorised or required to refuse to give that information to the person.

Information Privacy Principle 6 - Access to documents containing personal information

(1) An agency having control of a document containing personal information must give an individual the subject of the personal information access to the document if the individual asks for access.

(2) An agency is not required to give an individual access to a document under subsection (1) if –

(a) the agency is authorised or required under an access law to refuse to give the access to the individual; or
(b) the document is expressly excluded from the operation of an access law.

Information Privacy Principle 7 - Amendment of documents containing personal information

(1) An agency having control of a document containing personal information must take all reasonable steps, including by the making of an appropriate amendment, to ensure the personal information –

(a) is accurate; and
(b) having regard to the purpose for which it was collected or is to be used and to any purpose directly related to fulfilling the purpose, is relevant, complete, up to date and not misleading.

(2) Subsection (1) applies subject to any limitation in a law of the State providing for the amendment of personal information held by the agency.

(3) Subsection (4) applies if –

(a) an agency considers it is not required to amend personal information included in a document under the agency's control in a way asked for by the individual the subject of the personal information; and
(b) no decision or recommendation to the effect that the document should be amended wholly or partly in the way asked for has been made under a law mentioned in subsection (2).

(4)
The agency must, if the individual asks, take all reasonable steps to attach to the document any statement provided by the individual of the amendment asked for.

Information Privacy Principle 8 - Checking of accuracy etc. of personal information before use by agency

Before an agency uses personal information contained in a document under its control, the agency must take all reasonable steps to ensure that, having regard to the purpose for which the information is proposed to be used; the information is accurate, complete and up to date.

Information Privacy Principle 9 - Use of personal information for relevant purpose

(1)
This section applies if an agency having control of a document containing personal information proposes to use the information for a particular purpose.
(2)
The agency must use only the parts of the personal information that are directly relevant to fulfilling the particular purpose.

Information Privacy Principle 10 - Limits on use of personal information

(1)
An agency having control of a document containing personal information that was obtained for a particular purpose must not use the information for another purpose unless –

(a)
the individual the subject of the personal information has expressly or impliedly agreed to the use of
(b) the information for the other purpose; or
the agency is satisfied on reasonable grounds that use of the information for the other purpose is necessary to lessen or prevent a serious threat to the life, health, safety or welfare of an individual, or to
(c) public health, safety or welfare; or
use of the information for the other purpose is authorised or required under a law; or
(d)
the agency is satisfied on reasonable grounds that use of the information for the other purpose is necessary for one or more of the following by or for a law enforcement agency –

(i)
the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution or punishment of criminal offences
(ii) or breaches of laws imposing penalties or sanctions;
(iii) the enforcement of laws relating to the confiscation of the proceeds of crime;
(iv) the protection of the public revenue;
(v) the prevention, detection, investigation or remedying of seriously improper conduct;
the preparation for, or conduct of, proceedings before any court or tribunal, or implementation of the orders of a court or tribunal; or

(e)
the other purpose is directly related to the purpose for which the information was obtained; or

Examples for paragraph (e) –
1. An agency collects personal information for staff administration purposes. A new system of staff administration is introduced into the agency, with much greater functionality. Under this paragraph, it would be appropriate to transfer the personal information into the new system.

2.
An agency uses personal information, obtained for the purposes of operation core services, for the purposes of planning and delivering improvements to the core services.

(f)
all of the following apply –

(i) the use is necessary for research, or the compilation or analysis of statistics, in the public interest; (ii) the use does not involve publication of all or any of the personal information in a form that identifies any particular individual the subject of the personal information; (iii) it is not practicable to obtain the express or implied agreement of each individual the subject of the personal information before the use.

(2) If the agency uses the personal information under subsection (1)(d), the agency must include with the document a note of the use.

Information Privacy Principle 11 - Limits on disclosure

(1) An agency having control of a document containing an individual's personal information must not disclose the personal information to an entity (the relevant entity), other than the individual the subject of the personal information, unless –

(a) the individual is reasonably likely to have been aware, or to have been made aware, under IPP 2 or under a policy or other arrangement in operation before the commencement of this schedule, that it is
(b) the agency's usual practice to disclose that type of personal information to the relevant entity; or
(c) the individual has expressly or impliedly agreed to the disclosure; or
the agency is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the disclosure is necessary to lessen or prevent a serious threat to the life, health, safety or welfare of an individual, or to public health, safety or welfare;
(d) or
(e) the disclosure is authorised or required under a law; or
the agency is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the disclosure of the information is necessary for one or more of the following by or for a law enforcement agency –

(i) the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution or punishment of criminal offences
(ii) or breaches of laws imposing penalties or sanctions;
(iii) the enforcement of laws relating to the confiscation of the proceeds of crime;
(iv) the protection of the public revenue;
(v) the prevention, detection, investigation or remedying of seriously improper conduct;
the preparation for, or conduct of, proceedings before any court or tribunal, or implementation of the orders of a court or tribunal; or
following apply –
(f)

all of the

(i) the disclosure is necessary for research, or the compilation or analysis of statistics, in the public
(ii) interest;
the disclosure does not involve the publication of all or any of the personal information in a form
(iii) that identifies the individual;
it is not practicable to obtain the express or implied agreement of the individual before
(iv) the disclosure;
the agency is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the relevant entity will not disclose the personal information to another entity.

(2) If the agency discloses the personal information under subsection (1) (e), the agency must include with the document a note of the disclosure.

(3) If the agency discloses personal information under subsection (1), it must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the relevant entity will not use or disclose the information for a purpose other than the purpose for which the information was disclosed to the agency.

(4) The agency may disclose the personal information under subsection (1) if the information may be used for a commercial purpose involving the relevant entity's marketing of anything to the individual only if, without limiting subsection (3), the agency is satisfied on reasonable grounds that –

(a) it is impracticable for the relevant entity to seek the consent of the individual before the personal information is used for the purposes of the marketing; and
(b) the relevant entity will not charge the individual for giving effect to a request from the individual to the entity that the individual not receive any marketing communications; and
(c) the individual has not made a request mentioned in paragraph (b); and
(d) in each marketing communication with the individual, the relevant entity will draw to the individual's attention, or prominently display a notice, that the individual may ask not to receive any further marketing communications; and
(e) each written marketing communication from the relevant entity to the individual, up to and including the communication that involves the use, will state the relevant entity's business address and telephone number and, if the communication with the individual is made by fax, or other electronic means, a number or address at which the relevant entity can be directly contacted electronically.

10.3 MARCH 2026 SURPLUS SECONDHAND PLANT — VIRTUAL PUBLIC AUCTION RESULTS

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the excellent results of the March surplus secondhand plant virtual public auction conducted by Ray White NASCO, which returned total auction proceeds of $494,123.00 (inclusive of GST) against a combined reserve of $269,000.00, representing 184% of reserve.

BACKGROUND

Murweh Shire Council periodically reviews its plant and equipment holdings to identify assets that are surplus to operational requirements. The disposal of surplus plant through public auction ensures that Council realises fair market value for its assets, reduces holding and maintenance costs, and maintains accountability and transparency consistent with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Council engaged Ray White NASCO to conduct a combined Western Council virtual public auction on 23 March 2026. The auction catalogue included 45 lots comprising heavy plant and equipment, light vehicles, trailers, mowers, and miscellaneous items, all located in Charleville QLD 4470.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the outcomes of the March 2026 surplus plant virtual public auction and to formally table the post-auction results for noting.

DISCUSSION

The online auction was conducted by Ray White NASCO on 23 March 2026 under Catalogue Number 5261. The auction was open to the public and all prices are inclusive of GST.

AUCTION OUTCOMES SUMMARY

Category	Detail
Auction type	Online (virtual public auction)
Total lots listed	45
Lots sold	43
Lots referred / passed	2
Combined reserve	$269,000.00
Total auction proceeds (incl. GST)	$494,123.00
Achievement against reserve	184%

The two lots that did not sell (Lot 216 — Wire Pegs and Lot 271 — Slasher Skids) were items of negligible value with a nil reserve and nil recorded auction price.

NOTABLE SALE RESULTS

The following lots achieved particularly strong results relative to their reserve prices:

Lot	Description	Reserve	Auction Price	% Reserve
82	1998 Lusty Pacific Quad Ext. Low Loader	$70,000.00	$160,000.00	229%
89	2013 John Deere 770G Grader (11,331 hrs)	$110,000.00	$157,000.00	143%
28	2013 Nissan Patrol Tray	$8,000.00	$30,000.00	375%
6	2021 Toyota HiLux Dual Cab Tray	$18,000.00	$30,500.00	169%
23	2018 Ford Ranger 3.2 Extra Cab Tray	$15,000.00	$25,000.00	167%
208	Dozer Press Gear (miscellaneous)	$0.00	$6,040.00	—

Of particular note is the 1998 Lusty Pacific Low Loader (Lot 82), which achieved $160,000.00 — more than double its $70,000.00 reserve — and the 2013 John Deere 770G Grader (Lot 89), which returned $157,000.00 against a reserve of $110,000.00 following a recent transmission and hydraulic pump replacement. Together these two lots accounted for $317,000.00, or approximately 64% of total auction proceeds.

The light vehicle fleet — comprising one Toyota HiLux, five Ford Rangers (2016–2019), and one Ford Ranger tipper — collectively achieved $124,500.00 against a combined reserve of $79,000.00 (158% of reserve), reflecting sustained strong demand for 4x4 dual cab work vehicles in regional Queensland.

The overall result of 184% of combined reserve represents an outstanding commercial outcome for Council.

CONSULTATION

The Director of Corporate Services, Director of Engineering Services and Workshop Manager were consulted in the preparation of this report and the management of the auction process. Ray White NASCO acted as Council's auction agent and provided the post-auction results report dated 26 March 2026.

FINANCIAL RISKS

The auction has concluded and proceeds of $494,123.00 (inclusive of GST). There are no outstanding financial risks associated with this matter. The net GST component will be remitted to the Australian Taxation Office in the ordinary course of BAS reporting.

LEGAL RISKS

The disposal of surplus plant by public auction is consistent with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Council's obligations to obtain fair market value for public assets. Ray White NASCO conducted the auction as a licensed auctioneer. No legal risks are identified.

ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

The disposal of used plant and vehicles may involve the transfer of items containing residual fluids (oils, hydraulic fluid, fuel). Responsibility for the safe handling and disposal of such materials passes to the purchaser upon settlement. No material environmental risks to Council are identified.

SOCIAL RISKS

The conduct of a virtual public auction ensures equitable access for all prospective buyers regardless of geographic location, which is consistent with best practice for regional council asset disposals. The transparency of the online auction process supports public confidence in Council's asset management practices. No adverse social risks are identified.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Asset Management Policy
- Ray White NASCO, Post Auction Results — Catalogue No. 5261, 26 March 2026

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.

4.4.1 Encourage adoption of circular economy principles and practices

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Murweh Shire Council Auction March 2026** ⇩
2. **Murweh Shire Council Post Auction Results** ⇩

Auction Sales Report

Auction Supplier: Nasco

Event Name: Combined Western Council Auction

Date of Auction: 23/03/2026

1. Executive Summary

The auction held on 23/3/26 was a successful event, generating significant interest in the items offered. The total sales amounted to $494,123.00, with all items sold except 2 low value item's.

2. Auction Overview

Type of Auction: Online

Number of Items Listed: 45 lots

Number of Items Sold: 43

Total Revenue Generated: $494,123.00

Post Auction Results

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Catalogue Number: 5261
Auction Date: 23-03-2026
Auction Type: ONLINE
Auction Price: Include GST

t No	Description	Asset ID	Valuation High Low	Reserve	Auction Price	Result
344 - Murweh Shire Council						
	2021, TOYOTA, HILUX, DUAL CAB TRAY, MANUAL., VIN MR0KA3CDX01259189, 172276 Odometer showing , 4 X 4, ABS, SPRING SUSPENSION, CHEQUER PLATE FLOOR, AIR CONDITIONING, BULL BAR, RACKS, TOW BAR, DROPSIDES, POWER STEERING, Service Books & Manual, GVM 3050, SRS AIRBAGS, HAND WASH TANK, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 668	668	$0.00 $18,000.00	$18,000.00	$30,500.00	SOLD
	2019, FORD, RANGER 3.2, DUAL CAB TRAY, AUTO., VIN MPBUMEF50KX247235, 191528 Odometer showing , 4 X 4, ABS, SPRING SUSPENSION, CHEQUER PLATE FLOOR, AIR CONDITIONING, BULL BAR, TOW BAR, DROPSIDES, POWER STEERING, Service Books & Manual, GVM 3200, HAND WASH TANK, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 662	662	$0.00 $6,000.00	$12,000.00	$17,000.00	SOLD
	2018, FORD, RANGER 2.2, DUAL CAB TIPPER, AUTO., VIN MPBUMEF80JX183578, 152533 Odometer showing , 4 X 4, ABS, SPRING SUSPENSION, AIR CONDITIONING, BULL BAR, HYDRAULICS, TOW BAR, DROPSIDES, POWER STEERING, GVM 3200, AIRBAGS, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 653	653	$0.00 $10,000.00	$10,000.00	$18,500.00	SOLD
	2018, FORD, RANGER 3.2 EXTRA CAB, TRAY, MANUAL., VIN MNAUM1F50JW934515, 76929 Odometer showing , 4 X 4, ABS, SPRING SUSPENSION, CHEQUER PLATE FLOOR, AIR CONDITIONING, BULL BAR, RACKS, TOW BAR, POWER STEERING, Service books & manual, GVM 3200, AIRBAGS, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 658	658	$0.00 $12,000.00	$15,000.00	$25,000.00	SOLD
	2018, FORD, RANGER 3.2 EXTRA CAB, TRAY, MANUAL., VIN MNAUM1F50JW934514, 141849 Odometer showing , 4 X 4, ABS, SPRING SUSPENSION, CHEQUER PLATE FLOOR, AIR CONDITIONING, BULL BAR, TOW BAR, DROPSIDES, POWER STEERING, Spot lights, Service books & manual, GVM 3200, HAND WASH TANK, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 659	659	$0.00 $8,000.00	$10,000.00	$13,750.00	SOLD
	2018, FORD, RANGER 2.2 EXTRA CAB., TRAY, AUTO., VIN MNAUM1F80JW882643, 152907 Odometer showing , 4 x 2, ABS, SPRING SUSPENSION, CHEQUER PLATE FLOOR, AIR CONDITIONING, BULL BAR, RACKS, TOW BAR, DROPSIDES, POWER STEERING, Spot lights, Service books & manual, GVM 3200, AIRBAGS, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 656	656	$0.00 $6,000.00	$6,000.00	$10,000.00	SOLD
	2016, FORD , RANGER 3.2 EXTRA CAB, TRAY, MANUAL., VIN MNAUM1F50GW660586, 201200 Odometer showing , 4 X 4, ABS, SPRING SUSPENSION, TOOL BOXES, AIR CONDITIONING, BULL BAR, TOW BAR, DROPSIDES, POWER STEERING, GVM 3200, AIRBAGS, HAND WASH TANK, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 611	611	$0.00 $6,000.00	$6,000.00	$9,750.00	SOLD

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Post Auction Results

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t No	Description	Asset ID	Valuation High Low	Reserve	Auction Price	Result
344 - Murweh Shire Council						
	2013, NISSAN, PATROL., TRAY, MANUAL., VIN JN1UETY61A0600189, 150946 Odometer showing , SPRING SUSPENSION, CHEQUER PLATE FLOOR, TOOL BOXES, AIR CONDITIONING, BULL BAR, RACKS, TOW BAR, DROPSIDES, POWER STEERING, Spot lights, Service books & manual, GVM 3400, SRS AIRBAGS, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 641	641	$0.00 $8,000.00	$8,000.00	$30,000.00	SOLD
	1998, LUSTY PACIFIC, QUAD EXT., LOW LOADER, 10.9, QUAD., VIN 6B94242JAWK7W8048, 104565 Hub Meter showing , AIR BAG SUSPENSION, WIDENING, HYDRAULICS, TOOL BOXES, ATM 60000, PLEASE NOTE THE EXTENSION ADDS 1.2 MTRS AND WIDENS TO 3.2ISH MTRS, PLEASE NOTE STEER TYRE AND RIM NOT INCLUDED, COMES WITH SOME SPARE PARTS, OLD WINCH AND GRATES, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 492	492	$0.00 $70,000.00	$70,000.00	$160,000.00	SOLD
	2013, JOHN DEERE, 770G, GRADER, 11331 HOURS., Serial Number 1DW770GXADD655462, AIR CAB, PLEASE NOTE A NEW TRANSMISSION & HYDRAULIC PUMP FITTED RECENTLY, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 115	115	$0.00 $110,000.00	$110,000.00	$157,000.00	SOLD
4	2015, JOHN DEERE, Z997R 72 EU, ZERO TURN MOWER, DIESEL., 3734 HOURS., Serial Number 1TCZ997RCFE012180, CANOPY, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470., Key# 582	582	$0.00 $3,000.00	$3,000.00	$8,250.00	SOLD
5	DIXON, D22KH42, MID MOUNT MOWER, 692 HOURS., Serial Number 030212A001109, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.	577	$0.00 $500.00	$500.00	$1,250.00	SOLD
9	UNBRANDED, TRAILER MOUNTED., SPRAY UNIT, Serial Number QAA6517, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.	270	$0.00 $500.00	$500.00	$1,550.00	SOLD
0	MISC CHAINS AND TIE DOWNS 1., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.	1	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$65.00	SOLD
1	MISC SMALL ENGINES., MISC, UNKNOWN CONDITION, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$85.00	SOLD
2	MISC SMALL ENGINES PARTS., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$5.00	SOLD
3	PALLET OF SIDE BOARDS., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$100.00	SOLD
4	MISC CHAINS AND TIE DOWNS 2, MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.	2	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$210.00	SOLD
6	FORD HEAD LIGHT COVERS AND UTE COVER., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$30.00	SOLD
7	MISC CAT PARTS., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$40.00	SOLD

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344 - Murweh Shire Council						
8	DOZER PRESS GEAR., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$6,040.00	SOLD
9	DIFF UNKNOWN., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$30.00	SOLD
0	MISC WHEELS AND RIM., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$50.00	SOLD
1	TOOL BOX 1., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$340.00	SOLD
2	MISC HOSES., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$20.00	SOLD
3	WIRE ROPE., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$30.00	SOLD
4	TOOL BOX 2., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$520.00	SOLD
5	SLASHER GEAR BOX., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$30.00	SOLD
6	WIRE PEGS., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
7	PARTS WASHER., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$40.00	SOLD
8	ALLOY STEPS., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$55.00	SOLD
9	PEGS., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$5.00	SOLD
0	CABINET., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$45.00	SOLD
1	ISUZU SEAT., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$115.00	SOLD
2	TANK ON STAND., MISC, YELLOW, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$5.00	SOLD
3	DRAIAGE HOSE., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$5.00	SOLD
4	MESH., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$5.00	SOLD

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344 - Murweh Shire Council						
6	TENT., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$85.00	SOLD
7	TROLLEY., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$30.00	SOLD
8	CAGE., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$35.00	SOLD
7	OIL DISPENSOR., MISC, PLEASE DRUMS NOT INCLUDED, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$3,500.00	SOLD
8	QTY OF DESKS., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$26.00	SOLD
9	QTY OF TILES., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$1.00	SOLD
0	QTY OF CABINETS., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$26.00	SOLD
1	UNKNOW, SLASHER SKIDS., MISC, LOCATION CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470.		$0.00 $0.00	$0.00	$0.00	

o of lots	Result	Reserves	Auction Price	%Reserve
43	SOLD	$269,000.00	$494,123.00	184%
2	REFERRED / PASSED			
45				

erence: rptPostAuctionResults

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10.4 REQUEST FOR A SEAT FOR CHARLEVILLE CEMETERY

Author: **Special Project Officer/Disaster Management Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the request from Mrs Evelyn Purvis for the provision of a round seat surrounding one of the large trees at the Charleville Cemetery close to the lawn cemetery section.

BACKGROUND

The Mayor was approached by Mrs Evelyn Purvis seeking Council to provide some seating at the Charleville Cemetery close to the lawn section - for people visiting their deceased family and friends.

There is currently no seating near this location of the Charleville Cemetery for family and friends to sit and rest and partake in some quiet time with deceased family and friends.

The request was for Council to provide a seat around one of the large trees to the east of the lawn cemetery plots.

The cost to Council will be $3,686.10 plus installation (see attached documentation) which appears to be a reasonable price for this type of installation based on other types of street furniture.



LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

2.2.2 Town reserves and public lands are well maintained for community access and recreational use.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Astra Street Furniture – P18110517 Quote** ⇩
2. **Spencer Bench – Full Circle - Spec Sheet** ⇩

ASTRA STREET FURNITURE

Area Safe Products Pty Ltd
T/A Astra Street Furniture

ABN: 74 114 414 185
17 Sterling Road,
Minchinbury, NSW 2770

1300 509 589
sales@astrastreetfurniture.com.au
astrastreetfurniture.com.au

Proposal

P18110517

Invoice To:
Shire of Murweh PO Box 63 Charleville QLD 4470

Deliver To:
Murweh Shire Council MSC Depot Sturt Street Charleville QLD 4470 Bruce Scott - 0427586902

Date 26/3/2026
Contact Bruce Scott
Memo Supply Only

Area Safe Contact Keiran Day
Rep Phone 0485 834 517
Terms 14 Days

Image	Item Code	Description	Price	QTY	Total
	Note	Spencer Bench Full Circle - (RRP $2,790 excl. GST)			
	49-007-FCB	Spencer Bench Full Circle - STONE GREY Seat Tops Powdercoated (STONE GREY) Legs Powdercoated (CHARCOAL) Overall Size: 2000(ø)x420(H)mm Assembly Required - Assembly Guide Included	$2,640.00	1	$2,640.00
	Delivery (DFE)	Customer - Forklift unload	$711.00	1	$711.00

NO REFUNDS OR CLAIMS FOR FURNITURE, MANUFACTURED, BUY IN ITEMS, OR ITEMS HAVING BEEN INSTALLED.
NO CLAIMS RECOGNISED UNLESS MADE IN WRITING WITHIN 7 DAYS OF DELIVERY. A RESTOCKING FEE APPLIES TO INCORRECTLY ORDERED GOODS.
TITLE TO THE ABOVE GOODS REMAINS WITH AREA SAFE PRODUCTS PTY LTD UNTIL THE INVOICE IS PAID IN FULL.
ALL PURCHASES MADE WITH AREA SAFE PRODUCTS PTY LTD ARE SUBJECT TO OUR TERMS AND CONDITION'S AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

Subtotal	$3,351.00
Tax Total	$335.10
Total	$3,686.10

Signed Acceptance:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ PO #: _____

ASTRA STREET FURNITURE

Product Specifications

Spec Sheet

ABN 74 114 414 185
Area Safe Products Pty Ltd
3 Jamieson Place, Glendenning, NSW, 2761
PO Box 82, Plumpton NSW 2761

P 1300 889 821
E sales@astrastreetfurniture.com.au

www.astrastreetfurniture.com.au

Spencer Bench – Full Circle

Product Code: 49-007-FCB, 49-007-FCB-FG, 49-007-FCB-RG, 49-007-FCB-LS, 49-007-FCB-MS, 49-007-FCB-OX15, 49-007-FCB-DV

Specifications:

- Overall Size: 2000(ø)x420(H)mm

Materials:

- Perforated Steel
- Heavy Duty Steel Construction
- Powder Coat Finish in a wide range of colours

Description:

The **Spencer Bench – Full Circle** is a modern, durable seating solution designed for high-use outdoor environments. Crafted from heavy-duty perforated steel with a sleek circular form, it offers both strength and contemporary style, making it ideal for parks, schools, urban spaces, and community areas.

Available in seven standard colours – Stone Grey, Leaf Satin, Flame Gloss, Reef Gloss, Moonlight Satin, Orange, and Violet – the Spencer Bench can also be customised to match your branding or project requirements. (Lead times apply – price on application.)



Please note:

It is the customer's responsibility to ensure that the product is suitable for the application and that it is installed in a correct and safe manner based on the customer's risk analysis.

ASTRA® STREET FURNITURE

Product Specifications

Spec Sheet

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Furniture Care
Refer to 'Astra Furniture Care' documents for detailed care & maintenance instructions. These can be found on www.astrastreetfurniture.com.au.

Warranty
Refer to 'Astra Street Furniture Warranty Policy' document for product warranty. This can be found on www.astrastreetfurniture.com.au.

10.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND BUSH COUNCILS CONVENTION

Author: **Chief Executive Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Cr Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Mayor Cr Peter Alexander, and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Scott to attend the Local Government Association of Queensland Bush Councils Convention to be held in Longreach between 26 and 28 May 2026.

BACKGROUND

The LGAQ Bush Councils Convention is a key event in the local government calendar, providing an opportunity for councils from rural, regional and remote areas to connect, collaborate and learn from one another.

This is a biannual convention brings together local government leaders and industry experts to explore the policy issues, service delivery challenges and opportunities shaping Queensland's bush communities.

Over three days, delegates will explore key issues shaping regional communities through practical workshops, forums and panel discussions that are focused on real solutions and shared challenges.

The LGAQ Bush Councils Convention is a key opportunity for leaders to come together, connect with peers and exchange ideas.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

Travel will be by vehicle Charleville to Longreach and potentially between 25 May 2026 and return on 29 May 2026 - at this stage and until Council received the final program.

The Council will provide 4 nights of accommodation that is considered value for money and close to the venue as well as meals not provided for at the Bush Councils Convention, taxi and incidental costs as per *Councillors Remuneration, Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities Policy (FIN 010) and the Training and Development Policy (HR-033).*

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. Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Bush Councils Convention ⇩



Dear Bruce,

Registration is now open for the LGAQ's Bush Councils Convention, heading for Longreach from **Tuesday 26 – Thursday 28 May 2026** and bringing together local government leaders from across rural and remote Queensland.

Much more than a conference, Bush Councils is a valued opportunity to strengthen the partnerships that support communities across the Outback and beyond.

Over three days, delegates will explore key issues shaping regional communities through practical workshops, forums and panel discussions that are focused on real solutions and shared challenges.

The LGAQ Bush Councils Convention is a key opportunity for leaders to come together, connect with peers and exchange ideas.

Click the button below to register for the 2026 Bush Councils Convention.

Register here

The LGAQ looks forward to welcoming you to Longreach for this important Convention.

If you have any questions, please email **events@lgaq.asn.au** or phone **1300 542 700**.

Please CLICK HERE to update your communication preferences.

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ask@lgaq.asn.au · 1300 542 700

10.6 WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS ASSEMBLY

Author: **Chief Executive Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Councillor Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Peter Alexander, Chief Executive Officer Mr Bruce Scott at the 2026 Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) Assembly to be held in Brisbane on 25 – 27 August 2026.

BACKGROUND

Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Councillors and Chief Executive Officers of the 25 western regions local governments are invited to attend the 2026 Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) Assembly in Brisbane on 25 – 27 August 2026.

The Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) is a collaboration between the three regional organisations of councils in Western Queensland – North West Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC), Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD), and South West Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC).

These three bodies represent 25 Councils across the north west, central west and south west of Queensland. This area covers 63 per cent of the State and makes a major contribution to the economies of Queensland and Australia. The three regional representative organisations of councils have come together under the banner of the WQAC to represent the views of our 25 rural and remote councils on matters of common concern in the State's far west.

ASSEMBLY DETAILS

The WQAC Assembly 2026, will:

- Continue to focus on addressing the regional priority issues of Housing, Roads & Transport, Connectivity and Sustainability, as well as Water and Sewerage Infrastructure, Waste Management, Disaster Funding, Regional Airline Services, Banking Services and 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games opportunities.
- Provide an opportunity to engage with State and Federal Ministers and Shadows, Members and Senators, Directors General and senior Industry leaders.
- Grow networks and relationships to promote and represent Western Queensland.

POINTS TO NOTE

- Dates: 25-27 August 2026 including a Welcome Reception on the 25th and Dinner on 26th
- Venue: Brisbane City Hall
- Accommodation: Numerous hotels within walking distance (make your own bookings)
- Invited: Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Councillors and CEOs of WQAC Councils with alternate delegates welcome to attend to a maximum of four (4) per council.

COST TO COUNCIL

Travel will be by vehicle Charleville to Brisbane 24 August 2026 and return on 28 August 2026.

The Council will provide 4 nights of accommodation that is considered value for money and close to the venue as well as meals not provided for at the WQAC Assembly, taxi and incidental costs as per *Councillors Remuneration, Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities Policy (FIN 010) and the Training and Development Policy (HR-033).*

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. WQAC - Assembly 2026 - Date Claimer ⇩



WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS | NWQROC North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils | RAPAD REMOTE AREA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD | SWQROC SOUTH WEST QLD REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

DATE CLAIMER

Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Councillors and Chief Executive Officers are invited to attend the 2026 WQAC Assembly in Brisbane

The WQAC is a collaboration of the three regional organisations of councils in Western Queensland established in 2020, covering 63 percent of the State and including 25 local governments.

The WQAC Assembly 2026, will:

- Continue to focus on addressing the regional priority issues of Housing, Roads & Transport, Connectivity and Sustainability, as well as Water and Sewerage Infrastructure, Waste Management, Disaster Funding, Regional Airline Services, Banking Services and 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games opportunities.
- Provide an opportunity to engage with State and Federal Ministers and Shadows, Members and Senators, Directors General and senior Industry leaders.
- Grow networks and relationships to promote and represent Western Queensland.

Main points to note:

- **Dates:** 25-27 August 2026 including a Welcome Reception on the 25th and Dinner on 26th
- **Venue:** Brisbane City Hall
- **Accommodation:** Numerous hotels within walking distance (make your own bookings)
- **Invited:** Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Councillors and CEOs of WQAC Councils with alternate delegates welcome to attend to a maximum of four (4) per council.

A comprehensive program is in development and registrations will open in coming months.

We look forward to welcoming you to this signature event for Western Queensland when the **Bush comes to Brisbane!!**

For further information contact Greg Hoffman PSM, Executive Officer, WQAC at M: 0418 756 005 and greg.hoffman@wqac.com.au.

Cr Barry Hughes
Mayor
Etheridge Shire Council
Chair, NWQROC

Cr Tony Rayner
Mayor
Longreach Regional Council
Chair, RAPAD

Cr Samantha O'Toole
Mayor
Balonne Shire Council
Chair, SWQROC

Representing: Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Croydon, Doomadgee, Etheridge, Flinders, Kowanyama, McKinlay, Mornington, Mount Isa,

10.7 ATTENDANCE AT THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

Author: **Chief Executive Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the attendance of the Mayor, Councillor Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Peter Alexander, and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Scott, at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) 2026 to be held at the National Convention Centre, Canberra from 23 to 25 June 2026, including the Tuesday Regional Forum on 23 June 2026.
2. Approve travel by Murweh Shire Council corporate vehicle between Charleville and Canberra (return) with travel dates of on or about 22 June 2026 and return on or about 26 June 2026.
3. Approve early bird registration fees of $999.00 per delegate and Regional Forum fees of $350.00 per delegate (NGA delegate discount rate), totalling $4,047.00 (GST inclusive) for three delegates.
4. Note that accommodation, meals not provided at the event, travel and incidental expenses will be met in accordance with the Councillors Remuneration, Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities Policy (FIN 010) and the Training and Development Policy (HR-033), with accommodation selected on the basis of value for money and proximity to the National Convention Centre.

BACKGROUND

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is the peak annual event on the local government calendar. Held each year in Canberra, the NGA brings together elected representatives and senior officers from councils across Australia to engage with the Federal Government and national policy makers, debate formal motions that shape the national local government agenda, and hear from leading voices on the issues shaping communities.

Murweh Shire Council has a history of attendance at the NGA. Council most recently approved attendance at the NGA 2025 (Resolution 143/25, 18 June 2025) and the NGA 2024 (Resolution 067/24, 19 April 2024), with the Mayor, a Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer attending on both occasions.

The NGA 2026 will be held at the National Convention Centre, Canberra from 23 to 25 June 2026. The event is organised by ALGA and proudly brought to local government as the peak national representative body.

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council approval for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to attend the ALGA National General Assembly 2026 in Canberra, and authorises the associated registration, travel and accommodation expenditure in accordance with Council's relevant policies.

DISCUSSION

The NGA is a key event in the local government calendar, providing a forum for councils to connect with the Federal Government and to collaborate with peers from across Australia on the policy issues, service delivery challenges and opportunities shaping communities. For regional, rural and

remote councils such as Murweh Shire, the NGA offers a particularly important opportunity to have the distinctive needs of bush communities heard at the national level.

The 2026 programme spans three days. Tuesday 23 June 2026 features specialist Regional and Urban Forums at the National Convention Centre, with the Regional Forum exploring topics including the renewable energy transition, disaster management, national productivity and local roads, and regional health - all matters of direct relevance to Murweh Shire. The General Assembly itself is held on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June 2026, and includes ministerial conversations, debate on formal motions, sessions on financial sustainability, disability inclusion, grant funding strategies and respectful communication, as well as the launch of the Jobs and Skills Survey and the State of the Assets report.

Attending the Tuesday Regional Forum (at the NGA delegate discount rate of $350.00 per person) maximises the value of the trip by providing an additional full day of regionally relevant content.

The early bird registration deadline is Thursday 30 April 2026. Approval at the April 2026 Council Meeting will enable registrations to be lodged before the deadline, achieving a saving of $126.00 per delegate ($378.00 across three delegates) compared with the late registration fee of $1,125.00.

Although the NGA General Assembly Dinner on the evening of Thursday 25 June 2026 at the Australian War Memorial ($245.00 per person) is listed in the programme, attendance at the dinner is at Council's discretion and is not included in the current recommendation. Should Council wish to include the dinner, a further $735.00 (three delegates) would be required.

Canberra in June is characterised by cool daytime temperatures (11–15°C) with overnight temperatures near 0°C, and morning fog can cause flight delays. It is recommended that delegates avoid early morning departures or arrivals when booking flights to minimise the risk of disruption to attendance at the event.

SUMMARY OF KNOWN REGISTRATION COSTS (3 DELEGATES)

Item	Per Delegate	3 Delegates
Early bird General Assembly registration (by 30 April 2026)	$999.00	$2,997.00
Regional Forum — NGA delegate discount rate	$350.00	$1,050.00
Total registration	$1,349.00	$4,047.00

All amounts include GST.

CONSULTATION

Internal consultation was undertaken with the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in preparing this report. Discussions have confirmed the availability and intention of the nominated attendees to participate in the event. No external consultation is required for this matter.

FINANCIAL RISKS

Early bird registration fees total $4,047.00 (GST inclusive) for three delegates and are to be met from the approved operational budget. Return airfares between Charleville and Canberra, accommodation and incidental expenses will be met in accordance with the Councillors Remuneration, Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities Policy (FIN 010) and the Training and Development Policy (HR-033). Accommodation is available near the National Convention Centre in a range of price points from $219.00 to $375.00 per room per night; a value-for-money option is to be selected. Council has attended the NGA in previous years without adverse financial impact. Failure to register before the early bird deadline of 30 April 2026 would incur an additional cost of $378.00 across three delegates.

Under the ALGA cancellation policy, cancellations before 30 April 2026 incur an administration charge of $220.00 per delegate. Cancellations received after 30 April 2026 are liable for the full

registration fee. Substitutes are welcome at no additional cost, which provides flexibility in the event a nominated delegate is unable to attend.

LEGAL RISKS

Attendance at conferences and professional development events by elected members and the Chief Executive Officer is expressly contemplated under the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld). Expenditure is subject to the requirements of those instruments and Council's own policies. No legal risks are identified in relation to this matter.

ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

No material environmental risks are identified. Air travel contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and currently has some risks associated with reduced flight options as the current war in the Middle East continues and constrained oil supplies are possible. While air travel is consistent with Council's standard practice for attending national events, vehicle travel is more cost effective and environmentally responsible for travel between Charleville and Canberra within the required timeframe on this occasion.

SOCIAL RISKS

Attendance at the NGA supports Council's capacity to advocate for Murweh Shire's interests at the national level and to remain informed of policy, legislative and service delivery developments affecting the local government sector. Representation at the NGA is consistent with Council's obligations to its community and reflects positively on the Shire. No adverse social risks are identified.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)
- Councillors Remuneration, Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities Policy (FIN 010)
- Training and Development Policy (HR-033)
- ALGA National General Assembly 2026 Information Flyer

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. National General Assemby 2026 Information Flyer ⇩



NGA 2026
National General Assembly

INFORMATION FLYER

National Convention Centre, Canberra 23 - 25 June 2026

2026 Proposed Programs

Forums

TUESDAY 23 JUNE
REGIONAL FORUM: ROYAL THEATRE

8.00am	Registrations Open
9.00am	Regional Forum Opening Session
10.00AM	**MORNING TEA**
10.30am	Opportunities & Challenges - Renewable Transition
11.30am	State of the Regions
12.30PM	**LUNCH**
1.30pm	Disaster Management Fatigue
2.30pm	National productivity & local roads
3.30PM	**AFTERNOON TEA**
4.30pm	Regional Health
5.30pm - 7.30pm	National General Assembly Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening Sponsored by Payble

TUESDAY 23 JUNE
URBAN FORUM: BRADMAN THEATRE

8.00am	Registrations Open
9.00am	Urban Forum Opening Session
10.00AM	**MORNING TEA**
10.30am	State of the Cities
11.30am	Precinct Building: Creating places people want to be
12.30PM	**LUNCH**
1.30pm	Emergency Management: Communicating to large populations
2.30pm	Growing pains: Rapid urban growth
3.30PM	**AFTERNOON TEA**
4.30pm	Decarbonisation in the urban context
5.30pm - 7.30pm	National General Assembly Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening Sponsored by Payble

National General Assembly

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE
NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8.00am	Registrations Open
9.00am	Opening Session MC Wecome and Introduction Welcome to Country
10.00am	Session 1 David Speers (MC) in conversation with Ministers
11.00AM	**MEAL BREAK ONE**
12.00pm	Session 2: Listen and Action With Jason Clarke, including the launch of the Jobs and Skills Survey
2.00PM	**MEAL BREAK TWO**
3.00pm	Session 3: Debate on Motions
5.30pm	Close of day one

THURSDAY 25 JUNE
NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8.30am	Session 4: Debate on Motions
11.00AM	**MEAL BREAK ONE**
12.00pm	Session 5: Financial Sustainability Launch of State of the Assets & Around the Grounds (Association Presidents)
1.00pm	Session 6: Disability Inclusion in Action
2.00PM	**MEAL BREAK TWO**
3.00pm	Session 7: Securing Funds How to Get that Grant & Payable Research
4.00pm	Session 8: Respectful communication in the online world
7.00pm	General Assembly Dinner Australian War Memorial Sponsored by Telstra
7.00pm	Networking Event Verity Lane Market

View the full program on the website
NGA26.com.au

NGA 2026 INFORMATION

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening

Sponsored by Payble
Tuesday 23 June 2026

Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra

The Welcome Reception will be held in the exhibition hall and foyer.

5:30pm - 7:30pm

$55.00 per person for day delegates and guests. No charge for full registered delegates. No charge for registered accompanying partners.

Dress Code: Smart casual

General Assembly Dinner

Sponsored by Telstra
Thursday 25 June 2026

Venue: Australian War Memorial
7:00pm - 10:00pm

$245.00 per person

Dress Code: Formal/Cocktail

Numbers to this dinner are strictly limited. Tickets are allocated on a first in basis.

Networking Night at Verity Lane

Thursday 25 June 2026

Venue: Verity Lane Market
7:00pm - 11:00pm

$109.00 per person

Dress Code: Formal/Cocktail

**Note: These functions are on the same night **

General Assembly Business Sessions

Wednesday 24 June 2026 - Thursday 25 June 2026

Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra

All plenary sessions will be held in the Royal Theatre at the National Convention Centre.

Dress Code: Smart casual

Exhibition

Tuesday 23 June 2026 - Thursday 25 June 2026

Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra

The exhibition is being held in the Exhibition Hall and the Upstairs Ballroom at the National Convention Centre.

Partner Tours

The partners meet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel each morning to commence their tour.

A Day in Hall
Wednesday 24 June - 9.45am

Explore the character and charm of Hall on this relaxed, full-day experience. Begin at the Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre, where local stories and historic displays paint a picture of the region's past. Move on to a guided spirit and wine tasting with Local Spirit Group, complemented by a fresh lunch from 1882 Hall. Finish the day with a wander through Cockington Green Gardens, taking in the detailed miniature villages and beautifully maintained grounds. Enjoy a ride on the miniature steam train before heading off. A balanced mix of history, flavour and leisurely sightseeing.

Lake Side Art & History Tour
Thursday 25 June - 9:45am

Experience Canberra from three unique angles on the Lakeside Art & History Tour tour. Start with a relaxed circuit of Lake Burley Griffin, where the calm surroundings provide a comfortable setting for a lakeside life-drawing session and Morning Tea. Enjoy a laid-back lunch at Wilma Asian BBQ, combining good food with an easy atmosphere. Finish with a guided visit to Calthorpes House, exploring its well-preserved architecture, gardens and the stories that reflect Canberra's early heritage. A balanced mix of art, nature, food and history.

NOTE These programs are subject to change without notice.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration form available at NGA26.COM.AU

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION

- Attendance to all General Assembly sessions
- Meal breaks as per the General Assembly program
- One ticket to the Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening
- General Assembly satchel and materials

Early Bird Payment recieved by Thursday 30 April 2026	$999.00
Late Payment recieved after Thursday 30 April 2026	$1,125.00

DAY REGISTRATION FEES

- Attendance to all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration
- Meal breaks as per the General Assembly program
- One ticket to the Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening
- General Assembly satchel and materials

Wednesday 24 June 2026	$570.00
Thusrsday 25 June 2026	$570.00

TUESDAY REGIONAL FORUM OR URBAN FORUM REGISTRATION FEES

- Attendance to all registered Forum sessions
- Meal breaks as per the Forum program

Forum Only Tuesday 23 June 2026	$555.00
Forum NGA Delegate Discount	$350.00

ACCOMPANYING PARTNER REGISTRATION FEES

- 1 ticket to the Welcome Recpetion & Exhibition Opening
- Day tour Wednesday 24 June 2026
- Day tour Thursday 25 June 2026

Partner Registration Fee	$335.00

All amounts include GST

GENERAL INFORMATION

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE

ALGA collects your personal contact information in its role as a peak body for local government. ALGA may disclose your personal contact information to the sponsors of the event for the purposes of commercial business opportunities.

If you do not consent to ALGA using and disclosing your personal contact information in this way, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

Importantly, your name can also be included in the General Assembly List of Participants. You must tick the appropriate box on the registration form if you wish your name to appear in this list.

Photographs

During the General Assembly there will be a contracted photographer taking photographs during the sessions and social functions. If you have your picture taken it is assumed that you are giving consent for ALGA to use the image. Images may be used for print and electronic publications.

CAR PARKING

Parking for delegates is available underneath the National Convention Centre for a cost of approximately $23.50 per day. Alternatively, voucher public parking is available 300m from the Centre at a cost of approximately $20.00 per day. The voucher machines accept either cash or cards (Visa or MasterCard).

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Payment can be made by:

Credit card MasterCard and Visa

Electronic Funds Transfer
Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Branch: Woden
BSB No: 062905
Account No: 10097760

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Canberra Weather in June

Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 11-15°C and temperatures do drop to 0°C on average in the evenings, so be sure to bring a warm jacket.

Mornings can be foggy so keep this in mind when booking flights. It is best to avoid early arrivals or departures in case of delays due to fog.

CANCELLATION POLICY

STANDARD REGISTRATION TERMS

An administration charge of $220.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Thursday 30 April 2026. Cancellations received after Thursday 30 April 2026 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost

By submitting your registration you agree to the terms of the cancellation policy.

Substitutions

As with all ALGA events, substitutions are allowed for delegates. Please notify the conference organisers in writing if substitutions are required.

No refund will be available to no shows.

ACCOMMODATION TERMS

All cancellations or amendments must be made in writing to Conference Co-ordinators and will be acknowledged by email.

All rooms cancelled 30 day prior to check-in will be charged the full amount unless the room can be resold.

You are required to pay for your full accommodation account and any incidental expenses incurred during your stay when checking in to the hotel.

No refund will be available to no shows.

Conference Hotels

A by Adina
1 Constitution Avenue, Canberra

A by Adina Canberra is the newest hotel to Canberra which is located on Constitution Avenue only a 5-minute walk from the National Convention Centre.

The hotel combines spacious apartment living with 24-hour reception, room service, service provided by knowledgeable concierges and a well-equipped gym.

A new dining district is also newly constructed in the immediate area.

All rooms have a king bed and the studios offer a twin option of two singles beds.

Studio Rooms: $249 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments: $299 per night
— Single/double

Adina Serviced Apartments
79 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Adina Serviced Apartments Canberra James Court (formerly Medina) is located in the heart of the city on Northbourne Ave. offering contemporary spacious one bedroom apartments. Each apartment features a fully-equipped kitchen, in-room laundry and modern conveniences including flat screen TVs and free WiFi, outdoor pool, sauna, gym, spa and undercover parking on site ($20/day). The hotel is approximately a 20-minute walk from the National Convention Centre.

1 Bedroom Apartments: $219 per night
— Single

Avenue Hotel
80 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Avenue Hotel is one of the only 5 star options in the Canberra city and offers guests both studio and apartment style rooms. The hotel is a 15-20 minute walk from the Convention Centre.

The apartments have a fully functioning kitchen. Twin option at the hotel consists of two king singles.

Superior King Rooms $330 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments $360 per night
— Single/double

Crowne Plaza
1 Binara Street, Canberra

The Crowne Plaza is adjacent to the Convention Centre and only a short walk from restaurants, bars and the main shopping district.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two double beds.

City View Room $375 per night
— Single/twin/double

Park View Room $420 per night
— Single/twin/double

Mantra on Northbourne
84 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Mantra on Northbourne is centrally located within the CBD and approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The hotel features underground parking (for a fee), a 24 hour reception, a heated indoor pool, sauna and a fully-equipped gymnasium.

All apartments offer one king bed, individually controlled air-conditioning, WiFi (for a fee), pay per view movies, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, a separate lounge and dining area, kitchen and a fully equipped laundry.

1 Bedroom Apartments: $219 per night

— Single/double

Nesuto Apartments
2 Akuna Street, Canberra

Located in the heart of Canberra's CBD, the Nesuto Apartments is only a five-minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The one-bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge/dining area.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds. Additional costs will apply if more than two guests are within the one room.

Studio Apartment $289 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments $309 per night
— Single/twin/double

Qt Hotel
1 London Circuit, Canberra

The Qt Hotel is a modern hotel with boutique style furnishings, central to the city and a 10-minute walk to the National Convention Centre.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.

King Room $249 per night
— Single/twin/double

Superior King Room $269 per night
— Single/twin/double

The Sebel Canberra Civic
197 London Circuit, Canberra

The Sebel Canberra Civic is one of Canberra's newest hotels which opened in June 2019 and is just a 7-minute walk from the National Convention Centre.

This property offers free WiFi throughout the hotel, a fully equipped gym, and an onsite restaurant and bar lounge.

All rooms come with a fully equipped kitchenette with Nespresso machine and dining table. Every bathroom is accessibility friendly with walk in showers.

Superior Room $235 per night
— Single/double

Executive Room $265 per night
— Single/double

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11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

11.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

Author: **Accountant**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 31 March 2026, 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 March 2026
9. Balance Sheet March 2026
10. Financial Statement Actual March 2026

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 March 2026 against the Revised Budget FY25/26 as adopted by the Council.

Highlights of this month's Financial Report:

Report - Period Ending 31 March 2026

Revenue

As at 31 March, total revenue is $32.8 M, or 59.8% of the annual budget of $54.8M.

These statements are for 9 months of the financial year and generally would represent 75% of the overall budget.

March revenue was below budget due to delays in the release of the second rates levy notice, which has now been issued.

Expenses

As of 31 March, total expenditure is $34.8M, which represents 77.6% of the budgeted $44.9M.

Actual expenses of 77% is slight over the year-to-date budget of 75 %.

The year-to-date expense variance is mainly attributable to flood damage works, which are currently exceeding the 2025–26 budget.

Outcome

- There is currently a cash balance of $ 17 M, (last month $18.9 M).
- Restricted cash – grant not yet spent: $11.78 M (last month $11.8 M).
- Actual unrestricted/surplus cash: $ 5.2 M (last month $ 7 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 March were $894,455 compared with the YTD budget of $569,782.

Payments to Bilby fund for tickets sold less management fees are 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 March 2026

CASH AT BANK						
	Operating Account					$172,971
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS						
	National Bank of Australia					$ -
	QTC Cash Fund					$16,822,568
				Total		**$ 16,995,539**
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)					$2,167,248
	Restricted cash - grants/loan received not yet spent					$11,781,713
						$ 13,948,962
Balance of estimated rates/other **debtors** - estimated **creditors:**						
	(	$4,657,471	-	$1,017,987	)	$ 3,639,484
Plus cash surplus/(deficit)		$ 16,995,539	-	$ 13,948,962		$ 3,046,578
Working Capital				**Total**		**$ 6,686,062**

2. Monthly Cash flow Estimate: - April 2026

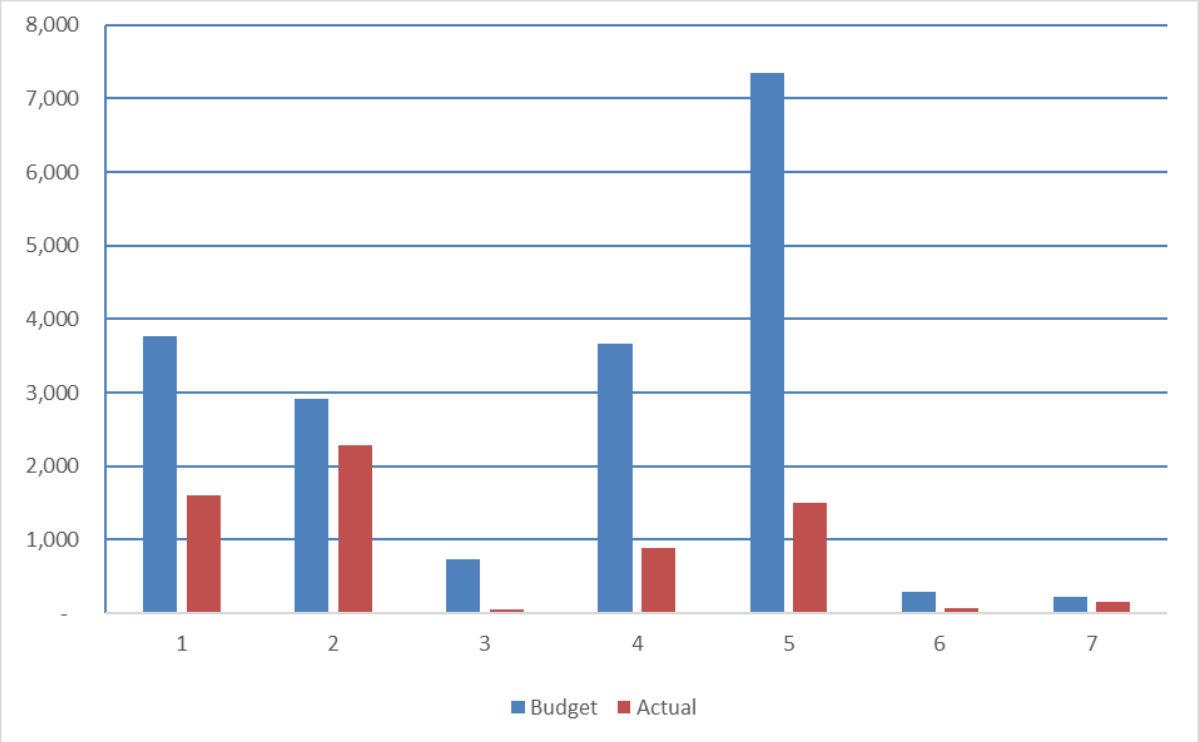
Cash Flow Estimate				
Receipts			**Expenditure**	
Rates	$2,500,000		Payroll	$880,000
Fees & Charges	$25,000		Creditor Payments	$1,500,000
Debtors	$175,000		Loan Payments	$0
Grants/Claims/Loan QTC	$500,000		Lease Payments	$0
Total	**$3,200,000**		**Total**	**$2,380,000**
Therefore, cash is expected to increase by			**$820,000**	**in the period.**

3. Comparative Data for the month of 31 March 2026

Comparative Year	2026	2025	2024
	$000	$000	$000
Cash position	$ 16,995	$ 8,291	$ 6,333
Working capital	$ 6,686	$ 9,899	$ 2,787
Rate arrears	$ 642*	$ 4,938	$ 3,810
Outstanding debtors	$ 350	$ 535	$ 792
Current creditors	$ 669	$ 1,358	$ 660
Total loans	$ 3,060	$ 3,271	$ 3,473

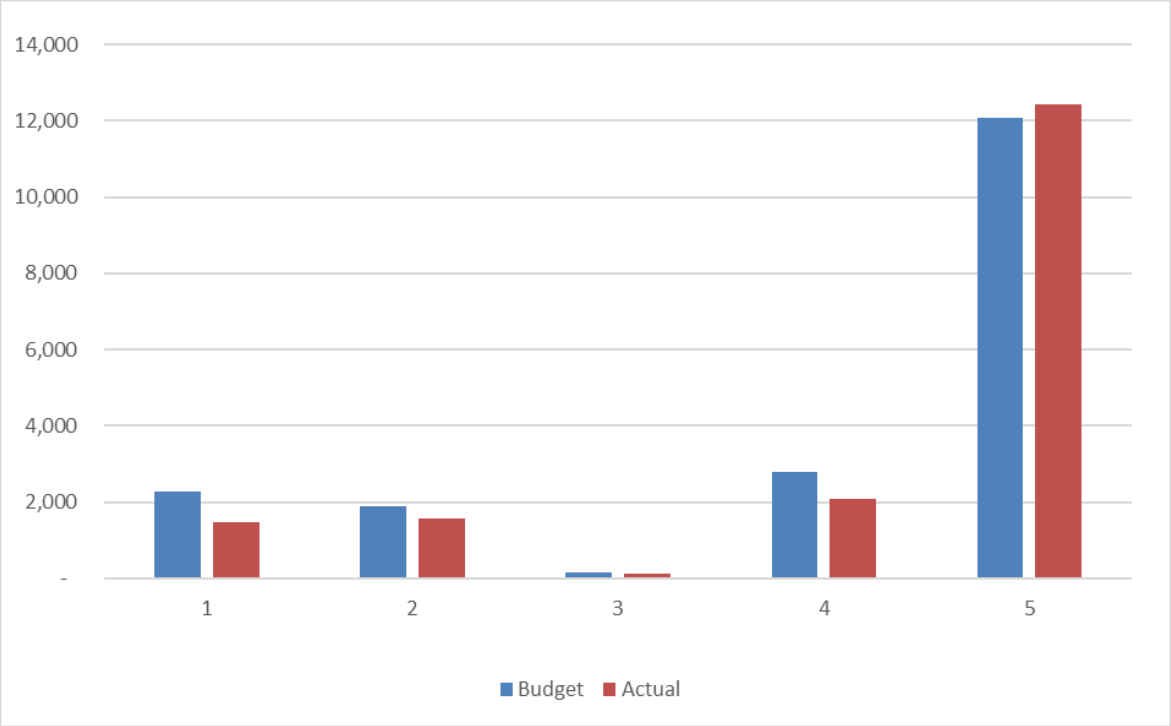
**Net of rates paid in advance of $ 491,411 and due to timing issues.*

4. Capital Funding: Year to 31 March 2026



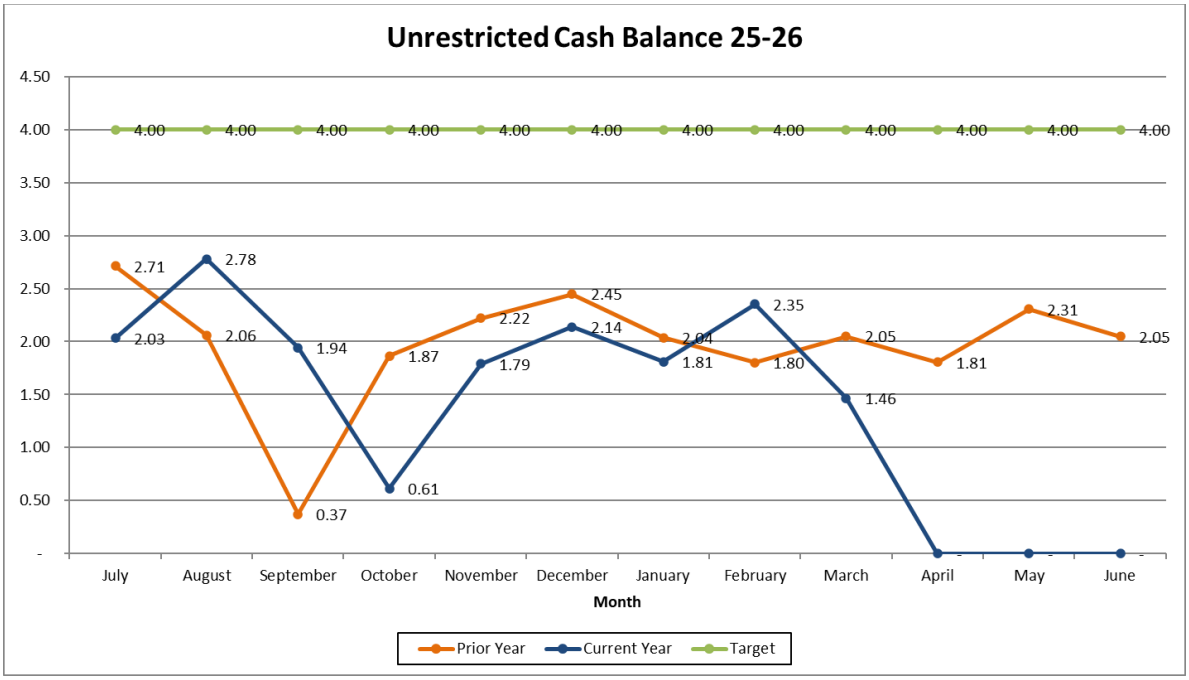
		Budget $(000)	Expended YTD Actual $(000)	% of Budget Expended
	Total Capital Funding	**$18,945**	**$6,560**	**34.62%**
1	**Buildings / Other Structures**	$3,766	$1,599	42.46%
2	**Plant & Equipment / Furniture & Fittings**	$2,921	$2,282	78.13%
3	**Airport Upgrade**	$727	$50	6.87%
4	**Roads & Drainage Infrastructure**	$3,663	$886	24.18%
5	**Water & Sewerage Infrastructure**	$7,345	$1,507	20.51%
6	**Office/Other Equip**	$300	$77	25.60%
7	**QTC - Loan Redemption**	$222	$159	71.60%

5. Road Works Expenditure: Year to 31 March 2026



		Budget $(000)	Expended YTD Actual $(000)	% of Budget Expended
	Total Road Expenditure	**$19,177**	**$17,684**	**92%**
1	**Rural Roads**	$2,281	$1,468	**64%**
2	**Town Streets**	$1,889	$1,583	**84%**
3	**Private Works**	$148	$111	**74%**
4	**RMPC Works**	$2,791	$2,091	**75%**
5	**Flood Damage**	$12,067	$12,432	**103%**

6. Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio: 31 March 2026



		Prior Year	Current Year	Target
	Cash Expense Cover			
1	**July**	2.7 months	2 months	> 4 months
2	**August**	2.1 months	2.8 months	> 4 months
3	**September**	0.4 months	1.9 months	> 4 months
4	**October**	1.9 months	.6 month	> 4 months
5	**November**	2.2 months	1.8 months	> 4 months
6	**December**	2.4 months	2.14 months	> 4 months
7	**January**	2.0 months	1.8 months	> 4 months
8	**February**	1.8 months	2.35 months	> 4 months
9	**March**	2.0 months	1.5 months	> 4 months
10	**April**	1.8 months	-	> 4 months
11	**May**	2.3 months	-	> 4 months

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. **Rates and Charges March 2026** ⇩
2. **Income Statement March 2026** ⇩
3. **Balance Sheet March 2026** ⇩
4. **Financial Statements Actual March 2026** ⇩
5. **Works in Progress March 2025-26 budget** ⇩

STATEMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

31 March 2026

	ARREARS 30 JUNE 2025	LEVIES	INTEREST	RECEIPTS	DISCOUNT	WRITE OFFS	PENSIONER STATE	PENSIONER COUNCIL	BALANCE
Charleville	$290,738.24	$808,072.38	$17,256.13	$724,175.30	$66,835.45	$63.33	$21,407.27	$37,809.78	$265,775.62
Augathella	$34,029.24	$88,906.78	$1,392.63	$78,998.82	$6,737.08	$1.40	$4,343.60	$8,600.00	$25,647.75
Morven	$19,953.71	$47,584.93	$1,308.08	$41,577.73	$4,046.11	$4.58	$2,121.60	$4,200.00	$16,896.70
Total Urban	$344,721.19	$944,564.09	$19,956.84	$844,751.85	$77,618.64	$69.31	$27,872.47	$50,609.78	$308,320.07
Rural	$218,135.54	$1,658,672.25	$12,038.74	$1,565,995.81	$148,951.49	$403.12	$3,769.96	$6,539.91	$163,186.24
TOTAL GENERAL	$562,856.73	$2,603,236.34	$31,995.58	$2,410,747.66	$226,570.13	$472.43	$31,642.43	$57,149.69	$471,506.31
CLEANSING	$157,076.94	$432,252.64	$9,013.42	$420,338.71	$36,206.46	$67.64	$4,714.36	$0.00	$137,015.83
SEWERAGE	$166,394.40	$522,064.00	$9,656.37	$502,107.18	$45,141.00	$37.78	$0.00	$0.00	$150,828.81
WATER	$296,155.29	$673,741.50	$17,167.91	$676,335.79	$56,979.75	$1,727.48	$114.80	$0.00	$251,906.88
WATER CONSUMPTION	$39,203.87	$257,028.60	$0.00	$265,645.95	$0.00	$47.96	$0.00	$0.00	$30,538.56
C.E.D.	$29,361.91	$52,489.50	$1,029.61	$53,841.86	$4,026.90	$1.45	$0.00	$0.00	$25,010.81
LEGAL FEES	$11,207.11	$4,400.00	$0.00	$9,267.48	$0.00	$83.82	$0.00	$0.00	$6,255.81
LAND CHARGES	$752.23	$1,384.10	$0.00	$99.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,037.33
TOTALS	$1,263,008.48	$4,546,596.68	$68,862.89	$4,338,383.63	$368,924.24	$2,438.56	$36,471.59	$57,149.69	$1,075,100.34

STATE EMERGENCY LEVY	$58,609.45
TOTAL CURRENT & ARREARS	**$1,133,709.79**

Current Year	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years +	Interest	
$296,672.67	$319,815.48	$174,576.24	$83,798.77	$48,058.85	$38,825.08	$171,962.70	$1,133,709.79

RATES PAID IN ADVANCE	$491,411.58
NET OUTSTANDING AS PER RATES GL	$642,298.21

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(Accounts: 0100-0001-0000 to 5490-2000-0000. All report groups. 78% of year elapsed. To Level 4. Excludes committed costs)
MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL (Budget for full year) Financial Year Ending 2026 Printed(TOMASO): 11-04-2026 3:53:22 PM

		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
		31 Mar 2026		Budget	31 Mar 2026		Budget	31 Mar 2026		Budget
1000-0001	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT									
1100-0002	CORP GOVERNANCE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	426,338.09	67%	635,879	(426,338.09)	67%	(635,879)
1300-0002	DISASTER MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM	17,684.75	13%	140,319	120,254.39	64%	187,959	(102,569.64)	215%	(47,640)
1500-0002	HUMAN RESOURCES SUB PROGRAM	5,454.53	182%	3,000	160,866.38	51%	313,040	(155,411.85)	50%	(310,040)
1000-0001	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT	23,139.28	16%	143,319	707,458.86	62%	1,136,878	(684,319.58)	69%	(993,559)
2000-0001	CORPORATE SERVICES									
2100-0002	REVENUE SUB PROGRAM	5,540,312.19	44%	12,728,571	0.00	0%	0	5,540,312.19	44%	12,728,571
2200-0002	STORES OPERATION SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	153,081.43	160%	95,568	(153,081.43)	160%	(95,568)
2300-0002	ADMINISTRATION SUB PROGRAM	67,000.00	34%	200,000	2,746,094.25	76%	3,632,257	(2,679,094.25)	78%	(3,432,257)
2400-0002	FINANCE SUB PROGRAM	589,978.72	95%	617,890	76,333.82	70%	108,763	513,644.90	101%	509,127
2500-0002	ONCOSTS SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	172,672.87	-108%	(160,047)	(172,672.87)	-108%	160,047
2600-0002	LIBRARY SUB PROGRAM	63,301.77	100%	63,034	238,430.44	72%	330,185	(175,128.67)	66%	(267,151)
2700-0002	AERODROMES SUB PROGRAM	374,839.86	69%	543,704	1,006,856.48	79%	1,267,670	(632,016.62)	87%	(723,966)
2800-0002	AREA PROMOTION/DEVT SUB PRO									
2800-0003	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1,987,043.17	19%	10,560,989	278,941.92	48%	586,649	1,708,101.25	17%	9,974,340
2805-0003	COUNCIL HOUSING	29,915.04	131%	22,867	99,023.51	77%	128,376	(69,108.47)	66%	(105,509)
2810-0003	COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES	48,663.17	33%	146,284	17,576.58	36%	48,314	31,086.59	32%	97,970
2815-0003	CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	30,000.00	100%	30,000	212,314.59	96%	221,280	(182,314.59)	95%	(191,280)
2820-0003	COMMUNITY SERVICES & SUPPORT									
2820-0004	COMMUNITY SERVICES & SUPPORT	309,000.00	---%	0	0.00	0%	0	309,000.00	---%	0
2820-0003	COMMUNITY SERVICES & SUPPORT	309,000.00	---%	0	0.00	0%	0	309,000.00	---%	0
2855-0003	TOURISM AND PROMOTION									
2855-0004	TOURISM AND PROMOTION	1,154,754.92	58%	1,974,306	2,297,066.70	75%	3,070,630	(1,142,311.78)	104%	(1,096,324)
2855-0003	TOURISM AND PROMOTION	1,154,754.92	58%	1,974,306	2,297,066.70	75%	3,070,630	(1,142,311.78)	104%	(1,096,324)
2800-0002	AREA PROMOTION/DEVT SUB PRO	3,559,376.30	28%	12,734,446	2,904,923.30	72%	4,055,249	654,453.00	8%	8,679,197
2000-0001	CORPORATE SERVICES	10,194,808.84	38%	26,887,645	7,298,392.59	78%	9,329,645	2,896,416.25	16%	17,558,000
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	1,656,602.03	73%	2,268,686	(1,656,602.03)	73%	(2,268,686)

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		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
		31 Mar 2026		Budget	31 Mar 2026		Budget	31 Mar 2026		Budget
3220-0004	RACECOURSE	87,138.73	104%	84,174	185,919.53	80%	232,397	(98,780.80)	67%	(148,223)
3240-0004	SWIMMING POOLS	0.00	0%	0	303,705.67	77%	392,805	(303,705.67)	77%	(392,805)
3200-0003	SPORTS & RECREATION FACILITIES	87,138.73	104%	84,174	2,146,227.23	74%	2,893,888	(2,059,088.50)	73%	(2,809,714)
3260-0003	COMMUNITY FACILITIES									
3260-0004	TELEVISION, CCTV and WIFI	0.00	0%	0	105,628.77	66%	161,135	(105,628.77)	66%	(161,135)
3270-0004	HALLS & CENTRES	35,924.85	154%	23,299	380,368.15	74%	511,148	(344,443.30)	71%	(487,849)
3280-0004	SHOWGROUNDS	25,254.34	82%	30,636	189,971.58	85%	222,218	(164,717.24)	86%	(191,582)
3290-0004	CEMETERIES & MEMORIALS	46,599.52	61%	76,362	182,706.78	74%	247,093	(136,107.26)	80%	(170,731)
3320-0004	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	0.00	0%	0	295,543.23	74%	400,807	(295,543.23)	74%	(400,807)
3330-0004	AGED CARE	74,357.73	77%	96,340	174,458.65	70%	249,078	(100,100.92)	66%	(152,738)
3260-0003	COMMUNITY FACILITIES	182,136.44	80%	226,637	1,328,677.16	74%	1,791,479	(1,146,540.72)	73%	(1,564,842)
3200-0002	SPORT, REC & COMMUNITY FACILITIES	269,275.17	87%	310,811	3,474,904.39	74%	4,685,367	(3,205,629.22)	73%	(4,374,556)
3400-0002	ENVIRONMENTAL SUB PROGRAM									
3410-0003	COMMUNITY HEALTH	16,154.00	90%	18,000	111,933.10	56%	199,190	(95,779.10)	53%	(181,190)
3435-0003	ANIMAL CONTROL	60,913.66	83%	73,186	159,764.89	42%	376,802	(98,851.23)	33%	(303,616)
3460-0003	RESERVES	0.00	0%	0	189,876.16	61%	311,145	(189,876.16)	61%	(311,145)
3475-0003	STOCK ROUTES	211,880.94	101%	209,000	566,007.70	77%	731,077	(354,126.76)	68%	(522,077)
3400-0002	ENVIRONMENTAL SUB PROGRAM	288,948.60	96%	300,186	1,027,581.85	64%	1,618,214	(738,633.25)	56%	(1,318,028)
3500-0002	REFUSE MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM									
3500-0004	CHARLEVILLE REFUSE MANAGEMENT	377,920.78	51%	736,307	722,964.79	78%	929,519	(345,044.01)	179%	(193,212)
3540-0004	MORVEN REFUSE MANAGEMENT	13,672.76	50%	27,218	33,375.32	84%	39,686	(19,702.56)	158%	(12,468)
3570-0004	AUGATHELLA REFUSE MANAGEMENT	31,712.81	50%	63,628	32,835.95	82%	40,118	(1,123.14)	-5%	23,510
3500-0002	REFUSE MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM	423,306.35	51%	827,153	789,176.06	78%	1,009,323	(365,869.71)	201%	(182,170)
3200-0001	HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	981,530.12	68%	1,438,150	5,291,662.30	72%	7,312,904	(4,310,132.18)	73%	(5,874,754)
4000-0001	ENGINEERING SERVICES									
4100-0002	ENGINEERING OFFICE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	3,452,604.42	75%	4,632,287	(3,452,604.42)	75%	(4,632,287)
4200-0002	BUILDING & PLANNING SUB PROGRAM	145,003.36	57%	253,628	250,384.06	68%	369,225	(105,380.70)	91%	(115,597)
4300-0002	PLANT OPERATIONS SUB PROGRAM	170,314.52	61%	279,973	(2,155,499.90)	438%	(492,510)	2,325,814.42	301%	772,483
4400-0002	PRIVATE WORKS ACTIVITIES	2,726,527.08	38%	7,202,248	3,160,857.62	73%	4,318,409	(434,330.54)	-15%	2,883,839
4500-0002	OTHER ROAD ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	17,400,506.64	110%	15,763,487	14,634,769.70	98%	14,972,076	2,765,736.94	349%	791,411
4000-0001	ENGINEERING SERVICES	20,442,351.60	87%	23,499,336	19,343,115.90	81%	23,799,487	1,099,235.70	-366%	(300,151)
5100-0001	WATER & SEWERAGE SERVICES									
5100-0002	WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM									
5100-0003	CHARLEVILLE WATER	483,786.56	33%	1,479,467	651,380.96	62%	1,044,179	(167,594.40)	-39%	435,288

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		31 Mar 2026		Budget	31 Mar 2026		Budget	31 Mar 2026		Budget
5200-0003	MORVEN WATER	49,138.86	40%	123,792	169,160.13	81%	207,941	(120,021.27)	143%	(84,149)
5300-0003	AUGATHELLA WATER	102,562.40	45%	229,595	122,416.18	62%	195,919	(19,853.78)	-59%	33,676
5390-0003	WATER DEPRECIATION	0.00	0%	0	489,976.11	74%	658,072	(489,976.11)	74%	(658,072)
5100-0002	WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	635,487.82	35%	1,832,854	1,432,933.38	68%	2,106,111	(797,445.56)	292%	(273,257)
5400-0002	SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM									
5400-0003	CHARLEVILLE SEWERAGE	486,541.59	51%	946,276	328,728.43	56%	582,685	157,813.16	43%	363,591
5450-0003	AUGATHELLA SEWERAGE	49,490.76	50%	99,290	32,353.13	37%	88,519	17,137.63	159%	10,771
5490-0003	SEWERAGE DEPRECIATION	0.00	0%	0	395,808.52	74%	531,651	(395,808.52)	74%	(531,651)
5400-0002	SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	536,032.35	51%	1,045,566	756,890.08	63%	1,202,855	(220,857.73)	140%	(157,289)
5100-0001	WATER & SEWERAGE SERVICES	1,171,520.17	41%	2,878,420	2,189,823.46	66%	3,308,966	(1,018,303.29)	237%	(430,546)
	TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE	32,813,350.01	60%	54,846,870	34,830,453.11	78%	44,887,880	(2,017,103.10)	-20%	9,958,990

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		OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Mar 2026		YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Mar 2026		CURRENT BALANCE BUDGET
	CURRENT ASSETS							
0100-0001	CURRENT ASSETS							
0105-3000	Cash at Bank - General Account	673,576.12	(502,974.73)	---%	0	170,601.39	25%	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	(4,690,318.17)	70%	(6,702,024)	16,822,567.98	113%	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	(355,386.31)	---%	0	641,748.21	64%	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	(194,186.04)	0.00	0%	0	(194,186.04)	118%	(165,033)
0130-3000	Stores and Materials	466,176.33	(41,633.89)	---%	0	424,542.44	91%	466,176
0132-3000	Inventory - Cosmos Centre	64,973.26	0.00	0%	0	64,973.26	59%	109,910
0140-3000	Prepaid Expenses	244,212.34	(132,182.98)	---%	0	112,029.36	46%	244,212
0147-3000	Accrued Revenue - General	319,685.76	(319,685.76)	---%	0	0.00	0%	0
0148-3000	Contract Assets	3,676,344.81	(153,229.00)	---%	0	3,523,115.81	140%	2,524,219
0150-3000	Workers Compensation Receivable	25,617.49	16,069.26	---%	0	41,686.75	163%	25,617
0155-3000	Accounts Receivable - Debtors	801,154.12	(451,050.68)	---%	0	350,103.44	44%	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	(2,089.80)	0.00	0%	0	(2,089.80)	13%	(16,023)
0165-3000	GST Receivable/Suspense	130,011.00	(29,178.11)	---%	0	100,832.89	80%	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	29,082,537.56	(6,129,856.87)	91%	(6,702,024)	22,952,680.69	108%	21,186,605
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	29,082,537.56	(6,129,856.87)	91%	(6,702,024)	22,952,680.69	108%	21,186,605

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	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	32,826.62	(42,640.03)	---%	0	(9,813.41)	-30%	33,150
0217-4000	WIP - Land Improvements	259,760.64	523,204.27	39%	1,336,078	782,964.91	49%	1,595,839
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	16,434,911.07	1,133,821.85	---%	0	17,568,732.92	115%	15,231,158
0241-4000	Accum Depn - Aerodrome Landing Strip	(4,632,991.95)	239,187.06	-52%	(457,242)	(4,393,804.89)	91%	(4,807,155)
0242-4000	WIP - Aerodrome Upgrade	126,384.20	49,945.00	7%	727,225	176,329.20	22%	815,004
0300-4000	Buildings at Cost	16,833,111.25	0.00	0%	0	16,833,111.25	400%	4,205,879
0310-4000	Buildings at Valuation	77,713,363.69	0.00	0%	0	77,713,363.69	107%	72,476,484
0320-4000	Accum Depn - Buildings	(42,189,259.21)	(1,937,206.51)	203%	(953,523)	(44,126,465.72)	149%	(29,660,939)
0330-4000	Other Structures at Cost	5,322,094.06	0.00	0%	0	5,322,094.06	163%	3,268,739
0340-4000	Other Structures at Valuation	6,156,383.55	0.00	0%	0	6,156,383.55	80%	7,659,914
0350-4000	Accum Depn - Other Structures	(3,940,736.40)	(186,193.24)	25%	(756,269)	(4,126,929.64)	116%	(3,571,068)
0360-4000	WIP - Buildings	361,481.93	1,030,677.66	50%	2,080,590	1,392,159.59	15%	9,328,328
0370-4000	WIP - Other Structures	1,064,003.37	397,297.99	114%	349,466	1,461,301.36	55%	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	(6,611,647.39)	(383,463.26)	---%	0	(6,995,110.65)	94%	(7,418,251)
0382-4000	WIP - Parks	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0383-4000	Parks at Valuation	17,978,629.42	0.00	0%	0	17,978,629.42	105%	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)	(18,486.45)	26%	(69,833)	(1,955,496.77)	97%	(2,006,843)
0411-4000	Plant	19,280,419.87	1,136,799.69	-93%	(1,221,094)	20,417,219.56	113%	18,059,326
0415-4000	Accum Depreciation - Plant	(8,613,752.94)	(112,650.72)	---%	0	(8,726,403.66)	101%	(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	(4,759.91)	0%	2,921,095	108,777.76	4%	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	581,675.00	---%	0	369,925,912.43	108%	343,531,069
0520-4000	Accum Depn - Road Infrastructure	(82,549,676.27)	(4,472,354.11)	123%	(3,628,810)	(87,022,030.38)	108%	(80,509,906)
0525-4000	WIP - Road Infrastructure	3,546,092.57	897,764.60	25%	3,663,398	4,443,857.17	62%	7,194,385
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)	(481,085.78)	74%	(648,324)	(18,722,583.26)	99%	(18,889,821)
0555-4000	WIP - Water Infrastructure	356,809.08	816,959.05	65%	1,250,000	1,173,768.13	74%	1,580,674
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)	(390,684.63)	74%	(531,446)	(20,977,199.07)	99%	(21,117,960)
0585-4000	WIP - Sewerage Infrastructure	2,318,962.47	667,690.90	11%	6,095,477	2,986,653.37	36%	8,391,060

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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	76,812.27	26%	300,000	76,812.29	16%	484,805
0599-4000	Landfill Asset	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0200-0001	NON-CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL	447,109,617.44	(477,689.30)	-5%	10,456,788	446,631,928.14	102%	438,624,773
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	447,109,617.44	(477,689.30)	-5%	10,456,788	446,631,928.14	102%	438,624,773
	TOTAL ASSETS	476,192,155.00	(6,607,546.17)	-176%	3,754,764	469,584,608.83	102%	459,811,378
	CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0600-0001	CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0600-5000	Accounts Payable	94,853.15	574,063.03	---%	0	668,916.18	705%	94,853
0605-5000	Accrued Expenses - All	2,480,389.75	(2,480,389.75)	---%	0	0.00	0%	0
0610-5000	Fire Services Levy Payable	37,846.67	183,672.74	---%	0	221,519.41	109%	203,071
0612-5000	Contract Liabilities	14,226,954.63	(2,517,243.00)	---%	0	11,709,711.63	348%	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	(17,449.73)	---%	0	127,751.26	93%	137,776
0617-5000	Bookeasy - Outside Operators	5,003.00	11,178.47	---%	0	16,181.47	170%	9,533
0618-5000	QWRAP Banker	81,599.36	(85,543.96)	---%	0	(3,944.60)	-5%	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	11,971.15	---%	0	24,775.46	103%	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	63,457.23	(47,348.47)	-76%	62,268	16,108.76	26%	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	53,356.14	(38,480.20)	-77%	49,773	14,875.94	29%	51,612

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0671-5000	Flood Mitigation Current Loan	49,772.57	(36,509.97)	-76%	47,841	13,262.60	27%	48,831
0672-5000	Airport Upgrade Current Loan	49,473.52	(36,283.77)	-76%	47,640	13,189.75	27%	48,590
0675-5000	Annual Leave payable	1,088,059.71	(77,224.05)	---%	0	1,010,835.66	94%	1,074,801
0680-5000	Long Service Leave Payable	1,176,876.86	(41,978.35)	---%	0	1,134,898.51	105%	1,086,027
0685-5000	Sick Leave Payable	0.00	(3,261.31)	---%	0	(3,261.31)	-35%	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	38,740.90	---%	0	439,040.23	110%	400,299
0698-5000	Salary Sacrifice Deduct - After Tax	(404,433.52)	(34,930.89)	---%	0	(439,364.41)	109%	(404,434)
0699-5000	Suspense Account: General Account	(6,083.53)	(45,926.44)	---%	0	(52,009.97)	-10%	523,630
0600-0001	CURRENT LIABILITIES TOTAL	19,889,815.16	(4,642,943.60)	<999%	207,522	15,246,871.56	224%	6,806,935
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	19,889,815.16	(4,642,943.60)	<999%	207,522	15,246,871.56	224%	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	696,833.11	0.00	0%	(62,268)	696,833.11	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	852,174.98	0.00	0%	(49,773)	852,174.98	100%	854,014
0771-6000	Flood Mitigation Non-Current Loan	880,278.19	0.00	0%	(47,841)	880,278.19	100%	881,268
0772-6000	Airport Upgrade Non-Current Loan	573,581.44	0.00	0%	(47,640)	573,581.44	100%	574,531
0780-6000	Landfill Restoration Provision	2,043,032.54	0.00	0%	0	2,043,032.54	90%	2,271,434
0700-0001	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES TOTAL	5,235,995.19	0.00	0%	(207,522)	5,235,995.19	95%	5,492,468
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,235,995.19	0.00	0%	(207,522)	5,235,995.19	95%	5,492,468
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	25,125,810.35	(4,642,943.60)	---%	0	20,482,866.75	167%	12,299,403
	NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	451,066,344.65	(1,964,602.57)	-52%	3,754,764	449,101,742.08	100%	447,511,975

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(Accounts: 0100-0001-0000 to 5490-2000-0000. All report groups. 78% of year elapsed. To Details. Excludes committed costs)
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		OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Mar 2026		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Mar 2026		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	12,211.47	---%	0	219,698,466.25	110%	199,538,474
0811-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - W & S	35,576,612.26	3,217.16	---%	0	35,579,829.42	100%	35,576,612
0812-7000	Asset Reval Res - Bldgs & Structures	38,652,881.27	36,534.55	---%	0	38,689,415.82	94%	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	13,553,782.85	537.35	---%	0	13,554,320.20	107%	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	(2,017,103.10)	-20%	9,958,990	(2,017,103.10)	-20%	9,958,990
0825-7000	Year End Surplus/Deficit	96,732,581.74	(0.00)	---%	0	96,732,581.74	89%	108,324,396
0800-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL TOTAL	451,066,344.65	(1,964,602.57)	-20%	9,958,990	449,101,742.08	99%	453,716,199
0830-0002	RESERVES							
0800-0001	EQUITY TOTAL	451,066,344.65	(1,964,602.57)	-20%	9,958,990	449,101,742.08	99%	453,716,199
	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	451,066,344.65	(1,964,602.57)	-20%	9,958,990	449,101,742.08	99%	453,716,199

Murweh Shire Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Mar 26 Actual $000	Jun-26 Budget $000
Revenue		
Operating revenue		
Net rates, levies and charges	3,823	7,949
Fees and charges	2,077	3,546
Interest received	659	723
Sales revenue	2,819	3,809
Other income	348	140
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	20,479	25,949
Total operating revenue	30,203	42,116
Capital revenue		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	2,525	12,620
Total revenue	32,728	54,736
Capital income		
Total Capital Income	85	111
Total income	32,813	54,847
Expenses		
Operating expenses		
Employee benefits	7,720	15,988
Materials and services	19,953	19,356
Finance costs	131	158
Depreciation and amortisation	7,027	9,385
Total operating expenses	34,830	44,887
Net result	(2,017)	9,960

Murweh Shire Council
Statement of Financial Position

	Mar 26 Actual	Jun-26 Budget
Assets	**$000**	**$000**
Current assets		
Externally restricted component	11,782	14,227
Unrestricted component	5,214	6,613
Cash and cash equivalents	16,996	20,840
Trade and other receivables	1,392	1,855
Inventories	1,043	1,084
Contract Assets	3,523	3,676
Other current assets	-	241
Total current assets	22,953	27,696
Non-current assets		
Property, plant & equipment	446,632	460,022
Total non-current assets	446,632	460,022
Total assets	469,585	487,718
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	2,345	2,486
Contract Liabililites	11,710	14,227
Borrowings	57	228
Provisions	1,135	1,142
Total current liabilities	15,247	18,083
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	3,002	2,771
Provisions	2,233	2,268
Total non-current liabilities	5,235	5,039
Total liabilities	20,482	23,121
Net community assets	449,102	464,597
Community equity		
Asset revaluation surplus	308,635	312,156
Retained surplus	140,467	152,441
Total community equity	449,102	464,597

Murweh Shire Council
Statement of Cash Flows

	Mar 26 Actual $000	Jun-26 Budget $000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	13,400	15,461
Payments to suppliers and employees	(32,123)	(37,188)
Interest received	659	723
Non-capital grants and contributions	17,207	25,968
Borrowing costs	(131)	(99)
Other cash flows from operating activities	-	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(989)	4,865
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(6,745)	(18,724)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	343	111
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	2,357	12,620
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(4,046)	(5,993)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings	(159)	(221)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	(159)	(221)
Total cash flows		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	(5,193)	(1,349)
Opening cash and cash equivalents	22,189	22,189
Closing cash and cash equivalents	**16,996**	**20,840**

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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 3	Housing Support Program (Fed)	$ 242,506	$555,558	165.31%	$336,078	DES	Construction tender evaluation in progress, with tenderer clarifications and interviews planned to be completed by mid-April. The preferred tenderer to be presented to Council for resolution prior to engagement by late April. Response received from the DETSI internal review for Major EA Amendment, with amendment still deemed as a Major impact by DETSI. The project is preparing a response to DETSI and will seek a further audience with the Director General to presnet the impacts imposed by the departments decision. Telstra Asset Relocation in progress and expected to be completed by late April 2026. Final clearing of the site is completed and buring of the remaining timber planned for end of April with QFS.		
	1500-0090-0000	Aurora Estate Stage 2 Residential Act Fund	Residential Act Fund	$ -	$963	0.10%	$1,000,000				
	Sub total			$ 242,506	$ 556,522		$ 1,336,078				
Airport											
242-4000-0	8000-3609-0000	Charleville Airport Masterplan	W4QLD 24-27	$ -	$49,945	99.89%	$50,000	DES	Complete.		
	8000-3608-0000	Augathella Airstrip-Old Tambo road - Augathella LRCIP 4	LRCIP 4	$ 22,775	$0	0.00%	$77,225	DES	Clearing works completed, OLS Survey complete.		
	8000-3610-0000	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	Tender documentation complete and going out to Tender in April. Reseal planned to start mid-May 2026 Note, the impacts of bitumen price escalation due to fuel shortage will need to be assessed once pricing is obtained.		
	Sub total			$ 22,775	$ 49,945		$ 727,225				
Buildings & Other											
360-4000-0	8000-1750-0000	Executive Housing	Loan	$ 502,099	$430,083	86.38%	$497,915	CEO	Project complete - Council has settled for the premises at 23 Racecourse Drive on 31 July		
	8000-2592-0000	Cosmos Upgrade	Dept Tourism& Sport	$ 115,964	$42,637	100.00%	$42,637	DEDT	Works completed and Grant fully acquitted. Over-run from Cosmos general budget for additional works while Xzibit were on site.		
	8000-2593-0000	Construct amenities to support Multi -sport at Charleville Showgrounds-Dept of Tourism/sport	Dept Tourism& Sport	$ 26,755	$440,481	79.86%	$551,534	DES	All major construction items are complete - concrete aprons, roofing/guttering, services (power, water, sewerage) etc. Minor final finishing items still in progress, - Painting of ceilings - change rooms only - Ceiling finishes, including caulking of trims and sanding prep for painting - Installation of change room lights (to be completed once painting is finished) - Touch-up painting for minor chips/marks from transport and building placement Final inspection planned for the end of April for Practical completion/handover. Commercial terms still to be finalised with the supplier		
	8000-2591-0000	King Edward Park Precinct Masterplan	W4QLD 24-27	$ -	$0	0.00%	$50,000	DEDT	Supplier early engagement completed. Current awaiting final proposal		
	8000-2590-0000	Council Facility Infrastructure Program	W4QLD 24-27	$ 201,496	$1,000	0.25%	$398,504	DES	Works to start at Morven depot renewal in May/June. Charleville depot offices layout and scoping in progress		
	8000-2555-0000	Replace A/C at the Art Gallery	General	$ -	$73,396	91.74%	$80,000	DEDT	Air conditioner replacement completed - just waiting on some repairs to the lighting		
	8000-2700-0000	Charleville Racecourse Jockey Room Replacement	Racing Qld 258K and Central Wareego Race Club 51K	$ -	$0	0.00%	$360,000	DES	No change - Warrego racing Club and Racing Queensland to lead this process, with council to support where requested.		
	8000-2551-0000	Charleville Town Hall Refurbishment Project	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$100,000	DES	Quote for asbestos removal and rechseeting receieved for the two awnings. Awaiting painting quotes to external items		
370-4000-0	8000-2953-0000	Charleville Racecourse Upgrades LRCIP 4	LRCIP 4	$ 243,623	$6,472	7.42%	$87,266	DES	Main switchboard work complete		
	8000-2962-0000	New Lawn Cemetery Beams	General	$ -	$28,208	96.27%	$29,300	DES	Complete.		
	8000-2401-0000	Solar Projects	50% funded by Community Energy Upgrade Fund(Dept of Industry Science and Resources)	$ -	$0	0.00%	$202,900	DEDT	Awaiting instruction		
	8000-2400-0000	Area Promotion Signage Renewals	General	$ -	$12,000	60.00%	$20,000	DEDT	First Batch of signage updated.		
	8000-2966-0000	Qantas Heritage Trail Monument	General	$ -	$8,320	83.20%	$10,000	CEO	Qantas Heritage Trail Monument installed - project completed.		
	Sub total			$1,089,938	$1,042,597		$2,430,055				
Plant Clearing Account											
445-4000-0	8000-1200-0000	Plant Purchase	General	$ 2,078,905	$2,282,369	78.13%	$2,921,095	DES	Ongoing.		
	Sub total			$ 2,078,905	$2,282,369		$2,921,095				
Road Infrastructure											

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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	Onsite inspection complete in Augathella and significant damaged identified in Main St & Cavanagh, wih garden plots contributing to pavement damage due to excess water ingress. Scope of works and assoicated costs of repairs works are currently being developed but may exceed the allocated budget.		
	8000-2305-0000	Kerb and Channel renewals	General	$ -	$34,122	22.75%	$150,000	DES	Ongoing. Planning to undertake Morven kerbing works when builders deployed for Works Depot improvement in Q4 this financial year.		
	8001-3040-0000	Footpath renewals	General	$ -	$28,991	14.50%	$200,000	DES	St Mary's section of footpath in progress ~approx. 50m complete and will continue during the following school break to avoid impacts during school terms.		
	8000-3025-0000	Town Street Rehabilitation Program	W4Qld 24-27. Additonal 50K from the compatibility project not approved	$ -	$0	0.00%	$300,000	DES	Planning to undertake reseal prep works in Augathella towards end of financial year, to support the town reseal planned for ~November 2026.		
	8005-1002-0000	R2R/TIDS project - Alfred Street Charleville Refurbishment	R2R/TIDS	$ -	$61,380	4.09%	$1,500,000	DES	2 x Tender responses received for the Alfred & Wills Asphalt works. Tenderers noted significant cost escalations and risk around fuel supply and impact to bitumen/Asphalt costs. Tender evaluations are in progress and delivery approach is to be discussed to determine a path forward		
	8000-3041-0000	R2R/TIDS project - Rural Road Reseal - Biddenhan & Mount Tabor	R2R/TIDS	$ -	$0	0.00%	$640,126	DES	Reseal sections expected by the complete in September		
	8000-3995-0000	R2R - Resheeting & Reseals - Urban	R2R	$ -	$761,387	98.46%	$773,272	DES	Project complete. Urban reseals delivered using combined R2R funding (no resheeting in accordance with recent road hierarchy review, with policy update to follow).		
	Sub total			**$0**	**$885,880**		**$3,663,398**				
Water Infrastructure											
555-4000-0	8000-5254-0000	Charleville water renewals	General	$ -	$420,617	93.47%	$450,000	DES	Cost allocation issue noted , Brunel St should have been booked to Morven Water Renewals. Total water renewals may exceed $500k across all three townships for the financial year but will be offset against the planned underspend for sewerage renewals. Minor works completed in Edward st to renew a previously identified breakage area		
	8000-5260-0000	Morven water renewals	General	$ -	$331,356	220.90%	$150,000	DES	Mains replacement in Roma St & South St completed. This marks approx. 70-80% of Morven water reticulation renewed in the past 2 year program and limited areas left to complete to capture entire system		
	8000-5252-0000	Augathella water renewals	General	$ -	$51,746	34.50%	$150,000	DES	Main renewal in progress in Cavanagh St and expected to be complete in the next 4-6 weeks		
	8000-5270-0000	Water and Sewerage CA & Programming	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$100,000	DES	No change - Not planned for this financial year - funds directed into water. The outcome of the SWQWSA infrastructure strategy being funded will dictate the extent of sewerage renewals in the shorted term,		
	Sub total			**$ -**	**$ 803,719**		**$ 850,000**				
Sewerage Infrastructure											
585-4000-0	8000-5370-0000	Augathella CED Scheme	LGSSP 22-24	$ 596,551	$274,362	26.10%	$1,051,348	DES	RSA mobilised to site on 8 April 2026 and have started work at Augathella. Setout survey and site establishment in progress at Augathella. Work planned to commence at Charleville STP inlet area by late May 2026.Funding VAR approved by funding partners for transfer of funds from AUG to CHAR to cover shortfall.		
	8000-5372-0000	Augathella CED Scheme Design	BOR	$ 334,282	$647	0.19%	$334,282	DES	Complete - all reporting submitted.		
	8000-5375-0000	Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade	LGSSP 22-24	$ 1,151,019	$392,681	8.34%	$4,709,847	DES	RSA mobilised to site on 8 April 2026 and have started work at Augathella. Setout survey and site establishment in progress at Augathella. Work planned to commence at Charleville STP inlet area by late May 2026.Funding VAR approved by funding partners for transfer of funds from AUG to CHAR to cover shortfall.		
	8000-6272-0000	Water & Sewer Infrastructure Program - W4Q	W4QLD 24-27		$35,443	8.86%	$400,000	DES	Funds directed to Charleville/Augathella SPS replacement works due to high risk items identified during inspections. Spare sewer pumps and pump re-builds in progress		
	Sub total			**$ 2,081,853**	**$703,134**		**$6,495,478**				
Equipment Clearing Account											
597-4000-0	8000-1798-0000	Computer network replacements	General	$ -	$3,414	3.41%	$100,000	DCS	Proposals Received and currently being evaluated.		
	8000-1799-0000	Computer Replacement Program	General	$ -	$73,398	91.75%	$80,000	DCS	Bulk program completed. Ancilliary items to be completed in November. Remainder of budget will be used for unplanned items.		
	8000-1794-0000	Dental Equipment	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$100,000	DCS	Quote for equipment received. Awaiting priority listing from surgery to progress further.		
	8000-1797-0000	Noticeboard and chairs: Healthy Ageing	General	$ -	$0	0.00%	$20,000	DCS	Noticeboard and Chairs arrived. Install being arranged in April		
	Sub total			**$ -**	**$76,812**	**0.00%**	**$300,000**				
	Total Capital			**$5,515,976**	**$6,400,977**		**$18,723,330**				
Loan repayments		Current Loans Payments	General	$ -	$158,622	71.60%	$221,539	DCS			

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	Sub total				$158,622	71.60%	$221,539				
GRAND TOTAL				$5,515,976	$6,559,599		$18,944,869				

11.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-26 QUARTER THREE REPORT

Author: **Accountant**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council as per section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Second quarter review outcomes of the Operational Plan 2025-26.

BACKGROUND

PURPOSE

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 2025-26 is aligned to the Murweh Shire Council Corporate Plan 2022 – 2027. Quarter Two review has been completed. The review encompasses the delivery of identified projects for 2025-26, tasks and services. The review does not include the delivery of the budget or estimated cost.

Full details are found in the Operational Plan 2025-26 attachment.

Consultation:

The following staff have been consulted during the update of the Operational Plan and reporting.

- Chief Executive Officer
- Director of Engineering/Engineering Manager

- 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

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 Q3 2025-26 Operational Plan FINAL ⇩

IURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-26

THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2025-

	PRIORITY	CORPORATE PLAN GOALS	CORPORATE PLAN STRATEGIES	AREA	DIRECTORATE	DELIVERY ACTIONS	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	IMPACT	PLAN LINK	Timing	Risk 1 -3	Q1 UPDATE & OUTPUTS	Q2 UPDATE & OUTPUTS	Q3 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	1	Council held community consultations leading up to the finalisation of the budget 2025-26	Council is continuing with consultation at Augathella and Morven and with the planning and delivery of some major projects like the Aurora Estate Stage 2 Development.	Council has met with the Augathella community during the Q3 period, and has had representation at pop-ups at Welcome to Charleville, Augathella and Morven.
	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-26	1	Preparation of the Annual report 2024-25 is currently in progress	Annual Report presented to Council and Community within the prescribed timeline.	Annual Report presented to Council and Community within the prescribed timeline.
			▶ 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	On going	On going	On going
			▶ 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	1	On going	Council is continuing to engage with the community on emergency issues, service disruption and general information using many differing digital and print platforms.	Council is continuing to engage with the community on emergency issues, service disruption and general information using many differing digital and print platforms. Council has developed a SWQ regional App to inform the public regarding fuel availability.
	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 25-26 Annual Report	Sep-25 Mar-26	2	Annual budget 2025-26 adopted open 16 July 2025. Rates and charges issued for the first half of FY 2025-26	Annual budget 2025-26 adopted open 16 July 2025. Rates and charges issued for the first half of FY 2025-26	First Budget Review conducted and presented to the Council during the February council meeting.
				Assurance	CS	External and Internal audit functions provided for.	Audit functions completed in line with statutory requirements.	Full Compliance.	Budget 25-26 Annual Report	May-26	1	Financial Statements 2024-25 audited and signed off on 29 October 2025, which was before the 31 October 2025 deadline.	Financial Statements 2024-25 audited and signed off on 29 October 2025, which was before the 31 October 2025 deadline.	Financial Statements 2024-25 audited and signed off on 29 October 2025, which was before the 31 October 2025 deadline.
				Training	Councillors	Councillor training and skills development.	100% participation in training.	Improved Councillor governance skills.	Corporate Plan 22-27		1	On going training provided to Councillors	Councillor continue to receive appropriate training to enable them to fulfill their role.	Councillors have received financial training from the QTC and Griffith Uni. Councillors have also received an updated on the new legislation relating to local government.
				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-26	1	No update this quarter	Snap Send Solve portal upgrade completed. Officer Training completed. Current responses being monitored to assess for public communication to commence.	System in use, Snapper replies need further improvement. Section on Snap Send Solve included in Murweh Mail.
				Risk Management	CS	Enterprise Risk Management System is maintained, and Risk Register is reviewed	Risk Register is reviewed and actioned.	Improved risk management.	Operational Plan 25-26	Ongoing	1	No update this quarter	No update this quarter	No further changes this quarter
			▶ To demonstrate compliance to all concerned parties	WHS	CS	WH&S System is maintained, and annual audit undertaken.	Demonstration of continuous improvement.	Risk management. No major incidents.	Workplace Safety Management Systems (SMS)	Ongoing	1	On going	All safety system statistics within planned levels. Safety committee functioning productively.	On going
			▶ 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	1	On going	On going.	On going
				Staff	CS	Executive Housing					1	Council has settled for the premises at 23 Racecourse Drive on 31 July	Completed. Executive housing option - acquisition of premises at 23 Racecourse Drive	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-26	1	No update this quarter	Formal survey yet to be completed. Informal feedback continues to show general improvement in culture.	No further update this quarter
			▶ 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-26	1	AMP review to be undertaken. Renewals, upgrades and maintenance included in 2025-26 for delivery and implementation	No new update for the second quarter	No new update for the second quarter
				Assets	ES	Computer Replacement Program					1	Bulk program completed. Ancillary items to be completed in Nov. Remainder of budget will be used for unplanned items.	Bulk program completed. Ancillary items to be completed in Nov. Remainder of budget will be used for unplanned items.	Ancillary items to be completed in Nov. Remainder of budget will be used for unplanned items.
				Assets	ES	Computer network replacements					2	Proposals Received and currently being evaluated.	Proposals received and currently being evaluated.	On going works
				Assets	ES	Plant Purchase					2	On going	Ongoing	Ongoing
				Assets	ES	Council Facility Infrastructure Program					2	Augathella Depot and Charleville water and sewerage shed complete	Augathella Depot and Charleville water and sewerage shed complete	Morven Depot and Charleville Depot offices in progress
				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-26	1	2nd year of the RMPC contract signed with TMR excessing $6.7m.	On going works	On going works. CN-25161 SWTD 13A Landsborough Highway (Morven - Augathella) upgrade rest area facilities tender awaiting response to TMR and cost escalations are being taken into consideration

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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.	QPS Emergency Management Officer undertaken review.	Risk management.	Local Disaster Management Plan	Jun-26	1	Extensive review undertaken in 2025.	The LDMG has been asked to provide comments / feedback on the LDMP prior to the March LDMG Meeting.	Council has its LDMG Meeting planned for 17 April with the annual endorsement of the Murweh Shire LDMP and Evacuation Centre Sub Plan.
			▶ 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	1	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 to be in regular contact with the Local SES Controller who provides updates on any SES deficiencies (including funding) any risks - as well as advice on any activities or activations.	Council continues to be in regular contact with the Local SES Controller who provides updates on any SES deficiencies (including funding) any risks - as well as advice on any activities or activations. Council has worked closely with the local SES during the high risk weather season.
				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-26	1	Ongoing. Lessons from April 2024 event are being addressed with the use of GIS data and better inspection tools.	On going works	On going works
	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	1	On going. Stock route water facilities maintained.	Application to install three new tanks on the Primary Route has been preliminary approved by Dept Resources. Quotes to carry out the work have been updated into the Stock Route data system, awaiting approval to complete works.	Three capital work projects have been approved - install water tanks at each site - Glengarry, Charleville, and Barford
		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	2	On going coordination with the Department of Natural Resources	No solar panel installations for this financial year.	No solar panel installations for this financial year
		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	1	Ongoing maintenance of the Town Reserves is occurring.	Cool burn program is undertaken in line with Disaster Management processes integrating Fire Service personnel. Work completed in August/September 2025.	Burn program will be inline with 2025, as not all of the allocated area was burnt in the months prior to September.
	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	2	Ongoing, ad hoc baiting to be undertaken	First coordinated baiting program completed in November 2025 - 25% of rural properties participated, 30.06% rural land involved in the program, with 6.5 tonne of meat treated for target species.	Second coordinated baiting program scheduled and ready to commence on 27 April 2026.
			▶ 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	2	No funding applications submitted in this quarter	Have discussed opportunities with Southern Queensland Landscapes regarding pest plants and animals that have been identified in water ways from the flood event of March/April 2025	In consultation with Southern Queensland Landscape officers to implement a joint program. At the initial stage currently.
	2.4. ROADS	2.4.1. Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities	▶ 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-26	1	Renewals, upgrades and maintenance included in 2025-26 for delivery and implementation	On going works	On going works
				Civil Infrastructure	ES	Town Street Rehabilitation Program					3		Planning to undertake reseal prep works in Augathella towards end of financial year, to support the town reseal planned for November 2026.	Augathella reseal remediation inspection completed - considerable damaged areas identified on Main & Cavanagh St linked to garden plot watering. Scoping & cost of repairs to be developed
				Civil Infrastructure	ES	Kerb and Channel renewals					2	On going	Ongoing planning to undertake Morven kerb works when builders deployed for Works Dept improvement in Q4.	Morven works still planned. Further planning in Charleville in progress
				Civil Infrastructure	ES	Footpath renewals					2	On going	Next section of footpath to be renewed is Watson St Charleville. Weather pending Jan 26 delivery.	Sections completed in Watson St (St Mary's) with works to continue during the next school holidays
				Civil Infrastructure	ES	Alfred St Charleville Refurbishment R2R/TIDS Project					2	Preliminary design provided and project kick-off meeting completed in August. Expected commencement early 2026	Preliminary design provided and project kick-off meeting completed in August. Expected commencement early 2026	Tender issued to market and responses are currently being evaluated. Project will be impacted by the cost escalations associated with fuel supply increases
				Civil Infrastructure	ES	Rural Road Reseal - Biddenham and Mount Tabor R2R/TIDS Project					3	Reseal sections expected to be complete Sept 26.	Reseal sections expected to be complete Sept 26.	Project to be reassessed due to cost escalation impacts associated with fuel supply increases.
				Civil Infrastructure	ES	Resheeting and Reseals - Rural R2R/TIDS					1		Urban reseals delivered using combined R2R funding. No resheeting in accordance with recent road hierarchy review, with policy update to follow.	No further comments
				Civil Infrastructure	ES	Resheeting and Reseals - Urban R2R/TIDS					1	Project complete	Project complete. Urban reseals delivered using combined R2R funding (no resheeting in accordance with recent road hierarchy review, with policy update to follow).	Project complete
			▶ 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-26	1	On going efforts have been made to improve alignment with capital expenditure and Asset Management Plans.	No new update for the second quarter	No new update for the third quarter

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			Civil Infrastructure	ES	Levee Bank inspections and annual maintenance works conducted.	Inspection and maintenance schedule implemented.	Improved standards. Improved safety.	Asset Management Plans	Jun-26	1	AMP to be reviewed. On going maintenance	On going	On going
	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	1	On going	Funding approved under the Local Government Battery Collection Fund for installation of dedicated collection point at the Charleville Waste facility.	Works are now in the planning stage.
	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	2	Audit due September 2025	Landfill Management audit completed in early October 2025.	Awaiting on contractor to provide management plans for the continuation of the Charleville landfill site.
		▶ Research, planning and partnerships for viable and sustainable resource recovery solutions.	Waste	CS	Annual kerb side contractor performance for compliance with legislation, and industry standard.	Services maintained to standard and agreement.	Health and safety.	Service provider contract	Monthly	1	On going monitoring	Kerb side contractors are compliant with conditions of their contract.	Kerb side contractors compliant. Charleville kerbside contractor completed an easter egg/small wheelie bin drop prior to easter
		▶ 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	1	No update for this quarter	No updates within the bi-monthly newsletter have been completed.	Collection of information handout provided to Proterra to present to clients of the landfill. Advising clients of reason for collection of information.
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	1	SWIM reporting submitted to the water regulator.	No new update for the second quarter	Proposed upgrades for the Morven reticulation with changes proposed to the barrier protection presented to the Regulator. Follow up information to be sent for further feedback.
	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-26	1	Renewals, upgrades and maintenance included in 2025-26 for delivery and implementation	On going works	Mains renewal continuing with the completion of in Roma St/South St Morven and section in Edward St Charleville. Further replacement in Cavanagh St Augathella progressing
			Water	ES	Morven water renewals					2	Additional scoping required to determine critical areas to be renewed	Additional main replacements being planned for Roma St early 2026.	Mains renewal continuing with the completion of in Roma St/South St Morven
			Water		Augathella water renewals					2		Not on 6 month plan, but expect some critical renewals in the next 12 months ahead of town street reseals.	
			Water	ES	Charleville water renewals					1	Minor works completing entire Brunel St mains replacement. Is this project complete as it has exceeded budget.	Minor works completing entire Brunel St mains replacement. Is this project complete as it has exceeded budget? Cost allocation issue, Brunel St should have been booked to Morven Water Renewals. Total water renewals may exceed $500k across all three townships for the financial year but will be offset against the planned underspend for sewerage renewals.	Minor works in Edward St Charleville. Actuating valve replacement works at Bore 5 planned
			Water	ES	Water and Sewerage CA and Programming					3	Renewal section along Parry st (pool end) towards Old Cunnamulla rd. completed in early September. Further sections to be progressed on Epacris st	Project still to be scoped and allocated	Sewer well inspections completed in 17 wells across Charleville and Augathella. High risk items identified for repair/replacement and critical pump spares are being scoped for replacement
	2.6.3. Public access to potable water and sanitation.	▶ Communicate availability of water access points for travellers.	Water	CHS	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. Rail Hub bore installed and commissioned.	Full compliance.	Asset Management Plans Drinking Water Quality Management Plan	Jun-26	3	On going monitoring	On going monitoring and reporting to the Water Regulator when necessary.	On going monitoring and reporting to the Water Regulator when necessary.
			Sewage	CHS	Augathella CED Scheme					2	Engineering Design expected to be completed September 2025. DETSI application in progress. Project moving into tendering phase. **Budget updated to align with funding variation	Design complete, contract out to market, tender closes 19 Jan 2026	Contractor has been appointed and work is expected to commence 2nd week of April
			Sewage		Augathella CED Scheme Design					1	Engineering Design expected to be completed September 2025. DETSI application in progress. Project moving into tendering phase. **Budget updated to align with funding variation	Complete all reporting submitted	Complete all reporting submitted
			Sewage		Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade					2	Engineering Design to 70% expected to be complete by Aug 2025. Plans for 100% design in progress.	Engineering Design to 70% with inlet works at 100%. Contract scope out to market with Augathella CED Scheme.	Contractor has been appointed and work is expected to commence on the completion of the Augathella STP upgrade.
			Sewage		Augathella sewerage renewals					3	Additional scoping required to determine critical areas to be renewed	Not planned for this financial year as funds directed into water. The outcome of the SWQWSA infrastructure strategy being funded will dictate the extent of sewerage renewals in the short term.	Not planned for this financial year as funds directed into water. The outcome of the SWQWSA infrastructure strategy being funded will dictate the extent of sewerage renewals in the short term.

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3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING				Sewage		Charleville Sewer Network Renewal Program					3	Additional scoping required to determine critical areas to be renewed	Not planned for this financial year as funds directed into water. The outcome of the SWQWSA infrastructure strategy being funded will dictate the extent of sewerage renewals in the short term.	Not planned for this financial year as funds directed into water. The outcome of the SWQWSA infrastructure strategy being funded will dictate the extent of sewerage renewals in the short term.
				Sewerage	CHS	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	3	On going monitoring	On going monitoring and reporting to the Regulator when necessary.	On going monitoring and reporting to the Regulator when necessary.
	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 25-26	Quarterly	1	On going inspections conducted	Inspections continue. Two businesses have been issued compliance notices. Further inspections required.	Businesses handed compliance notices reinspected and compliant with requirments. Further monitoring occuring
				Health	CS	Dental Equipment					2	Quote for equipment received. Awaiting priority listing from surgery to progress further.	Quote for equipment received. Awaiting priority listing from surgery to progress further.	No further progress this quarter
				Animal Control	CS	Ensure keeping of animals in the town area is in accordance with MSC Local Laws	Town Ranger 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) 2012	Ongoing	1	On going monitoring	Continual sharing of information to residents regarding compliance requirements of keeping animals. Information placed in the bi-monthly newsletter to educate community.	Fact sheets have been developed. Community consultation days have occurred February and March,in Augathella, Morven and Charleville. April will depend on global outlook for fuel.
				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	1	On going. Maintenance included in 2025-26 budget	On going. Maintenance included in 2025-26 budget	On going. Capital works will be required in near future on several 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	1	On going delivery of library programs	On going delivery of library programs.	On going delivery of library programs.
				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	1	RADF committee established	On going delivery of RADF.	On going delivery of RADF.
				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	1	Budget allocation provided in 2025-26	Round 1 has been finalised, with Round 2 to be completed in January 2026.	Round 2 of the Community Assistance program is continuing as required in conjunction with community groups and sporting clubs
				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	1	As required	As required.	As required
				Parks & Gardens	ES	Maintain parks for continued public use and enjoyment.	Maintenance schedule implemented.	Increased utilisation.	Parks Master Plan	Quarterly	1	On going. Maintenance included in 2025-26 budget	On going. Maintenance included in 2025-26 budget	On going. Maintenance included in 2025-26 budget
				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	1	On going. Capital works and maintenance included in 2025-26 budget	On going. Capital works and maintenance included in 2025-26 budget	On going. Capital works and maintenance included in 2025-26 budget
				Facilities	ES	Construct amenities to support Multi-sports at Charleville Showgrounds.					2	Invoices at start of construction just received ($148k). Precast/fabrication underway and expected to be complete by October.	Scheduled delayed due to ground conditions (building settlement). Rectification plan in place to complete by end Jan 2026.	All main construction items completed and final finishing items expected to be completed for handover before the end of April 2026
				Facilities	ES	King Edward Park Precinct Masterplan					3	Awaiting instruction	Awaiting instruction	Council approved the draft King Edward Park Strategic Plan 2025 in Q3. Final plan to be used as a guide for future development of this community facility
				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-26	1	On going	On going	On going
				Facilities	ES	Charleville Racecourse Jockey Room Replacement					3	Project to be scoped	Project to be scoped - Warrego Racing Club and Racing Qld to lead process with Council to support where requested.	Council still acting in supporting role to Warrego Racing club
				Facilities	ES	Charleville Racecourse Upgrade LRCIP 4					2	Main switch board replacement remaining. Planned to be completed in December and include back up power generator	Main switch board replacement and backup power generator remaining. Planned to be completed in Dec 25 but delayed to Feb 26.	Works completed. Further electrical sub boards identified at end of life with aged infrastructure.
				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-26	3	Capital projects undertaken in prior years. On going operations and maintenance included in 2025-26 budget	Operations and maintenance continues with the Charleville Pool opening in October. There has been some replacement of pumps and signage as necessary.	Operation and maintenance continues as required working closely with Charleville Swimming Pool Managers.
				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	Jun-26	1	On going. Capital works and maintenance included in 2025-26 budget	Ongoing . No issues outstanding at present.	Ongoing . No issues outstanding at present.

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				Facilities		Charleville Town Hall Refurbishment Project					3	Project to be scoped	Scope currently in development and will include cost estimate/schedule to accompany SOW. Possibly use preferred supplier list for extern trade assistance.	No Update this quarter
				Facilities	CS	Art Gallery air conditioner replacement					3	Rescoping required to investigate alternative options	Quotes obtained from local suppliers with work to commence end Feb 26.	Works completed.
				Facilities	ES	Cemeteries maintained to a high standard and reflect community expectations.	Facilities meet community expectations.	Standards maintained.	Asset Management Plan	Jun-26	2	On going. Completed capital projects in the last two financial years	On going works	On going works as required. New columbarium ordered for Charleville and Augathella Cemeteries.
				Facilities	ES	New Lawn Cemetery Beams					1	New lawn beams to be installed at the end of September	Completed	Completed
	3.2. SOCIAL PROTECTION	3.2.1. Safety and protection strategies meet community needs and expectations.	▶ Collaborate with stakeholders to deliver community safety and protection strategies.	Planning	EDT	Operation of street lighting and cameras for public safety.	Works completed on time and budget.	Improved public safety.		Ongoing	1	On going	On going monitoring of operations	Funding applied for under Secure Communities Partnership Program to upgrade CCTV cameras. Survey planned for
	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 2025-26; Staff training & Skills Matrix	Jun-26	1	On going initiative	Traineeships and Apprenticeships released to market for recruitment in Q2.	Most positions filled. Re advertising occurred in Q3.
			▶ Pursue representation and advocacy opportunities that support childcare, pre-school, student retention, school completion, special needs support,	Planning	EDT	Advocate and collaborate to secure further education and training pathways locally	Training facilitated and delivered locally	Employment and training opportunities	Operational Plan 2025-26	Ongoing	1	On going initiative	Working with Government Agencies to secure funding for targeted promotions and workshops.	Council participated in the Careers Expo prior to Easter and school holidays.
	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	2	As required	Council has a draft Reconciliation Action Plan to progress with Traditional Owners. Discussions held with Traditional Owners regarding the OMoA.	Council has a draft Reconciliation Action Plan to progress with Traditional Owners. Discussions held with Traditional Owners regarding the OMoA.
				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	1	As required	As required	As required
4. EMPOWERED FUTURE				Land Tenure	CS	Aurora Estate Stage 2					2	Engineering Design sitting at 85% and expected to be completed by Sept 25. SARA approval complete.	Progress to clear site by Jan 2026. Easement establishment across multiple lots for services and EA amendment lodged for fill material. Project tender package released for pricing in Jan 2026.	Site clearing undertaken. Request for Tender closed. Environmental monitoring in progress.
			▶ 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	1	Land development included in 25/26 budget.	Council will be going to tender for the construction of Aurora Estate Stage 2 with a detailed design in January 2026. Council is continuing to work through the process of getting the Bollon Rd Industrial Estate ready for sale, and is in the process if identifying potent al industrial land in Augathella.	Council has called tenders for the construction of Aurora Estate Stage 2 residential development. Council is in a position to put the Bollon Road Industrial Estate to the market. Council has identified areas at Augathella and Morven for industrial areas.
	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	1	On going provision of building certification and planning	Planning and Buildings services continue to be increasing in demand during Q2.	Services continued. Planning scheme amendment in progress.
			▶ 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	1	Ongoing coordination, meeting attendance as required.	Active representation on Government Agencies forums and Queensland Council stakeholder events.	Active representation on government agency forums, Queensland Tourism Industry Council and OQTA stakeholder events.
			▶ 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	1	Continued to engaged with local businesses	Regular engagement and business information drops to local business. Continuous stakeholder engagement with Small Business Commissioner; Business Chamber Queensland; Department of State Development; Department of Open Data and small Business.	Continuous stakeholder engagement with Small Business Commissioner; Business Chamber Queensland; Department of State Development; Department of Open Data and small Business. Business Mingles continue as required.
			▶ 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-25	1	Tourism Strategy has been developed	The Tourism Strategy has still not progressed.	The Tourism Strategy progressed and is due for submission to the April Council meeting.
				Tourism	CS	Cosmos Upgrade					1	All works completed. Final acquittals in progress	Works completed and grant fully acquitted. Over-run from general budget for additional works while Xzibit were on site.	Works completed and grant fully acquitted. Over-run from general budget for additional works while Xzibit were on site.
				Tourism	CS	Area Promotion Signage Renewals					3		No update provided	First batch of upgrades completed.
				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	2	Operations of the Bilby Centre are being managed in accordance with the MOU.	Operations of the Bilby Centre continue to be managed in accordance with the MOU.	Operations of the Bilby Centre continue to be managed in accordance with the MOU. Council is in discussions with the Save the Biby Fund to review the current MOU.

IURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-26

THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2025-:

PRIORITY	CORPORATE PLAN GOALS	CORPORATE PLAN STRATEGIES	AREA	DIRECTORATE	DELIVERY ACTIONS	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	IMPACT	PLAN LINK	Timing	Risk 1 -3	Q1 UPDATE & OUTPUTS	Q2 UPDATE & OUTPUTS	Q3 UPDATE & OUTPUTS
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	1	On going	On going	On going
			Aerodromes	CS	Augathella Airstrip Upgrade Old Tambo Road LRCIP 4					2	Clearing works completed, just waiting on OLS Survey to be provided.	Clearing works completed awaiting OLS survey results.	Clearing and OLS Works completed
			Aerodromes	CS	Charleville Airport Reseal Project RAUP Funding					2		Funding source secured. Planning for open tender underway with delivery anticipated Q4.	Project design has progressed.
			Aerodromes	CS	Development of Charleville Airport Masterplan					1	Completed	Completed	Completed
			Aerodromes	CS	Renewal of main apron including hard stand for aircraft parking, seeking funding from programs that may become available	Secure funding. Upgrade and maintenance works completed.	Safety and compliance standards.	Asset Management Plan	Monthly	1	On going	No update this quarter	No Update this quarter
			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 25-26 Annual Report	Quarterly	1	Continued service provided to incoming and outgoing passengers	Café operations continue. Financial performance has shown signs of improvement from previous financial year.	Café operations continue, public holiday closures have been undertaken. Staff numbers are static, continue to monitor holistic financial status.
		▶ 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	1	On going connectivity available	On going.	Working with National Parks regarding cool burn and improved biosecurity outcomes for National Parks in the Region.
		▶ Encourage energy efficiency and self-sufficiency.	Energy	EDT	Seek opportunities for alternative energy supply initiatives.	Research and development initiatives pursued.	Reduce emissions. Increase climate resilience.	Corporate Plan 22-27	Ongoing	1	Nothing to update this quarter	Funding secured under the Community Energy Updates Fund	Funding secured under the Community Energy Updates Fund
			Energy	EDT	Solar Projects					3	Awaiting instruction	Funding approved for the installation of solar technology at strategic points around the shire.	Funding approved for the installation of solar technology at strategic points around the shire.
4.6. CLIMATE CHANGE	4.6.1. Encourage holistic and integrated approaches to climate change action and markets.	▶ Seek to understand climate change actions, opportunities, risks, and benefits for the local community.	Climate	EDT	Partner to the Climate Resilient Communities Program and pursue opportunities for climate change initiatives.	Research and development initiatives pursued.	Reduce emissions. Increase climate resilience.	Corporate Plan 22-27	Ongoing	1	Nothing to update this quarter	Leading the Government funded study for transitioning road freight to rail to reduce the carbon footprint.	Leading the Government funded study for transitioning road freight to rail to reduce the carbon footprint.
		▶ 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	1	Attended SWROC meetings as needed	Ongoing Representation and attendance at regional economic forums	Ongoing representation and attendance at regional economic forums.
4.7. LANDSCAPES	4.7.1. Embrace the unique landscape, and its ecosystems.	▶ Continue to support species recovery and protection efforts.	Biodiversity	CEO	Support Bilby recovery through arrangements with the Bilby Centre in partnership with the Save the Bilby Fund.	Operating as per MOU.	Contribute to biodiversity recovery.	Bilby Centre MOU	Monthly	2	Regular meetings and updates	Meeting held with the Save the Bilby Fund in October 2025.	Matters discussed at the last meeting with the Save the Bilby Fund are still to be progressed.
		▶ 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	1	Nothing to update this quarter	Nothing to update this quarter	Working with National Parks regarding cool burn and improved biosecurity outcomes for National Parks in the Region.

11.3 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Author: **Human Resource Manager**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the March 2025 Human Resources Report.

BACKGROUND

Current Recruitment: Grader Operator, Final Trim Grader Operator

Resignation/ Retirement: Grader Operator, Apprentice Plumber, Admin Support

Overtime:

Pay Period	Dates	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount
1-2	21/6/25 to 11/7/25	709	39,029	659	36,867
3-4	12/7/25 to 8/8/25	657	29,227	498	26,125
5-6	9/8/25 to 5/9/25	703	38,934	599	32,361
7-8	6/9/25 to 3/10/25	886	48,694	625	33,218
9-10	4/10/25 to 31/10/25	574	34,853	792	40,506
11-12	1/11/25 to 28/11/25	502	25,251	618	32,874
13-14	29/11/25 to 26/12/25	525	28704	340	17,148
15-16	27/12/25 to 23/1/26	387	20,857	587	31,228
17-18	24/1/26 to 20/2/26	739	39,616	481	26,443
19-20	21/2/26 to 20/3/206	648	35,449	707	37,618
21	3/4/26	528	24,619		

- Website and Snap Send Solve Statistics are included as attachment 1 & 2.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. **MSC Web Monthly Analytics** ⇩
2. **Snap Send Solve customer insights** ⇩
3. **Snap Send Solve Channel Insights** ⇩

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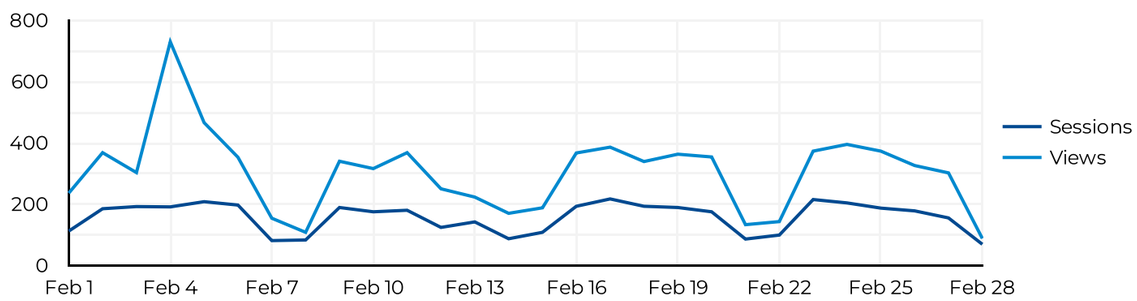
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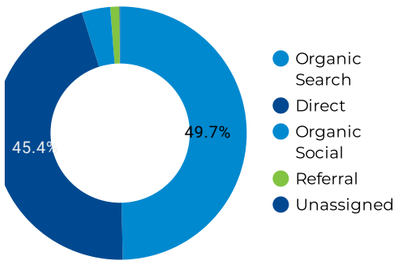
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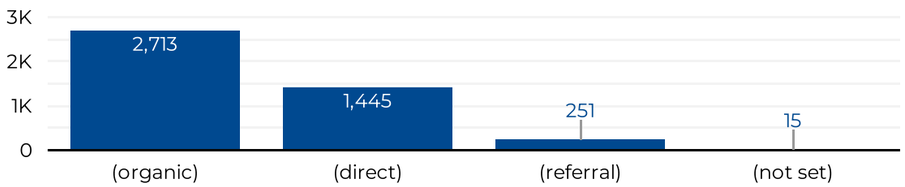
Top 10 Pages

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1.	/Home	1,7
2.	/Community-and-Services/...	5
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5.	/Business-Planning-and-Tou...	2
6.	/Council/About-Council/Age...	2
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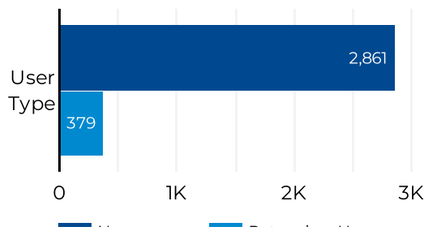
Sessions by Session Campaign



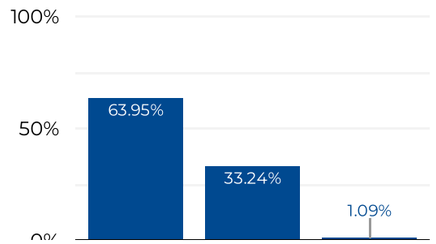
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2.	(direct)	1,445	2,0
3.	bing	302	7
4.	m.facebook.com	88	1
5.	au.search.yahoo.c...	29	
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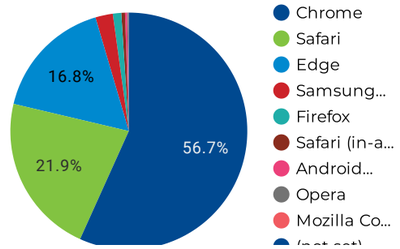
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Customer Insights v1

⭐ Customer Insights

Your CSAT scores and percentage of satisfied Snappers last month.

CSAT Score

3.0 ⭐

Mar 2026

↑ 200% vs. previous month: 1.0 ⭐

CSAT %

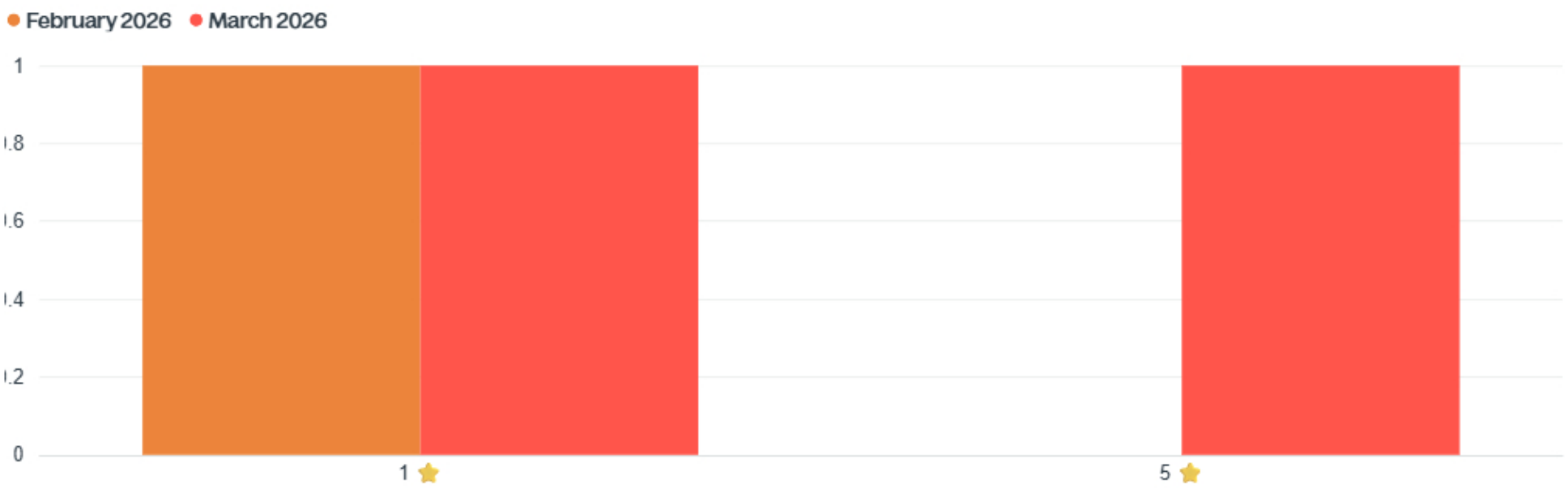
50%

Mar 2026

↑ ∞% vs. previous month: 0%

CSAT % is the percentage of customers with a positive rating (4 or 5 stars).

CSAT Scores Received



Excludes reports reassigned to other authorities.

⭐ Performance Metrics

Your performance scores last month.

Speed

3.0 ⭐

Mar 2026

N/A vs. previous month: (No data)

Communication

3.0 ⭐

Mar 2026

N/A vs. previous month: (No data)

Satisfaction with the Solve

3.0 ⭐

Mar 2026

N/A vs. previous month: (No data)

Benchmarks

How well are you doing compared to your peers last month.

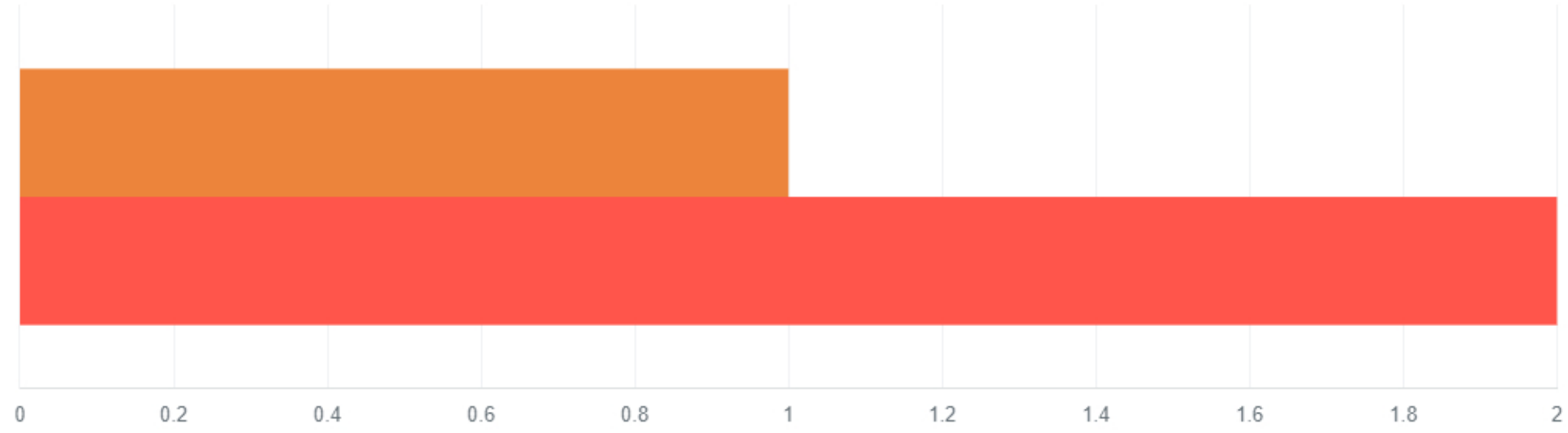
Your CSAT	Similar authorities CSAT	State CSAT
3.0 ⭐	3.8 ⭐	3.7 ⭐

Rated Reports

Total ratings last month vs the month prior.

Last Month	2 Months Ago
2	1
Mar 2026	Feb 2026
↑ 100% vs. previous month: 1	No change vs. previous month

Rated Reports



Excludes reports reassigned to other authorities.

✅ Solved Rate

Feedback from your customers last month.

Was Issue Solved?



Was Issue Solved?

Solved?	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Solved	2		
Unsolved		1	

2 rows

Contacted Rate

Feedback from your customers last month.

Was Snapper Contacted?



Was Snapper Contacted?

Contacted?	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Not contacted	2	1	100%

1 row

Excludes reports reassigned to other authorities.

Ratings by Incident

Incident types ordered by highest overall rating last month.

Overall Rating by Incident Type

Incident type	# of Ratings	Average Rating	% Solved	% Contacted
Overgrown Vegetation	1	5.0	100%	0%
Animal - Domestic	1	1.0	100%	0%

2 rows

Ratings & Feedback

Feedback and comments left by Snappers last month.

Ratings and Feedback

Snap ID	Rating Date (AEST)	Incident Type	Solved?	Rating	Feedback
7919238	2026-3-27	Overgrown Vegetation	✅	5	
7005676	2026-3-6	Animal - Domestic	✅	1	I had one relief staff member attend the day I lodged the complaint and never heard from the team after that, it seems to be al lot better but was never informed about it.

3 rows

Channel Insights v1

📸 Monthly Report Summary

Your monthly snapshot comparing report volumes last month vs the month prior.

Last month	2 months ago	Percentage change
25	16	56.3%

Excludes reports that you reassigned to other Solvers.

⭐ Customer Satisfaction

Your CSAT	Similar authorities CSAT	State CSAT
3.0 ⭐	3.8 ⭐	3.7 ⭐
Mar 2026	Mar 2026	Mar 2026
↑ 200% vs. previous month: 1.0 ⭐	↓ 0.46% vs. previous month: 3.8 ⭐	↑ 1.04% vs. previous month: 3.7 ⭐

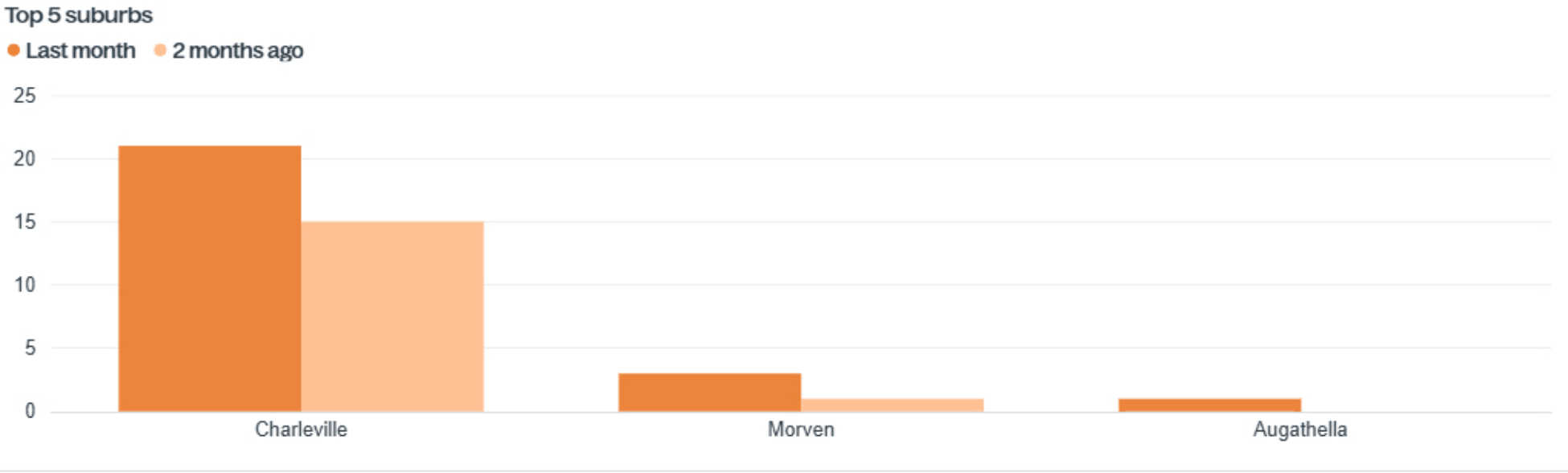
The CSAT average score is a rating from 1 to 5 stars, given by Snappers who reported to you.

🏘️ Reports by Top 5 Suburbs

Top 5 suburbs

Suburb	Last month	2 months ago	% Change
Charleville	21	15	40%
Morven	3	1	200%
Augathella	1		

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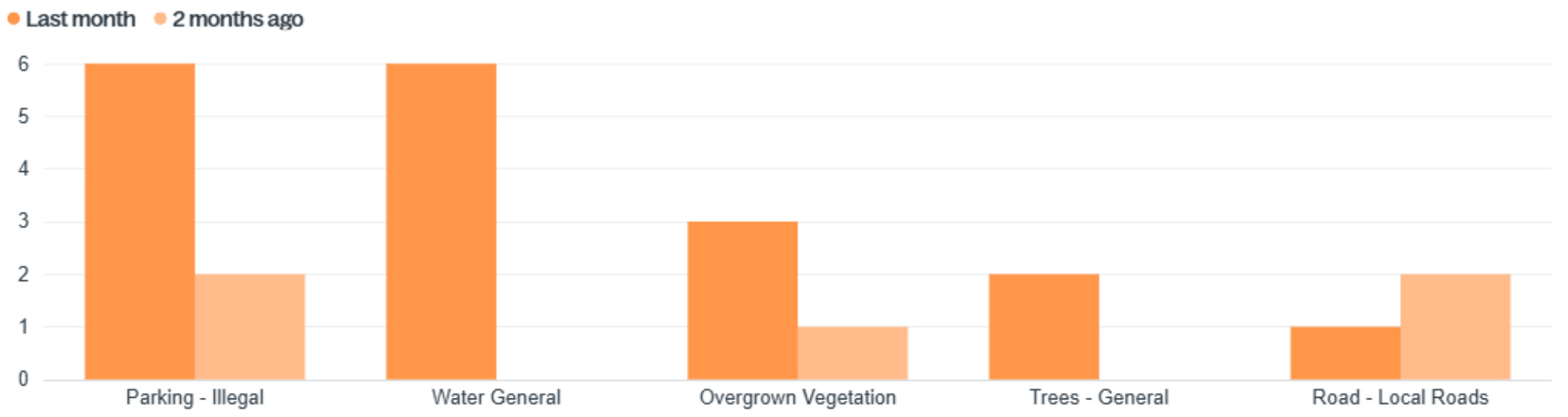


Reports by Top 5 Incident Types

Top 5 incident types

Incident Type	Last month	2 months ago	% change
Parking - Illegal	6	2	200%
Water General	6		
Overgrown Vegetation	3	1	200%
Trees - General	2		
Road - Local Roads	1	2	-50%

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Reports reassigned

11.4 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

Author: **Administration**

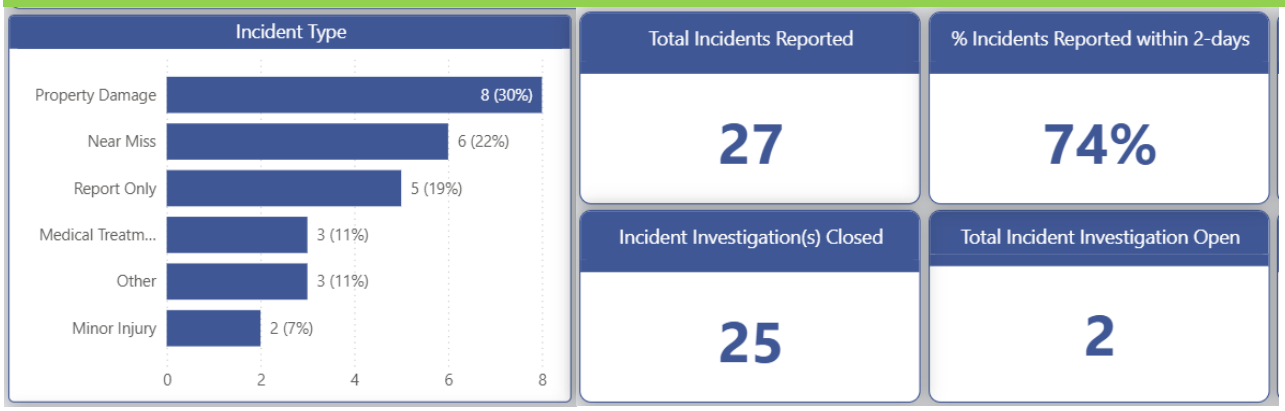
Authoriser: **Director of Corporate Services**

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

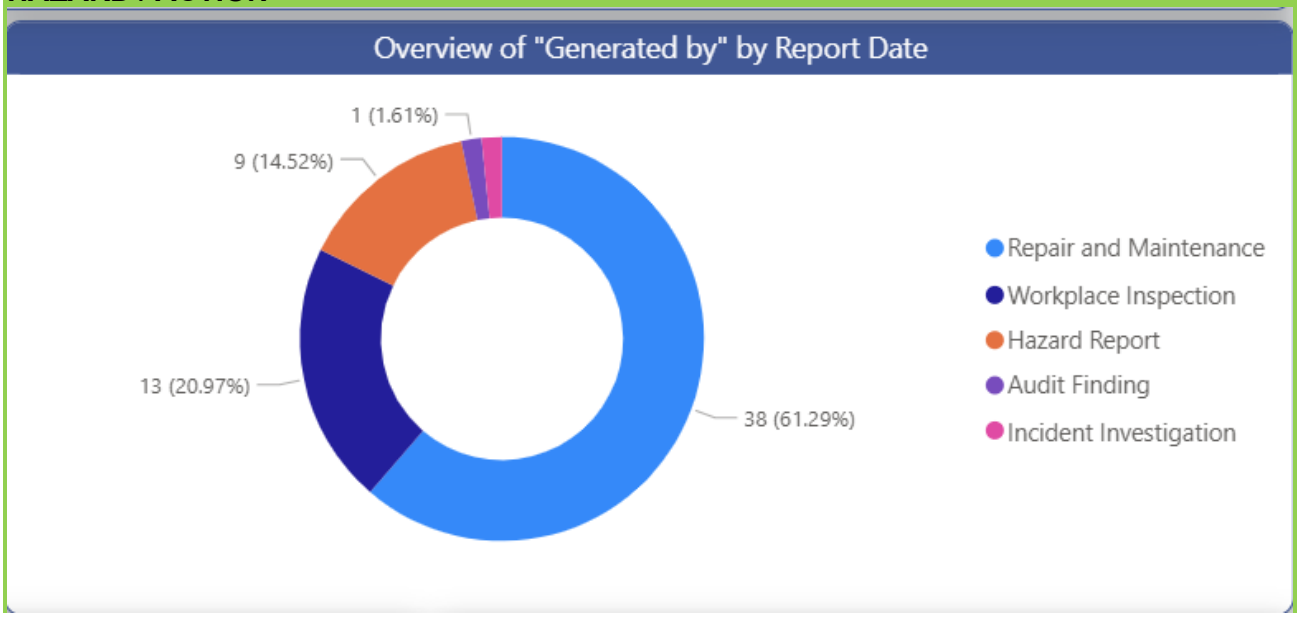
INCIDENT REPORTS (since last report)



INC0196	2026-04-09	Property Damage	Closed	Back hoe stuck and old service at around 150mm , nbn investigating if the service is redundant	Charleville Town
INC0195	2026-04-09	Near Miss	Closed	Garden Crew worker was walking on the road down wills street with his back to the traffic, no crossing, for roughly 15 mtres. WPHS stopped behind the worker and waited a significant period of time for the worker to realize a car was behind him	Charleville Town
INC0194	2026-04-01	Report Only	Closed	unit 222 slasher jocky wheel nuts is missing	Augathella Town
INC0193	2026-03-27	Property Damage	Closed	unit 594 bent choke ACT0858	Augathella Town
INC0192	2026-03-18	Property Damage	Closed	unit 165 damage to radiator	Augathella Town
INC0191	2026-03-27	Property Damage	Closed	unit53 drove to close to backhoe while turning causing the trailer hitch to contact the truck causing damage.ACT0860	Augathella Depot
INC0190	2026-03-02	Property Damage	Closed	unit 165 Damage to Bonnet	Augathella Town
INC0189	2026-03-26	Report Only	Closed	Fell and hurt my elbow	Cosmos Centre
INC0188	2026-03-24	Property Damage	Closed	reversed out of drain and hit tree	Other: adavale road
INC0187	2026-03-26	Medical Treatment Incident	Closed	Staff member was attacked by dog during inspection	Other: 201 Alfred Street
INC0186	2026-03-26	Property Damage	Closed	Unreported damage to Unit 173 Loader and speeding in depot	Chareville Depot

INC0185	2026-03-15	Report Only	Closed	Member of public slipped and fell in ladies toilets	Swimming Pool
INC0184	2026-03-26	Other: no phone reception	Closed	No reception on phone to call 000 , one bar on phone and 4G only.	Charleville Airport
INC0183	2026-03-26	Other: Fire	2026-04-23	One of REX tugs has court on fire (electrical). Removed seat to equipment and put fire out with power fire extinguisher.	Charleville Airport
INC0182	2026-03-23	Report Only	Closed	damage to toolbox unknown what's happened on unit 55 found damage to toolbox when picking up truck on Monday morning	Chareville Depot
INC0181	2026-03-20	Report Only	Closed	concerning encounter with a person at the rock pool while empting bins	Charleville Town
INC0179	2026-03-17	Other: Bug Infestation	Closed	Bug infestation in Big Observatory	Cosmos Centre
INC0178	2026-03-18	Near Miss	Closed	unit 56Front tyre blown whilst driving,	Augathella Town
INC0177	2026-03-19	Near Miss	Closed	scissor lift impacted the gym wall when trying to set up for plumbing job	Charleville Town
INC0176	2026-03-18	Property Damage	Closed	Slashing firebreak behind pensioners units and slasher threw a stone and hit car	Augathella Town
INC0175	2026-03-18	Property Damage	Closed	Travelling south from Cunnamulla to Charleville on the Mitchell Highway and collided with a kangaroo travelling from a west to east direction.	Other: Mitchell Highway 10 kms south of Wyandra
INC0174	2026-03-17	Medical Treatment Incident	Closed	Stabbed hand with screw driver	Chareville Depot
INC0173	2026-03-11	Near Miss	Closed	visitor drove out of the Charleville depot the wrong way	Chareville Depot
INC0172	2026-03-13	Minor Injury	Closed	Pinched fingers while unloading rubbish.	Other: Charleville dump
INC0171	2026-03-12	Medical Treatment Incident	Closed	Welding flash burn to eyes	Chareville Depot
INC0170	2026-03-12	Minor Injury	Closed	Employee rolled ankle	Cosmos Centre
INC0169	2026-03-12	Near Miss	Closed	parking barriers added into the depot into the live lane with out consultation, lines, warning of change,	Workshop
INC0168	2026-03-10	Near Miss	Closed	Hit head on door at Charleville Depot Stores	Chareville Depot

HAZARD / ACTION



Total Actions Reported	% Actions Reported within 2-days	Total Actions Open	Total Actions Closed
62	3%	26	36

Inspections/Checklists/Work Packs



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: 16.03.2025

Next meeting: June – Date TBA

OTHER INFORMATION

- Forklift Training completed
- CPR and First Aid 21/22nd April
- Sharps Handling and Infectious Waste 22nd April
- ACDC and 1080 Baiting happening in May

Chainsaw and TMI in the works

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

11.5 2027 LAND VALUATION PROGRAM - VALUER-GENERAL CONSULTATION

Author: **Director of Corporate Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Advise the Valuer-General that it supports a revaluation of residential (urban) rateable land within the Murweh Shire as part of the 2027 Land Valuation Program, taking effect 30 June 2027, on the basis that residential property sales activity has demonstrated sufficient growth to warrant an updated valuation.
2. Advise the Valuer-General that it does not support a revaluation of rural rateable land within the Murweh Shire as part of the 2027 Land Valuation Program, on the basis that the rural property market remains reasonably stable and that prevailing global economic uncertainty — particularly the ongoing Middle East conflict and associated oil price volatility — presents a material risk of market deterioration that would render an upward revaluation premature and potentially inequitable to rural landholders.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to communicate Council's position to the Valuer-General by 15 May 2026 in accordance with the requirements of the Land Valuation Act 2010.

BACKGROUND

By letter dated 15 April 2026, the Valuer-General, Ms Laura Dietrich, wrote to the Chief Executive Officer seeking Council's views on the revaluation of rateable land within the Murweh Shire local government area as part of the 2027 Land Valuation Program. The proposed revaluation would take effect on 30 June 2027. Council's response is required by Friday 15 May 2026.

The *Land Valuation Act 2010* requires the Valuer-General to undertake an annual valuation of rateable land but provides discretion not to do so in a local government area after considering a market survey report for the area and the results of consultation with the local government and appropriate local and industry groups.

The State Valuation Service (SVS) has advised that it is currently considering a range of factors, including the timing of the last valuation, any extreme weather events over the last year, and market movements.

At its Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 May 2025, Council resolved (Resolution 132/25) to recommend that the Valuer-General not carry out an unimproved capital valuation (UCV) of rateable land within the Murweh Shire effective 30 June 2026, but recommended a valuation be completed no later than effective 30 June 2028, consistent with the usual practice of conducting valuations every three to five years.

The 2027 Land Valuation Program therefore presents the next opportunity for Council to consider whether a valuation is warranted, having regard to differentiated market conditions across residential and rural land categories within the shire.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the Valuer-General's consultation request and to obtain a resolution advising the Valuer-General of Council's position on the proposed 2027 revaluation, separately for residential and rural land categories.

DISCUSSION

The Murweh Shire encompasses a diverse range of rateable land categories, principally residential (urban) land across the towns of Charleville, Augathella, and Morven, and extensive rural land used

primarily for grazing and pastoral purposes. Market conditions across these two categories have diverged in recent years, warranting a differentiated position.

RESIDENTIAL LAND

Residential property sales activity within the Charleville township and the shire's smaller towns has shown positive growth indicators over the period since the last formal revaluation cycle. Increased demand driven by lifestyle migration, regional employment opportunities, and improved amenity has contributed to a pattern of sales at values that appear to exceed existing valuations. This growth in the residential market, if confirmed by the SVS's market survey, would suggest that an updated valuation is both timely and appropriate to ensure rating equity between existing and new ratepayers.

A revaluation of residential land effective 30 June 2027 would ensure that unimproved capital values (UCVs) accurately reflect current market conditions, supporting a fair and equitable rate base for the shire's residential ratepayers. It would also align with the commitment made in Resolution 132/25 to support a valuation no later than 30 June 2028.

RURAL LAND

The rural property market within the Murweh Shire, while having experienced periods of strong activity in preceding years, is now showing signs of stabilisation. The shire's economy is heavily dependent on the agricultural and pastoral sector, which is in turn significantly exposed to commodity price fluctuations, input cost pressures, and global economic conditions.

Of particular concern is the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the associated volatility in global oil markets. Elevated fuel and freight costs directly impact the profitability of grazing enterprises and, by extension, the productive capacity and market value of rural land. A revaluation conducted against the backdrop of such uncertainty risks capturing transient market highs that may not be sustained, with the consequence that rural landholders face increased rates liability at a time of deteriorating economic conditions.

Given that rural UCVs remain relatively stable and that the outlook for the pastoral sector is subject to significant downside risk, Council's view is that a revaluation of rural land effective 30 June 2027 is not warranted at this time. This position is consistent with the prudent approach adopted in Resolution 132/25 and reflects the responsibilities of Council to consider the financial impacts of valuation outcomes on its rural ratepayer community.

CONSULTATION

Internal consultation has been undertaken with the Director of Corporate Services, who is the responsible officer for rating and valuations. The Valuer-General's letter dated 15 April 2026 constitutes the formal external consultation trigger for this matter. No broader community consultation has been conducted at this stage; Council's response will inform the SVS's further consultation process with local and industry groups under the *Land Valuation Act 2010*.

FINANCIAL RISKS

There are no direct financial costs to Council in responding to the Valuer-General's consultation request. However, the valuation outcome has significant indirect financial implications: an increase in UCVs for residential land will increase the rate base for affected properties and may generate ratepayer objections that require administrative resources to manage. For rural land, an untimely revaluation could expose the shire's pastoral landholders to materially higher rates at a time of economic vulnerability, with associated risks of financial hardship, increased objections to valuations, and reputational damage to Council. No additional budget allocation is required to implement this recommendation.

LEGAL RISKS

Council's consultation response must be provided to the Valuer-General by 15 May 2026 as specified in the letter. Failure to respond does not constitute a legal breach but may result in Council forfeiting its opportunity to inform the Valuer-General's decision under the *Land Valuation Act 2010*. Council's rating framework is governed by the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, both of which require that rates be based on current valuations; accordingly,

Council has a governance interest in ensuring that valuations are accurate and equitable. There is no legal risk in Council providing a differentiated response for residential and rural categories.

ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

No direct environmental risks are associated with Council's consultation response. It is noted that the rural land valuation question has an indirect relationship to land stewardship practices — financial pressure on rural landholders arising from an untimely upward revaluation could reduce capacity for investment in land management and conservation activities. This risk is considered low but not negligible for a shire with extensive natural resource assets.

SOCIAL RISKS

A well-reasoned and balanced response to the Valuer-General's consultation is consistent with Council's obligations to represent the interests of all ratepayers. The differentiated position recommended in this report — supporting residential revaluation while opposing rural revaluation — reflects the genuine differences in market conditions across the shire and demonstrates Council's engagement with the valuation process. Failure to respond, or providing an undifferentiated response, may be perceived as Council not adequately advocating for rural ratepayers during a period of economic uncertainty.

REFERENCES

- Land Valuation Act 2010 (Qld)
- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Resolution 132/25 — Ordinary Council Meeting, 21 May 2025
- Valuer-General's letter to Chief Executive Officer dated 15 April 2026 (Attachment A)

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

4.2.1 Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A — Valuer-General letter to Chief Executive Officer dated 15 April 2026 ⇩

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Department of
Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development

15 April 2026

Mr Bruce Scott OAM
Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 63
CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470

ceo@murweh.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Scott

I am seeking your views in relation to the revaluation of your local government area as part of the 2027 Land Valuation Program that will take effect on 30 June 2027.

The *Land Valuation Act 2010* (the Act) requires that the Valuer-General undertakes an annual valuation of rateable lad, but they may decide not to do so in a local government area after considering:

- A market survey report for the local government area that reviews the sales of land and the probable impact of those sales on the value of land since the last annual valuation.
- The results of consultation with the local government for the area and appropriate local and industry groups.

The State Valuation Service (SVS) is currently consideration a range of factors, including the timing of the last valuation, any extreme weather events that occurred over the last year and market movements. The SVS will continue to monitor the property market.

Consistent with the Act, please advise me of your support or otherwise for a revaluation in 2027. You may also wish to provide me with any additional information relevant for consideration.

Please provide your response by **Friday 15 May 2026** by email at valuer-general@nrmmrrd.qld.gov.au. The results of this consultation will be used to inform my final decision about the 2027 Land Valuation Program

Should you have any further enquiries regarding the annual Land Valuation Program, please email us at the above address and we will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Laura Dietrich
Valuer-General

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11.6 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT

Author: **Director of Corporate Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Planning Report for the April 2026 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	0	3	
Decision Appeals	0	0	
Future Enquiries	9	1	
Projects and Systems	0	4	
Decision Notices	0	0	

Planning Scheme Amendment

During March a workshop was held with Councillors to present the First draft of the planning scheme amendment. Early engagement with the State was also commenced in March.

DRAFT NEXT STEPS

April / May - incorporate any comments and any other drafting changes we have identified into a V2 of draft scheme.

May - V2 will be formally sent to the state with a letter seeking the s18 notice.

May/June - State provides the s18 notice

June/July – Present final draft to Council to adopt for public consultation.

August/September – Public notification

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11.7 PA7898 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR RECONFIGURING A LOT – REARRANGING THE BOUNDARY (2 LOTS INTO 2 LOTS) – MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL – 13 KYTE STREET, CHARLEVILLE

Author: **W,H&S Administration**

Authoriser: **Director of Corporate Services**

SUMMARY

Applicant: **Murweh Shire Council**

Owner: **Murweh Shire Council**

Proposal: **Rearranging the boundary (2 lots into 2 lots) – Murweh Shire Council – 13 Kyte Street, Charleville**

Location: **13 Kyte Street, Charleville**

RECOMMENDATION

That Murweh Shire Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – rearranging the boundary (2 lots into 2 lots) on land located at 13 Kyte Street, Charleville, formally described Lot 13 C14023 and Lot 2 SP130272.

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<tr><td>1.1</td><td>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.</td><td>At all times.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>4.1</td><td>Any structures located over the proposed new boundary must be removed.</td><td>Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.</td></tr>
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5.1	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 and at all times.
6.0	Outstanding Charges	
6.1	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.

B. ASSESSMENT MANAGER (COUNCIL) ADVISORY NOTES

1. 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*.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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").

5. 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.

INFORMATION

1.0 DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

TABLE 1 - OVERVIEW

PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site Address	13 Kyte Street, Charleville
RPD	Lot 2 SP130272 Lot 13 C14023
Site Area	Lot 2 – 3,149m² Lot 13 – 4,452m²
Landowner	Murweh Shire Council
Existing Use of Land	Lot 2 – Dwelling house and levee bank Lot 13 – Levee bank
APPLICATION DETAILS	

Application No.	PA7898
Applicant	Murweh Shire Council
Application Description	Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (rearranging the boundary – 2 lots into 2 lots)
STATUTORY DETAILS	
State Planning Policy (SPP)	State Planning Policy (July 2017)
Mapped SPP Matters	**Natural Hazards Risk and Resilience** - Flood hazard area – Level 1 – Queensland floodplain assessment - Flood hazard area - Local Government flood mapping area **Bushfire Hazzard** - Potential impact buffer
Regional Plan	South West Regional Plan (August 2009)
Planning Scheme	Murweh Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017 (v2)
Zone	Township
Precinct	Charleville residential precinct
Overlays	Flood Hazard overlay Bushfire Hazard overlay
Level of Assessment	Code Assessment
Referral Agencies	None
Submissions	Statutory public notification not required for Code Assessable application No submissions

2.0 SUBJECT SITE

The subject lots are located in the established residential area within the township of Charleville. Lot 2, 13 Kyte Street is a large residential lot with an existing dwelling located to the front of the site accessed from Kyte Street. The rear portion of the lot fronting Warrego Street is undeveloped with the levee bank encumbering part of the lot. There is no registered easement over the levee bank. The residential lot has access to all urban services.

Lot 13 comprises the levee bank.

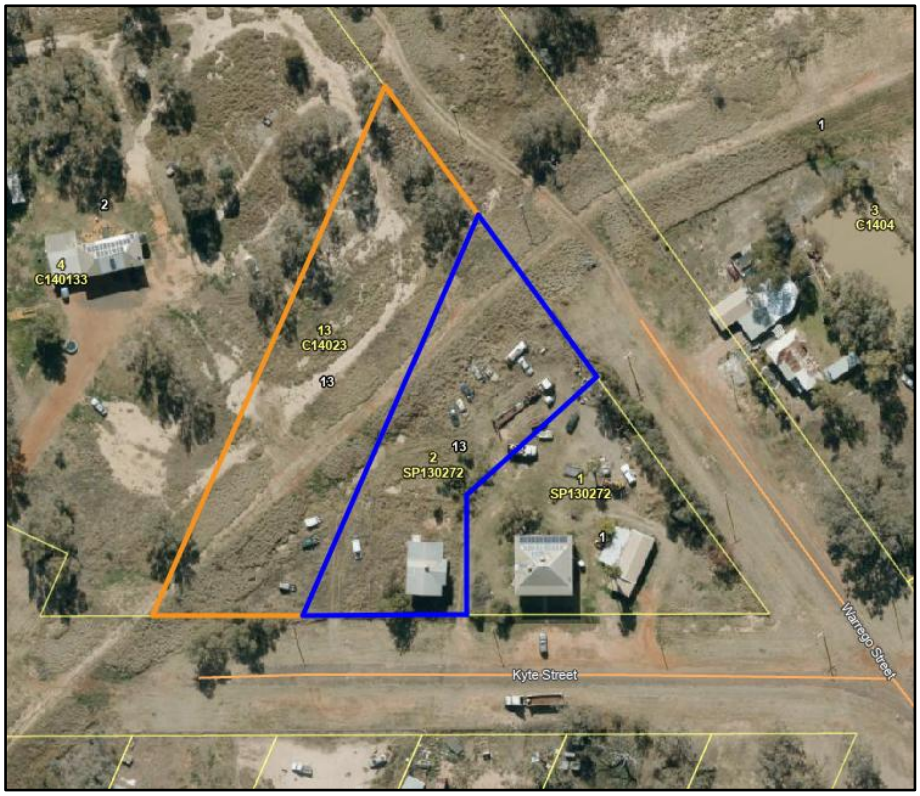


FIGURE 1: Subject Site

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

This application seeks to rearrange the boundary resulting in one house lot and the levee bank wholly contained in one lot. No additional lots will be created.

Existing lots	Existing Improvements and access	Proposed lots
Lot 2 - 3,149m²	Dwelling house and levee bank	Lot 2 – approx. 1,100m²
Lot 13 - 4,452m²	Levee bank	Lot 13 - approx.. 6,501m²

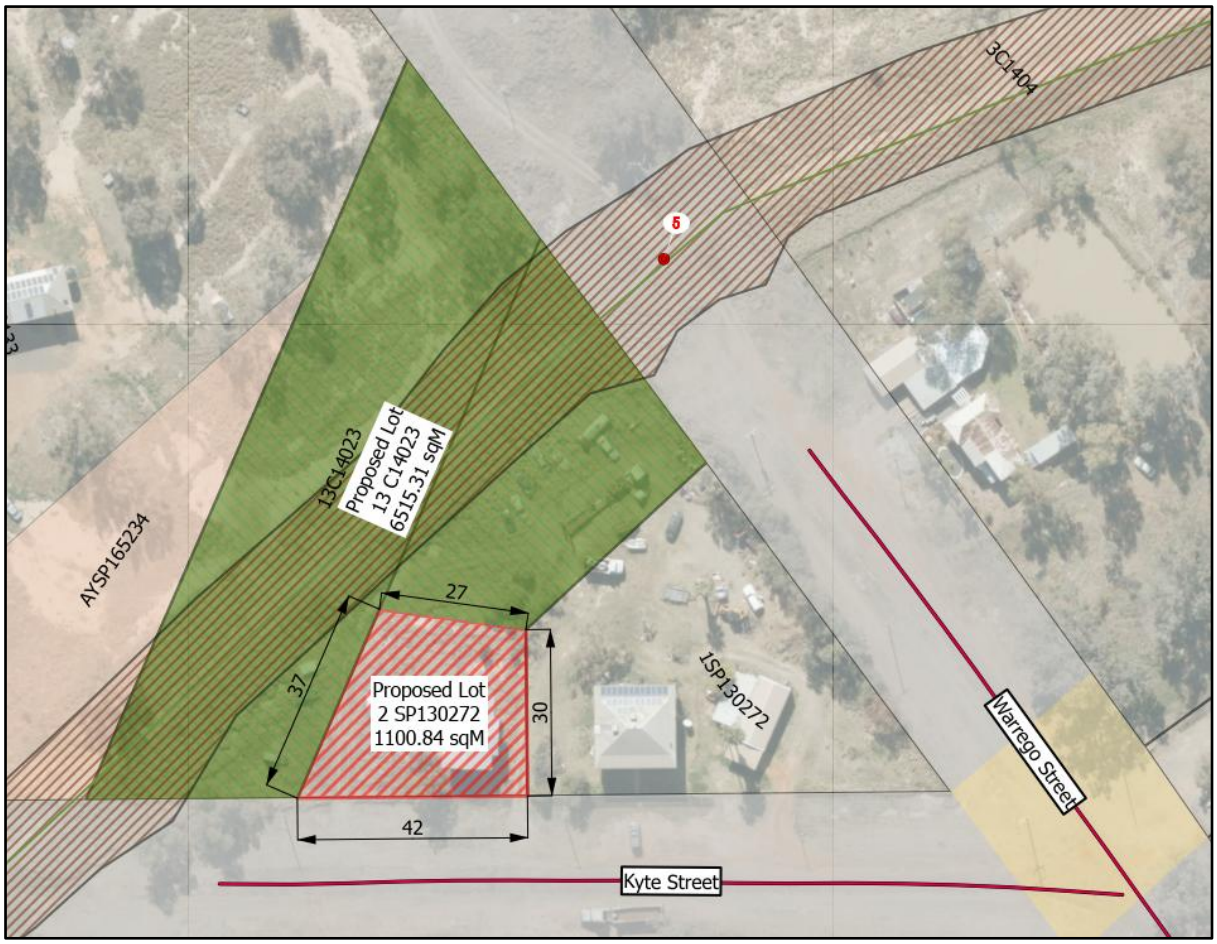


FIGURE 2: Proposed Development

4.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with section 45(3) of the *Planning Act 2016*, Code 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.

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 26 and 27 of the *Planning Regulation 2017* prescribe additional assessment benchmarks and matters that must be considered in deciding a Code 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	Not applicable. No referrals triggered. No additional or new access to state-controlled road is created.
Regional Plan	South West Regional Plan (August 2009). 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. The state interests are reflected in the Planning Scheme and no additional assessment provisions in the current SPP (Part E) are applicable requiring further assessment.

Assessment Benchmarks	Comment
Temporary State Planning Policy	There are no Temporary State Planning Policies.
Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP)	Not applicable.
Any development approval for, and any lawful use of the premises, or adjacent premises	There is no relevant historical approvals or lawful use of the subject site or adjacent site that is relevant to the assessment of this application.
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 Category of Development and Assessment

In accordance with Table 5.6 of the Planning Scheme, Reconfiguring a Lot is Code Assessable in the Township Zone. The prescribed assessment benchmark is the Reconfiguration of a Lot code (7.4.2).

4.1.2 Assessment Benchmarks – Reconfiguration of a Lot code (7.4.2)

The relevant purpose and objective of the Reconfiguring a lot code is to facilitate lots of appropriate size and dimension to achieve the intended use, while ensuring lots can provide adequate access and do not increase risk to natural hazards.

In summary, the proposed development achieves compliance with the relevant Acceptable Outcomes (AO), Performance Criteria (PO) and the Purpose and Overall Outcomes of the assessment benchmark as summarised below.

- Part of lot 13 (northern side of levee) is included in the flood hazard overlay with both lots included in the SPP floodplain area. Both lots are located in the bushfire potential impact buffer area. The boundary realignment results in no additional lots and does not increase risk to people or property (PO1, PO8 and PO9).
- Vehicle access to the existing dwelling house on lot 2 will be retained via Kyte Street (PO2).
- Both proposed lots comply with the preferred minimum lot size of 1,000m² and 20m frontage (AO3).
- The proposal does not impact on the urban service connections to the existing dwelling house on lot 2

4.2 Relevant Matters

There are no other relevant matters to take into consideration.

5.0 REFERRALS

The application did not trigger a referral to the State Assessment Referral Agency (SARA) or any other agency under the provisions of the *Planning Regulation 2017*.

6.0 SUBMISSIONS

The proposed development application was subject to code assessment and statutory public notification was not required.

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*.

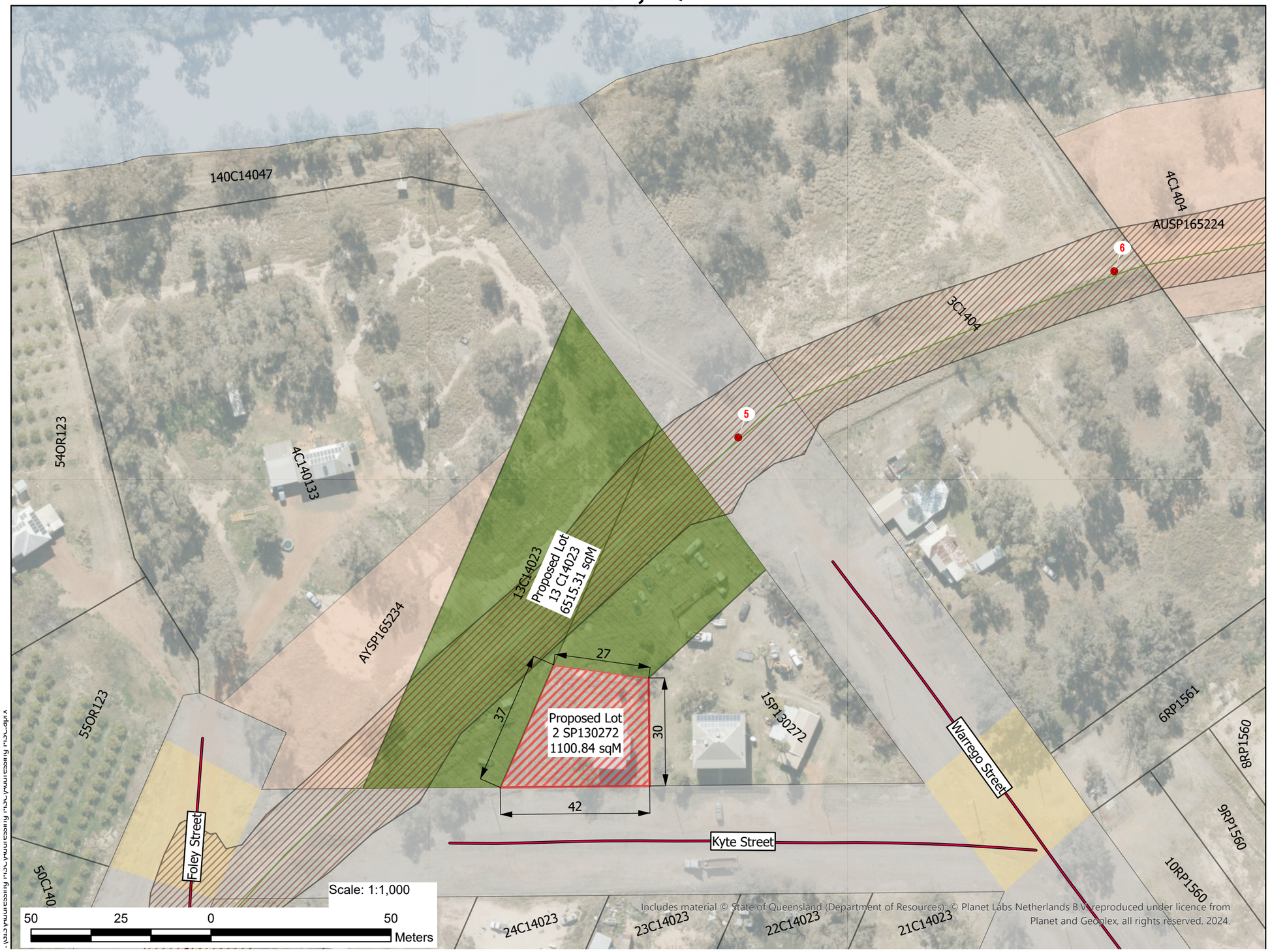
(a) The proposal is compliant with the assessment benchmarks and consistent with the Murweh Shire Planning Scheme 2017 (v2).

(b) The boundary realignment will ensure the levee bank is wholly contained within one lot under the ownership of Murweh Shire Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Plan of Development ⇩

Proposed Lot
Charleville, QLD 4470



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Legend

- Sealed Roads

PARCEL_TYP

- Easement
- Lot Type Parcel
- Road Type Parcel
- Unlinked parcel or inter
- Watercourse
- Levee Region
- Levee Bank Centerline
- Levee Gates
- Proposed Lot 2 SP130272
- Proposed Lot 13 C14023

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SHIRE OF MURWEH

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11.8 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - APRIL 2026

Author: **Manager Regulatory Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for April 2026.

STOCK ROUTE

Wild Dog Control

All required forms and correspondence have been distributed via mail and email to rural landholders. Applications closed on 31 March 2026. A new supplier has been engaged for this year's program, along with a change in bait product to pork hearts. This selection was made based on improved durability, consistency in size, and suitability for field handling and distribution. Their uniformity also supports more consistent dosage of the fresh product.

Council's new supplier for fresh meat, had most of the product on site by close of business Wednesday 8 April 2026. This gives stock route officers and the environmental officer time to treat the meat prior to the commencement of the coordinated campaign starting on Monday 27 April 2026.

Invoicing of Meat for baiting programs

There is only one landholder with outstanding fees for supply of fresh meat from the November campaign. This landholder has not ordered any product for this baiting campaign.

Rural Property Airstrip

Rural property airstrips have been assessed by the Stock Route Supervisor prior to commencement of the coordinated campaign. One airstrip required minor maintenance by removing a number of ant hills.

Scalps

Presentation of scalps has reduced in the past couple of months compared to previous months.

The following scalps have been presented during March 2026:

Male	8
Female	6
Total Scalps for the year	221

9 April 2026 Total $ 11,625.00

Stock Route Water Facilities

Rosemount Bore – (Augathella-Morven Highway)
The Rosemount bore remains out of service, with Council and the Department waiting on the bore rehabilitation report compiled after a geotechnical inspection was undertaken of the bore hole. Verbal notification from the Department, has advised Council that the Department will seek the services of Bruggeman Bore drillers to blow the bore hole for a continuous four to six hours, getting all the debris out of the hole. This is expected to be completed prior to the end of the financial year, with a new pump being installed in the bore hole.
Capital Works Projects
All three capital works projects have progressed to the implementation stage. Suppliers have been formally engaged to commence construction of new water tanks and associated gravel pads at the following water facility sites.

- Glengarry
- Charleville
- Barford

It will be pleasing to have new tanks at each of these sites, improving water reliability on the Primary stock route within the Murweh Shire area.



Tank pads ready for installation of new tank

Biosecurity Matters

Element 5–6 RMPC
Works funded under the Element 5–6 Main Roads Program continued throughout the reporting period, supporting ongoing roadside weed management activities.
2026–27 Element 5–6 RMPC Funding Application
Funding for the 2026–27 financial year has been submitted through Council's normal channel. Early advice from TMR indicates that the overall program 2026/27 budget will be reduced compared to previous years; therefore, it is unlikely that the full requested amount will be approved.

Roadside Weed Control
Roadside spraying operations were undertaken extensively throughout March, with targeted treatments along major highways and transport corridors. Key weed species identified and treated included:

- Sticky Florestina
- Mother of Millions
- Prickly Acacia

Operational Support to Slashing Crew
Due to a shortage of appropriately ticketed sprayers within the slashing crew, Stock Route Services staff assisted by undertaking spraying of guideposts and culverts on behalf of the RMPC crew. This support enabled the slashing team to maintain productivity and meet operational requirements, while also contributing to improved roadside safety and reduced weed spread.

Southern Rural Lands Officer Group (SRLOG) Meeting
Stock Route Services staff attended the SRLOG meeting held in Surat on the 10th and 11th of March. Albeit that the trip to Surat had a diversion from Roma, due to flooding in the Bungil Creek. Officers had to traverse down the Southern Road, onto the Maranoa Road and back into Surat – the dirt road was a little damp in places.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss regional priorities, share operational updates, and strengthen inter-agency coordination.

Key topics discussed included regional council updates on staffing, pest and weed management, and capital work programs, as well as changes to Element 5-6 funding and improved use of the Eco App.

Presentations covered priority weed species such as Sticky Florestina and acacia's, updates to stock route management systems and vegetation clearing requirements, and emerging biosecurity threats.

Additional sessions focused on cultural heritage obligations, new mapping tools such as Queensland Globe, Queensland Parks management priorities, plant identification techniques, feral pig management strategies, zoonotic disease risks, and the use of new technologies including drones.

Protecting Coolibah-Black Box and Popular Box, Grassy Woodlands Program
Council has recently had a meeting with officers from Southern Queensland Landscapes in relation to a program that this organisation has received funding. The company has received Two million dollars in funding from Australian Government ghrough the Natural Heritabe Trust – Panel of Regional Delivery Partners program. This funding supports the protection of Threatened Ecological Communities of Coolibah-Black Box Woodlands and Poplar Box Grassy Woodlands on alluvial plains across southern Queensland, to be delivered within 2025-2028.

The group are seeking to extend weed management work that has been undertaken in the Augathella, Mungallala, Mitchell area, to public lands in the Morven area – including road reserves and reserves.
Priority target species are as follows:

- Mother of millions (Bryophyllum spp.)
- Opuntia spp (eg. Prickly pear, velvety tree pear, tiger pear, riverina pear

SQL is seeking Council's support to:

- Distribute SQL program flyers and information packs to local landholders via Council's existing networks, newsletters, noticeboards, and service counters.
- Share program information through Council's social media channels and websie where possible
- Alert SQL to any upcoming community events, field days, or Council-hosted meetings where SQL could present the program directly to landholders.

Information is attached for Council's review. (attachment 1)

Stock Route Use

A mob of approximately 1000 angus preg tested in calf cows are walking the primary stock route through Murweh into Tambo/Blackall Shire, which is their destination. The cattle came from NSW, and it appears are going to Tambo for agistment purposes. Team members tried to divert the cattle onto the Gundare Lane out onto the Augathella Charleville Road and back to Augathella, however this opportunity was not taken up by the drover.

Cool Burn

Council has been approached by an officer from National Parks and Wildlife, to undertake a cool burn on the Winneba Road leading into the Orkadilla National Park/State Forest. There will be ten persons on the ground, two or more fire fighting plants, one grader and a tractor supplied by National Parks and Wildlife Service. It is expected that neighbouring landholders will also assist with monitoring of the fire. Further consultation will occur with the Rural Fire Brigade first officer, in the process of permit being approved and issued.

AERODROME

Augathella Airport

An inspection of the Augathella Airport has been undertaken during the month. It is noted that a number of shrubs are regrowing. As there is a good body of grass over the site, it will be beneficial to burn the area to reduce the regrowth, and this will also reduce the root balls that remain from last years burning of site. This process could be undertaken in the cooler months, so as not to scorch the ground. Queensland Fire and Rescue together with the Rural Fire Brigade may want to have a practice at site – fire breaks will need to be reinstated.



Body of fuel for cool burn in July/August 2026

During the inspection it was identified that a stock crate and other items not associated with the running of an aerodrome are now located on site in close proximity to the lease shed area.




Items not associated with the operations of an aerodrome

Outstanding Airport Fees – landing and parking
Over the past month, Council has received a number of complaints from clients of the Charleville airport. These complaints have been furnished due to the lateness in payment of their user fees and charges. One client was seven months overdue as such, had a number of administrative fees to the value of $40 per month due to overdue fees, which the client felt was excessive. The original invoice was less than $20.00, however due to the seven months outstanding, had an extra $160.00 included. This client has since paid the outstanding amount.

All fees and charges for the Charleville Airport are advertised on Council's website. As you can read from the Airport Working Group minutes, there will be a link from the ERSA (Aeronautical Information Publication En-route Supplement Australia) directing users to the fees and charges

Airport Work Group Meeting
Please find attached a copy of the minutes from the Airport Working Group that was completed in March 2026. (attachment 2)

I am currently working with Council's *Information Technology Services*, Avdata Services to have a sign completed for display at the airport advising users of fees and charges. It is hoped that a QR code will be located on the sign for ease of payment. All fees and charges are invoiced by Avdata to the respective client.

Local Law Management/Processes

Animals
All animal owners that had been given calling cards have made contact with Council over the month and completed the required actions to retain their animal.

Three dogs have been rehomed within the Region, and it is pleasing to note the reduction in animals wandering at large.

This month, officers will be reviewing all excess dog applications to ensure compliance with Council's requirements.

Swimming Pool
The non-complying swimming pool has been reinspected, which found the structure had been dismantled. This subject has been included in a 'Fact Sheet', used at the community

consultation days, providing further information to residents. This fact sheet will be provided to each of Council's library's for distribution.

Overgrown allotments
There are two overgrown allotments that require further follow up from Council. An entry notice has been issued, and Council's contractor will complete the work, with a private works invoice being issued to the client.

Community Consultation
Council officers have conducte on days within Morven and Augathella, together with having e evening. The consultation days have not been well patron may not go ahead. Council officers will have a stand at the ay 2026, from 9am to 3pm.

Calves in urban yard Augathella
Council officers have spoken with a resident at Augathella, after a formal complaint was received regarding seven calves/weaner type cattle being kept in an urban yard within Augathella township. The calves were removed from the yard the weekend of Easter.

Charleville Racecourse
Seven Charleville Racecourse - Trainer User Agreements have been executed by Council. However, it is disappointing to report one trainer has broken the requirements of the agreement, after being spoken to on a number of occasions. Currently, this is in the process of being followed up with other collaborating agencies.

Stable Inspection
Monitoring of the leased stables at the Charleville Racecourse is ongoing. All leases are using the facility as required. On

Food Licenses
Mobile Food License
A temporary mobile food license was issued to a person that has been working in the Murweh Shire area since the Adrian Vowles Cup. This license has been renewed until Monday 18 May 2026, whereby it is expected the applicant will have approached Maranoa Regional Council for a license, as the trailer is housed within that Shire.

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. **Southern Queensland Landscapes proposed collaborative project** ⇩
2. **Airport Working Group Minutes 25 March 2026** ⇩

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND LANDSCAPES

SCOPE OF WORKS

Protecting Coolibah-Black Box and Poplar Box Grassy Woodlands Program

A Collaboration Proposal for:

Murweh Shire Council

Prepared by:

Dr Payel Sinha | March 2026

Southern Queensland Landscapes

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1. Background

Southern Queensland Landscapes (hereafter referred to as SQ Landscapes or SQL) has received $2 million in funding from the Australian Government through the Natural Heritage Trust – Panel of Regional Delivery Partners program. This funding supports the protection of Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) of Coolibah-Black Box Woodlands and Poplar Box Grassy Woodlands on Alluvial Plains across southern Queensland, and is being delivered throughout 2025–2028.

The Coolibah-Black Box Woodlands are found in the floodplains and drainage areas of the Brigalow Belt Southwest, dominated by Coolibah and Black Box trees with a grassy understorey. These habitats support a diverse range of native plants and wildlife and thrive in grey, self-mulching clay soils. The Poplar Box Grassy Woodlands are dominated by Eucalyptus populnea (Poplar Box) with an understorey of grasses and herbs, occurring on gently undulating landscapes often near watercourses. Both communities are significant hollow-forming ecosystems that provide essential habitat for birds, mammals, and invertebrates. Both are under threat from land clearing, invasive weeds, inappropriate fire and grazing practices, and hydrological changes.

These habitats also provide direct value to agricultural systems, offering shade, shelter, healthy soil, and water retention that livestock and land managers depend on. Protecting these habitats contributes to the long-term productivity and sustainability of farming enterprises in the region.

Southern Queensland Landscapes has been undertaking weed management and high-value monitoring works across properties in the Augathella, Mungallala, Michell area and is now seeking to extend this work to public-managed lands in the Morven area. By working with the Council, we can achieve a more connected, landscape-scale approach, complementing with works on private properties in the region.

This document outlines a proposed collaboration between SQ Landscapes and Murweh Shire Council across three key areas:

- Weed management works on Council road reserves and managed reserves containing Coolibah-Black Box and Poplar Box Grassy Woodland habitat.
- Continued high-value monitoring on Council-managed land to measure habitat health and track outcomes over time.
- Community and landholder engagement in partnership with council, supporting targeted outreach and relationship-building to effectively recruit and onboard landholders into the program.

2. Collaboration Pitch

SQ Landscapes is seeking to partner with Murweh Council to deliver project activities on public-managed lands, including road reserves and public reserves in the Morven region. Council road reserves and managed lands represent critical habitat corridors and refugia for these threatened ecological communities, and coordinated action alongside with engagement and recruitment of landholders adjacent private land works is essential to achieving lasting landscape-scale outcomes.

We recognise that Council has existing obligations and programs relating to weed management on Council land under Queensland's Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002. We are keen to understand Council's current weed management plan and identify how SQL's investment can best complement and add value to existing Council efforts.

We are flexible in our delivery approach and can work with Council on the following options:

- **SQL-engaged contractors:** SQL can engage and manage specialist contractors to undertake weed management works on Council land, with partial costs covered by the SQL program.
- **Council-delivered works:** Where Council has the capacity and preference to deliver weed management works using their own staff or contractors, SQL can provide funding support linked to outcomes achieved (hectares treated).
- **Combined approach:** A combination of the above, tailored to specific areas and Council's operational capacity.

We are open to discussing whichever approach works best for the Council and will structure our agreement to reflect a model that suits both parties.

3. Proposed Scope of Works

3.1. Weed Management

SQL proposes to fund weed management works on priority Council road reserves and managed reserves that contain remnant Coolibah-Black Box or Poplar Box Grassy Woodland habitat. Works will involve two treatment rounds:

- **Initial treatment:** Targeting priority invasive weed species across the agreed treatment area as soon as practicable following confirmation of this collaboration.
- **Follow-up treatment:** Targeting resprouts, new germinants, and any missed individuals across the treatment area, to be completed within approximately 4–6 weeks of the initial treatment.

Priority target weed species will be confirmed with the Council during the planning phase and will be drawn from the following:

- Harrisia Cactus (Harrisia martinii)
- Mother of Millions (Bryophyllum spp.)
- Opuntia spp. (e.g., Prickly Pear, Velvety Tree Pear, Tiger Pear)
- Buffel Grass (Cenchrus ciliaris)
- Any additional priority declared weeds identified in the Council's weed management plan

Treatment methods will be confirmed in the planning phase in consultation with the Council depending on the species and terrain.

3.2. High-Value Monitoring

SQL proposes to continue or establish high-value monitoring activities on public-managed lands to measure the condition of Coolibah-Black Box and Poplar Box Grassy Woodland habitats and track outcomes of management interventions over time.

Monitoring activities may include:

- Vegetation condition assessments (VegCATs) - in line with Queensland SWIF guidelines, to measure vegetation recovery over time.
- Weed survey plots - to establish a pre-treatment baseline and measure the success of weed management interventions.

Monitoring is intended to be repeated in subsequent years (2026/27 and 2027/28) to track how habitat condition changes over time, providing the Council with a long-term picture of outcomes on public-managed land.

3.3. Community and Landholder Engagement

The Murweh Shire region contains significant areas of private land with remnant Coolibah-Black Box and Poplar Box Grassy Woodland habitat. Many of these landholders may be eligible for SQL funding support to undertake on-farm weed management, fencing, and habitat protection works.

SQL is requesting the Council to support the distribution of program information and flyers to landholders in the region who may have eligible remnant vegetation on their properties. This is a simple but highly effective way for Council to help us connect local landholders with available government funding for works that benefit both the environment and agricultural productivity.

Specifically, SQL is seeking Council's support to:

- Distribute SQL program flyers and information packs to local landholders via Council's existing networks, newsletters, noticeboards, and service counters.
- Share program information through Council's social media channels and website where possible.
- Alert SQL to any upcoming community events, field days, or Council-hosted meetings where SQL could present the program directly to landholders.

SQL will provide all print-ready flyers and information materials at no cost to Council. We will also make ourselves available to present at relevant community events if Council is interested in facilitating this.

4. Target Areas and Indicative Hectares

The following Council-managed land types are proposed as priority target areas under this collaboration. Exact treatment boundaries and confirmed hectares will be established in consultation with Murweh Shire Council during the planning phase, supported by SQ Landscapes' GIS team.

Target Area / Land Type	Approx. Area (ha)	Weed Management – 1st Treatment (ha)	Weed Management – 2nd Treatment (ha)
Council-Managed Public Reserves & Commons	500	500	500

Note: Hectares will be confirmed by the Council on priority areas. Treatment zones will be prioritised to focus on areas of highest ecological value and greatest weed threat to remnant TEC vegetation.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

The following table outlines the proposed responsibilities of SQL (and engaged contractors) alongside Murweh Shire Council across all collaboration activities. These responsibilities will be confirmed and formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement prior to works commencing.

SQL / Contractor Responsibilities	Murweh Shire Council Responsibilities
OVERALL	
Notify the Council at least 5 business days prior to accessing any Council-managed land. Provide sufficient lead time for any Council coordination requirements.	Confirm access procedures and contacts for Council road reserves and managed lands. Provide any existing weed management plans or priority weed mapping to SQL.
Provide all equipment, consumables, and resources required to undertake weed management and monitoring activities.	Identify and advise SQL on priority treatment areas within Council road reserves and managed reserves, aligned with Council's existing weed management obligations.
Provide regular progress updates to the Council, including geo-tagged photos and records of activity.	Facilitate access to public-managed lands and assist with landowner/community introductions where relevant.
Comply with all WHS obligations, permit conditions, and relevant State and local government legislation.	Provide in-kind support for community engagement including distribution of SQL landholder flyers in the region.
WEED MANAGEMENT	
Confirm weed management approaches with the Council during the planning phase, ensuring alignment with Council's existing weed management plan.	Share Council's current weed management plan and priority weed species list with SQL prior to commencement of works.
Undertake initial weed control targeting priority invasive species (Harrisia Cactus, Mother of Millions, Opuntia spp., Buffel Grass, and any additional species identified in planning). Treatments to cover Council Road reserves and managed reserves within agreed treatment zones.	Advise on priority treatment areas and any known weed hotspots on public-managed land.

SQL / Contractor Responsibilities	Murweh Shire Council Responsibilities
Undertake follow-up weed control over at least 85% of originally treated road reserve areas and 100% of Council reserve treatment zones.	Review treatment maps and progress reports and provide feedback in a timely manner.
Report on treatment methods, timing, species treated, geo-tagged photos of works, areas treated (ha), and an assessment of treatment efficacy. Submit to the Council.	Review and acknowledge reports. Share findings internally to inform ongoing Council weed management obligations.
HIGH-VALUE MONITORING	
Undertake high-value monitoring activities on Council-managed land including acoustic monitoring, eDNA sampling, and/or camera trap deployment as agreed with SQL and Council.	Support identification of suitable monitoring locations on Council-managed land. Facilitate access for SQL monitoring staff and equipment.
Complete all monitoring datasheets and supply raw data and photos to SQL upon completion.	Provide any existing biodiversity data or survey records for the area that may assist in baseline establishment.
Report on monitoring methods, timing, species detections, geo-tagged equipment photos, observations, and evaluation of outcomes.	Review monitoring reports and provide feedback. Consider sharing monitoring outcomes with relevant stakeholders in the region.
COMMUNITY & LANDHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	
Provide Murweh Shire Council with program flyers and information materials for distribution to landholders in the Morven region who may have Coolibah-Black Box or Poplar Box Grassy Woodland remnant vegetation on their properties.	Distribute SQL program flyers and information to local landholders in the Morven region via Council networks, newsletters, noticeboards, and events where practicable.
Be available to attend any Council-hosted landholder information sessions or community events to present the program and answer questions.	Identify and advise SQL of any upcoming community events, field days, or Council meetings where SQL could present the program to landholders.

6. Proposed Timeline

All works under this collaboration must be completed by mid-June 2026. The following indicative timeline is proposed:

Timeframe	Activity	Responsibility
By 27 March 2026	Confirm collaboration agreement, access arrangements, and priority treatment areas with Murweh Shire Council. SQL GIS team to confirm treatment hectares.	SQL + Council
By 27 April 2026	Commence and complete monitoring condition assessment initial weed management treatment across all agreed Council road reserve and managed reserve areas.	SQL

7. Next Steps

To progress this collaboration, SQ Landscapes would appreciate the Council's response on the following:

- **In-principle agreement:** Please indicate whether Council is interested in partnering with SQL on weed management works and/or high-value monitoring on Council-managed lands.
- **Existing weed management plan:** Please share a copy of Council's current weed management plan (or priority weed species list) to assist SQL in aligning proposed works with Council's existing obligations.
- **Priority treatment areas:** Please indicate which Council road reserves or managed reserves contain the highest weed threat or are of greatest priority for treatment.
- **Delivery preference:** Please advise whether Council would prefer SQL-engaged contractors, Council-delivered works, or a combined approach.
- **Landholder engagement:** Please advise whether Council would be willing to distribute SQL program flyers and information to local landholders, and through which channels this could be facilitated.
- **Access arrangements:** Please advise the process for access to Council road reserves and managed lands for weed management and monitoring works.

SQL is happy to arrange a meeting with Council to discuss this proposal in more detail and answer any questions. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at any time.

8. SQL Contacts

Name	Email	Phone	Role
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This project is funded by the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust and delivered by Southern Queensland Landscapes, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.

SHIRE OF MURWEH
MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

MURWEH SHIRE AIRPORTS WORKING GROUP (AWG)

MINUTES

VENUE: Airport Board Room

DATE: 25/03/2026

TIME: 0930 – 1030

Previous Meeting: Wednesday 21 January 2026

Airport Working Group (AWG) Members in attendance:

Kay Crosby	MSC (AWG Chairman)
Phil Pfingst	MSC (ARO)
Glenn Robinson	AIMS (Secretary)
Peter Wade	Viva Energy
Abigail Farrawell	WW2 Secret Base / MSC Tourism
Terry Latchmann	RFDS
Daniel Jones	GHA
Lian Spencer	RFDS Base

1. Apologies

Bruce Scott	MSC (CEO)
Katrina Heinemann	MSC (Café) Manager
Deanne Aggs	Regional Express Airlines
Justin Kronk	MSC (D-IS)
Jacob Barton	MSC (D-ES)
Steve Jones	Regional Express Airlines
Nick Tully	RFDS Trainer

2. General Business

- AWG Members reviewed the previous meetings minutes. No issues arising & Minutes adopted.

2.1 Safety and security discussion

- RFDS raised an ongoing security issue concerning a car regularly parked for long periods at their visitor's car park. LS undertook to put a notice on the car advising that it is not a long-term car park. To be monitored.
- PP raised that Australian Country Choice (ACC) had landed an overweight aircraft at Augathella Aerodrome. Details in PP's ASI Report.

2.2 Master Plan Update

- The Mayor continues to lobby for funding to pursue the required Infrastructure Works identified in the Master Plan.

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2.3 Action Items List Review

The Action Items List was updated and follows as *Attachment 1* to these Minutes.

The following items were resolved and able to be removed from the Action Items list:

- Item 7 – Lack of external lighting in hire car collection area
- Item 8 – Airside Roller door left open
- Item's 11 & 12 – Lop or remove trees

All other items have been updated on the Action Items List as appropriate.

3. New Business

- DA circulated REX's schedule change for 24-26 April.
- DA asked for an update on fuel supply issues regarding truck delivery issues on site. PW responded that repairs are programmed and should be resolved as soon as a technician can get to site.
- GR advised the AWG that planning has commenced for a full-scale emergency exercise to be held at Charleville Airport to coincide with the September AWG meeting. GR to facilitate. KC to send GR a meeting invite for the MSC DMG meeting in April (17th).
- PW raised that MSC might consider erecting signage outlining where to find details of the fees and charges for the airport. (See action Item 17)
- Discussion recommenced on the need to finalise the position of the RFDS fuel pod. RFDS need to confirm their final layout for that area so that no secondary moves are required for the pod, (see Action Item 18)
- GR gave the AWG an outline of the proposed works for resealing RWY 18/36 and how this might impact airport operations. GR undertook to circulate draft MOWP when completed for members feedback.
- GR advised the AWG on the release of the Department of Home Affairs Exposure Draft for incident reporting relating to cyber security. NFA required.
- KC spoke to an application by IOR to establish a refuelling Pod at Augathella. NFA required.
- LS advised the Hanger Ball is scheduled for 31 October.
- AF advised the Wings on the Warrego is scheduled for 12-13 September.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting is proposed for: Wednesday 17th June 2026.

Regards

CTL AWG Secretary,
25/03/2026,

Action Items list follows.

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Table 1 – Working Group Action Items. Updated 26/03/2025

Charleville Airport: **CTL**, Kay Crosby **KC**, Phil Pfingst: **PP**, Glenn Robinson: **GR**, Peter Wade: **PW**,; Leanne Spencer: **LS;** Katrina Heinemann **KH,** Jacob Barton **JB;** Justin Kronk **JK,** Bruce Scott **BS;** Deanne Aggs: **DA;** Steve Jones **SJ;** Nick Tully **NT,** Abigail Farrawell **AF**; Airport Working Group: **AWG,** Dan Jones, **DJ,** Terry Latchmann **TL**; No Further Action **NFA**

Not in any particular order.

No.	Item:	Notes:	Action by:
1	All tasks on this Action Items List are prioritised and delegated out.	ONGOING	KC
2	Consider options for conducting Morven Airport Serviceability Inspections	MSC in talks with QLD Police and Hospital for options when MSC staff not available.	KC
3	Items to be remembered for inclusion in next budget review process	• CCTV coverage expansion to the airside • Drain and headwall at RFDS hanger • CCTV for Augathella move to include RWY view • Morven aerodrome works (design for grade and seal works) • Augathella crack sealing • Augathella Line Marking (surveyor + line marking services)	PP KC
4	Radio 4VL obstacle light blown	CASA have instructed 4VL to light their tower.	CASA
5	Augathella Issues	• Replace gate and crack seal RWY pavements • Some additional vegetation requires clearing • line markings need to be put in	PP KC
6	Aeroclub new tenancy at new hanger	Draft Survey now completed - progressing	PW, KC
7	**Following Items from the ATI Report verbatim**		
8	Council to complete remedial works on taxiways A, B, D and E, to ensure that water does not pond on the taxiway surfaces, refer Part 139 MOS Section 6.41(1).	Included in 2025 Master Plan works. Council currently pursuing funding opportunities.	Mayor, CEO
9	Council to begin planning to have the entire ATO apron reconstructed as the current surface and much of the pavement beneath has long passed its use by date. The ponding within the surface also makes it dangerous when wet and does not meet the 139 MOS Section 8.6 (3) standards for the slope of an apron surface.	Included in 2025 Master Plan works. Council currently pursuing funding opportunities.	Mayor, CEO

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No.	Item:	Notes:	Action by:
10	Council to repaint holding position markings at the aerodrome, as the dimensions of these lines have changed.	Repaint lines in accordance with MOS requirements.	
11	Council to consider sealing the cracks in the sealed surfaces of the aerodrome.	Ongoing crack sealing done as part of maintenance	
12	To consider resealing the surface of taxiway C.	Included in 2025 Master Plan works. Council currently pursuing funding opportunities.	ARO
13	To remediate the scouring that has occurred in the taxiway strip of taxiway D.	Filled with replacement gravel and multi wheel rolled	ARO
14	To consider reconstructing and resealing the eastern section of TWY E. This will allow two access points to the ATO apron, making its use more effective and efficient.	Included in 2025 Master Plan works. Council currently pursuing funding opportunities.	Mayor, CEO
15	To consider lopping or removing each of the trees at the southeastern end of runway 12/30 that create a take-off gradient of more than 2.00%. In particular, Obstacle 27 should be lopped to improve the take-off gradient.	Identified trees (owned by Council) for removal. Scheduled works	ARO
16	To consider lopping or removing each of the trees at the northwestern end of runway 12/30 that create a take-off gradient of more than 2.00% (Nos. 12, 14 and 17).	Identified trees and owners. Need to seek permission of owners to remove trees (tall palms that cant be lopped).	Mayor, CEO
17	Amend the ERSA to direct pilots to the fees and charges page of MSC's website.	Use the ADO portal to update next ERSA version	PP
18	RFDS fuel pod needs to move	RFDS to confirm proposed new location	TL
19	See feedback on Proposed MOWP for RWY 18/36 reseal	GR to finish draft and circulate to AWG members	GR

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11.9 TENDER SEVEN ALLOTMENTS WITHIN BOLLON ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Author: **Manager Regulatory Services**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following seven allotments located within the Bollon Road Industrial Estate be advertised for sale by tender, commencing Tuesday 5 May 2026 and closing Monday 1 June 2026:

1. Lot 2 on SP 323795
2. Lot 3 on SP 313219 and Lot 4 on SP 305929 (as one portion)
3. Lot 5 on SP 305929
4. Lot 6 on SP 313219
5. Lot 7 on SP 313219
6. Lot 8 on SP 305929

[Refer to attachment 1 – Map of Bollon Road Industrial Land]

BACKGROUND

Council for some time has been aware of the need to open industrial land for commercial/industrial operators as there is limited to no industrial/commercial land opportunity in the Charleville town area.

The Bollon Road Industrial Estate has been developed for this purpose, however required notification to the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation prior to any parcel of land in this area being released onto the market.

Enabling these parcels of land for sale is in the community's interest, with the process being facilitated by Council through the *Queensland Local Government Act 2019* and the *Queensland Local Government Regulation 2012.*

PURPOSE

The disposal of Council land is governed by *Part 3, Division 2* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld). Section 228* requires that a local government dispose of land by publicly inviting written tenders in accordance with *section 227* of the *Queensland Local Government Regulation 2012* – with the invitation published on Council's website.

The land will be available for sale through a Tender process, with each applicant being able to purchase one or a number of parcels for industrial purpose use in accordance with *Murweh Shire Planning Scheme*.

The tender documentation will specify that the successful purchaser must, at their own cost, obtain any necessary legal information, development approval and building approvals.

The documentation will further as required under *section 408* of the *Environmental Protection Act* for land listed on the EMR – (Lot 7 SP313219 – attachment 2).

"The owner must before disposing of the land to someone else (the buyer), give written notice to the buyer stating that the particulars of the land have been recorded in the register and, if details of a site management plan for the land are recorded in the register, details of the plan".

DISCUSSION

A number of commercial/industrial operators have spoken to elected members and or executive members of Council, seeking to purchase any available land parcels for the purpose of carrying on

their business, outside of the urban area. This has not been possible, as land parcels and areas have not been available.

Councillors were briefed on the status of the allotments at a briefing Thursday 9 April 2026.

The following allotments will be advertised for sale through the appropriate tender process, with information being brought back to a general meeting of Council for tender resolution.

Lot 2 on SP 313795

Lot 3 on SP 313219 and Lot 4 on SP 305929 (as one parcel)

Lot 5 on SP 305929

Lot 6 on SP 305929

Lot 7 on SP 313219

Lot 8 on SP 305929

To ensure progress of the use of the blocks a set of covenants was discussed with Councillors and will be established prior to the release of the tender documents.

CONSULTATION

Preliminary discussions with elected members

Commercial/industrial community members – past years

Executive members of Council

Officers – Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Town Planning Officer

FINANCIAL RISKS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

Land is identified on State's Environmental Management Register, which will be disclosed with the tender documents for any prospective buyer to have knowledge and understanding. There is no site management plan for any of the parcels that are being advertised for tender

SOCIAL RISK

Nil – there will be a tender package for all interested parties, providing the most appropriate information that Council has at hand.

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. **Map - Bollon Road Industrial Land** ⇩
2. **Bollon Road Industrial Estate** ⇩
3. **Environmental Management Register - Lot 7 SP313219** ⇩

Charleville - Industrial Estate



Reference
Department of Resources. (1992). [Aerial photograph of Charleville Industrial Estate]: Film QAP5074, Frame 56 [Photograph]. Queensland Government, QImagery.

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Legend

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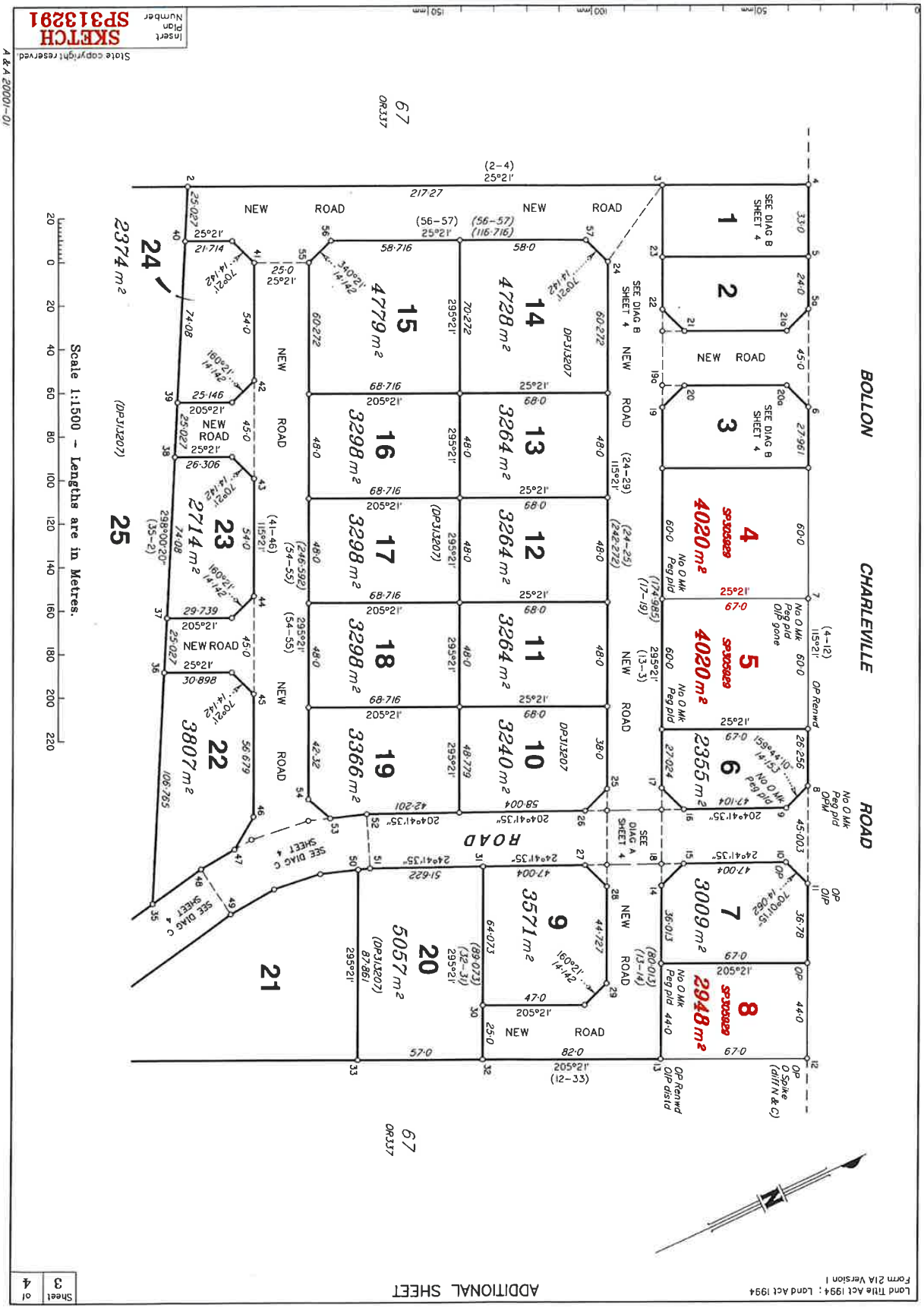
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02 March 2026

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NOTICE OF LAND LISTED ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REGISTER

In accordance with section 378 and Subdivision 2A "land owners inclusion request" of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act) notice is given that the parcel of land described below has been listed on the Environmental Management Register (EMR).

Lot: 7 Plan: SP313219
OFF BOLLON ROAD
CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470

The parcel of land has been recorded on the EMR as it is decided that the land has been affected by a notifiable activity. Details of the listing are provided below:

NOTIFIABLE ACTIVITY 20 LANDFILL – disposing of waste (excluding inert construction and demolition waste).

For further information about contaminated land matters visit www.qld.gov.au, and search for "contaminated land".

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11.10 TENDER OF LOT 2 ON SP130272

Author: **Special Project Officer/Disaster Management Officer**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the sale of land and residence on Lot 2 on SP130272 being 2 Kyte St, Charleville for sale by tender under section 227 and section 228 of the *Queensland Local Government Regulation.*

BACKGROUND

Purpose

Council officers have identified land and buildings at 2 Kyte Street as surplus to Council's operational needs. Following a reconfiguration of lots to exclude any impact of the Warrego River Levee Bank it is proposed the newly created lot be offered for sale.

Discussion

As part of ordinary business Council reviews items that are held on the asset register. During these reviews Assets can be identified that no longer provide a benefit to the community. This asset has been identified as this.

Consultation

Internal consultation with Councillors, Executive Team members and planning consultant.

Financial Risks

Minimal. This land and associated building is surplus to Council's operational needs. It is currently in need of significant expenditure to return to a habitable state.

Environmental Risks

NIL

Social Risk

Minimal. This property is surplus to Council operational needs.

Legal Risk

NIL

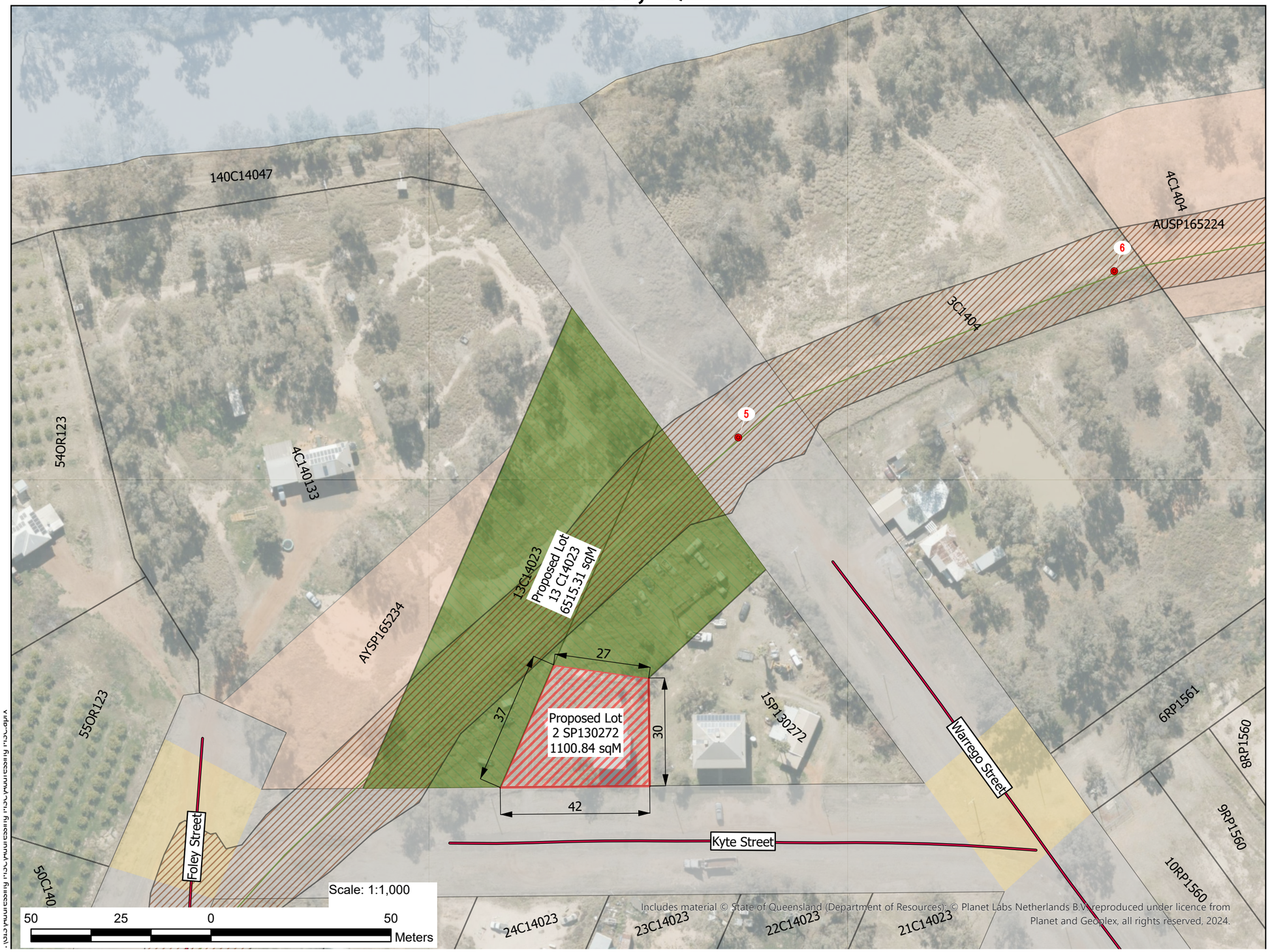
LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed plan of development Reconfigure Lot 13 C14023 & Lot 2 SP130272 ⇩

Proposed Lot
Charleville, QLD 4470



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Legend

- Sealed Roads

PARCEL_TYP

- Easement
- Lot Type Parcel
- Road Type Parcel
- Unlinked parcel or inter
- Watercourse
- Levee Region
- Levee Bank Centerline
- Levee Gates
- Proposed Lot 2 SP130272
- Proposed Lot 13 C14023

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SHIRE OF MURWEH

Spatial Reference
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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 April 2026.

BACKGROUND

Executive Update

Aurora Estate

- Construction tender evaluation in progress, with tenderer clarifications and interviews planned to be completed by mid-April. The preferred tenderer to be presented to Council for resolution prior to engagement by later April.
- Response received from the DETSI internal review for Major EA Amendment, with amendment still deemed as a Major impact by DETSI. The project is preparing a response to DETSI and will seek a further audience with the Director General to present the impacts imposed by the Department's decision.
- Telstra Asset Relocation in progress and expected to be completed by late April 2026.
- Continued discussion with TMR/QR on pit access via Warrego Highway.
- Final clearing of the site is completed and burning of the remaining timber planned for end of April with QFS.

Charleville & Augathella STP

- RSA mobilised to site on 8 April 2026 and have started work at Augathella.
- Setout survey and site establishment in progress at Augathella.
- Work planned to commence at Charleville STP inlet area by late May 2026.
- Funding VAR approved by funding partners for transfer of funds from AUG to CHAR to cover shortfall.

Alfred & Wills St Asphalt Works

- Tender pricing received on 10 April 2026 - two responses for the project received.
- Tenderers referenced geopolitical instability, international conflict, global trade disruption, and energy supply chain issues as material cost drivers and additionally reserved the right to suspend or terminate in the event of government-imposed restrictions or material disruption to diesel fuel supply.
- These risks and associated impacts are being considered during the evaluation and the direct implications on the TIDS program may require a discussion with funding partners to determine an appropriate path forward.

Amenities Building - Minor Infrastructure

- All major construction items are complete - concrete aprons, roofing/guttering, services (power, water, sewerage) etc.
- Minor final finishing items still in progress,
    - Painting of ceilings - change rooms only
    - Ceiling finishes, including caulking of trims and sanding prep for painting
    - Installation of change room lights (to be completed once painting is finished)
    - Touch-up painting for minor chips/marks from transport and building placement

- Final inspection planned for the end of April for Practical completion/handover. Commercial terms still to be finalised with the supplier

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	Table Drain & Floodway Mtce	53,380.00	53,380.00	Remove silt and open drain
Adavale Road	Repair Pothole	53,390.00	53,400.00	Repair pothole on road
Adavale Road	Clearing	39,350.00	43,400.00	Clear trees from road corridor
Barngo Road	Inspections	85,990.00	85,990.00	Remove tree from road
Biddenham Road	Guidepost maintenance	37,410.00	43,080.00	Install new guidepost
Bogarella Road	Patrol Grading	0.00	18,110.00	
Bollon Road	Emergency Work	150.61	150.61	Wood abutment damage and sunk, broken welds
Bollon Road	Clearing	19,110.00	19,110.00	Remove tree from road
Bollon Road	Guidepost maintenance	2,650.00	19,110.00	Install new guidepost
Langlo Mt Morris Road	Inspections	30,020.00	30,020.00	Patch out invert
Langlo Mt Morris Road	Table Drain & Floodway Mtce	19,640.00	19,640.00	Remove silt and open drain
Loddon West Road	Install Signs	20.00	20.00	Install new sign and post
Mt Tabor Road	Patrol Grading	84,070.00	80,990.00	
Mt Tabor Road	Emergency Work	84,170.00	111,250.00	
Mt Tabor Road	Emergency Work	111,250.00	119,540.00	
Mt Tabor Road	Patrol Grading	163,820.00	180,000.00	
Mt Tabor Road	Patrol Grading	157,520.00	163,820.00	
Mt Tabor Road	Patrol Grading	143,760.00	158,100.00	
Old Tambo Road	Guidepost maintenance	33,800.00	35,200.00	Install new guidepost

Old Tambo Road	Guidepost maintenance	8,220.00	28,000.00	Install new guidepost and straighten

Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC)

March 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)	Edge Repair with Emulsion/Aggregate	83.67	87.43	9.00	$13,500.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Edge Repair with Emulsion/Aggregate	83.67	87.43	8.00	$12,000.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Edge Repair with Emulsion/Aggregate	79.03	79.45	8.00	$12,000.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Edge Repair with Emulsion/Aggregate	79.03	79.45	8.00	$12,000.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Gravel Supply - Heavy Shoulder Grading	83.67	87.47	200.00	$9,000.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Gravel Supply - Heavy Shoulder Grading	74.00	81.00	132.00	$5,940.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural	74.00	81.00	3.00	$35,085.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural	74.00	81.00	3.00	$35,085.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural	83.67	87.43	1.00	$11,695.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural	83.67	87.43	1.00	$11,695.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Inspections for Forward List of Works	0.01	106.15	3,135.00	$3,135.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Rest Area Servicing	0.01	106.15	8,549.00	$8,549.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Traffic Control Jet Patcher	83.67	87.43	7,840.00	$7,840.00
Landsborough Highway (Augathella - Tambo)	Inspections for Forward List of Works	0.01	57.09	6,270.00	$6,270.00
Landsborough Highway (Augathella - Tambo)	Pavement Repairs Gravel (Mechanical) Minor	5.00	5.00	36.00	$7,200.00

Landsborough Highway (Augathella - Tambo)	Rest Area Servicing	0.01	57.09	3,961.00	$3,961.00
Landsborough Highway (Augathella - Tambo)	Traffic Control Jet Patcher	5.00	5.00	3,912.00	$3,912.00
Landsborough Highway (Morven - Augathella)	Other Roadside Work	14.00	19.00	6,152.00	$6,152.00
Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)	Hand Mowing	0.01	78.40	308.00	$2,464.00
Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)	Other roadside work	0.01	78.40	9,635.00	$9,635.00
Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)	Pavement Repairs Gravel (Mechanical) Minor	71.98	71.98	25.00	$5,000.00
Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)	Tractor Slashing, Rural	0.01	78.40	55.00	$21,175.00
Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)	Traffic Control Jet Patcher	71.98	71.98	1,220.00	$1,220.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Hand Mowing	126.54	196.52	177.00	$1,416.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Other roadside work	126.54	196.52	7,522.00	$7,522.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Tractor Slashing, Rural	126.54	196.52	50.00	$19,250.00
				TOTAL	**$272,701.00**

RMPC 25-26 Works Expenditure

Schedules	Allocated Budget	UpToDate Expenditure	Remaining
Schedule 1 (National Highways)	$444,400.00	$331,491.00	$112,909.00
Schedule 2 (Other State Controlled Roads)	$2,336,437.00	$2,233,204.00	$103,233.00
Schedule 3 – Invasive Plants & Animals (National Highways)	$16,000.00	$16,000.00	$0.00
Schedule 4 – Invasive Plants & Animals (Other State Controlled Roads)	$24,000.00	$24,000.00	$0.00
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**	**$2,331,994.00**	**$851,939.00**

Water & Sewerage

Maintenance works carried out in March 2026.

Water Works

Charleville

Activities	Completed
Service Line Breaks	3
Repair Water Mains	1
Meters Replaced/ checked	1
Pump Station Faults	3
Water Bore Maintenance	0
Disconnections	0
New Connections	0

General Comment – Nil.

Morven

Activities	Completed
Service Line Breaks	0
Repair Water Mains	0
Meters Replaced/ checked	0
Pump Station Faults	3
Water Bore Maintenance	1
Disconnections	0
New Connections	0

General Comment

- Roma Street main completed.
- Gidgee Smith water line upgraded to caravan park.

Augathella

Activities	Completed
Service Line Breaks	0
Repair Water Mains	2
Meters Replaced/ checked	1
Pump Station Faults	1
Water Bore Maintenance	0
Disconnections	0
New Connections	0

General Comment – Nil.

Sewerage Works

Charleville

Activities	Completed
Main line Chokes	0
Service Line Chokes	3
Pump Station Faults	2
Toilet Faults	3
New Connections	1
Unblock Sewer House / Main Connections	2

General Comment

- Service sewer pumps.
- New switchboard and floats.
- Pine Street well – new pump and non-return valves.
- Airport well – new pump.

Morven

Activities	Completed
Main line Chokes	0
Service Line Chokes	0
Pump Station Faults	0
Toilet Faults	2
New Connections	0
Unblock Sewer House / Main Connections	0

General Comment – Nil.

Augathella

Activities	Completed
Main line Chokes	0
Service Line Chokes	0
Pump Station Faults	0
Toilet Faults	1
New Connections	0
Unblock Sewer House / Main Connections	0

General Comment

- Sewer pumps serviced.
- Gear is ready to go at Augathella to start main upgrade in Cavanagh Street.

Electrical

Works completed by Council's Preferred Supplier's for Electrical Services.

Patto's Electrical
- Replace Charleville Gym exit lights
- Repair A/C on Jayco caravan for workshop
- Check A/C leaking at Charleville Airport old terminal
- Supply and install 15A power points at end of Airport terminal
- Install lights in Airport carpark for security
- Replace LED light at 23 Racecourse Drive
- Compressor repair at Morven
- Change exit lights at Cosmos Centre
- Replace belts on cold room at Racecourse Complex
- Check A/C in Unit 1 29 Alfred Street
South West Tech
- Repair 2 x pumps at Airport and Cobb & Co
- Install supplied hydrover at Bore Pump #4
- Delivery and on-site setup of CCTV post and PTZ camera
- Pump station #1 VFD faults
- Disconnect & reconnect Pump Station #1 - Check well flooded at Pump Station #1
- A/C replacement at Art Gallery
- Replace control board and floats at Pump Station #14
Charleville Refrigeration & Electrical
- Repair A/C unit at Racecourse Complex
- A/C service and replacements at Art Gallery
- Check leaking drain at Racecourse Complex
- Investigate and repair smoke alarms at Showgrounds Pavilion

Workshop

MSC WORKSHOP MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2026	
SAFTEY	3 incidents and zero accidents
WORK CARRIED OUT ON VEHICLES	
Unit 687	Installed dash switch panel
Unit 657	Replaced EGR cooler
Unit 683	Carried out service
Unit 672	Carried out service
Unit 681	Carried out service
Unit 651	Carried out service
Unit 684	Carried out service
Unit 688	Installed toolbox
Unit 694	Replaced fuel tank breather
Unit 698	Carried out service
WORK CARRIED OUT ON GRADERS	
Unit 118	Replaced circle wear pads, adjusted circle, replaced exhaust gaskets, carried out service
Unit 120	Carried out service
WORK CARRIED OUT ON TRUCKS	
Unit 60	Repaired E-Stop wiring, repaired top motor power supply wiring, replaced throttle up cylinders
Unit 34	Replaced Air Con hose
Unit 33	Repaired clutch air leak
Unit 46	Carried out service, replaced voltage reducer
Unit 39	Replaced UHF hand piece
Unit 53	Replace beacon lights
Unit 2	Replaced trailer plugs
Unit 54	Unblock grease circuits
Unit 56	Replaced AdBlue tank hoses
Unit 52	Replaced A/C blower motor, repaired trans oil leak
Unit 41	Replaced trailer brake valve
Unit 47	Replaced reverse switch
Unit 50	Replaced windscreen wiper wiring, repaired air leak
WORK CARRIED OUT ON TRAILERS	
Unit 412	Reset ABS sensors gaps, repaired wiring
WORK CARRIED OUT ON NAVMAN	
Unit 47	Repaired Navman
WORK CARRIED OUT MOWERS AND TRACTORS	

Unit 591	Repaired deck mounts
Unit 226	Replaced trailing arm jockey wheel and hub
Unit 181	Replaced trailing arm hub and bearings, replaced range 4 solenoid,
Unit 592	Rebuilt PTO gearbox
Unit 183	Replaced washer bottle, adjusted PTO clutch, carried out service
Unit 192	Replaced headlight housing
Unit 596	Repaired fan wiring
Unit 589	Repair fuse panel, fix wheel bearings, carried out service, repaired handbrake
Unit 581	Replace bonnet latch, adjust deck, replace scalp rollers
Unit 598	Replaced roof
Unit 599	Replaced roof
Unit 194	Carried out service
Unit 588	Replaced starter motor
Unit 175	Carried out service
Unit 573	Replaced drive motor
Unit 174	Carried out service
Unit 595	Repaired roof top fan
Unit 193	Replaced PTO gearbox output shaft seal
Unit 194	Rebuilt slasher PTO gearbox
WORK CARRIED OUT ON MISCELLANEOUS	
Unit 33 - Vac Trailer	Carried out service, replaced cyclone housing
Unit 156 – Skid Steer	Replaced Hydraulic fittings
Unit 490 - Jetter	Replaced battery
Unit 373 - Caravan	Replaced air conditioner, replace door latch
Unit 203 – Multi Tyre Roller	Repaired air leak
PLAN FOR APRIL	
Continue with workshop organising and preventive maintenance.	

Murweh Shire Flood Restoration Works – March 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	10 April 2026	Report Period	March 2026
Project Manager	Russell Hood		
Reporting To	Bruce Scott, Jacob Barton, Troy McQueen		

1.	**Current Status**
	Overall progress for the January and April 2024 events from the 23-24 year to the end of March 2026 as reported to QRA is 95%. Of the total 1537 damage sites, there are 45 remaining. This work must be completed prior to 30 June 2026. Overall progress for the March 2025 event from the 24-25 year to end of March 2026 is 41% for the 11 submissions approved to date. Of the total 858 damage sites, there are 274 remaining. This work must be completed prior to 30 June 2027.
2.	**Delivery**
	○ Heavy formation grading is complete on Laguna, Raincourt, Perola Park, Nebine, Nebine Shortcut, Dundee and Bollon Roads. ○ Heavy formation grading and a section of gravel resheeting is in progress on Wheatleigh Road. ○ Bulk fill and rock protection is complete on Mt Tabor Road. ○ Pavement repair is complete on Barngo Road.
3.	**Submissions**
	○ All submissions under the January and April 2024 events are approved and the total funding for these events including project management, contingencies and escalation is $16,914,785. ○ All road network submissions under the March 2025 event have been submitted to QRA with 11 submissions approved and 2 being assessed by QRA. The total estimated funding including project management, contingencies and escalation is currently $9,523,596.
4.	**Overall Program Progress**
	○ January & April 2024 events overall program progress is 95% to end of March 2026. ○ March 2025 event overall program progress is 41% to end of March 2026.
5.	**Budget**
	○ Total claimed expenditure for the January & April 2024 events to end of March 2026 - $13,685,638 ○ Estimated cost to complete - $570,000 ○ Estimated final cost - $14,255,638 ○ Total claimed expenditure for the March 2025 event to end of March 2026 - $2,785,206 ○ Estimated cost to complete - $3,905,700 (for the 11 approved submissions) ○ Estimated final cost - $6,690,906 (for the 11 approved submissions)
6.	**Reporting, Claims and Close outs**
	○ QRA monthly progress reporting and payment claims have been lodged with QRA on 10 April 2026 for the January 2024, April 2024 and March 2025 events.
7.	**Risks and other issues**
	○ The submission for the Bradleys Gully diversion culvert has been submitted and is being assessed by QRA. ○ The original submission for Mt Tabor Road under the March 2025 event has been withdrawn due more than 50% of the sealed pavement damage being assessed by QRA as existing prior to the event. It was considered that this damage, primarily wheel path rutting depth, had worsened as a result of pavement saturation from the event. However, there is insufficient evidence of pre-event rutting depth to compare this against and justify the additional damage. The balance of the submission has been re-submitted and QRA are currently assessing this.

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	$148,503.45	100%	
Caroline Crossing Road	$10,198.89	$15,965.36	100%	
Meigunya Access Road	$4,535.42	$3,938.00	100%	
Mt Tabor Road (Jan 24)	$612,785.06	$366,898.68	90%	4 patches left
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	$33,322.00	100%	
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	$1,900,496.40	100%	
Balmacarra Road	$80,644.79	$60,915.65	100%	
Black Ward Road	$172,313.98	$81,320.80	100%	
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	$139,132.19	90%	Floodway left
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	$593,748.85	100%	
Borea Road	$59,147.67	$52,763.45	100%	
Clara Creek Road	$205,309.15	$109,724.00	100%	
Gundare Road	$128,729.87	$138,081.45	100%	
Hill Street	$23,093.90	$32,250.03	100%	
Killarney Road	$39,415.93	$52,476.58	90%	4 patches left
Ouida Downs Road	$61,612.22	$73,545.29	100%	
Rainmore Road	$4,761.00	$4,486.00	100%	
Tantellon Road	$55,312.28	$42,558.00	100%	
Uabba Road	$109,064.84	$72,858.00	100%	
Adavale Road	$79,176.94	$87,902.35	100%	
Langlo Mt Morris Road	$216,003.84	$196,329.74	90%	1 patch left
Newholme Road	$73,397.35	$75,700.80	100%	
Nungil Maruka Road	$7,214.64	$7,160.00	100%	
Red Lane Road	$6,139.42	$6,302.00	100%	
Valeravale Road	$105,965.69	$103,770.70	100%	
Wardsdale Road	$88,219.74	$71,833.05	100%	
Wiringa Road	$7,222.83	$7,160.00	100%	
Bollon Road	$280,388.01	$292,360.15	95%	3 patches left
Doobiblah Road	$68,699.11	$67,750.50	100%	
Loddon East Road	$40,380.94	$39,746.00	100%	
Merrigol Road	$12,648.11	$12,830.00	100%	
Old Quilpie Road	$60,607.52	$59,723.91	100%	
Riccatoon Road	$13,542.82	$12,982.00	100%	
Wongalee South Road	$27,356.50	$18,147.25	100%	
Wongamere Road	$2,708.57	$0.00	0%	Descoped
Wooyenong Road	$5,442.51	$5,824.00	100%	
Wyandra Boatman Road	$39,545.04	$35,933.70	100%	
Caldervale Road	$42,386.30	$21,647.74	100%	
Cargara Road	$91,167.65	$89,732.30	100%	
Caroline Crossing Road	$40,084.27	$19,678.00	100%	
Khyber Road	$490,346.96	$112,002.49	30%	Seal patches left
Laguna Road	$470,057.47	$821,800.33	100%	
Raincourt Road	$150,931.40	$148,572.37	100%	
Oxford Downs Road	$169,065.24	$126,508.34	100%	
Roselyn Road	$16,973.66	$14,803.00	100%	
Barngo Road	$540,637.20	$416,281.93	90%	Rock protection left
Bogarella Road	$133,808.10	$93,080.00	100%	
Cunno Road	$97,276.82	$47,707.00	100%	

Orange Tree Crossing	$5,413.84	$1,268.44	100%	
Derbyshire Downs Road	$27,278.89	$19,986.70	100%	
Hoganthulla Road	$139,147.50	$128,829.60	100%	
Mt Tabor Road (Apr 24)	$1,428,268.70	$1,051,138.33	80%	In progress
Waterford Road	$101,213.70	$97,680.85	100%	
Old Tambo Road	$3,447,447.01	$2,987,244.00	100%	
Project Management	$1,278,259.30	$432,255.93	80%	
Total	**$16,914,785.66**	**$13,685,638.78**	**97%**	
Weighted Percentage Complete from QRA Progress Report			95%	

MARCH 2025 EVENT FLOOD RESTORATION

Asset / road name	Recommended Value	Expenditure	% Complete	Timing
Belrose Road	$24,096.38	$28,166.69	100%	
Greenstead Road	$5,762.27	$7,461.50	100%	
Wellwater Road	$307,681.98	$286,166.00	100%	
Bilbie Park Road	$25,010.14	$19,622.40	100%	
Noorooloo Road	$213,884.93	$182,997.94	100%	
Shelbourne Road	$12,238.76	$13,611.10	100%	
Allendale Warrah Road	$283,404.82	$283,212.10	100%	
Bendee Street	$12,368.58	$0.00	0%	May-26
Cavanagh Street	$6,712.60	$0.00	0%	May-26
Gundare Road	$5,870.10	$4,719.00	100%	
Main Street	$34,177.15	$0.00	0%	May-26
Barngo Road	$164,906.90	$130,826.40	100%	
Caroline Crossing Road	$62,649.84	$42,977.78	100%	
Clara Creek Road	$91,246.98	$45,216.00	100%	
Hoganthulla Road	$103,286.76	$83,107.00	100%	
Khyber Road	$83,745.72	$88,107.39	100%	
Auburnvale Road	$8,801.57	$8,051.00	100%	
Bannermans Road	$7,154.20	$8,614.35	100%	
Doobiblah Road	$174,561.71	$171,232.00	100%	
Loddon East Road	$11,305.96	$8,758.00	100%	
Merrigol Road	$30,886.73	$26,285.00	100%	
Old Quilpie Road	$132,324.82	$128,988.00	100%	
Riccatoon Road	$16,603.03	$18,784.00	100%	
Wooyenong Road	$30,719.02	$29,844.00	100%	
Yarronvale Road	$56,981.33	$56,530.00	100%	
Cooladdi Langlo Road	$427,541.90	$271,862.10	65%	In progress
Loddon West Road	$8,303.59	$8,119.00	100%	
Nimboy Road	$79,916.24	$78,966.00	100%	
Norah Park Road	$14,338.09	$0.00	0%	May-26

Adavale Road	$8,294.39	$2,946.23	20%	In progress
Columbo Road	$3,882.85	$0.00	0%	Apr-26
Langlo Mt Morris Road	$10,707.79	$1,932.04	20%	In progress
Old Ward Road	$3,630.21	$5,527.09	100%	
Rhylstone Road	$3,428.01	$0.00	0%	Apr-26
Wallal Riversleigh Road	$49,651.85	$0.00	0%	Apr-26
Wardsdale Road	$39,789.50	$0.00	0%	Apr-26
Fortland Road	$73,317.35	$0.00	0%	Apr-26
Guestling Road	$21,698.28	$21,102.00	100%	
Hythe Road	$123,832.17	$122,156.00	100%	
Murweh Road	$11,594.63	$12,860.00	100%	
Wheatleigh Road	$195,019.20	$0.00	0%	Apr-26
Yanna Bridge Road	$2,935.05	$2,810.00	100%	
Bollon Road	$95,744.60	$0.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
De Warra Road	$5,481.67	$0.00	0%	Apr-26
Dundee Road	$31,976.41	$0.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
Nebine Road	$111,894.40	$51,896.90	100%	Not yet invoiced
Nebine Shortcut Road	$6,509.49	$0.00	100%	Not yet invoiced
Killarney Road	$2,197,614.74	$36,651.38	1%	Aug-26
Old Tambo Road	$566,986.66	$337,237.51	100%	
Biddenham Road	$582,486.42	$1,115.96	0%	Aug-26
Perola Park Road	$47,964.62	$66,852.36	100%	
Project Management	$539,791.44	$89,893.88	20%	
Total	**$7,170,713.83**	**$2,785,206.10**	**70%**	
Weighted Percentage Complete from QRA Progress Report			41%	

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. Engineering Services Costing Report ⇩

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	$ 77,545	$ -	$ 87,902
4002	Alice Downs Road	$ 7,854	$ -	$ -
4003	Allambie Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4004	Allendale - Warrah Road	$ 2,659	$ -	$ 593,749
4005	Armadilla Road	$ 505	$ -	$ -
4006	Bakers Bend Road	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4007	Balmacarra Road	$ 8,194	$ -	$ -
4008	Bannermans Road	$ 1,116	$ -	$ -
4009	Barngo Road	$ 120,689	$ -	$ 202,375
4010	Biddenham Road	$ 30,724	$ -	$ 1,406,806
4011	Bilbie Park Road	$ 425	$ -	$ -
4012	Biloola Road	$ 412	$ -	$ -
4013	Blackburn Road	$ 465	$ -	$ -
4014	Loddon Road Black Tank	$ 867	$ -	$ 39,746
4015	Black Ward Road	$ 40,040	$ -	$ 59,288
4016	Boggarella Road	$ 9,199	$ -	$ -
4017	Belrose Road	$ 945	$ -	$ -
4018	Burrandulla Road	$ 3,723	$ -	3.63797880709171E-12
4019	Albury Road	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4020	Caldervale - Khyber Road	$ 304	$ -	$ 21,648
4021	Auburnvale Road	$ 425	$ -	$ -
4022	Calowrie Road	$ 17,776	$ -	$ -
4023	Cargara Road	$ 622	$ -	$ 89,732
4024	Caroline Xing Road	$ 698	$ -	$ 19,678
4025	Clara Creek Road	$ 3,171	$ -	$ 109,724
4026	Cooladdi Access Road	$ 1,726	$ -	$ -
4027	Cooladdi-Langlo Crossing	$ 5,239	$ -	$ -
4028	Cooladdi-Yarronvale Road	$ 3,629	$ -	$ -
4029	Coolamon Road	$ 1,900	$ -	$ -
4030	Croxdale Road	$ -	$ -	$ 33,322
4031	Cunno Road	$ 742	$ -	$ 47,707
4032	Derbyshire Road	$ 494	$ -	$ 19,987
4033	De Warra Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4034	Dilallah Bridge Road	$ 3,370	$ -	$ -
4035	Doobiblah Road	$ 4,649	$ -	$ 67,751
4036	Dundee Road	$ 10,552	$ -	$ -
4037	Durella Road	$ 1,183	$ -	$ -
4038	Fortland Road	$ 916	$ -	$ -
4039	Glenallen Road	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4040	Glenbrook Road	$ 762	$ -	$ -
4041	Greenstead Road	$ 2,461	$ -	$ -
4042	Guestling Road	$ 43,910	$ -	$ -
4043	Gundare Road	$ 32,780	$ -	$ 138,081
4044	Gunnawarra Road	$ 5,672	$ -	$ -
4045	Hillgrove Road	$ 494	$ -	$ -
4046	Hoganthulla Road	$ 494	$ -	$ 128,830
4047	Hythe Road	$ 3,808	$ -	$ -
4048	Joylands Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4049	Khyber Road	$ 32,056	$ -	$ 109,356
4050	Killarney Road	$ 78,637	$ -	$ 49,653
4051	Laguna Road	$ 149,239	$ -	$ 821,800
4052	Langlo River Road	$ 29,555	$ -	$ 157,100
4053	Maruga Road	$ -	$ -	$ 7,160
4054	Maryvale Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4055	Merrigang Road	$ 1,456	$ -	$ -
4056	Merrigol Road	$ 38,887	$ -	$ 12,830
4057	Middle Creek Road	$ 34,485	$ -	-$ 0
4058	Mona Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4059	Mt Maria Road	$ 4,914	$ -	$ 107,722
4060	Meigunya Access road	$ 409	$ -	$ -
4061	Mt Tabor Road	$ 59,535	$ -	$ 664,220
4062	Murweh Road	$ 1,975	$ -	$ -
4063	Narrga (Raincourt) Road	$ 19,232	$ -	$ 148,572
4064	Nebine Road	$ 59,898	$ -	$ -
4065	Nebine Bollon Shortcut	$ 3,799	$ -	$ -
4066	Nebine Comm. Ctr Road	$ 439	$ -	$ -
4067	New Farm Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4068	Newholme Road	$ 2,701	$ -	$ 75,701
4069	Newstead Road	$ 833	$ -	$ -
4070	Nimboy Road	$ 1,359	$ -	$ -
4071	Nooraloo Road	$ 79,031	$ -	$ -
4072	Norah Park Road	$ 479	$ -	$ -
4073	No 7 Block Road	$ 5,903	$ -	$ -
4074	Old Charleville Road	$ 1,610	$ -	$ -
4075	Old Quilpie Road	$ 6,257	$ -	$ 59,724
4076	Old Tambo Road	$ 175,618	$ -	$ 2,960,400
4077	Orange Tree Xing Road	$ 2,262	$ -	$ 1,268
4078	Ouida Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4079	Ouida Downs Road	$ -	$ -	$ 87,352
4080	Oxford Downs Road	$ 36,057	$ -	$ 119,802
4081	Perola Park Road	$ 439	$ -	$ -
4082	Pinnacle Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4083	Red Ward Road	$ 30,008	$ -	$ -
4084	Rhylstone Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4085	Rocky Road	$ 4,384	$ -	$ -
4086	Rosebank Road	$ 511	$ -	$ -
4087	Roslin Road	$ 32,011	$ -	$ 14,803
4088	Rose Park Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4089	Rosewood Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4090	Shelbourne Road	$ 4,388	$ -	$ -
4091	Sherwood Road	$ 133	$ -	$ -
4092	Loddon Road West	$ 2,215	$ -	$ -
4093	Tantellon road	$ 1,479	$ -	$ 42,558
4094	Tregole Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4095	Uabba Road	$ -	$ -	$ 72,858
4096	Urana Road	$ 1,907	$ -	$ -
4097	Valeravale Road	$ 1,526	$ -	$ 103,771
4098	Wallal-Riversleigh Road	$ 4,492	$ -	$ -
4099	Wardsdale Road	$ 1,519	$ -	$ 64,710
4100	Waterford Road	$ 494	$ -	$ 97,681
4101	Wellwater Road	$ 83,737	$ -	$ -
4102	Wheatleigh Road	$ 5,931	$ -	$ -
4103	Winneba Road	$ 16,872	$ -	$ -
4104	Wiringa Road	$ 2,231	$ -	$ 7,160
4105	Wongalee South Rd	$ 414	$ -	$ -
4106	Wongalee North Rd	$ -	$ -	$ -
4107	Wongamere Road	$ 950	$ -	$ -
4108	Woolabra	$ -	$ -	$ -
4109	Wooyanong Road	$ 1,034	$ -	$ 5,824
4110	Boatman Wyandra Road	$ 16,496	$ -	$ -
4111	Red Lane Road	-$ 0	$ -	$ 6,302
4112	Borea Access Road	$ -	$ -	$ 52,763
4113	Clara Access Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4114	Caledonia Road	-$ 0	$ -	$ -
4115	Wintara Road	$ 948	$ -	$ -
4117	Riccartoon Road	$ 38,638	$ -	$ 12,982
4118	Yanna Bridge Road	$ 1,846	$ -	$ -
4119	27 Mile Gardens Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4120	Bollon Road	$ 36,815	$ -	$ 63,499
4121	Breakaway Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4122	Claren Park Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4123	Columbo Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4124	Cooladdi Pump Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4125	Creswell Access Road	$ 865	$ -	4.54747350886464E-13
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	$ 67	$ -	$ -
4135	Lyons Road	$ 734	$ -	$ -
4136	Percival Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4137	Rainmore Road	$ -	$ -	$ 4,486
4138	Westlyn Road	$ -	$ -	$ -
4139	Old Ward Road	$ 1,021	$ -	$ -
	Total	**$ 1,575,358**	**$ -**	**$ 8,998,382**
	Budget	$ 2,280,997		
	Percentage Expended	69%		
	Percentage through Year	78%		

PLANT MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Wages	$ 528,617	$ 335,013
Parts	$ 876,610	$ 604,499
Tyres & Tubes	$ 168,274	$ 98,989
Fuels & Oils	$ 1,029,591	$ 743,535
Registration	$ 110,648	$ 120,537
Wages (supervision)	$ 249,212	$ 220,519
Consumables	$ 46,453	$ 37,902
Insurance	$ 62,460	$ 63,609
Total Expenditure	**$ 3,071,865**	**$ 2,224,602**
	Budget Expenditure	$ 3,406,209
	Percentage Expenditure	65%
	Revenue to Date	$ 5,533,748
	Budget Revenue	$ 5,208,953
	Percentage Revenue	106%
	Percentage through Year	78%

URBAN STREET MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Augathella Street Lighting	$ 23,146	$ 12,020
Morven Street Lighting	$ 296	$ -
Charleville Street Lighting	$ 39,869	$ 15,247
Augathella Street Maintenance	$ 322,456	$ 336,382
Morven Street Maintenance	$ 122,873	$ 123,838
Charleville Street Maintenance	$ 891,668	$ 838,429
Augathella Street Cleaning	$ 56,225	$ 45,476
Morven Street Cleaning	$ 26,361	$ 35,020
Charleville Street Cleaning	$ 345,539	$ 268,186
Total Expenditure	**$ 1,828,433**	**$ 1,674,597**
	Budget	$ 1,588,991
	Percentage Spent	105%
	Percentage through Year	78%

PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Augathella Public Facilities Maintenance	$ 53,855	$ 56,730
Morven Public Facilities Maintenance	$ 63,646	$ 47,983
Charleville Public Facilities Maintenance	$ 97,468	$ 93,843
Augathella Vandalism Expenses	$ -	$ -
Charleville Vandalism Expenses	$ -	$ -
Morven Vandalism Expenses	$ 1,553	$ 801
Total Expenditure	**$ 216,522**	**$ 199,357**
	Budget	$ 210,556
	Percentage Spent	95%
	Percentage through Year	78%

PARKS AND GARDENS MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Augathella Parks & Garden	$ 80,370	$ 61,252
Morven Parks & Garden	$ 114,861	$ 112,205
Charleville Parks & Garden	$ 851,935	$ 757,975
Total Expenditure	**$ 1,047,166**	**$ 931,433**
	Budget	$ 1,056,084
	Percentage Spent	88%
	Percentage through Year	78%

WATER & SEWERAGE MAINTENANCE

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Charleville		
Charleville Water Pump Maintenance	$ 78,075	$ 30,450
Charleville Water Telemetry Maintenance	$ 56,460	$ 8,834
Charleville Water Retic Maintenance	$ 646,168	$ 440,950
Charleville Water Meter Maintenance	$ 17,582	$ 12,779
Charleville Sewerage Treatment Maintenance	$ 15,604	$ 9,080
Charleville Sewerage Pump Station Maintenance	$ 128,286	$ 61,181
Charleville Sewerage Retic Maintenance	$ 102,916	$ 63,092
Augathella		
Augathella Water Pump Maintenance	$ 116,490	$ 44,065
Augathella Water Telemetry Maintenance	$ 6,986	$ 1,835
Augathella Water Retic Maintenance	$ 44,086	$ 20,941
Augathella Water Meter Maintenance	$ 17,498	$ 10,269
Augathella Sewerage Treatment Maintenance	$ 2,675	$ 2,482
Augathella Sewerage Pump Station Maintenance	$ 33,585	$ 20,412
Augathella Sewerage Retic Maintenance	$ 4,708	$ 4,419
Morven		
Morven Water Pump Maintenance	$ 69,903	$ 61,650
Morven Water Telemetry Maintenance	$ 1,375	$ 4,544
Morven Water Retic Maintenance	$ 41,153	$ 21,668
Morven Water Meter Maintenance	$ 4,769	$ 917
Morven Rail Hub Water Maintenance	$ 5,830	$ -
Morven Sewerage Works	$ 17,125	$ 12,371
Capital Works		
Augathella Water Renewals	$ -	$ 51,746
Morven Water Renewals	$ 135,795	$ 331,356
Charleville Water Renewals	$ 51,516	$ 420,617
Augathella Sewerage	$ -	$ -
Charleville Sewerage	$ 153,379	$ -
Total Expenditure	**$ 1,751,964**	**$ 1,635,659**
	Budget	$ 2,869,243
	Percentage Spent	57%
	Percentage through Year	78%

CAPITAL WORKS - FOOTPATH & KERB/CHANNEL

Item	2024-2025 Expenditure	2025-2026 Expenditure
Footpath Renewals	$ 27,658	$ 28,991
Kerb and Channel Renewals	$ 7,478	$ 34,122
Total Expenditure	**$ 35,136**	**$ 63,113**
	Budget	$ 350,000
	Percentage Spent	18%
	Percentage through Year	78%

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil

14 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

14.1 MARCH MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORTS

Author: **Charleville Librarian**

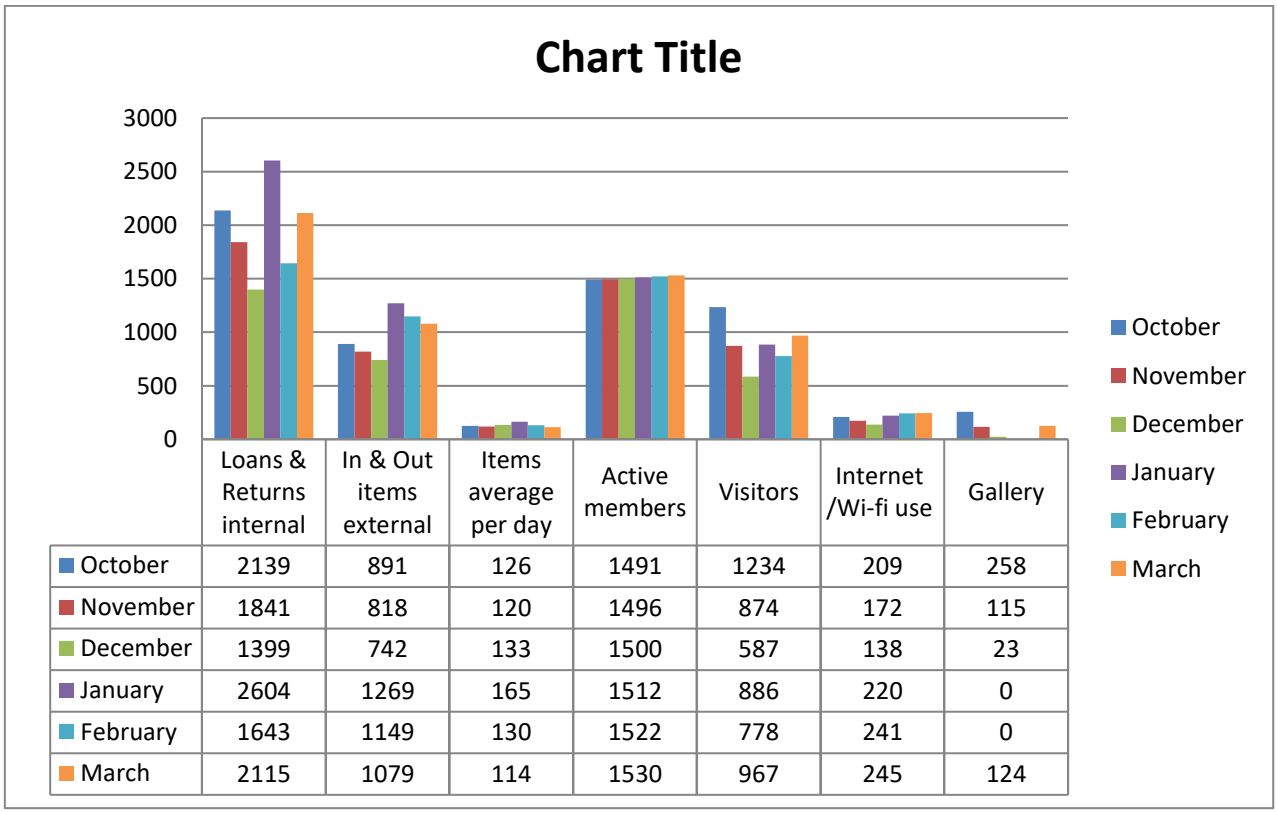
Authoriser: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the April 2026 Library Report.

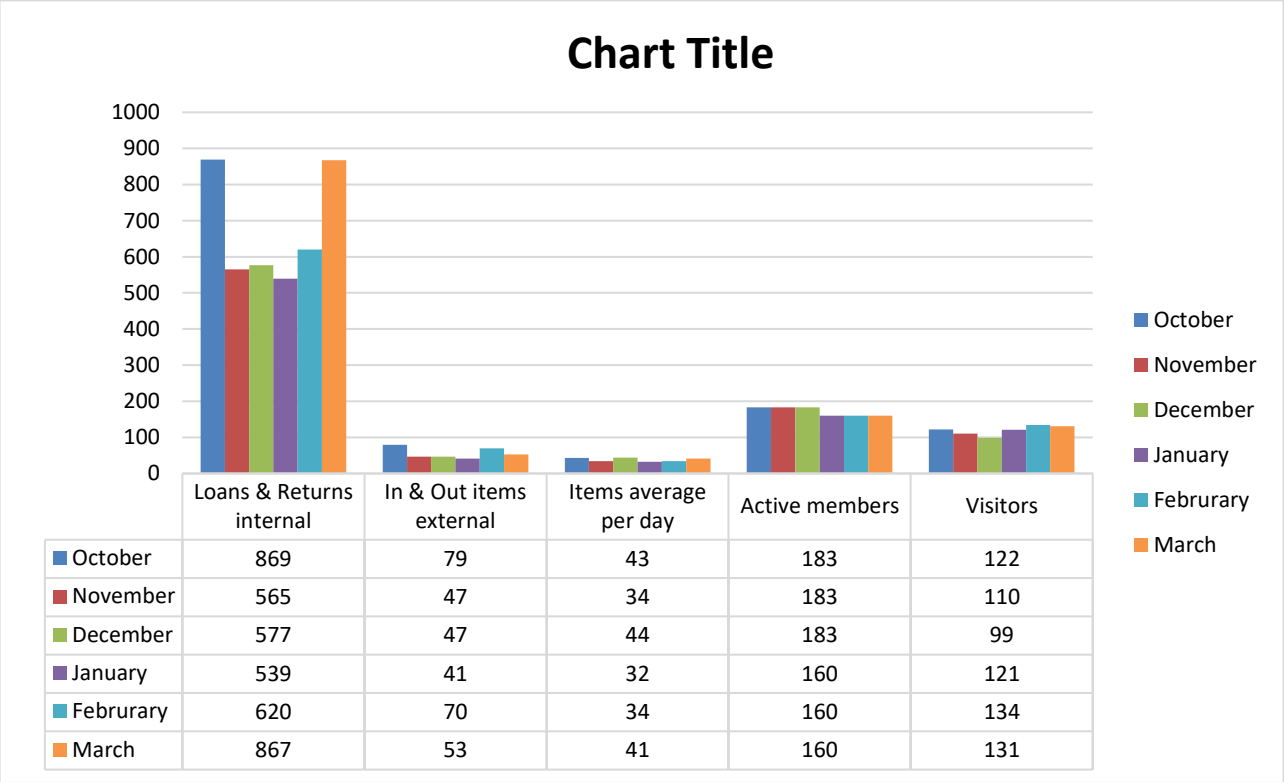
BACKGROUND

Charleville



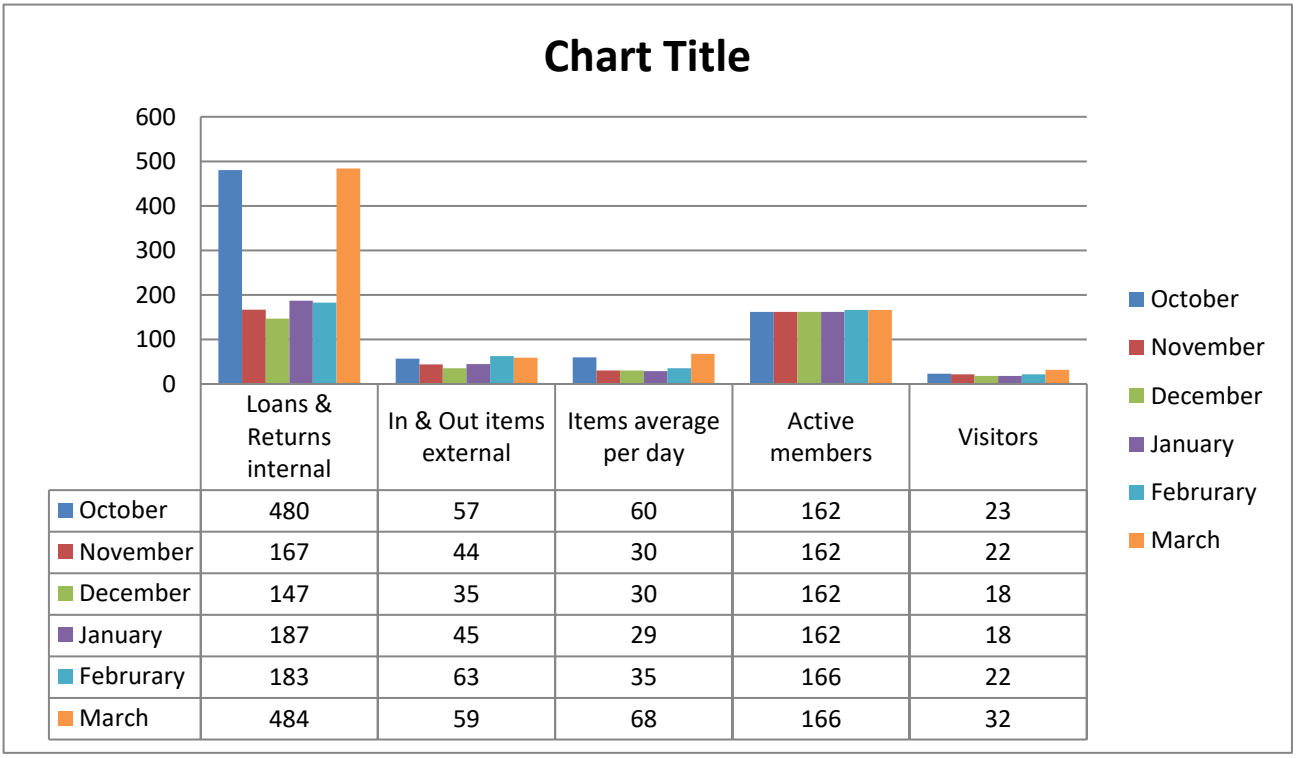
	Loans & Returns internal	In & Out items external	Items average per day	Active members	Visitors	Internet /Wi-fi use	Gallery
October	2139	891	126	1491	1234	209	258
November	1841	818	120	1496	874	172	115
December	1399	742	133	1500	587	138	23
January	2604	1269	165	1512	886	220	0
February	1643	1149	130	1522	778	241	0
March	2115	1079	114	1530	967	245	124

Augathella



	Loans & Returns internal	In & Out items external	Items average per day	Active members	Visitors
October	869	79	43	183	122
November	565	47	34	183	110
December	577	47	44	183	99
January	539	41	32	160	121
Februrary	620	70	34	160	134
March	867	53	41	160	131

Morven



	Loans & Returns internal	In & Out items external	Items average per day	Active members	Visitors
October	480	57	60	162	23
November	167	44	30	162	22
December	147	35	30	162	18
January	187	45	29	162	18
Februrary	183	63	35	166	22
March	484	59	68	166	32

Operational Information

Charleville Library

- **Small Libraries conference**
  Librarians Cathy and Chayla attended the small libraries workshop in Longreach. The workshop provided valuable opportunities to develop new connections and identify resources to support the more effective delivery of programs and the management of issues commonly experienced in small libraries. Information was also provided on the range of support and resources available through the state library to assist libraries in addressing their unique challenges.

- **Paint and Sip**
  Charleville ran a freeform paint and sip night at the library with resources bought using the How do you Library grant funding provided. The paint and sip was more popular than expected with a similar event happening the night. Attendees expressed a desire for more similar programming as well as a desire for the library to be open past the usual hours.

- **Returning programming**
  - **First five forever** picked back up in March with a guest speaker, Carmen Adele, kindly volunteering to read and donate her book Brigalow Bilby's Charleville Challenge. March also saw children engage in easter crafts leading up to the holidays.
  - **Lego club** started back up on Wednesday afternoons with members of the public enjoying some creative fun.
  - **Writing Friday's** have started back up and have been moved to Saturday die to volunteer availability. Vanessa Alexander and interested community members now meet at the library on the second Saturday of each month. This program is made possible through the support of volunteers and the Queensland Writers Centre.

- **Child care Centre**
  The Charleville Child Care Centre has approached the library to request the delivery of a small First 5 Forever session for children aged 3–5 years, as well as a separate session for babies up to 18 months old. It is proposed that library staff attend the centre on Tuesday mornings for approximately one hour, with 30 minutes allocated to each group. Weekly visits are currently being planned, with Chayla and Cathy alternating between delivering the sessions and remaining at the library.







- **Library visitors** – 967 visitors
- **Current Library Memberships Charleville** – 1530 (8 new members added in March)
- **Mulga Lands Gallery –** 124 (Julie Stone – My Journey So Far, opened on the 12th March.)

First5 Forever –

A statewide program providing strong early literacy foundations for all Queensland children aged 0-5 years.

Charleville

Storytime programming will commence Wednesday the 18th of March to ensure a consistent schedule.

Morven Library

**Statistics compiled by Morven library staff and sent to Charleville Library for monthly report for the graph.*

Morven Library book exchange from Brisbane was shelved this month, accounting for the inflated returns figures for March. We had an increase in visitor numbers to the library this month which is pleasing to see!

Augathella Library

**Statistics compiled by Augathella library staff and sent to Charleville Library for monthly report for the graph.*

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 CHARLEVILLE TOWN POOL - MARCH 2026 MONTHLY REPORT

Author: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Charleville Town Pool Monthly Report for March 2026, as presented in Attachment A.

BACKGROUND

The Charleville Town Pool is a Council-owned and operated community aquatic facility providing recreational swimming, learn-to-swim programmes, and a range of bookable aquatic activities for residents and visitors across the Murweh Shire.

Monthly operational reports are presented to Council at each Ordinary Council Meeting during the pool season. This practice ensures Council maintains visibility of facility usage, programming outcomes, maintenance matters, and any safety or operational incidents requiring attention. The November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting most recently received and noted a Pool Report (Resolution 322/25).

The 2025–26 pool season has now concluded its primary programming phase, with the final learn-to-swim groups and Saturday Baby Splash sessions completed in late March 2026.

Purpose

This report presents the Charleville Town Pool Monthly Report for March 2026 for Council's information and invites Council to receive and note its contents.

Discussion

The March 2026 report covers patron attendance, lessons and bookings, maintenance and repair matters, and closures. The following summary draws out key items for Council's attention.

Patron Attendance

Total patron and swimming numbers for March 2026 were **2,453**. Patron numbers declined toward the end of the month as cooler weather set in and overnight temperatures dropped, affecting water temperature. The heat exchange unit was activated to assist in maintaining water temperature, which was hovering around 28 degrees Celsius by the end of March.

Lessons and Bookings

March was a strong and well-utilised month for the facility:

- On 3 March, the pool hosted the CWWATSICH Mums and Bubs group.
- The Charleville Triathlon Club conducted junior training and a run-through on the morning of Sunday 8 March.
- The pool hosted three children's birthday parties during the month.
- St Marys School completed its second whole-school swimming block for the season from 16 to 26 March, with Eileen assisting instructors during classes.
- Seven Charleville Swimming Club junior members qualified for and attended the Queensland School State Titles in Brisbane, recording competitive times and personal bests.

- On Sunday 22 March, the pool hosted the Charleville Triathlon with approximately 100 competitors. The pool kiosk supplied breakfast for participants. The event is described in the monthly report as a favourite day and highlight of the pool season.
- Saturday 28 March saw the completion of the final Saturday Baby Splash session for the season. Attendance was lower than usual due to cooler weather.
- Thursday 26 March marked the completion of the final learn-to-swim groups for the season. The season recorded excellent attendance, with 95 children registered and four swim teachers active on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the season.

Maintenance and Repair

Four maintenance matters are reported for March:

1. Water pipe leak — Skate Park fence side: A water pipe is leaking from a pit on the Skate Park side fence. The surrounding ground is becoming boggy. A water crew may be required to carry out repairs. This matter requires follow-up to confirm a works order has been raised and a repair timeline established.

1. Privacy fence panels — vandalism: Two privacy fence panels near the waterpark were kicked in and damaged. Police were notified. Security camera footage was reviewed but did not yield a clear identification of the offender(s). The fence panels have since been repaired.

1. Patron slip and fall — female toilet amenities: A patron slipped and fell inside the female toilet and change room area. A slight incline between the shower and change room area becomes very slippery when wet and when patrons are barefoot. The incident has been entered on Council's Safety Champion system. The pool team has flagged this as a potential safety improvement area. Officers will investigate options to improve slip resistance in this area.

1. Heat exchange unit: The heat exchange unit has been turned on as the season transitions to cooler conditions. Water temperature is being maintained at approximately 28 degrees Celsius.

Closures and Opening Times

Two closures occurred during March:

- The pool was closed from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday 8 March due to unsafe weather conditions (storms).
- The pool was closed to public swimmers on Sunday 22 March for the Charleville Triathlon event.

Consultation

The monthly report was prepared by pool management staff and reviewed by the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure prior to presentation to Council. The report draws on operational records maintained by pool staff throughout March 2026. Internal consultation was undertaken with the Chief Executive Officer in preparing this report for Council.

Financial Risks

No direct financial risks arise from receiving and noting this report. The water pipe leak on the Skate Park fence side may require expenditure to repair once a works order is assessed. Any repair costs would be managed within the existing pool operations and maintenance budget allocation. The slip and fall incident in the female amenities has been entered on the Safety Champion system; if safety improvement works are required in that area, these would be subject to a separate assessment and budget consideration. There is no commitment to expenditure arising from the resolution proposed in this report.

Environmental Risks

The water pipe leak on the Skate Park side fence is resulting in ground saturation and boggy conditions in that area. Unchecked, continued leakage may result in water loss and localised ground instability. Officers are advised to prioritise investigation and repair of this leak. No other environmental risks are identified in connection with the activities reported for March 2026.

Social Risk

The Charleville Town Pool continues to function as a key community gathering and recreation facility. The March 2026 report reflects strong community engagement, with the Charleville Triathlon, school swimming programmes, learn-to-swim, and junior competitive swimming all contributing to the social value of the facility. The conclusion of the primary pool season programming in late March may reduce patron numbers; however, heat exchange operations will support continued safe swimming conditions into the cooler months. The slip and fall incident, if not addressed, poses a reputational risk to Council as the facility operator. Prompt assessment and remediation of the floor surface hazard is recommended.

Legal Risk

The patron slip and fall incident recorded in March is the primary legal risk matter requiring attention. The incident has been appropriately entered on Council's Safety Champion system. Council has obligations under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (Qld) to provide a safe environment for both workers and members of the public using its facilities. Officers should ensure the slip hazard in the female toilet and change room area is formally assessed and that any corrective actions are documented and progressed in a timely manner to minimise ongoing liability exposure. The vandalism incident involving privacy fence panels was reported to Queensland Police Service. No further legal obligations arise from the receipt of this report.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Corporate Plan 2024–2028

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

3.2.1 Safety and protection strategies meet community needs and expectations

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Charleville Swimming Pool March 2026 Report ⇩

Charleville Swimming Pool

March 2026 Report

Patron/swimming Numbers March Total 2453

Lessons & Bookings
Hosted CWWATSICH mums and Bubs group 3rd March
Triathlon Club training and run through for juniors Sunday 8th 8-10am
Pool hosted 3 children's birthday parties. St Marys School completed 2nd whole school swimming block for the season 16th-26th. Eileen assisted with classes. Seven Charleville Swimming Club Juniors qualified and attended the QLD School State Titles in Brisbane. Great effort by all our juniors. Completing very fast times and some achieved PBs. Sunday 22nd Hosted Charleville Triathlon approx. 100 competitors. Pool kiosk supplied breakfast. Favourite day and highlight of the pool season. Saturday 28th Final Saturday Baby Splash completed. Low numbers due to cooler weather. Water temp dropping due to low overnight temperatures. Thursday 26th Completed our final learn to swim groups. This season has had excellent attendance with 95 children registered, keeping our 4 swim teachers very busy on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Maintenance and Repair
Water pipe leaking from a pit on the Skate Park side fence. May need water crew to carry out repairs. Ground is getting verry boggy in the area.
Two privacy fence panels near waterpark were kicked and smashed in. Police have been notified and fence panels have been repaired. Checked security cameras but were unable to clearly see anything.
A patron slipped and fell inside the female toilets. There is a slight incline between the showers and change rooms which becomes very slippery when barefoot and wet. May need to look at this area to make it a little safer? Incident entered on safety champion. Heat exchange turned on. Due to the cooler weather patron numbers have dropped in the last week of March. Water temp is hovering around 28degs.

Closures and Opening Times
Unsafe weather closures due to storms 12-5pm 8th March. Sunday 22nd closed to public swimmers due to Charleville Triathlon.

14.3 CHARLEVILLE AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION - CONTINUED USE OF STORAGE FACILTY AT CHARLEVILLE SHOWGROUNDS

Author: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the continued use of the 'old bar' building at the Charleville Showgrounds by the Charleville and District Cricket Association for the storage of cricket equipment, until such time as a suitable replacement facility is constructed or an alternative arrangement is established.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to formalise the arrangement through an appropriate licence or usage agreement with the Charleville and District Cricket Association, at no cost to the Association, consistent with Council's support for local sporting organisations.
3. Note that no budget allocation is required as this matter relates to the in-kind use of an existing Council-owned building.

BACKGROUND

By letter dated 16 March 2026, the President of the Charleville and District Cricket Association (C&DCA), Ms Bec Brayley, wrote to the Mayor and Councillors advising that the Association has recently formed a new committee and is updating its administration systems and club records.

As part of this process, the Association has formally requested Council's continued endorsement of its use of the 'old bar' building at the Charleville Showgrounds for cricket equipment storage. The Association notes that the building has been used for this purpose for many years and represents the only secure location available for the storage of cricket gear and equipment. The Association has requested that this arrangement continue until a replacement facility is constructed.

Council has a history of supporting the C&DCA. At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 13 September 2018, Council resolved to provide assistance to the Charleville and District Cricket Association by way of waiver of hire fees for the Charleville Showgrounds and lights for their cricket season between October 2018 and February 2019.

More recently, at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 24 October 2025, Council endorsed a comparable facility arrangement, resolving (Resolution 275/25) to permit the Warrego Equestrian Club to erect a storage shed at the Charleville Showgrounds, demonstrating Council's willingness to support sporting organisations' ongoing use of showgrounds infrastructure.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's formal endorsement of the continued use of the 'old bar' building at the Charleville Showgrounds by the Charleville and District Cricket Association for cricket equipment storage, and to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to formalise this arrangement through an appropriate licence or usage agreement.

Discussion

The C&DCA's request is consistent with Council's longstanding commitment to supporting local sporting and community organisations. Cricket is an important part of community life in Charleville, and the Association's ability to securely store equipment is essential to the continuation of the sport in the region.

The 'old bar' building at the Charleville Showgrounds is currently utilised by the Association in an informal capacity that has existed for many years. The Association's request for formal endorsement

reflects the organisation's renewed administrative focus following the formation of a new committee. Formalising the arrangement through a licence or usage agreement would provide greater clarity of rights and responsibilities for both Council and the Association and is consistent with sound asset management practice.

No capital expenditure is required. The building is an existing Council-owned asset at the Charleville Showgrounds. The continued use by the Association does not preclude any planned capital works and would cease should a replacement dedicated facility be constructed.

Consultation

The letter from Ms Bec Brayley, President, Charleville and District Cricket Association, dated 16 March 2026, forms the basis of this report. Internal consultation has been undertaken with the Director of Community, Community Service and Community Infrastructure.

Financial Risks

No direct financial costs are associated with this request. The building is an existing Council-owned asset, and no hire fee is being charged to the Association. There are no budget implications arising from this recommendation. Any future formalisation of a licence or usage agreement will be prepared by Council officers at no additional cost.

Environmental Risks

No environmental risks are associated with this matter. The 'old bar' building is an existing structure, and the proposed use involves the storage of sporting equipment only. No changes to the building or its surrounds are proposed.

Social Risk

The risk of not endorsing the Association's continued use of the storage facility is that cricket may be unable to continue operating in Charleville due to a lack of secure equipment storage. This would negatively impact community wellbeing, particularly for young people who participate in the sport. Endorsing the continued use of the facility carries a low social risk and supports community liveability.

Legal Risk

The formalisation of the arrangement through a licence or usage agreement is recommended to clearly define the terms of the Association's occupation, including responsibilities for the care of the premises and any liability obligations. This reduces Council's legal exposure associated with informal use of a Council-owned asset. The matter is consistent with Council's obligations under the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) to act in the best interests of the community and to manage community assets responsibly. The licence or usage agreement will be prepared in accordance with Council's standard terms.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting Resolution, 13 September 2018 — Charleville and District Cricket Association hire fee waiver, Charleville Showgrounds
- Murweh Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting Resolution 275/25, 24 October 2025 — Warrego Equestrian Club storage shed, Charleville Showgrounds

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

2.2.2 Town reserves and public lands are well maintained for community access and recreational use.

3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Charleville & District Cricket Association letter of request ⇩

16th March 2026

Murweh Shire Council
mail@murweh.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor Radnedge and Councillors,

The Charleville and District Cricket Association has recently formed a new committee and is currently updating our administration systems and club records.

As part of this process, we are writing to seek Council's continued endorsement for our use of the cricket storage at the Charleville Showgrounds.

The "old bar" building has been used for cricket storage for many years, and the association would greatly appreciate the support of Councillors to maintain this arrangement until such time as a replacement facility is constructed.

We are very grateful to Murweh Shire Council for providing this space, as it is the only secure location we have to store our cricket gear and equipment.

Thankyou for your continued support,

Bec Brayley
PRESIDENT
CHARLEVILLE & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

14.4 REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRE FESS - MORVEN TOWN HALL BY THE MORVEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. AND SOUTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE (TRACC)

Author: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Agree to the use of the Morven Town Hall by the Morven Progress Association Inc. and South West Hospital and Health Service — Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities (TRACC) for the Just a Farmer Free Community Film Screening to be held on Saturday 6 June 2026, commencing at 4:30 pm and concluding at 9:30 pm.
2. Waive the applicable hire fee as per Council's current Schedule of Fees and Charges for this event, noting this represents an in-kind contribution to a free public health awareness event being delivered during Men's Health Week 2026.
3. Note that the standard conditions of hire, including that the hall is left in a clean and tidy condition and that a current Public Liability Insurance policy naming Council as joint assured is maintained for the period of hire, apply in full.

BACKGROUND

Council has received a Hire of Morven Town Hall form signed on 25 March 2026 by Tegan Russell on behalf of the Morven Progress Association Inc. and the South West Hospital and Health Service (SWHHS) Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities (TRACC) program. The request is for the use of the Morven Town Hall, Albert Street, Morven, on Saturday 6 June 2026 from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm for a free community film screening event as part of Men's Health Week 2026.

The event is a free public screening of *Just a Farmer* (rated M), an award-winning Australian film addressing themes of rural adversity, mental health, and resilience among farming communities. The programme includes:

- 5:00 pm — Canapes provided by Ricky's Delights
- 5:30 pm — Short film: The Unbreakable Farmer, featuring Warren Davies
- 6:00 pm — Feature film: Just a Farmer (M), with a simultaneous children's dinner and entertainment by the Crack Up Sisters for children aged four years and over
- 7:45 pm — Community discussion and supper

Tickets to the event are free, with registration required via Eventbrite due to limited capacity. The event is co-presented by the Morven Progress Association Inc. and SWHHS TRACC, with support from the Queensland Department of Primary Industries, Black Dog Ride, and the Queensland Government.

The applicant has not specified a bond payment. The hire form records catered food and a bar as the food and beverage arrangements for the event.

Purpose

This report presents the request from the Morven Progress Association Inc. and SWHHS TRACC for the waiver of hire fees for the Morven Town Hall on 6 June 2026 and seeks a resolution of Council in response to that request.

Discussion

The *Just a Farmer* film screening forms part of a broader regional touring programme delivered by SWHHS TRACC in partnership with local community groups. The Charleville screening of the same event — held at the Charleville Raceview Complex — and TRACC photography workshops at the Augathella Town Hall have previously been supported by Council through fee waivers. TRACC is an established health programme of the South West Hospital and Health Service with a documented track record of delivering evidence-based mental health and wellbeing initiatives to rural and remote communities across the south-west Queensland region.

The event falls during Men's Health Week 2026 (1–7 June 2026) and directly addresses the elevated rates of suicide, social isolation, and mental health distress experienced by men in agricultural communities. The award-winning film *Just a Farmer* has received national recognition, including an AACTA Award nomination for Best Indie Film, and has been used extensively as a catalyst for community conversation about farmer wellbeing and help-seeking behaviours.

The Morven Progress Association Inc. has a longstanding relationship with Council. In July 2016, Council agreed to waive hire fees for the Morven Progress Association Inc. for the use of the Council stage and sound equipment for a community event (Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, 14 July 2016). The Morven Town Hall itself has been subject to multiple recent fee waiver resolutions, most recently Resolution 025/26 (Ordinary Council Meeting, 20 January 2026), which approved a waiver of hire fees for the Charleville Neighbourhood Centre's use of both the Augathella and Morven Halls on 4 and 5 March 2026.

Council has a well-established practice of waiving hire fees for community, health, and wellbeing events delivered by not-for-profit and government health organisations. Precedents include waiver of Charleville Town Hall hire fees for a South West Hospital and Health Service community forum (Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, 14 April 2016), and waiver of Charleville Raceview Complex hire fees for community health and awareness activities by the Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service and others across multiple meeting cycles.

The event is free to attend and is not a fundraiser. The applicant is a Queensland Government health service body (SWHHS) operating in partnership with a locally incorporated community association. The waiver of hire fees represents Council's in-kind support for a public health initiative directly benefiting the Morven community during an established national health awareness week.

Consultation

Internal consultation was undertaken with the Director of Community. No external consultation beyond receipt of the formal hire application is required for a matter of this nature.

Financial Risks

The financial impact of granting this waiver is limited to the foregone hire revenue for a single evening's use of the Morven Town Hall, in accordance with Council's current Schedule of Fees and Charges. No expenditure from Council's operational budget is required. The event is free to the public and will not generate revenue for Council in any case. The financial risk is assessed as low.

Environmental Risks

No environmental risks are identified in connection with this request. The event is an indoor function with catering and bar service. Standard conditions of hire, including the requirement to leave the premises in a clean and tidy state, apply in full. The environmental risk is assessed as nil.

Social Risk

The social risks associated with approval of this request are assessed as nil. The event addresses a well-documented public health issue — the elevated rates of mental health distress, suicide, and isolation among rural men — and is delivered by a Queensland Government health service body with significant expertise in this area. Refusal of the request may be perceived negatively by the Morven community and may discourage future health promotion activities in the town. The reputational and community wellbeing case strongly supports approval.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Hire Application request** ⇩
2. **Event Flier** ⇩

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HIRE OF MORVEN TOWN HALL

Hirer	Morven Progress Assoc + SWTRACC.		**Contact Name**	Tegan Russell.	
Address	72 King Street Charleville		**Contact Phone #**	0428 232 516.	
Date required	6th June 2026.		**Start Time**	4:30 pm.	
Type of Function	Movie + Q+A			**Finish Time**	9.30 pm.
Food and Drinks	Catered + Bar				
Food					

INDEMNITY

"The Council agrees to let and the Hirer agrees to hire the building/s and grounds including all real and personal property therein belonging to or in which the Council has an interest which is set out above and the hirer indemnifies and forever holds harmless the Council against all claims for loss, damage or liability of any kind whatsoever including without limitation contractual and/or tortious claims or actions howsoever arising from the use misuse and/or negligence or malicious action of the hirer and/or servants and/or agents thereof and/or of independent contractors thereof or by the action of any person or persons on or in the premises or grounds during the period of the hiring including trespassers in respect of the building, grounds, improvements, facilities or any kind and description whether the property of the Council or not and/or whether the Council has an interest therein or not. The hirer warrants that the Hirer, the servants agents thereof and/or independent contractors thereof are competent to operate all facilities which are on or within the premises or grounds hired at any time during the period of hiring and the hirer shall be liable to repair and/or replace any damage to the buildings, grounds, furniture, plant, machinery and all or any other facilities or equipment thereon and such damage costs shall be added to the account for the hire of the premises. The Hirer shall effect and maintain for the full period the hiring a Public Liability Insurance with a company approved by the Council for the amount of not less than $1,000,000 with the Council as joint assured, and such policy shall not derogate from the duty of the hirer to indemnify the Council as aforesaid."

CONDITIONS

See attachment A for conditions of use.

I hereby certify that I agree to all requirements and indemnify Council as set out above.

Name	Tegan Russell.		
Signature of Hirer/s	TRussell	**Date**	25/3/26.

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5:30 PM The Unbreakable Farmer, Warren Davies
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SHIRE OF MURWEH
Black Dog Ride
Department of Primary Industries
Queensland Government

14.5 CHARLEVILLE SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION - REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF VENUE HIRE FEES 2026

Author: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Agree to waive venue hire fees for the Charleville School of Distance Education for use of the Charleville Racecourse Complex and Showgrounds Pavilion for the following two field events in 2026: - Whole School Muster: 25 to 29 May 2026; and - Term 4 Field Event: 19 to 23 October 2026.
2. Agree to provide the use of tables, chairs and related equipment at no charge for both events.
3. Note that this approval is granted on an in-kind basis outside the Community Assistance Policy framework and does not set a precedent for future applications under that policy.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to issue written notification of Council's decision to Mrs Rickie Itzstein, Principal, Charleville School of Distance Education.

BACKGROUND

Murweh Shire Council has a long history of supporting the Charleville School of Distance Education (CSODE). Past assistance has included:

- 13 July 2017 — Council waived hire fees for the Charleville Showgrounds and provided 18 tables, 60 chairs and loam for CSODE's annual Sports Muster.
- 14 April 2016 — Council donated $3,000 towards CSODE's 50th school jubilee celebrations.
- 2004 — Council approved RADF funding of $3,915 towards a mosaic friendship pathway project involving CSODE students during the Annual Sports Muster.
- August 2001 — Council granted permission for CSODE to sell alcohol at a barbecue held at the Raceview Complex during the Annual Sports Muster.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 January 2026, Council considered Community Assistance applications for the period 1 January to 30 June 2026. Under Resolution 020/26, CSODE's application was **not approved** on the basis that it was inconsistent with the Community Assistance Policy.

Subsequent to that decision, CSODE Principal Mrs Rickie Itzstein wrote directly to the CEO requesting that Council reconsider the matter through an alternative pathway, acknowledging the Community Assistance Policy outcome and citing the unique nature and community value of the school's field events.

Purpose

This report presents CSODE's request for a waiver of venue hire fees for its 2026 Whole School Muster and Term 4 Field Event for Council's consideration and determination. Given Council's prior decision under the Community Assistance Policy, the matter is brought to Council as a standalone item for consideration on its merits.

Discussion

CSSODE holds four major field events in Charleville each year that bring students and families from across Queensland to the region. Two of these events require use of Council-managed facilities:

Whole School Muster — 25 to 29 May 2026

This five-day event brings families to Charleville for learning, social connection and community engagement. Students may stay onsite at the Racecourse Complex and participate in a full programme of activities, including workshops by the Shake & Stir Theatre Company (requiring use of the Showgrounds Pavilion), Little Athletics activities, and visits to local attractions. The school pays applicable fees for swimming lessons at the Charleville pool separately.

Term 4 Field Event — 19 to 23 October 2026

This event follows a similar multi-day format, again accommodating families at the Racecourse Complex. Swimming lessons at the Charleville pool form part of the programme, for which the school pays applicable hire and instruction costs.

CSSODE is a state-funded school operating under the Queensland Department of Education. As a statutory entity, it is not eligible to receive community assistance in the same manner as not-for-profit community organisations, which explains the inconsistency identified at the January 2026 Community Assistance round. The school does not have capacity to absorb venue hire costs without passing them on to families; given the geographic isolation of many students, any cost increase may reduce event attendance and the associated educational and social benefits.

The two annual events bring meaningful economic benefit to the Charleville community. Visiting families typically stay in local accommodation, dine at local businesses and patronise local attractions, supporting the local economy during both events.

Council has twice previously supported CSODE with venue hire waivers at the Charleville Showgrounds, most recently in 2017. The current request is consistent with that precedent and with Council's broader commitment to education and community wellbeing in the Murweh Shire.

Consultation

This report has been prepared in response to written correspondence received from Mrs Rickie Itzstein, Principal, Charleville School of Distance Education, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer. Internal consultation has been undertaken with the Chief Executive Officer.

Financial Risks

The financial implication of this approval is the forgoing of venue hire revenue for the use of the Charleville Racecourse Complex and Showgrounds Pavilion across two multi-day events, as well as the provision of tables, chairs and related equipment at no charge. The exact hire fee amounts have not been itemised in CSODE's request; officers should confirm applicable fees prior to the meeting and this report should be updated accordingly. The in-kind value is expected to be modest relative to the economic and community benefit generated by the events. There is no direct cash expenditure involved. No budget allocation is required.

Environmental Risks

No material environmental risks are associated with this matter. The Charleville Racecourse Complex and Showgrounds Pavilion are established, purpose-built event venues. Standard conditions for venue use, including waste management and site restoration, apply to CSODE's use as they would to any hirer.

Social Risk

Approving the fee waiver supports access to essential educational and social experiences for geographically isolated students and their families, consistent with Council's commitment to education and community wellbeing. Refusal may reduce attendance at field events, with adverse consequences for student learning and family engagement with the broader Charleville community. There is a low risk of adverse public perception associated with either outcome; however, Council's strong historical precedent of supporting CSODE mitigates any reputational risk in approving the request.

Legal Risk

Council has broad discretion under the *Local Government Act 2009* to waive fees and charges for community purposes, subject to any requirements of its adopted Revenue Policy. This type of ad hoc waiver, considered outside the Community Assistance Policy framework, is within Council's delegated authority. Officers should satisfy themselves that the approval is consistent with the current Revenue Policy prior to the meeting. There is no identified litigation or compliance risk associated with this decision.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

3.3.1 The education needs of the community are represented and pursued

4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. CSODE Letter to the CEO ⇩

Bruce Scott OAM
Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council
PO Box 63
Charleville QLD 4470

Dear Mr Scott,

Re: Request for waiver of venue hire fees for Charleville School of Distance Education field events

I am writing on behalf of the Charleville School of Distance Education to request Council's consideration of a waiver of venue hire fees for two of our major field events in 2026, outside of the Community Assistance process.

We understand and respect Council's previous decision under the Community Assistance Policy. However, given the unique nature of our school and the benefit these events bring to the Charleville community, I hope Council may be willing to reconsider this request through an alternative pathway.

Each year our school holds four major field events in Charleville that bring students and families from across Queensland to the region. Two of these events require the use of Council-managed facilities, including the Racecourse Complex.

As a school of distance education, our students are geographically isolated and rely on field events to connect with their peers, teachers and the wider community. These events are essential for both learning and student wellbeing.

Our Whole School Muster, to be held from 25 to 29 May 2026, brings families to Charleville for five days of learning, social connection and community engagement. Students may stay onsite at the Racecourse Complex and participate in a full program of activities, including workshops from external providers such as the Shake & Stir Theatre Company, physical activities including Little Athletics, and visits to local attractions. We work closely with local organisations to ensure students engage meaningfully with the community while they are here. This event would also require use of the Showgrounds Pavilion (for the theatre workshops).

Our Term 4 field event, scheduled for 19 to 23 October 2026, follows a similar format and again brings a large number of families to Charleville. During this week, students also participate in swimming lessons at the Charleville pool, for which the school pays the applicable hire and instruction costs.

We believe these events bring economic benefit to the town. Families travel long distances to attend and typically stay in local accommodation, dine at local businesses, shop locally and visit attractions.

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Parry Street, Charleville, QLD 4470

As a school, we do not have the capacity to absorb venue hire costs without passing them on to families. Keeping costs affordable is essential to ensure students from remote areas can attend. If fees increase significantly, attendance is likely to decline, which would reduce both the educational benefits for students.

We therefore respectfully ask Council to consider waiving fees for the hire of Council venues and the use of tables, chairs and related equipment associated with these two events.

Charleville is central to our school community, and we value the strong relationship we have with the Murweh Shire. Our field events are designed not only to support student learning and wellbeing, but also to strengthen connections between our families and the local community.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this request further or provide any additional information that may assist Council in its consideration.

Thank you for your time and ongoing support of education in our region.



Mrs Rickie Itzstein

Principal

Charleville School of Distance Education

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14.6 IN-KIND ASSISTANCE - PROVISION OF LOAM FOR 2026 CHARLEVILLE SHOW RODEO ARENA

Author: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the provision of up to 100 cubic metres of loam as in-kind material assistance to the Charleville & South West Queensland Show Society Inc for use as the rodeo arena surface at the 2026 Charleville Show.
2. Note that the estimated total cost to Council, inclusive of materials, plant, transport, and operator time, is approximately $6,000 (ex GST), to be funded from the Community Assistance Budget.
3. Condition the assistance on the Show Society's written commitment that all loam and associated infrastructure will be fully removed from the Charleville Showgrounds upon conclusion of the event, with the site returned to its original condition.

BACKGROUND

By letter dated 31 March 2026, Mr Daryl Kirkup, President of the Charleville & South West Queensland Show Society Inc (the Show Society), formally requested that Murweh Shire Council provide 100 cubic metres of loam to serve as the surface material for the rodeo arena at the 2026 Charleville Show. The loam is proposed to be laid to a depth of approximately 100 millimetres, creating a safe and functional surface for both competitors and livestock.

The 2026 Charleville Show is significant in that it marks the return of the rodeo following an absence of several years. The Show Society advises that all rodeo infrastructure — including arena panels, chutes, fencing, and livestock — will be supplied entirely by the contracted rodeo operator. Upon conclusion of the event, all infrastructure and the full volume of loam will be removed, with the Showgrounds returned to their original condition.

Council has a well-established history of supporting the Charleville & South West Queensland Show Society through a range of in-kind assistance, hire fee waivers, and cash sponsorships. Council became a Gold Sponsor of the Charleville Show Quick Shears Competition in both 2024 (Resolution 041/24, $1,000) and 2025 (Resolution 050/25, $1,000). In 2014, Council contributed $5,000 to the Show Society to support rural attendance during drought conditions. The provision of loam by Council has clear historical precedent: at the May 2001 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to provide 40 cubic metres of loam for the BMX stunt display in the Show Ring at the Charleville Showgrounds as part of the Show Society's Beaut Day Out event. More recently, in July 2017, Council resolved to provide loam to the Charleville School of Distance Education for its annual Sports Muster held at the Charleville Showgrounds.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the provision of up to 100 cubic metres of loam as in-kind material assistance to the Charleville & South West Queensland Show Society Inc for use as the rodeo arena surface at the 2026 Charleville Show.

Discussion

Consultation

Internal consultation has been undertaken with the Director of Engineering Services, Jacob Barton, regarding the availability of loam from Council's materials stockpile and the logistical requirements for delivery and spreading. Council's Senior Supervisor was also consulted to produce material costings. External consultation was confined to receipt and review of the formal written request from Mr Daryl Kirkup, President of the Charleville & South West Queensland Show Society Inc, dated 31 March 2026.

Financial Risks

The provision of 100 cubic metres of loam represents an in-kind cost to Council estimated at approximately $6,000 (ex GST). The table below outlines the component costs:

Item	Detail	Estimated Cost
Tipper truck transport	Approx. 10 loads, including driver time and fuel	$2,550
Machinery – front-end loader	Loading and spreading and removal approx.8 hours @ $425/hr	$3400
Contingency (approx. 10%)	$588	
Estimated Total	~$6,488	

For reporting purposes, the estimated in-kind cost to Council is **approximately $6,000–$6,500 (ex GST)** to be funded from the Community Assistance Budget.

Council notes that the loam will be fully recovered following the event, mitigating any long-term material loss. Operational staff and plant required to deliver and spread the loam will be drawn from existing Council resources, and no external contracts are anticipated. The Show Society bears no financial contribution to the cost of supply under this arrangement.

Council's Community Assistance Budget routinely accommodates requests of this nature and precedent suggests the quantum is consistent with prior in-kind approvals.

Environmental Risks

Loam is a natural, inert material. Its temporary use as a rodeo arena surface does not present any identified environmental risk. The Show Society has confirmed that all loam will be removed from the Showgrounds upon event completion, eliminating any risk of site contamination, altered drainage, or long-term ground disturbance. No chemical treatments, hazardous substances, or regulated waste are involved. Environmental risk is assessed as nil.

Social Risk

The Charleville Show is one of the most significant annual community events in the Murweh Shire, providing important social, cultural, and economic benefits to residents and visitors across South West Queensland. The return of the rodeo to the 2026 Charleville Show, after an absence of several years, is expected to generate considerable community interest and increased attendance, supporting local business, accommodation providers, and tourism operators.

Council's longstanding pattern of supporting the Show Society through in-kind assistance creates a community expectation that reasonable requests will be favourably considered. Declining this request may be perceived negatively by the broader community, particularly given the cultural significance of the rodeo's return. The social risk of declining is assessed as moderate. Approval is

recommended as consistent with Council's demonstrated commitment to community events and social wellbeing.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Community Grants Policy FIN-012 (Version 4.0)
- Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, 3 May 2001 — Provision of 40 cubic metres of loam for Charleville & South West Queensland Show Society (Beaut Day Out)
- Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, 13 July 2017 — Provision of loam for Charleville School of Distance Education Sports Muster, Charleville Showgrounds
- Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, 14 March 2024 — Resolution 041/24, Charleville Show Quick Shears Gold Sponsorship ($1,000)
- Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, 19 February 2025 — Resolution 050/25, Charleville Show Quick Shears Gold Sponsorship ($1,000)

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of Request ⇩

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31 March 2026

Mr Tony Martin
Director of Community, Community Services and Community Infrastructure
Murweh Shire Council
95-101 Alfred Street
Charleville QLD 4470

Dear Tony,

Request for Provision of Loam for the 2026 Charleville Show Rodeo Arena

I am writing to formally request the assistance of the Murweh Shire Council in providing 100 cubic metres of loam to be used as the surface material for the rodeo arena at this year's Charleville Show. The loam would be laid to a depth of approximately 100 millimetres, creating a safe and functional surface suitable for both competitors and livestock.

This year's rodeo holds particular significance for our community, as it marks the return of the rodeo to the Charleville Show after an absence of several years. Its reinstatement is expected to generate substantial interest, drawing increased attendance and delivering meaningful financial benefits to the Show and the wider region. Events of this scale contribute directly to local economic activity, supporting businesses, tourism, and community engagement.

All rodeo infrastructure, including arena panels, chutes, fencing, and livestock, will be supplied entirely by the contracted rodeo operator. Following the conclusion of the event, all infrastructure will be fully dismantled, with the loam being removed in its entirety, ensuring the Showgrounds are returned to their original condition. This process guarantees that no long-term impact or residual effects will remain on the land used.

The support of the Murweh Shire Council in supplying the required loam would play a vital role in ensuring the safe and successful delivery of this highly anticipated event. We greatly value the Council's ongoing commitment to community initiatives and hope that this request may be favourably considered.

Thank you for your time and attention. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss any aspect of this request further at your convenience.

My contact number is 0427 589 662 and email is exec@charlevilleshow.com.au

Yours sincerely,

Daryl Kirkup

Daryl Kirkup
President
Charleville & South West Queensland Show Society Inc

14.7 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - MORVEN STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION - GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Author: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the provision of in-kind assistance to the Morven State School P&C Association comprising Council labour and machinery to: (a) remove existing shrubs that no longer comply with Queensland Kindy safety and compliance standards; and (b) aerate and top dress the student lawn play area at the Morven State School, Albert Street, Morven.
2. Note that the estimated cost of providing this in-kind assistance is approximately $1,720 (inclusive of operator labour, plant and equipment, and fuel), to be funded from the Murweh Shire Council Community Assistance Program budget.
3. Authorise the appropriate Officer to coordinate scheduling of the works with the Morven State School P&C Association.

BACKGROUND

On 27 March 2026, Council received a written request from Ms Katie Crichton, Secretary of the Morven State School P&C Association, seeking in-kind assistance from Murweh Shire Council to improve the outdoor play environment at the Morven State School.

The P&C Association, in partnership with the Morven State School, is undertaking grounds improvement works that include upgrades required to achieve compliance with Queensland Kindy safety and environmental standards. Specifically, existing garden shrubs have been identified as non-compliant with current Kindy requirements and must be removed. In addition, the lawn area used daily by students for outdoor play requires aeration and top dressing to improve its condition and safety.

The P&C Association and school are self-funding the purchase of replacement plants and the installation of an automatic watering system to support the long-term sustainability of the grounds. Community members and parents will participate in working bees to prepare and plant new garden beds. The P&C is therefore seeking only Council's in-kind support through the provision of appropriate labour and plant and equipment to undertake the earthworks components of the project.

Council has a well-established history of supporting community infrastructure improvements through its Community Assistance Program. A directly comparable precedent was established in August 2024 when Council resolved (Resolution 207/24) to assist the Morven Historical Museum with labour and machinery for the placement of stormwater drainage infrastructure, under the Murweh Shire Council Community Assistance Program. Council also has a prior history of supporting the Morven State School, including a donation of $1,000 from the Honesty Box Fund in August 2021 for volunteer lifeguard training (Ordinary Council Meeting, 19 August 2021).

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to provide in-kind assistance to the Morven State School P&C Association, comprising Council labour, plant and equipment, and fuel, to undertake shrub removal and lawn aeration and top dressing works at the Morven State School grounds.

Discussion

External consultation was initiated by the Morven State School P&C Association through correspondence to Council dated 27 March 2026, signed by the Secretary, Ms Katie Crichton. No further external consultation has been undertaken at this stage.

Financial Risks

The proposed assistance is an in-kind contribution of Council resources. The estimated cost of delivering the works is detailed below:

Item	Rate	Estimated Duration	Estimated Cost
Plant operator labour (1 operator)	$65/hr	8 hours	$520.00
Skid steer / bobcat — shrub removal	$150/hr	4 hours	$600.00
Tractor and aerator — lawn aeration and top dressing	$120/hr	4 hours	$480.00
Fuel (plant and equipment)	—	—	$120.00
Total estimated in-kind value	$1,720.00		

All rates above are indicative internal cost equivalents based on Council plant hire rates. Actual duration may vary subject to site conditions and the extent of works required. It is recommended that the scheduling and scope of works be confirmed with the P&C Association and the Director of Engineering Services prior to commencement to minimise cost overrun risk.

Funding is proposed from the Murweh Shire Council Community Assistance Program budget. The Director of Corporate Services should confirm available budget allocation prior to works commencing. No external funding sources are involved in this request.

Council assumes no ongoing maintenance obligation as a result of this assistance. The P&C Association and school have committed to self-funding all ongoing maintenance, including the automatic watering system and replacement planting.

Environmental Risks

The proposed shrub removal and lawn aeration works are localised and small in scale. No significant environmental risks are identified. Disposal of removed shrub material should be managed in accordance with Council's standard waste management practices. If any removed plant material is identified as an invasive species, it must be disposed of in accordance with obligations under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (Qld).

The installation of an automatic watering system by the P&C Association may reduce the long-term water demand on town water supply and is considered a net environmental benefit.

Social Risk

Providing in-kind assistance to the Morven State School P&C Association carries a high positive social value. The Morven State School serves one of Murweh Shire's smaller rural communities, and improved, safe outdoor play environments directly benefit local children, particularly those enrolled in the Kindy programme. Failure to support this request could be perceived negatively by the Morven community given Council's established practice of community assistance in the Morven township.

The request is reasonable in scope and the P&C Association and school community are making a substantive co-contribution through self-funded materials and community working bees, demonstrating genuine community ownership of the project. No negative social risk is identified with the approval of this request.

Legal Risk

The provision of in-kind community assistance is consistent with Council's general powers and responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), including the local government principles of democratic representation, social inclusion, and meaningful community engagement (section 5). Council officers must ensure that all plant and equipment operations are conducted in accordance with obligations under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (Qld), including appropriate operator licencing and site safety measures.

No legal risks are identified with the proposed assistance beyond standard operational obligations. The Morven State School is a Queensland state government school and Council will be operating on state-owned land. It is recommended that Council obtain written confirmation from the school principal or the Queensland Department of Education approving access for Council plant and operators to the school site prior to commencement of works.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Qld)
- Biosecurity Act 2014 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Community Assistance Program
- Resolution 207/24 — Morven Historical Museum Storm Water Drainage, Ordinary Council Meeting, 21 August 2024
- Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, 19 August 2021 — Morven Progress Association / Morven State School Honesty Box Fund Donation

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

3.3.1 The education needs of the community are represented and pursued

4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of request - Morven State School P&C Association ⇩

Morven State School

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Friday 27 March, 2026

Tony Martin

Director of Community, Community Services and Community Infrastructure

Murweh Shire Council
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Charleville QLD 4470

Dear Tony,

Re: Request for assistance with Morven State School grounds improvement works

The Morven State School P&C Association is currently working with the school community to improve the outdoor play environment for our students, including upgrades required to ensure compliance with Queensland Kindy standards.

As part of these works, we are seeking Council's support through the **waiving of fees for the use of selected Council labour and equipment**, specifically:

• Provide labour and machinery to remove existing shrubs that no longer meet current Kindy safety and compliance standards

• Provide labour and machinery to assist with aerating and top dressing the lawn area used daily by students for play

The P&C in partnership with the Morven State School are funding the purchase of replacement plants and the installation of an automatic watering system to support the long-term sustainability of the grounds. In addition, parents and community members will be participating in working bees to prepare and plant the new garden beds.

Council's support with equipment access would make a significant difference to our small school community and help us deliver a safer, more functional outdoor space for local children.

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Morven State School

P&C Association
Albert Street, Morven QLD 4468

morvenstateschoolpandc@gmail.com

We greatly appreciate Murweh Shire Council's ongoing support of community initiatives and would be very grateful if this request could be considered.

Please feel free to contact us if any further information is required.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Crichton

Secretary
Morven State School P&C Association

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14.8 WAIVER OF COMMUNITY BUS HIRE FEE - RIDEWEST AUGATHELLA COMMUNITY EVENT

Author: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the request from Natalie Newell of 'Biddenham', Augathella, to waive the Murweh Shire Council Community Bus hire fee for the transport of students and community members from Augathella to Biddenham on Wednesday 29 April 2026 to support the RideWest fundraising event for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Wellbeing out West programme.
2. Note that the hire of the Community Bus is subject to compliance with Council's Community Bus Policy and completion of all necessary hire documentation prior to the departure date.

BACKGROUND

Correspondence dated 9 April 2026 was received from Natalie Newell of 'Biddenham', Augathella, requesting use of the Murweh Shire Council Community Bus on Wednesday 29 April 2026. The purpose of the request is to transport students and community members from Augathella to 'Biddenham' station for a community afternoon tea in support of RideWest riders as they pass through the region on their fundraising journey from Brisbane to Longreach.

RideWest is a community fundraising initiative that raises funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Wellbeing out West programme, which delivers mental health services across rural and remote Queensland. The programme supports the employment of a mental health clinician based in Charleville, providing critical services to individuals and families across the Murweh Shire and surrounding region.

Council adopted the Community Bus Policy at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 July 2025 (Resolution 198/25), at which time Council also authorised the Chief Executive Officer to implement the policy and ensure compliance. The policy notes that requests for travel outside the designated shires or for uses not consistent with the intent of the policy require specific Council approval, with applications to be received 30 days prior to the planned departure date. The proposed journey from Augathella to 'Biddenham' station is situated within Murweh Shire and is consistent with the purpose of the Community Bus Policy, being the facilitation of community participation in events of local significance.

Council has an established precedent of waiving hire fees for the Community Bus as a form of in-kind community assistance, most recently approving such a waiver for Charleville State High School for its Senior Careers Tour in July 2025 (Resolution 061/25, 19 March 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting). Council has also previously provided in-kind bus hire assistance for community sporting and wellbeing initiatives, including support for the Western Ringers Rugby League (Resolution 078/25, 19 March 2025) and for the CWAATSICH Young Men's Programme (Resolution 355/25, 16 December 2025).

Purpose

This report seeks Council's consideration of the request from Natalie Newell of 'Biddenham', Augathella, for the waiver of the Community Bus hire fee for a single trip on 29 April 2026 to support the RideWest community event in Augathella.

Discussion

The use of the Community Bus is subject to Council's Community Bus Policy (Resolution 198/25), which provides the framework for approved hire, eligible uses, and associated fee structures. The proposed use — transporting community members within Murweh Shire to attend a local community event — is consistent with the policy's intent.

The request was received on 9 April 2026, with the event scheduled for 29 April 2026. This falls within 30 days of the planned departure. While the 30-day application requirement applies to travel outside the designated shires or uses not within the policy's intent, officers note the timeframe is tight and bring the matter directly to Council at the 21 April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting to afford the applicant the earliest possible decision.

RideWest's fundraising directly contributes to the RFDS Wellbeing out West programme and the ongoing employment of a mental health clinician in Charleville. Access to mental health services is a recognised challenge in rural and remote communities, and supporting initiatives that fund such services aligns with Council's commitment to the wellbeing of the Murweh Shire community.

The value of the Community Bus hire fee waiver represents a modest in-kind contribution commensurate with Council's established practice. Council's in-kind assistance in this instance would support access for students and community members who may otherwise be unable to attend the event, thereby maximising community participation and demonstrating Council's support for mental health and wellbeing in the region.

Consultation

Internal consultation was undertaken with the Chief Executive Officer. The correspondence received from Natalie Newell formed the primary source of information for this report. No external consultation beyond receipt of the request was required given the straightforward nature of the application.

Financial Risks

The financial impact to Council is limited to the foregone hire fee for a single trip use of the Community Bus on 29 April 2026. The fee is as set in Council's current schedule of fees and charges. There is no direct monetary contribution or cash expenditure required. Fuel, insurance, and vehicle wear-and-tear costs associated with Council-operated hire are a standing operational consideration under the Community Bus Policy. No additional financial risk is identified beyond the forgone hire revenue.

Environmental Risks

No material environmental risks are identified. The use of the Community Bus for a single local trip is consistent with its operational purpose and does not give rise to any significant environmental impact.

Social Risk

The proposed event supports community wellbeing and demonstrates Council's commitment to mental health awareness in rural and remote areas. The RideWest initiative raises funds for the RFDS Wellbeing out West programme, which provides vital services to Murweh Shire residents. Granting the fee waiver is consistent with Council's long-standing practice of supporting community events of social significance. No adverse social risks are identified. Declining the request may be perceived as inconsistent with Council's expressed commitment to community wellbeing, given the nature of the cause being supported.

Legal Risk

The hire of the Community Bus must be conducted in accordance with Council's Community Bus Policy (Resolution 198/25). The applicant will be required to complete all necessary hire

documentation, including evidence of appropriate insurance, prior to the departure date. The *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) provides Council with the authority to fix and waive cost-recovery fees by resolution (s 97). No legal risks beyond standard asset use liability are identified, provided hire documentation is duly completed.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Community Bus Policy (Resolution 198/25, 16 July 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting)
- Murweh Shire Council Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024–25
- Resolution 061/25 – Waiver of Bus Hire Fee, Charleville State High School Senior Careers Tour (19 March 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting)
- Correspondence from Natalie Newell, 'Biddenham', Augathella, dated 9 April 2026

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

3.2.1 Safety and protection strategies meet community needs and expectations

4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of request ⇩

'Biddenham'
Augathella Q 4477
9th April, 2026

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to respectfully request the support of Murweh Shire Council in providing access to the community bus on Wednesday 29th April, to assist with transporting students and community members from Augathella out to Biddenham for a small community afternoon tea.

This transport would enable members of our school and wider community to attend and support the RideWest riders as they pass through our region on their fundraising journey from Brisbane to Longreach.

RideWest is an incredibly important initiative for our local community. Funds raised through this event directly support the Royal Flying Doctor Service Wellbeing out West program, which provides vital mental health services across rural and remote areas. Importantly, this funding contributes to the employment of a mental health clinician based in Charleville, delivering essential support to individuals and families within our region.

As you are aware, access to mental health services in the bush can be limited, and initiatives such as this play a critical role in ensuring our communities are supported. Supporting RideWest is not only about recognising the incredible effort of the riders, but also about standing behind the ongoing wellbeing of people living in rural and remote areas.

Providing access to the community bus would allow greater community participation in this event and demonstrate our shared commitment to supporting mental health and wellbeing across the Murweh Shire.

We would be very grateful for Council's consideration of this request and any support you are able to provide.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our local community.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Newell.

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14.9 TOURISM MARKETING AND EVENTS REPORT - APRIL 2026

Author: **Tourism, Marketing & Events Manager**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Tourism, Marketing & Events Report for April 2026.

BACKGROUND

Visitor Information Centres in the Shire

Charleville Visitor Information Centre notes an 8.70% increase in visitation compared to the previous month, as well as 5.97% increase in visitor numbers for March, compared to the same period last year.

Councils along the Matilda Way have resumed a monthly meeting; the VIC Coordinator attends these on behalf of Murweh.

Tourism attended the local Career Expo, where it became clear many students were unaware of our full tourism offering. This made it a valuable opportunity to showcase what's on offer.

The Charleville Bilby Experience has opened for the season, with two bilbies on display in the nocturnal house.

New front door banners have been installed at the Charleville Bilby Experience front entry doors.

Morven VIC onboarding has been completed in preparation for the 1st of April opening.

Murweh Visitor Guides have been purchased and delivery is imminent.

Morven Visitor Information Centre: opened on 1 April.
Augathella Visitor Centre had 8 visitors through the doors during March.

Transport
Queensland Rail Tickets: Charleville Visitor Information Centre booked for 5 people.
Greyhound Tickets: Charleville Visitor Information Centre booked for 6 passengers.
Rex Airline: Charleville Visitor Information Centre had 0 enquiries about air travel.

Charleville Cosmos Centre

This March saw a similar number of visitors to our Centre and most paid tours, compared to March 2025.

The Cosmos Centre was excited to co-present with Katherine Bennell-Pegg in our Planetarium during an exclusive event at the Centre. We were thrilled to show her Jupiter through the telescopes after she admitted it being her favourite object in the sky. We later received a letter from a Charleville State High School student after the event, outlining the impact this event had on her and how speaking directly with Katherine has given her more motivation than she could have imagined.

There was a Lunar Eclipse in the first week of March which saw a mix of about 30 guests and locals book the Outback Stargazing tour, followed by viewing the eclipse. While there was cloud during the eclipse, guests were able to see it before and after the tour.

The Planetarium back-up plan for cloudy nights is continuing to improve, with more immersive visuals being adopted. This “Plan B” experience is still proving to be a very good tool to retain business, with approximately 15 cloudy nights during March where we would have cancelled tours in the past.

April will see the Centre launch two new Planetarium films, continuing to refresh and strengthen the visitor experience. The outgoing feature, *Oasis in Space*, originally acquired in April 2023, proved highly successful over its almost three-year licence period. With an initial investment of approximately $12,000, the program generated around $44,000 in revenue and attracted approximately 4,700 visitors, demonstrating a strong return and sustained audience interest.

WWII Secret Base

Since the delivery of the Caboolture Warplane and Flight Heritage Museum collection, 80% of items have been photographed and catalogued into the WWII Secret Base's digital collection management system, with records uploaded to MSC OneDrive.

The Mark VI Anti-Aircraft Searchlight has been installed within the exhibit space and established as a centrepiece display. An interactive “training” light has been incorporated, activating in response to a model aircraft suspended from the ceiling, providing both a tangible collection item and an engaging visitor experience.

Further items will be progressively displayed over the coming two months as display cabinets are fitted and interpretive signage is installed.

Media coverage of the new collection and associated publication was secured through ABC Longreach, with a feature broadcast on regional radio, supplemented by two additional spots on local radio.

In response to the current fuel pricing environment and associated impacts on visitor numbers, rostering practices have been reviewed and adjusted.

The “Troopy” is currently off the road awaiting a windscreen replacement. In the interim, guides are utilising a Council pool vehicle to continue operating the tag-along tours.

Events

March delivered a strong calendar of community events across the shire.

Queensland Women’s Week was supported in-kind, with Councillors attending a number of activities throughout the program.

The *Katherine Bennel-Pegg Visit* was well received by the community, local schools and invited guests. The various activations were well attended, professionally delivered and ran smoothly across all locations. A separate report is provided for this event.

Welcome to Charleville again proved a valuable community event, with Council hosting a well-supported stall featuring Disaster Management, community consultations with the Regulatory team, Tourism and Community Services.

The Charleville Triathlon received in-kind support and was well attended with record numbers of participants. Thanks to Council’s engineering department and town crew for supporting this event through signage, traffic management and the necessary permits required.

The Cosmos Centre hosted the *Flying Scientists* event, offering a child-friendly, educational experience.

The *South West Career Expo* attracted strong attendance, with multiple Council departments represented.

General Update on Current Season

The 2026 tourism season has commenced under challenging conditions, with visitation levels currently tracking lower than expected.

This downturn is being driven by the current fuel crisis stemming from the Middle East conflict, which has resulted in increased fuel prices and reduced confidence for travellers undertaking long-distance trips to regional and remote destinations. Current media messaging from federal government with campaigns such as “Every Little Bit Helps” are fuelling the mixed messaging and confusing the traveller further.

As a result, forward bookings have not converted at anticipated levels, with actual arrivals softening. This is being reflected across Council’s tourism assets, with reduced attendance numbers impacting overall revenue performance.

Cancellations and Refunds

There has been a notable increase in cancellations and refund requests, directly linked to the same fuel-related travel pressures.

Refund data indicates:

- An upward trend in cancellations across booked experiences
- Shorter lead times between booking and cancellation
- Increased sensitivity to travel costs and fuel availability among visitors

A total of $2,902 in refunds has been processed to date, representing a direct loss in revenue.

Industry Advocacy and Engagement

The tourism industry continues to actively advocate for regional destinations in response to the current conditions.

- Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) and Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) are actively lobbying State and Federal Government in response to the impacts of the fuel crisis on regional tourism.
- Murweh Shire Council has been actively engaged in industry webinars, briefings and information sessions, ensuring the region remains informed and represented in broader advocacy efforts.

This coordinated response is critical in addressing the ongoing challenges impacting regional travel demand.

Marketing and Industry Response

Fuel Tracker Initiative

In direct response to concerns around fuel availability, the Fuel Tracker initiative, as spearheaded by Southwest Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils and co-created by Council’s Director of Engineering, has been introduced and positively received by both industry and travellers.

The Fuel Tracker plays an important role in:

- Rebuilding traveller confidence
- Providing real-time reassurance around fuel access
- Reducing perceived risk of travelling to the region

Ongoing media support and promotion will be essential to maintain this momentum and continue addressing traveller concerns.

Outback Warriors Campaign

The Outback Warriors campaign has been launched to reinforce the message that Charleville and the broader region remain open, accessible, and well-serviced despite current conditions.

The campaign focuses on:

- Counteracting negative perceptions linked to fuel concerns
- Encouraging visitation through value-driven offers
- Promoting extended stays and deeper engagement with local experiences

Continued promotion is required to ensure the message cuts through during a period of heightened travel hesitation.

Operational Response

In response to reduced visitation and revenue pressures associated with the current fuel crisis, a number of operational adjustments are being implemented to ensure sustainability:

- Operating with a lean workforce to align staffing levels with reduced demand
- Review and reduction of operating hours, particularly during low-demand periods and public holidays
- Cost containment measures across all tourism operations
- Ongoing monitoring of visitation trends to enable timely operational adjustments

These measures are necessary to manage financial exposure while maintaining core service delivery.

Next Steps

- Continue targeted media and marketing activity to support Fuel Tracker and Outback Warriors messaging
- Maintain active engagement with QTIC, OQTA and industry networks to support ongoing advocacy
- Closely monitor visitation, bookings and cancellations to inform operational decisions
- Identify additional low-cost, high-impact initiatives to stimulate visitation during this period
- Maintain flexibility in staffing and operations to respond to changing conditions

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. **March Visitor Statistics** ⇩
2. **Outback Warriors Campaign** ⇩

MARCH 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	4184	4002	2309	806	595	27605
2026	648	609	662										1919

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	608	595	279	124	101	5130
2026	141	172	343										656

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	5	4	1	2	0	47
2026	7	6	4										17

Email Enquiries													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2024	15	24	16	18	32	31	22	22	42	32	35	11	300
2025	22	13	11	35	36	33	23	23	18	15	5	2	236
2026		12	24										36

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	1556	1898	807	88	0	10010
2026	0	0	75										75

Bilby Experience Shows													
	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	63	61	50	11	0	429
2026	0	0	14										14

Charleville Cosmos Centre

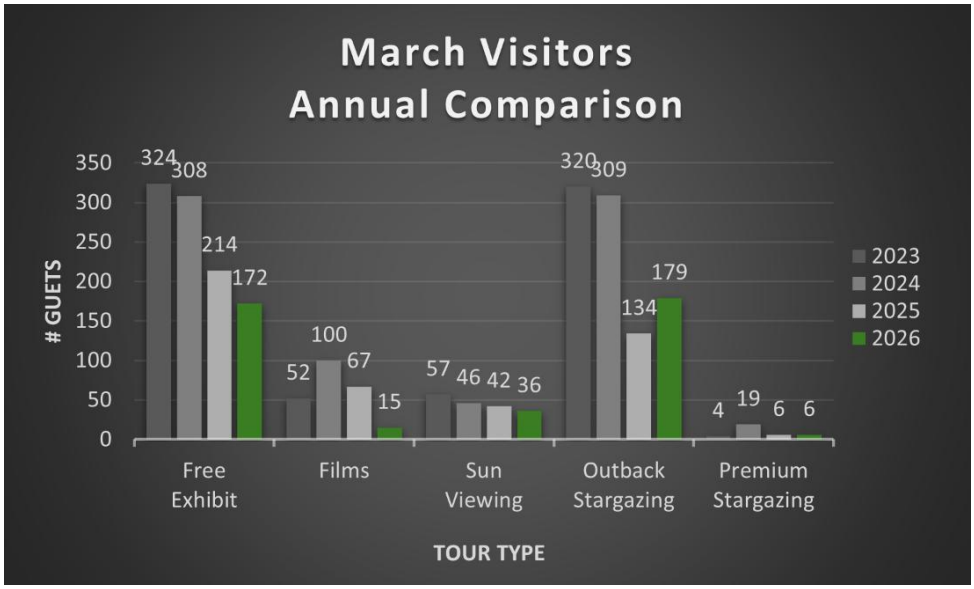
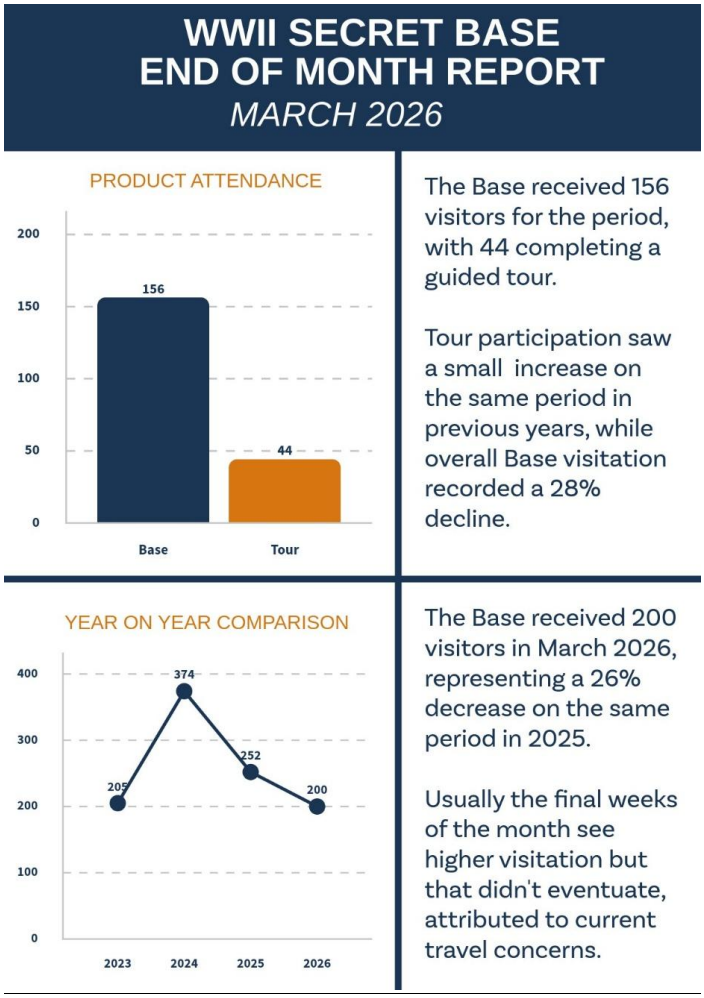


Figure 1: "Free Exhibit" is Astronomy by Day; our free interactive exhibit | "Planetarium Films" are the Planetarium movies played daily | "Outback Stargazing" is our main night tour formerly known as "Big Sky Observatory" | "Premium Stargazing" is the premium stargazing experience formerly known as "Small and Personal" using the 30" telescope on moonless nights.

WWII Secret Base



Experience Charleville
Outback Queensland

OUTBACK WARRIORS

★ WANTED ★

Still hitting the road and backing the Outback?

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK.

If you're travelling through South West Queensland despite the fuel frenzy, we're rewarding your spirit.

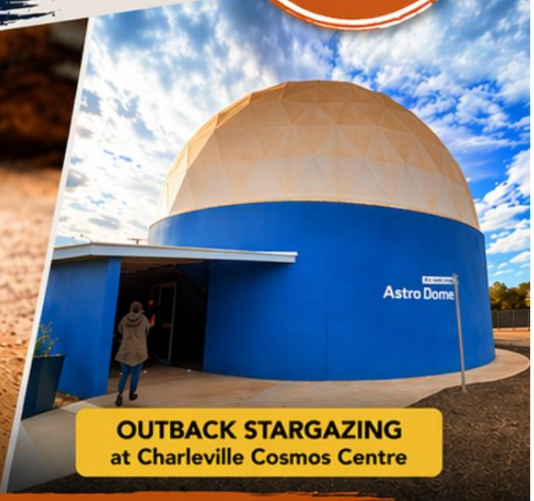
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WWII SECRET BASE



BILBY EXPERIENCE



OUTBACK STARGAZING at Charleville Cosmos Centre

BOOK ALL THREE CHARLEVILLE EXPERIENCES AND RECEIVE ONE FREE EXPERIENCE TO ENJOY LATER!

BOOK BETWEEN 10 APRIL – 31 MAY 2026

HOW IT WORKS

1. BOOK all three experiences.
2. VISIT the Charleville Visitor Information Centre.
3. CHOOSE your FREE experience.
4. RECEIVE your Outback Warriors Voucher.

YOUR BONUS

- VALID FOR **12 MONTHS**
- TRANSFERABLE to friends or family
- PERFECT REASON TO RETURN OR SHARE THE EXPERIENCE

WHY STAY A LITTLE LONGER?

Make it a **3-night** escape.

DAY 1
WWII Secret Base + town heritage incl Historic House & Hotel Corones Tour

DAY 2
Bilby Experience + afternoon fishing the **Warrego River**

NIGHT 2
Stargazing at the Cosmos Centre

DAY 3
Coffee, river walks & local discoveries + Outback Date Farm

More time = more stories, more connection, more Outback magic.

- Offer valid on adult tickets only
- All three experiences must be booked within campaign dates
- Terms & Conditions apply

Contact the Charleville Visitor Information Centre for more information

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14.10 MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2032

Author: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and adopt the Murweh Shire Council Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 (Attachment A) as a living strategic document, noting that specific targets, data, and operational details are subject to revision in accordance with the review schedule prescribed within the plan while the strategic intent and direction of the plan remain in effect.
2. Express in-principle support for the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct as OMOA Stage 2, acknowledging the Bidjara community's endorsement and subject to co-design processes and satisfactory feasibility outcomes.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure to commence formal engagement with Bidjara People and other Traditional Owner bodies, and with CWAATSICH, to establish a Traditional Owner Reference Group.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to develop and lodge grant applications in accordance with the funding strategy set out in Section 5.8 of the Tourism Strategic Plan.
5. Authorise the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to engage with the Queensland Minister for Tourism, the Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Federal Member for Maranoa, and the National Indigenous Australians Agency regarding the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct.
6. Note that a further report will be presented to Council recommending a budget allocation for a business case and feasibility study for the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct ahead of the adoption of the 2026–27 budget.

BACKGROUND

Tourism has long been a pillar of economic activity in the Murweh Shire. Murweh Shire Council owns and operates a significant cluster of visitor economy assets — the Charleville Cosmos Centre, the WWII Secret Base, the Charleville Bilby Experience, and the Outback Museum of Australia (OMOA) — which collectively form one of the most distinctive tourism precincts in regional Queensland.

Council has actively managed and invested in these assets through successive budget cycles, operational plans, and capital projects. Most recently, the construction of OMOA Stage 1 was completed following Resolution 168/23 (July 2023), which authorised the appointment of SPANTECH as the construction contractor for $5,885,000 (ex GST), funded under the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund. This delivery track record is a material credential for future grant applications.

The Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 has been prepared by the Tourism Manager and the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure. It replaces any previous tourism planning documents and provides a comprehensive strategic framework for the Shire's visitor economy over the six-year period to 2032. The plan was finalised in March 2026.

The plan's centrepiece is the proposed Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct — OMOA Stage 2 — which Council has been progressing through preliminary consultation and project development activities. Council received in-principle endorsement from the local Bidjara community through its consultation processes. This endorsement is foundational to the viability of the project and to its competitiveness for external grant funding.

The Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 aligns with three major external frameworks:

- THRIVE 2030 — the Australian Government's national visitor economy strategy, which targets $230 billion in total visitor expenditure by 2030 and emphasises regional dispersal, First Nations cultural tourism, and authentic experience-based products.
- Destination 2045 — Queensland's twenty-year tourism strategy (released June 2025), which seeks to double the state's visitor economy to $84 billion by 2045, supported by $446 million in new government investment over four years.
- TEQ Strategic Plan 2025–29 — Tourism and Events Queensland's five-objective plan, which directly activates Murweh Shire's opportunities in product development, Discover Aboriginal Experiences membership, and high-impact marketing.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Murweh Shire Council Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 to Council for adoption, and to seek Council's endorsement of associated governance and engagement actions required to give effect to the plan.

DISCUSSION

The Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 is structured across eight strategic pillars: (1) Strengthen Hero Experiences; (2) Grow Brand Visibility and Digital Strength; (3) Increase Visitor Stay and Spend; (4) Partnerships and Industry Development; (5) Visitor-Centred Wayfinding and Signage; (6) Data, Insights and Continuous Improvement; (7) Brisbane 2032 Readiness; and (8) the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct.

The plan articulates a vision for the Murweh Shire to be internationally recognised as an essential Outback destination for an authentic, multifaceted experience that generates a profitable and sustainable visitor economy. Its mission is to lead, enable, and promote world-class visitor experiences through targeted product development, industry collaboration, and strategic, data-driven marketing.

The plan has been deliberately structured as a **living document**. The Murweh Shire's tourism landscape is dynamic — visitor economy data, grant funding environments, and the progression of major projects such as the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct will evolve materially over the plan's six-year life. While the strategic intent, vision, pillars, and direction of the plan are intended to remain stable, specific targets, market data, and operational priorities are expected to be updated through the plan's prescribed review schedule without requiring Council to re-adopt the document.

The review schedule is:

- Monthly — Tourism Report to Council tracking KPIs and operational performance
- Quarterly — Review by the Tourism, Marketing and Events Committee
- Annual — Budget and priorities review via report to Council
- Mid-Term (2028) — Comprehensive review of the full document, aligned with the incoming Council term, reviewing objectives, vision, goals, and the SWOT analysis in the lead-up to the 2032 Games

At the Mid-Term review in 2028, the plan will be formally brought back to Council for endorsement in its updated form.

The **Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct** is the defining strategic priority of this plan. It is conceived as Australia's first fully integrated, outdoor-indoor Indigenous cultural living landscape — combining Bidjara celestial narratives, clan-led storytelling, immersive technology, conference facilities, humanitarian education programming, and cultural diversity awareness — on Country in Charleville. No national precedent exists for this combination of features. The project has received in-principle community endorsement from the Bidjara People, which is the single most important differentiator for grant competitiveness.

Total indicative capital for OMOA Stage 2 is $8 million to $15 million across a staged three-to-five year development. The plan identifies a multi-source funding strategy encompassing the Building Better Regions Fund, the RISE Fund, the NIAA Indigenous Advancement Strategy, the Queensland Tourism Investment Attraction Grant, the Queensland First Nations Economic Development Fund, the Queensland Department of Treaty and ATSI Partnerships, and philanthropic capital. Council's role is anticipated to encompass land contribution, in-kind support, and a staged co-investment rather than primary project financing.

The plan proposes five governance resolutions (A–E in Section 5.9) to activate the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct pipeline. Four of these resolutions (A, B, D, and E) are incorporated in this report's recommendation. Resolution C — which proposes an allocation in the 2026–27 budget for a business case and feasibility study — contains an outstanding cost estimate that has not yet been determined. A separate budget report will be presented to Council recommending this allocation ahead of the 2026–27 budget adoption.

CONSULTATION

The Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 was developed internally by the Tourism Manager and the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure. Internal consultation was undertaken with the Chief Executive Officer. The plan incorporates data, alignment references, and strategic intelligence drawn from Tourism Research Australia, Tourism and Events Queensland, the Outback Queensland Tourism Association, the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation, and Tourism Australia's Discover Aboriginal Experiences programme. Community consultation processes with the local Bidjara community have generated in-principle endorsement for the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct as OMOA Stage 2.

FINANCIAL RISKS

Adoption of the Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 does not, of itself, create any new financial commitment for Council. The plan operates within Council's existing tourism operational budget. Specific financial commitments arising from the plan — including the feasibility study allocation for the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct — will be subject to separate budget reports and resolutions. The indicative capital seek for OMOA Stage 2 of $8 million to $15 million is anticipated to be substantially funded through external grants, with Council's contribution to be determined through the feasibility study and grant application processes. Council should note that the plan identifies grant funding environments as subject to change, and the living document structure allows the funding strategy to be updated accordingly.

ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

The Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 does not propose any works or land use changes that would trigger immediate environmental assessment obligations. The plan supports Dark Sky Accreditation for the Cosmos Centre, which carries positive environmental outcomes through reduced light pollution and ecosystem protection. The Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct is conceived as a living cultural landscape and will be subject to environmental assessment requirements at the development approval stage. The plan acknowledges flooding as an operational risk to the Shire's tourism assets and identifies business continuity planning as a required management measure.

SOCIAL RISK

The Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 carries strong positive social risk outcomes. The Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct directly advances reconciliation, cultural self-determination, and economic participation for the Bidjara People, with a 60 per cent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment target embedded in the OMOA Stage 2 operating model. The plan also supports broader community liveability through increased visitor expenditure, employment, and regional economic diversification. The primary social risk is community expectation management if the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct does not progress on the anticipated timeline. This risk is mitigated by the living document structure, the staged implementation timeline, and the separate budget report process for the feasibility study allocation. Councillors are advised

that the in-principle endorsement framing of Recommendation 2 is intentional — it signals Council's commitment without binding it to a cost or scope that has not yet been tested through a feasibility process.

LEGAL RISK

Council's strategic planning functions are exercised in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), which require Council to prepare and adopt a five-year corporate plan as part of its system of financial management. The Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 is a thematic sub-strategy that sits beneath Council's Corporate Plan and does not constitute a separate statutory planning instrument. Progressing the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct will require compliance with Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) principles under applicable Commonwealth and Queensland frameworks. The Traditional Owner Reference Group to be established under Recommendation 3 will be the primary vehicle for managing this obligation. Legal advice should be sought at appropriate stages of the project development process.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Corporate Plan 2022–2027
- Australian Government — THRIVE 2030: The Re-Imagined Visitor Economy Strategy (Austrade, 2022; Action Plan updated 2024)
- Queensland Government — Destination 2045: Delivering Queensland's Tourism Future (DETSI, June 2025)
- Tourism and Events Queensland — Strategic Plan 2025–29
- Outback Queensland Tourism Association — Destination Management Plan 2021–2024
- Tourism Research Australia — Annual Benchmark Report 2024
- Resolution 056/22 (October 2022) — Appointment of March Studios as architects for OMOA
- Resolution 168/23 (July 2023) — Appointment of SPANTECH as construction contractor for OMOA at $5,885,000 ex GST, funded under the Building Better Regions Fund

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

3.4.1 Preservation and recognition of the traditions and cultures of Aboriginal people and their ongoing custodianship of country.

4.2.1 Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.

ATTACHMENTS

1. MSC Strategic Plan 2026-2032 ⇩

MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL

MSC TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN

2026 – 2032

Charleville · Augathella · Morven · Cooladdi · Outback Queensland

Updated March 2026

A living strategy for Murweh Shire's visitor economy — aligned with Queensland's Destination 2045 and Australia's THRIVE 2030 national vision, and anchored by the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct as the defining next chapter of the Outback Museum of Australia.

Tourism Manager & Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure

PURPOSE

The purpose of this plan is to set a clear and achievable pathway for enhancing the Murweh Shire's tourism economy and promoting the economic development opportunities that the industry brings. Additionally, this plan will ensure that the Shire's unique tourism assets — including the Charleville Cosmos Centre, the WWII Secret Base, Charleville Bilby Experience, and the Outback Museum of Australia (OMOA) — are focused on delivering sustainable and high value experiences for many years to come.

This updated plan incorporates the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct as the centrepiece of OMOA's next stage of development, aligns with Queensland's Destination 2045 twenty-year vision and Tourism and Events Queensland's Strategic Plan 2025–29, and responds to the national THRIVE 2030 visitor economy strategy. It incorporates current visitor data, emerging market intelligence, and local tourism planning priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This strategy focuses on enhancing the quality of our commercial products, expanding our markets, and making sure that our region is prepared for future opportunities — in particular the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. OMOA's Stage 2 development as the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create Australia's first fully integrated Indigenous cultural living landscape — generating material economic, cultural, and social returns for the Murweh Shire.

Key Outcomes

- Develop our tourism assets into financially sustainable standalone businesses
- Increase visitor numbers and length of stay
- Trade distribution products established in the market
- Flatten the visitor distribution curve weekly and seasonally
- Strong brand recognition in domestic and international markets
- Increase Shire economic development opportunities for private enterprises
- Develop corporate tourism packages
- Deliver the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct as OMOA Stage 2 — endorsed by the Bidjara People and secured through a multi-source government funding strategy

1. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

1.1 National Framework — THRIVE 2030

The Australian Government's national strategy for the long-term sustainable growth of the visitor economy, THRIVE 2030, sets a target of $230 billion in total visitor expenditure by 2030. The strategy's three priority themes — modernisation, diversification, and collaboration — directly shape Murweh Shire's planning environment. For regional destinations like Charleville, THRIVE 2030's

emphasis on regional dispersal, First Nations cultural tourism, and the development of new, authentic, experience-based products presents a compelling alignment with the Shire's unique tourism assets.

THRIVE 2030 Priority	Murweh Shire Alignment
Regional dispersal and diversification beyond capital cities	Charleville is a regional drive/fly destination anchored by four hero experiences
First Nations cultural tourism as a central pillar	Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct — OMOA Stage 2
Authentic, immersive, experience-based products	Cosmos Centre dark sky, WWII Secret Base, Bilby Experience, Indigenous celestial narratives
Workforce development including First Nations employment	60% ATSI employment target embedded in OMOA Stage 2 operating model
Iconic destination investment and public-private partnership	BBRF-funded OMOA infrastructure; staged grant pipeline for Stage 2

1.2 Queensland Framework — Destination 2045

Queensland's twenty-year tourism strategy, Destination 2045 (released June 2025), aims to double the state's visitor economy to $84 billion by 2045 and is supported by $446 million in new government funding over four years. The strategy's six strategic priorities — ecotourism (45×45), events capital, Connecting Queensland aviation fund, new experiences, home of the holiday marketing, and industry support — are highly favourable to Murweh Shire's pipeline.

Destination 2045 Priority	Murweh Shire Opportunity
45×45 Ecotourism — 45 new experiences by 2045 including dark sky tourism	Dark Sky Accreditation for Cosmos Centre; Indigenous celestial narrative precinct
Connecting Queensland aviation fund — regional connections	Charleville Airport as a key regional gateway; advocate for route support
First Nations cultural experiences — meaningful partner inclusion	Bidjara precinct as a Queensland first; OMOA Stage 2 grant pathway
Events capital — regional and cultural events	Wings on the Warrego; NAIDOC programming; conference economy at OMOA Stage 2
Industry support — streamlined regulation and capability	QTIC accreditation, Localis data, staff training, awards programme

1.3 TEQ Strategic Plan 2025–29

Tourism and Events Queensland's five objectives for 2025–29 — reclaiming domestic holiday market share, maximising international market opportunities, growing international visitor expenditure, growing the business events calendar, and delivering high-impact marketing campaigns — underpin direct engagement priorities for Murweh Shire Council. TEQ product development support, Destination Management Plan alignment, and Discover Aboriginal Experiences membership (targeted for OMOA Stage 2) are the primary levers.

1.4 OQTA Destination Management Plan

The OQTA DMP 2021–2024 has substantially been implemented, with OQTA currently undertaking interim findings work for the next DMP cycle. OQTA's "Big Skies, Bigger Adventures" campaign (launched 2025) provides the active regional marketing framework. Murweh Shire's role within the OQTA network — as host of the region's most significant tourism precinct cluster — positions Council to advocate for embedding the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct in the next DMP as a regional flagship.

2. VISITOR ECONOMY SNAPSHOT

2.1 Queensland Visitor Economy

Queensland's visitor economy continues to perform strongly, supporting more than 260,000 jobs and generating significant overnight expenditure at both state and regional levels. The figures below reflect the most current available data.

Indicator	Statistic	Source / Period
Queensland domestic total visitor expenditure	$33.3 billion (up 4.6%)	TRA/TEQ, YE Jun 2025
Queensland domestic OVE (overnight)	$25.0 billion (up 0.2%)	TRA/TEQ, YE Jun 2025
Queensland domestic overnight holiday visitors	2.8 million (avg $1,163/visitor)	TRA/TEQ, YE Jun 2025
Queensland daily visitor spend	$95 million per day	TEQ, YE Jun 2024
Queensland international OVE	Record $6.2 billion (2024)	TRA/TEQ, YE Jun 2024
Queensland business travel OVE	Record $5.4 billion (up 20.8%)	TEQ, YE Mar 2024
Outback Queensland international OVE	$17.9 million — surpassed 2019 record	TRA/TEQ, YE Mar 2024
International visitors to Australia (2024)	Up 15% on 2023	TRA, Annual Benchmark 2024
Australia international visitor expenditure (2029 forecast)	$48.5 billion (avg +8% p.a.)	TRA forecast, 2024

2.2 First Nations Tourism Market

First Nations cultural tourism is one of the highest-growth segments in Australia's visitor economy. TRA data confirms record-high engagement with First Nations experiences in 2024, while Discover Aboriginal Experiences reports demand up 56% over the past twelve months. This market directly intersects with Murweh Shire's strategic opportunity through the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct.

Indicator	Statistic / Source
Demand for Aboriginal-guided experiences (12 months)	Up 56% — Tourism Australia / DAE, 2025

First Nations tourism — domestic overnight trips (2023–24)	881,000 trips — TRA, 2024
First Nations activity (international travellers, 2023–24)	813,000 international trips incorporated a First Nations activity — TRA
Aboriginal tourism participation (2025–26)	Surpassed 1.1 million visitor experiences — above pre-pandemic levels
Domestic spend on First Nations tourism (2022)	More than $3 billion (compared with $1.3 billion by international visitors) — TRA
Global Indigenous tourism projection by 2034	USD $67 billion — WTTC, 2024
TRA 2024 Annual Benchmark on First Nations tourism	Record high engagement with First Nations experiences — TRA

2.3 Emerging Market Trends — Relevance to Murweh Shire

Emerging Trend	Murweh Shire Opportunity
Dark sky tourism — Destination 2045 "45×45" priority	Dark Sky Accreditation for Cosmos Centre; Indigenous celestial night walk precinct
Authentic, immersive cultural experiences driving international demand	Bidjara Cultural Precinct — no national equivalent for dual-lens celestial experience
Wellness and nature-based travel (20.9% spend growth p.a.)	Outback landscape, stargazing, and cultural immersion as wellness product
Business events growth (domestic business travel OVE record $5.4B)	Conference hall in OMOA Stage 2 — currently absent from Charleville's offering
Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games — international interest	Package international itineraries; dark sky, Indigenous culture, WWII history — unique offer
AI and digital transformation in tourism marketing	Website upgrade, AI-assisted review management, real-time booking capability
Regional dispersal — high-spend visitors seeking beyond capital cities	Multi-day itineraries: Charleville + Augathella + Morven + heritage trail

3. SITUATION ANALYSIS

3.1 SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS		
Established facilities and products	Cosmos Centre, Bilby Experience, WWII Secret Base, OMOA Stage 1	
Authentic outback hospitality	Passionate and dedicated staff	
Marketable brand	Strong connections with the Southwest region and industry	

RV-friendly town	Transport hub — train, air travel, highway connectivity	
BBRF delivery track record	OMOA Stage 1 ($5.885M) delivered — rare credential for grant competitiveness	
Bidjara in-principle endorsement	Foundational asset for OMOA Stage 2 grant applications and self-determination alignment	

WEAKNESSES		
Accommodation demand concentration	Mon/Tue/Wed and event periods — thin midweek baseline	
Limited high-end accommodation options	Constrains premium yield from cultural and conference visitors	
Seasonal peak/trough pattern	Indoor and conference product is critical for year-round activation	
Lack of skilled staff pipeline	Requires investment in training pathways and ATSI workforce development	
Reliance on grant funding	Diversified commercial revenue model essential for long-term sustainability	
Low proportion of bookable products online	OQTA interim findings note only 36% of operators have booking capability	

OPPORTUNITIES		
Dark Sky Accreditation	Aligns with Destination 2045 "45×45" and OMOA Indigenous celestial narrative precinct	
Bidjara Cultural Precinct — OMOA Stage 2	Australian first; $8M–$15M capital pipeline; TEQ/NIAA/BBRF eligible	
First Nations tourism demand surge	56% demand growth; record TRA engagement; WTTC USD $67B global projection by 2034	
Conference and events economy	State record $5.4B business travel OVE; no equivalent venue in regional SW QLD	
Wings on the Warrego flagship event	Regional identity anchor; national media profile; shoulder season activation	
Brisbane 2032 legacy	International itinerary packaging; dark sky + Indigenous culture + WWII history	
Regional collaboration — SWQROC	SW QLD Indigenous Heritage Trail; Augathella/Morven regional dispersal	

THREATS		
Extreme weather and natural disasters	Flooding constrains access; insurance and business continuity planning required	
Rising costs	Inflationary pressure on operations; energy and supply chain costs in remote context	
Competing destinations	Longreach, Winton, Broken Hill; differentiation through Bidjara cultural precinct is essential	
Loss of staff	Remote location challenge; career pathways and housing support critical	
Change of governance	Continuity of Council commitment to multi-year tourism investment pipeline	

4. STRATEGIC FOUNDATION

4.1 Vision

To be internationally recognised as an essential Outback destination for an authentic, multifaceted experience that gives rise to a profitable and sustainable visitor economy that enhances the economic prospects for the whole of the Murweh Shire.

4.2 Mission

To lead, enable, and promote world class visitor experiences through targeted product development, industry collaboration, and strategic, data-driven marketing.

4.3 Core Pillars

Pillar	Description
1. Strengthen Hero Experiences	Product quality and consistency across Cosmos Centre, WWII Secret Base, Bilby Experience, and OMOA
2. Grow Brand Visibility & Digital Strength	Marketing, digital presence, AI tools, and annual tourism awards programme
3. Increase Visitor Stay and Spend	Encourage 3+ night stays; multi-day itineraries; regional dispersal to Augathella and Morven
4. Partnerships & Industry Development	TEQ, QTIC, OQTA, National Parks, Indigenous partners, SWQROC; grow Indigenous tourism
5. Visitor-Centred Wayfinding & Signage	Stage 1 signage upgrade; geo-located audio guides; StoryTime App (SWQROC)

6. Data, Insights & Continuous Improvement	Localis licencing; visitor dashboards; QR feedback; analytics reviews
7. Brisbane 2032 Readiness	International visitor packaging; trade-ready product; themed experiences (dark sky, WWII, Indigenous)
8. Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct	OMOA Stage 2 — a dedicated eighth pillar reflecting the strategic primacy of this project

5. OMOA STAGE 2 — BIDJARA COMMUNITY TOURISM ARTS AND CULTURAL PRECINCT

★ Endorsed in principle by the Bidjara People through Council's community consultation processes ★

5.1 Overview

The Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct is the defining next chapter of OMOA and of Charleville's national tourism identity. Building on the $5.885 million construction investment delivered under the Building Better Regions Fund (Resolution 168/23), this project is conceived as a living cultural landscape — simultaneously a world-class tourism destination, a cultural and arts precinct, a humanitarian education facility, a conference and events venue, and a platform for ongoing research and intergenerational knowledge transfer.

The Bidjara People are the primary Traditional Custodians of the Charleville region and the foundational partners of this project. Council has received in-principle endorsement from the local Bidjara community through its consultation processes. This endorsement is the single most important differentiator in every grant application.

5.2 The Core Proposition

Australia's first fully integrated, outdoor-indoor Indigenous cultural living landscape combining sovereign celestial narratives, clan-led storytelling, multi-sensory immersive technology, dedicated conference facilities, humanitarian education programming, and cultural diversity awareness — in the outback environment where these stories were born. Endorsed by the Bidjara People. Built on their Country. For all Australians and the world.

5.3 Unprecedented Features

Unique Feature	Why It Is Unprecedented
Bidjara-endorsed, on-Country precinct	Genuinely community-initiated — not an externally imposed tourism product
Indigenous celestial narratives in a dark-sky setting	No other venue pairs Indigenous astronomical knowledge with an operational planetarium and dark-sky reserve under the same sky

Conference & events in a living cultural landscape	Purpose-built conference infrastructure within an Indigenous cultural precinct — an Australian first combining MICE market and cultural tourism
Humanitarian education & diversity awareness hub	Formal truth-telling, reconciliation, and cultural competency programming in situ on Country — no precedent in regional Queensland
Traditional Owner co-governance from inception	Structural Bidjara co-ownership of cultural IP, governance, and commercial outcomes from Day 1
CWAATSICH-integrated wellbeing hub	Formal partnership embedding Aboriginal community health services within a tourism precinct — unprecedented in regional Queensland

5.4 Visitor Experiences

Experience	Description
Yurri Nguruway — Welcome Walk	Orientation led by a Bidjara guide: introduction to Country, clan identity, and stories held in the land and sky
Emu Rising — Celestial Night Walk	90-minute guided outdoor evening experience with bespoke light installation (cf. Field of Light, Uluru: $45–$65 per adult)
Living Languages Gallery	Immersive indoor gallery celebrating languages, songs, and oral traditions of SW QLD clans
Skin and Kin — Kinship Experience	Interactive installation exploring Bidjara moiety and kinship systems
Hands to Country — Cultural Arts Workshop	Hands-on workshops led by Bidjara artists; retail gallery attached — direct income pathway for artists
Seasons of Country — Living Landscape	Outdoor classroom incorporating traditional food plants and seasonal markers
Digital Dreaming — Immersive Theatre	20-minute multi-sensory show using projection mapping, sound, and scent
Humanitarian Education Centre	Truth-telling, cultural competency training, and reconciliation education for schools and corporate groups
Conference & Events Hall	Purpose-built conference venue for up to 150 delegates with full AV and cultural experience integration
Research & Education Hub	Dedicated facility for school groups, university researchers, and community learning; houses Bidjara-owned digital archive

5.5 Integration with Existing Tourism Attractions

Existing Attraction	Integration Opportunity
Cosmos Centre & Planetarium	Day/night precinct pairing; co-produced 'Country Above, Country Below' show; shared dark-sky zone and combined ticketing
WWII Secret Base & Tour	Combined 'Charleville Stories' day pass — three layers of hidden history: First Nations deep time, WWII drama, outback astronomy
Bilby Experience	Nocturnal ecosystem + Bidjara celestial night walk + dark-sky astronomy — 'Night Country' visitor package

Charleville VIC	Precinct content integrated into visitor orientation; pre-booking hub for night walk, workshop, and conference experiences
Southwest QLD Heritage Trail	Indigenous Heritage Trail connecting Charleville, Augathella, and Morven along the Warrego Highway corridor

5.6 Economic Case

Economic Lever	Projected Impact
Extended visitor dwell time	Multi-day precinct visits drive 2–3 additional nights of accommodation, dining, and retail spend
Premium pricing capability	Immersive cultural and celestial night experiences command $45–$65+ per adult internationally
Conference & events economy	Conferences are weather-independent; fill accommodation on weeknights; 3–4 events per year materially shifts the visitor economy
New high-yield visitor segments	Cultural tourists, reconciliation travellers, international FIT visitors, education groups, conference delegates
Shoulder and off-peak activation	Celestial experiences strongest April–September; conference calendar extends year-round revenue
Regional multiplier effect	Increased Charleville visitation drives spend across SW QLD — Augathella, Morven, and Cunnamulla
60% ATSI employment target	Both a social commitment and a grant eligibility requirement; achievable through guiding, hospitality, and education roles

5.7 Staged Implementation Timeline

Stage	Key Actions & Outcomes
Stage 0 — Foundation (2026)	Establish Bidjara/Traditional Owner Reference Group; commission Cultural Landscape Study and FPIC process; engage CWAATSICH; commission business case and feasibility study; lodge initial grant EOIs (BBRF, Qld Tourism Investment, NIAA)
Stage 1 — Foundation Precinct (2027–2028)	Deliver Outdoor Welcome Landscape; launch 'Emu Rising' Night Walk (early commercial revenue); open Hands to Country art workshop; open Humanitarian Education Centre Stage 1; establish Conference & Events Framework
Stage 2 — Expanded Experiences (2029–2030)	Construct Living Languages Gallery and Digital Dreaming Theatre; launch 'Country Above, Country Below' planetarium show; deliver Research and Education Hub; complete conference hall; commission full Field of Light-inspired installation
Stage 3 — Full Operation & Sustainability (2031+)	Achieve full operational self-sustainability; Bidjara Traditional Owner entity achieves co-ownership milestone; establish Bidjara Community Foundation endowment model; secure national and international profile

5.8 Capital Funding Strategy

Total indicative capital seek for Stage 2: $8M–$15M across a staged 3–5 year development. Council does not need to fund this alone. The OMOA Stage 1 delivery track record ($5.885M BBRF-funded) is a rare and valuable credential that strengthens every application.

Funding Stream	Description	Indicative Range
Building Better Regions Fund (Cth)	Proven BBRF track record via OMOA Stage 1; primary Commonwealth vehicle	$1M – $5M
RISE Fund (Cth)	Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand — cultural tourism and conference infrastructure	$500K – $3M
Indigenous Advancement Strategy (NIAA)	Supports Indigenous economic participation, education, and culture	$250K – $2M
Qld Tourism Investment Attraction Grant	State Government investment in tourism infrastructure of regional significance	$500K – $2M
Qld First Nations Economic Development Fund	Specific QLD vehicle for Indigenous economic empowerment; cultural tourism priority	$250K – $1.5M
Qld Dept of Treaty, ATSI Partnerships	Cultural infrastructure aligned to treaty commitments	$200K – $1M
Philanthropic Capital	Paul Ramsay Foundation, Minderoo Foundation, resources sector CSI (Santos, Origin, QGC)	$500K – $2M
Council Capital Contribution	Staged co-investment; land, infrastructure, and in-kind contributions	TBD

5.9 Proposed Council Resolutions

Resolution	Description
Resolution A — In-Principle Support	Council expresses in-principle support for the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct as OMOA Stage 2, acknowledging the Bidjara community's endorsement and subject to co-design and satisfactory feasibility outcomes
Resolution B — Traditional Owner Engagement	Authorises CEO and Director of Community to commence formal engagement with Bidjara People and other Traditional Owner bodies, and with CWAATSICH, to establish the Traditional Owner Reference Group
Resolution C — Feasibility Study	Approves allocation of $[AMOUNT] in the 2026–27 budget for a business case and feasibility study
Resolution D — Grant Strategy Authorisation	Authorises CEO to develop and lodge applications under BBRF, NIAA IAS, and Queensland Tourism Investment Attraction Grant
Resolution E — State and Federal Engagement	Authorises Mayor and CEO to engage with Queensland Minister for Tourism, Queensland Minister for ATSI Partnerships, Federal Member for Maranoa, and NIAA

6. STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

6.1 Framework

Pillar 1 — Strengthen Hero Experiences

Objective	Key Initiatives & Success Measures
Elevate Cosmos Centre, WWII Secret Base, and Bilby Experience quality and consistency; develop OMOA into a cultural asset	• Queensland Welcomes You training for all staff; standardised training; onboarding week before season • Dark Sky Accreditation — monthly reporting; IDA compliance • Sun Viewing building upgrades; Planetarium movie rotation; school curriculum immersive upgrades • Permanent storage facility at WWII Secret Base; nighttime tour product development • Script updates and revamp of Bilby Experience presentation; improve relations with Save the Bilby Fund • Maintenance and safety plans for all facilities uploaded to Safety Champion • Overall maintenance plan per facility • QTIC Accessibility Accreditation review; accessibility improvements to audio, visual, and physical access • Success measure: higher satisfaction scores; increased dwell time; multi-experience bookings

Pillar 2 — Grow Brand Visibility & Digital Strength

Objective	Key Initiatives & Success Measures
Increase awareness, search performance, enter annual tourism awards, and integrate AI as a business tool	• Website redesign with new booking tool; paid advertising; RAAMP better utilisation; marketing plan • AI to assist with review management and ratings monitoring (Review-Pro / QTIC subscription) • Brand identity revamp; real-time content updates; cross-promotional partnerships • Annual awards calendar — allocate facilities to specific awards each year; engage Peak Services or grant writer • Year-round data collection; operator support; communication of wins • Success measure: higher organic search traffic; increased conversion; nominations and awards wins

Pillar 3 — Increase Visitor Stay and Spend

Objective	Key Initiatives & Success Measures
Create compelling multi-day itineraries for priority audiences; encourage 3+ night stays	• 3-night itineraries; seasonal guides; partnerships with Augathella and Morven for regional add-ons • Multi-pass packaging; partner with local businesses for add-ons • Regional dispersal strategy along Warrego Highway corridor • Target 3+ night average length of stay as primary KPI • Success measure: increase in visitor nights; multi-pass sales; higher spend per visitor

Pillar 4 — Partnerships & Industry Development

Objective	Key Initiatives & Success Measures
Build strong relationships across TEQ, QTIC, OQTA, National Parks, Indigenous partners, and SWQROC; grow Indigenous tourism as a distinct sub-category	• Indigenous tourism partnerships — Bidjara co-design framework; CWAATSICH engagement • Dark Skies group formation and ongoing collaboration • Operator capability training; cross-region collaboration with SWQROC members • TEQ Discover Aboriginal Experiences membership application (OMOA Stage 2 eligible) • OQTA DMP — advocate for Bidjara Cultural Precinct as regional flagship in next DMP cycle • Success measure: joint campaigns; increased cross-town visitor flows; State programme inclusion

Pillar 5 — Visitor-Centred Wayfinding & Signage

Objective	Key Initiatives & Success Measures

Make travel easier, clearer, and more accessible within the tourism precinct and broader Shire	• Commence Stage 1 of signage project — tourism precinct wayfinding upgrade • Geo-located audio guides (StoryTime App — SWQROC) • Success measure: higher satisfaction scores; reduced visitor enquiries; repeat visitation

Pillar 6 — Data, Insights & Continuous Improvement

Objective	Key Initiatives & Success Measures
Strengthen decisions through data and feedback; track performance against targets	• Localis licencing for all facility managers • Tap into TEQ data analysis (Dark Skies and National Parks team collaboration) • Visitor dashboards; QR feedback tools; analytics reviews; nightly review sheets • Annual experience reviews; secret shopper programme • Six-monthly review by Tourism Manager; quarterly reports to council • Success measure: reliable data; evidence-based changes; trend identification

Pillar 7 — Brisbane 2032 Readiness

Objective	Key Initiatives & Success Measures
Position Murweh Shire to benefit from increased international visitation; Bilby for Mascot campaign	• International messaging and packaged product available for trade distribution • Infrastructure readiness for increased visitor volumes • Themed products: night sky, WWII USA links, Indigenous cultural tourism • Trade-ready packaging; operator training for international visitor servicing • Success measure: international visitor growth; trade distribution inclusions; TEQ inclusion; strong guest feedback

Pillar 8 — Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct

Objective	Key Initiatives & Success Measures
Deliver OMOA Stage 2 as Australia's first fully integrated Indigenous cultural living landscape — endorsed by the Bidjara People	• Pass Council Resolutions A–E; appoint Project Steering Committee (March/April 2026) • Establish Bidjara/Traditional Owner Reference Group (Sept–Oct 2026) • Commission feasibility study and business case (Jun–Aug 2026) • Lodge BBRF and Qld Tourism Investment EOIs (Jun–Aug 2026) • Ministerial meetings — Qld Tourism and ATSI Partnerships Ministers (May–Jun 2026) • Brief Federal Member for Maranoa; NIAA Queensland engagement (Apr–May 2026) • Lodge NIAA IAS, RISE Fund, and Qld First Nations Economic Development Fund (Oct–Dec 2026) • Success measure: grant pipeline active; feasibility study complete; Traditional Owner Reference Group established by end 2026

7. IMPLEMENTATION AND GOVERNANCE

7.1 Governance and Accountability

Role	Responsibility
Council	Approves the plan, allocates resources, and monitors success measures
Tourism Manager & Director of Communities	Project leads; coordinate internal and external stakeholders; report on progress

MSC Tourism, Events and Marketing Advisory Group	Provide feedback, guidance, and assist with implementation
OMOA Stage 2 Project Steering Committee	CEO, Director of Community, Director of Economic Development, and Bidjara representative(s); quarterly reports to Council
Bidjara/Traditional Owner Reference Group	Co-design authority for all OMOA Stage 2 cultural content, governance, and IP frameworks

7.2 Resourcing and Funding

- Current operating budget: tourism precinct operational expenditure as per adopted budget
- External funding: grant opportunities aligned with the pipeline identified in this plan
- Partnerships: cost-sharing with SWQROC, TEQ, OQTA, and OMOA Stage 2 funders
- Feasibility study budget: $[AMOUNT] to be allocated in 2026–27 budget (Resolution C)

8. MONITORING AND REVIEW

8.1 KPI Dashboard

Category	Measurement	Target (2032)
Economic	Total Visitor Expenditure ($)	Year-on-year growth
Volume/Stay	Average Length of Stay (Nights)	3+ Nights
Product Quality	Average TripAdvisor/Google Rating (Hero Products)	4.5 Stars
Digital Reach	Website Organic Search Traffic (Users p.a.)	Annual increase
Sustainability	% Accredited Operators	Certified Destination
Indigenous Tourism	OMOA Stage 2 — visitor numbers; revenue; ATSI employment %	60% ATSI workforce by Stage 3
Conference Economy	Number of conference events p.a.; delegate expenditure	Baseline established Stage 1
Grant Pipeline	Active applications; funding secured	Stage 0 pipeline active by Dec 2026

8.2 Document Review Schedule

- Monthly: Tourism Report to Council — tracking KPIs and operational performance
- Quarterly: Review by Tourism, Events and Marketing Advisory Committee
- Annual: Budget and priorities review via report to Council
- Mid-Term (2028): Comprehensive review of entire document to align with newly elected Councillors; review of objectives, vision, goals, and SWOT analysis in the lead-up to the 2032 Games

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- Resolution 056/22 (October 2022) — Appointment of March Studios as architects for OMOA final design and construction documentation, at a cost of $320,000.
- Resolution 168/23 (July 2023) — Appointment of SPANTECH as construction contractor for OMOA at a cost of $5,885,000 ex GST, funded under the Building Better Regions Fund.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The following acronyms and abbreviations are used throughout this strategic plan and associated project briefs. Where a body, fund, or programme has been renamed or superseded, the most current name is noted.

Acronym	Full Name and Description
AIATSIS	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies — the national institution for the documentation, preservation, and promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage. Proposed digital archive and research partner for OMOA Stage 2.
ANU	Australian National University — research partner identified for Indigenous astronomy research and co-production of Bidjara celestial narrative content for OMOA Stage 2.
ATDW	Australian Tourism Data Warehouse — the national database of tourism product and experience listings used by operators and destination management organisations for distribution and trade.
ATSI	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander — used as an adjective to describe peoples, communities, partnerships, and programmes relating to Australia's First Nations peoples.
AV	Audiovisual — refers to integrated audio and visual presentation equipment and infrastructure in conference and event facilities.
BBRF	Building Better Regions Fund — a Commonwealth Government competitive grants programme administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA). MSC secured $5,885,000 under BBRF for OMOA Stage 1 (Resolution 168/23).
CBD	Central Business District — the commercial and retail core of a town. Refers here to the Charleville CBD and its role in the visitor servicing and retail economy.
CEO	Chief Executive Officer — the most senior officer of Murweh Shire Council, responsible for implementing Council resolutions and managing Council operations.
CQF	Connecting Queensland Fund — a Queensland Government aviation fund established under Destination 2045 (announced June 2025) to attract new direct international and domestic flights into and around Queensland, including to regional tourism attractions.
CSI	Corporate Social Investment — investment by private sector companies (particularly resources sector operators such as Santos, Origin Energy, and QGC) in community and cultural projects within their areas of operation, as part of their social licence obligations.
CWAATSICH	Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health — the primary Aboriginal community health service operating in Charleville and Southwest Queensland. Identified as the critical local First Nations institutional partner for OMOA Stage 2. (Confirmed: Resolution 199/25 and Council records.)
DAE	Discover Aboriginal Experiences — a Tourism Australia collective of quality, authentic Aboriginal-guided tourism offerings marketed to domestic and international visitors. OMOA Stage 2 is identified as a target for DAE membership once operational.
DESI	Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument — a major international astronomy survey instrument. Referenced in the context of the Cosmos Centre's expanded dark skies programming and scientific partnership opportunities.
DETSI	Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation — Queensland Government department responsible for tourism policy, Destination 2045, and the 45×45 ecotourism programme.

DITRDCA	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts — Australian Government department responsible for administering the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).
DMP	Destination Management Plan — a strategic document prepared by a Regional Tourism Organisation (such as OQTA) to guide tourism development, product, and marketing priorities for a defined geographic region over a set period.
EOI	Expression of Interest — a pre-application submission to a funding body or procurement process that establishes eligibility and interest before a full application is invited.
FIT	Fully Independent Traveller (also Free Independent Traveller) — a high-yield international visitor who travels independently rather than as part of a packaged group tour. FIT travellers are a key target segment for premium cultural experiences.
FPIC	Free, Prior, and Informed Consent — an international standard for engaging with Indigenous peoples on projects that may affect their rights, lands, cultures, and wellbeing. FPIC underpins all cultural content development for OMOA Stage 2 and is a requirement of best-practice co-design.
IAS	Indigenous Advancement Strategy — a Commonwealth Government programme administered by NIAA supporting Indigenous economic participation, education, and culture. A primary funding pathway for OMOA Stage 2.
IDA	International Dark-Sky Association — the global authority on dark sky standards and accreditation. IDA standards apply to all outdoor lighting design at OMOA Stage 2 to protect celestial experience quality.
IP	Intellectual Property — the legal rights associated with cultural knowledge, stories, designs, languages, and creative works. Traditional Owner co-ownership of cultural IP is a non-negotiable governance principle of OMOA Stage 2.
KPI	Key Performance Indicator — a measurable value used to evaluate the success of an activity or strategy against defined targets. KPIs are tracked monthly and reported to Council via the Tourism Report.
LGA	Local Government Area — a defined geographic area administered by a local government authority. Murweh Shire is an LGA in Southwest Queensland covering Charleville, Augathella, and Morven.
MICE	Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions — the business events market segment. The proposed conference hall in OMOA Stage 2 is designed to capture MICE market demand currently unmet in Southwest Queensland.
MSC	Murweh Shire Council — the local government authority for the Murweh Shire, Queensland. Responsible for governance, funding, and operational oversight of the tourism precinct and OMOA development.
NIAA	National Indigenous Australians Agency — the Australian Government agency responsible for Indigenous policy, programmes, and service delivery, including administration of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS). A key funding and engagement partner for OMOA Stage 2.
NVS	National Visitor Survey — a Tourism Research Australia continuous survey measuring domestic tourism activity in Australia, including visitor numbers, nights, and expenditure by region and purpose.
OMOA	Outback Museum of Australia — a major cultural infrastructure project in Charleville, designed by March Studios and constructed by SPANTECH at a cost of $5,885,000 under the Building Better Regions Fund (Resolution 168/23). Stage 2 is the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct.
OQTA	Outback Queensland Tourism Association — the Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) for Outback Queensland, representing 19 local governments and a broad membership of tourism operators. Responsible for the Destination Management Plan and “Big Skies, Bigger Adventures” destination marketing campaign.

OVE	Overnight Visitor Expenditure — the total spend by visitors who stayed at least one night in a destination. A primary TRA metric for measuring the economic value of tourism to a region.
QGC	Queensland Gas Company — a natural gas and LNG producer operating in Southwest Queensland (now a Shell subsidiary). Identified as a potential corporate social investment partner for OMOA Stage 2 alongside Santos and Origin Energy.
QTIC	Queensland Tourism Industry Council — the peak industry body representing Queensland's tourism sector. Provides accreditation (including accessibility accreditation), training, and industry development programmes referenced in this plan.
QUT	Queensland University of Technology — identified as an education and research partner for interactive digital experience design, VR/AR development, and humanitarian education co-production for OMOA Stage 2.
RAAMP	Rate, Availability, and Amenity Management Platform — a digital distribution and channel management tool used by tourism operators to manage online bookings and rate distribution across multiple platforms.
RADF	Regional Arts Development Fund — a Queensland Government and local government co-funded grants programme supporting arts and cultural development in regional communities. Administered by Council. Relevant for cultural content development and artist commissioning at OMOA Stage 2.
RISE Fund	Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand the Culture, Heritage and Arts Sector — a Commonwealth Government grants programme supporting cultural tourism and creative infrastructure. An identified funding pathway for OMOA Stage 2 ($500K–$3M indicative range).
RTO	Regional Tourism Organisation — a body responsible for destination marketing and management within a defined region. OQTA is the RTO for Outback Queensland.
SW QLD / SWQROC	Southwest Queensland / South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils — the regional collaboration body for local governments in Southwest Queensland. Also referred to as SWROC. MSC is a member. Referenced in context of regional tourism partnerships, the StoryTime App geo-located audio guide, and the Southwest QLD Indigenous Heritage Trail.
TEQ	Tourism and Events Queensland — the Queensland Government's statutory body responsible for tourism marketing, events, product development, and data and insights. Operates under the TEQ Strategic Plan 2025–29 aligned to Destination 2045.
THRIVE 2030	The Re-Imagined Visitor Economy Strategy 2030 — Australia's national industry-led, government-enabled strategy for the long-term sustainable growth of the visitor economy, targeting $230 billion in total visitor expenditure by 2030. Administered by Austrade.
TRA	Tourism Research Australia — the Australian Government's national tourism research and statistics agency, responsible for the National Visitor Survey (NVS), International Visitor Survey (IVS), Annual Benchmark Report, and First Nations Tourism Statistics. The primary data source for visitor economy figures cited in this plan.
TVE	Total Visitor Expenditure — the combined spend by all visitors (overnight and day trip) in a destination. A broader metric than OVE, capturing the full economic contribution of all visitor types.
UniSQ	University of Southern Queensland — a regional university with campuses at Toowoomba, Springfield, and Ipswich. Identified as a potential anchor research partner for OMOA Stage 2 given its existing outback and Indigenous research programmes and proximity to Southwest Queensland.

VIC	Visitor Information Centre — the Charleville Visitor Information Centre, operated by Murweh Shire Council as the primary point of visitor orientation and pre-booking for tourism precinct experiences.
VR / AR	Virtual Reality / Augmented Reality — immersive digital technologies used to create interactive experiences. Identified as development tools for OMOA Stage 2 digital content in partnership with QUT Creative Industries.
WTTC	World Travel and Tourism Council — the global authority on the economic and social contribution of travel and tourism. Published the 2024 report projecting global Indigenous tourism will contribute USD $67 billion to the world economy by 2034.
WWII	World War II — the global conflict of 1939–1945. Charleville's WWII Secret Base & Tour is a key hero experience within the tourism precinct, documenting the town's significant role as a wartime aviation hub.
YE	Year Ending — refers to the 12-month period concluding on a specified date (e.g. YE June 2025 = July 2024 to June 2025). Used by TRA and TEQ as the standard reporting period for visitor economy statistics.

14.11 MURWEH BUSINESS IMPACT SURVEY - FUEL COSTS AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS RESULTS

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the results of the Murweh Business Impact Survey on Fuel Costs and Regional Economic Conditions as presented in this report.
2. Note that a second community-wide survey is currently being administered to gather broader sentiment from the Murweh community, with results to be presented to Council upon completion.

BACKGROUND

Fuel costs represent one of the most significant and persistent economic pressures facing businesses, industries, and households across remote and regional Queensland. For the Murweh Shire, where geographic isolation means that virtually all goods, services, and productive activity depend on road-based transport, elevated fuel prices have compounding effects across the local economy.

In recognition of these pressures, Council authorised the administration to conduct a structured survey of local businesses to establish a baseline understanding of how fuel costs are affecting business operations, viability, and strategic outlook within the Murweh Shire. The survey targeted businesses operating across the commercial, agricultural, hospitality, tourism, and service sectors.

The survey instrument was designed to capture both quantitative and qualitative data, including the proportion of operating costs attributable to fuel, the extent to which fuel cost increases have been passed on to customers, the impact on employment decisions, and the confidence outlook of local business operators.

The survey has now closed, responses have been compiled, and the results have been analysed and presented to Councillors in a visual summary format. This report provides a formal briefing on those findings for the purposes of the council meeting record.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to formally present the results of the Murweh Business Impact Survey on Fuel Costs and Regional Economic Conditions to Council for receipt and noting, and to advise Council that a second, broader community survey is currently underway.

DISCUSSION

The Murweh Business Impact Survey was distributed to local businesses across the Murweh Shire, with responses sought from operators across a range of sectors including retail, hospitality and tourism, agriculture and grazing, transport and logistics, and professional and personal services.

Respondents were asked to indicate the current proportion of their total operating costs attributable to fuel and fuel-related freight, whether recent fuel price movements had materially affected their business operations, and whether they had been required to adjust staffing, service levels, pricing, or investment decisions as a result. Respondents were also invited to provide open-ended commentary on economic conditions more broadly.

The results of the survey have been compiled and presented in a visual summary format, providing Councillors with a clear overview of findings across the key survey dimensions. Key themes emerging from the survey include the disproportionate impact of fuel costs on transport-dependent businesses, the limited capacity of many local operators to absorb price increases without passing them on to customers or reducing service output, and cautious confidence in the medium-term outlook subject to fuel price stability.

The analysis confirms that fuel cost pressures are not experienced uniformly across the local business community. Agricultural and transport operators report the highest proportional fuel cost burden, while hospitality and tourism operators have expressed particular concern about the cumulative effect of fuel costs on visitor numbers and visitor spending patterns, given the distance visitors must travel to reach the region.

The survey findings will be used to inform Council's ongoing advocacy efforts with state and federal government, to support evidence-based submissions regarding rural and regional fuel pricing, and to shape Council's economic development and community service planning.

Second Community Survey

Building on the business-focused first survey, a second survey instrument has been developed and is currently being administered to the broader Murweh community. This second survey is designed to capture the lived experience and economic sentiment of residents and households across the shire, rather than being limited to business operators.

The timing of the second survey is deliberate. With the Easter holiday period having concluded and the regional tourism season now expected to be in full swing, the survey seeks to test the temperature of the wider community at a point when visitor activity, spending, and community confidence are typically at their seasonal peak. Responses gathered during this period will provide a meaningful contrast to the business-focused results and will assist Council in understanding whether the community's economic outlook reflects the conditions being experienced at the business level.

Results of the second survey will be compiled and presented to Council upon the close of the survey period.

Consultation

The survey was administered by the Directorate of Community, Community Services and Community Infrastructure. Internal consultation was undertaken with the Chief Executive Officer in the development of the survey instrument and in the preparation of this report. No external agency consultation was required for this information-only report.

Social Risks

The results of the survey, if communicated publicly without appropriate context, could generate community anxiety about economic conditions or create unrealistic expectations regarding Council's capacity to directly influence fuel pricing. It is recommended that any public communication of survey results be managed carefully and framed within Council's broader economic advocacy and community resilience messaging.

Legal Risks

No legal risks are identified. The survey was voluntary, anonymised, and conducted in accordance with applicable privacy principles. Council's consideration of the results is consistent with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) to act in the public interest and to engage transparently with its community.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Corporate Plan 2024–2028

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.

4.2.1 Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Charleville Business Impact Survey ⇩

Charleville Business Impact Survey

Fuel Costs & Economic Conditions | Business Community Response | Murweh Shire Council

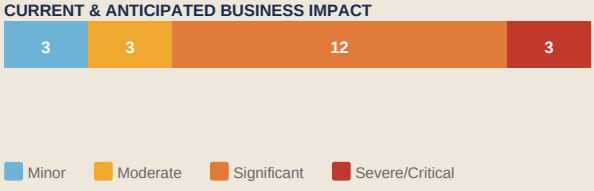
FOR COUNCILLORS

Survey — 8 April 2026

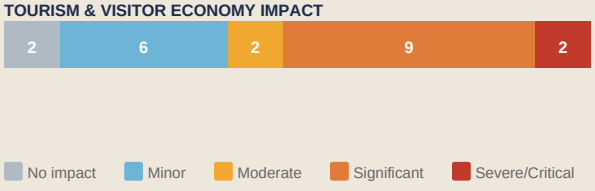
21	71%	52%	29%
Businesses responded	Significant or Severe business impact	Significant or Severe tourism & visitor impact	Actively diversifying business model

IMPACT ASSESSMENT BY CATEGORY — 21 RESPONDENTS

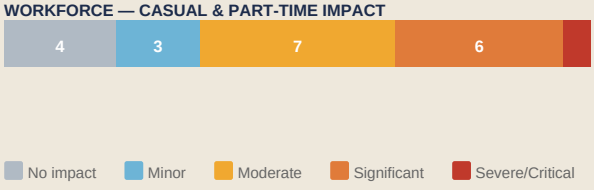
CURRENT & ANTICIPATED BUSINESS IMPACT



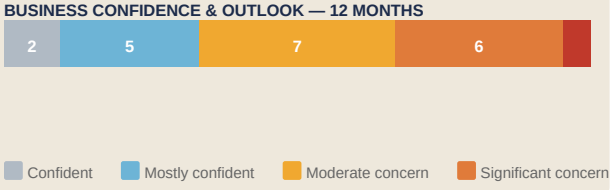
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY IMPACT



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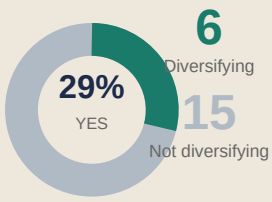


BUSINESS CONFIDENCE & OUTLOOK — 12 MONTHS



BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION

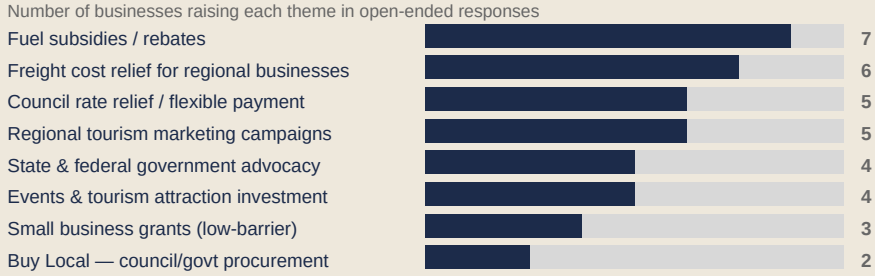
Opportunities to diversify or pivot?



Strategies: E-commerce, virtual inspections, supply streamlining,

SUPPORT NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY BUSINESSES

Number of businesses raising each theme in open-ended responses



> *Biggest feedback is not the cost of fuel, but getting stuck here due to no fuel to get home. I fear what the impact will be on my business heading into the tourist season.*
>
> — Cobb & Co Caravan Park

> *Regional disadvantage is real. Subsidised freight and face-to-face engagement — not more emails — are what we need from industry bodies and government.*
>
> — Charleville Betta

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

- Waltzing Matilda Motor Inn
- Mahon Cleaning Services
- Murphy & Capewell Construction
- EW Wilkinson & Co
- Charleville 4RRFM
- Heinemanns Country Bakery
- Outback Energy / South West Tech
- R&P Taylor Embroidery/Fencing
- Charleville Real Estate
- Pets & Plants Charleville
- Cobb & Co Caravan Park
- Gidgee Smith / Bush Camp / Coffee
- Sandalwood & Sage / KLP Creative
- Independent Respondent
- Charleville Betta
- Western Rural Services
- TD & GR Eckel Pty Ltd
- Charleville Motel
- Biddenham Pastoral Co
- Warrego Motel Charleville
- Anonymous Respondent

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Community Services & Infrastructure Directorate | Prepared for Councillors — 8 April 2026

21 responses — Charleville-area businesses
Data indicative only — not statistically representative

Key Findings

Charleville Business Impact Survey — April 2026 | Murweh Shire Council

FOR COUNCILLORS

8 April 2026

In response to the prolonged fuel supply disruption and rising cost pressures affecting the Charleville region, Murweh Shire Council's Community Services Directorate conducted a rapid business impact survey on 8 April 2026. A total of 21 businesses across retail, hospitality, tourism, agriculture, construction, services and media responded. This page summarises the key findings for Councillors' consideration ahead of the 21 April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

1 Business impact is overwhelmingly Significant to Severe

Of the 21 businesses surveyed, 71% (15 businesses) rated current economic impact on their operations as Significant or Severe/Critical. Only three businesses rated impact as Minor, with none reporting no impact at all. This is concentrated in fuel-sensitive sectors: hospitality, tourism accommodation, rural services, construction, and retail reliant on freight delivery. The data points to a widespread, cross-sector economic stress event rather than an isolated industry problem.

> *57% rate impact as Significant | 14% rate impact as Severe/Critical*

2 Tourism and visitor economy faces an acute, compounding threat

52% of respondents (11 businesses) reported Significant or Severe/Critical tourism impacts. Multiple accommodation and tourism operators noted the primary driver of cancellations is not fuel cost itself, but traveller uncertainty about whether fuel will be available for the return journey. Cobb & Co Caravan Park and the Warrego Motel both flagged this ahead of their peak revenue season. One operator reported retail spending had dropped approximately 80% compared to the same period last year.

> *Visitor confidence — not just fuel cost — is suppressing regional tourism demand*

3 Workforce impacts are building but not yet critical — for now

Workforce impact is presently less acute than overall business impact, with 33% rating it Moderate and four businesses reporting no current workforce impact. However, 33% (7 businesses) rate workforce impact as Significant, with one business (Warrego Motel) rating it Severe/Critical. Several respondents noted difficulty attracting and retaining staff as a pre-existing challenge now exacerbated by economic conditions. The Charleville Motel raised the DAMA (Designated Area Migration Agreement) framework as a workforce solution requiring government support.

> *Workforce impacts are lagging — conditions may deteriorate through Q2–Q3 if fuel uncertainty continues*

4 Business confidence is cautious, but has not collapsed

On 12-month outlook, 7 of 21 businesses (33%) expressed moderate concern and 6 expressed significant concern. Only one business rated its outlook as critical. Charleville Real Estate reported more residents moving in than out and increased external buyer interest — a positive signal. Bakery and technology respondents noted uncertainty rather than pessimism. Overall, businesses appear in a holding pattern, watching conditions before making structural decisions about hours, staffing, or viability.

> *Businesses are resilient but watching — the next 60 days will be determinative*

WHAT BUSINESSES ARE ASKING FOR — RANKED BY FREQUENCY

Support Theme	n	Suggested Council / Government Action
Fuel subsidies / rebates	7	Advocate to State & Federal for regional fuel excise relief or travel voucher programs
Freight cost relief	6	Lobby for reinstatement of freight subsidy programs; support bulk buying arrangements
Council rates relief / flexible payment	5	Consider temporary rate deferral or payment plan options for affected businesses
Regional tourism marketing	5	Partner with QTIC & TEQ on destination campaigns; promote fuel supply confidence
State & federal government advocacy	4	Formal resolution to relevant Ministers; LGAQ escalation; collaborate with neighbours
Events & tourism attraction investment	4	Prioritise event funding; explore artesian spa feasibility; support main street presentation
Small business grants (accessible)	3	Advocate for QRIDA or DESBT programs; promote existing grant pathways
Buy Local — council/govt procurement	2	Internal review of MSC procurement to prioritise local suppliers where items available

14.12 KATHERINE BENNEL-PEGG VISIT

Author: **Tourism, Marketing & Events Manager**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report regarding the Katherine Bennell-Pegg visit which occurred in March 2026.

BACKGROUND

PURPOSE

To inform Council of the outcomes and impact of the recent visit by Australian astronaut and 2026 Australian of the Year, Katherine Bennell-Pegg.

OVERVIEW

Murweh Shire had the privilege of hosting Katherine Bennell-Pegg during March 2026. The visit delivered a series of coordinated engagements across the community, education sector and key tourism assets, positioning Charleville as a centre for science engagement and regional inspiration.

The Katherine Bennell-Pegg visit was well received by the community, local schools and invited guests. The various activations were well attended, professionally delivered and ran smoothly across all locations. This included the community event at the Town Hall, the VIP experience at the Cosmos Centre for invited guests, engaging school sessions, and the meet-and-greet at the Charleville Airfield Museum. Each component of the programme contributed to a cohesive and positive experience, showcasing Charleville's capability to host high-quality events and reinforcing strong community engagement.

OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

The visit delivered strong social and educational outcomes, particularly in inspiring young people to pursue careers in science, technology and aerospace. Feedback received highlights the significant personal impact of the experience, with attendees noting increased motivation and aspiration following direct interaction with Katherine Bennell-Pegg. See letter from Maria Esmayeli attached.

The Australian Space Agency formally acknowledged the success of the visit, noting the exceptional coordination and the strong sense of optimism, innovation and community spirit demonstrated throughout the programme. The Agency also highlighted the positive impression of Charleville's tourism assets, including the Cosmos Centre.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The visit generated strong media exposure for Charleville and the Murweh Shire. A media monitoring report indicates:

- 20 media mentions across a four-day period
- Coverage spanning television (55%), radio (20%), print (15%) and online (10%)
- An estimated cumulative audience reach of approximately 962,588 people

This level of exposure significantly enhanced the region's profile at a state and national level, reinforcing Charleville's positioning in astronomy and science-based tourism.

CONCLUSION

The visit by Katherine Bennell-Pegg represents a highly successful initiative for Murweh Shire, delivering measurable benefits across community engagement, education, tourism promotion and media visibility. It further strengthens Charleville's reputation as a destination for science, discovery and meaningful visitor experiences.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Media Report - KBP** ⇩
2. **Correspondence from Maria Esmayeli** ⇩

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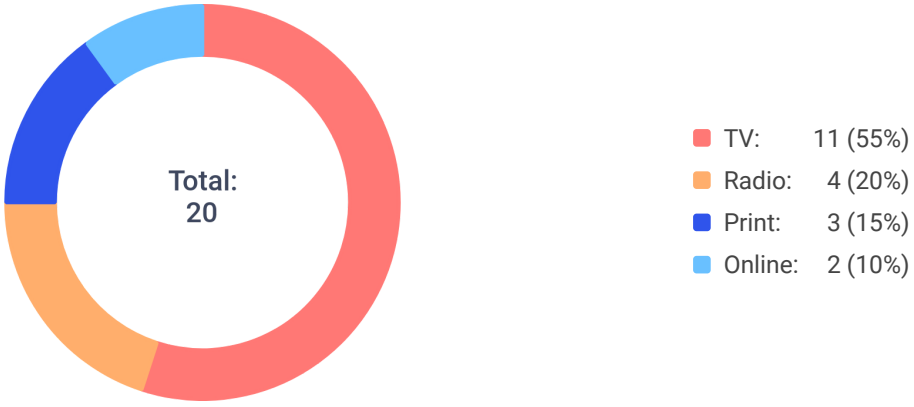
Media Coverage Report

Katherine Bennell Pegg | Compiled for Department of Industry, Science and Resources on 23 March 2026, 9:39am

Media types: Print Online TV Radio

Coverage by Media Type

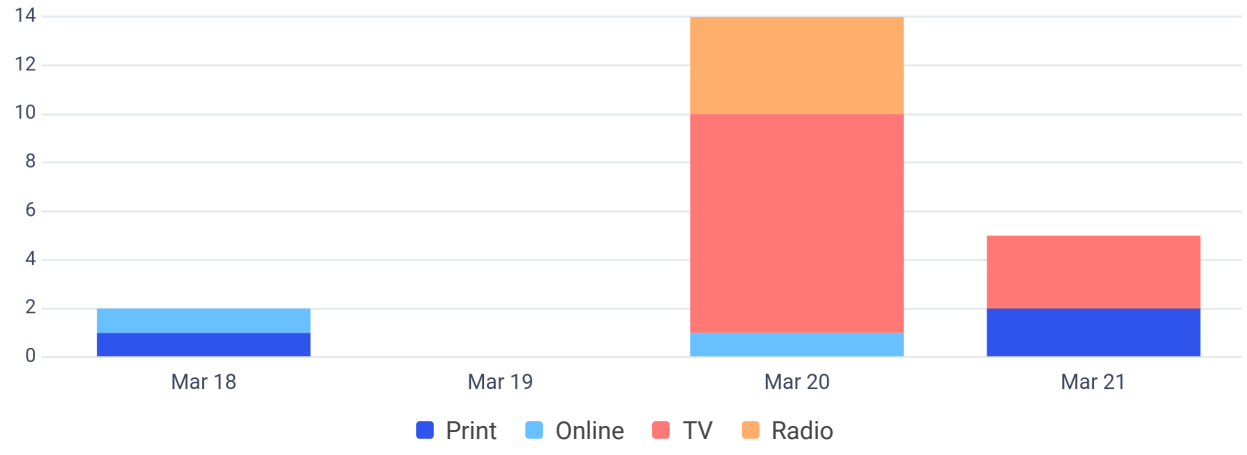
Total mentions by media type over the selected coverage period.



Coverage Volume Timeline

20 items over 4 days

A breakdown of mentions by media type displayed over the selected coverage period.

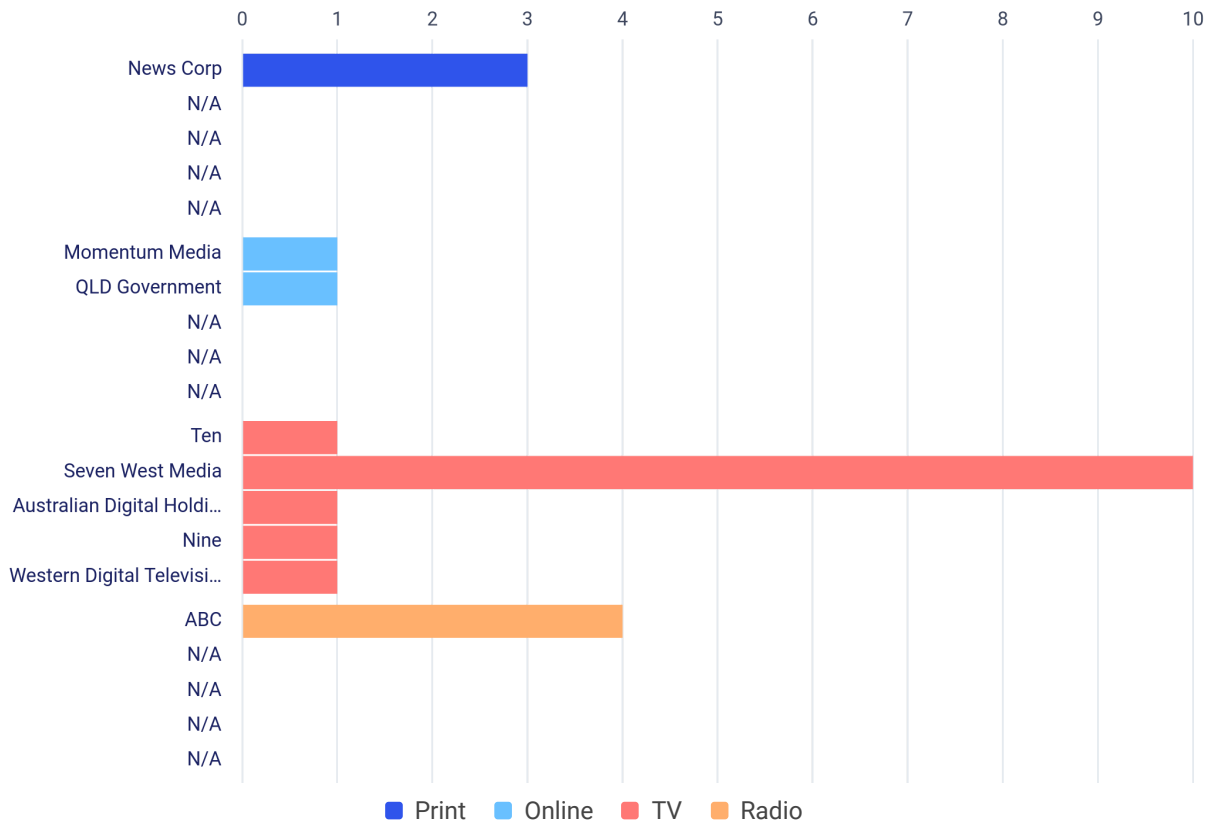


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Leading Media Outlets

Top 5 Media Groups over the selected coverage period.



Themes

The most frequently mentioned keywords found within the Mention Stream. Font size indicates the frequency of the keyword by volume.



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Leading Print sources

#1	The Advertiser	2
#2	The Mercury	1
#3	N/A	
#4	N/A	
#5	N/A	

Leading Online Sources

Leading Online sources

#1	Australian Aviation	1
#1	Queensland Government Statements	1
#3	N/A	
#4	N/A	
#5	N/A	

Leading TV Programs

Leading TV programs

#1	Seven News	8
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#2	Nine News Special	1
#2	Jamie Oliver: Eat Yourself Healthy	1
#2	Movie: The Dressmaker	1

Leading Radio Programs

Leading Radio programs

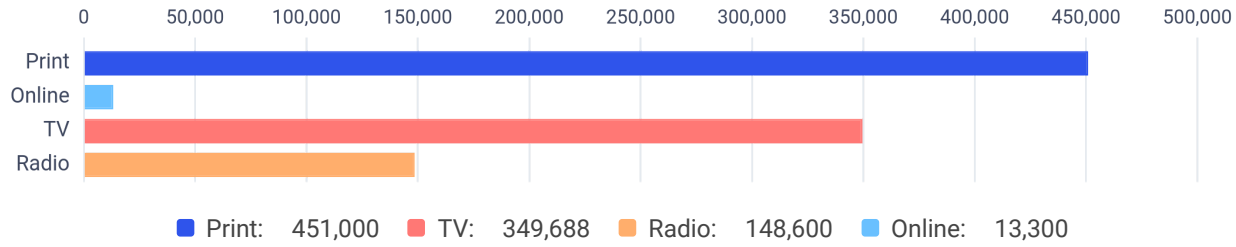
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#3	Drive with Jenny Marchant	1
#3	Thank God It's Friday with Charlie Pickering	1
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Potential Audience Reach

962,588 over 4 days

A cumulative Potential Audience Reach figure by media type across the selected timeframe. This chart uses a calculation which takes into account source duplication to provide a more accurate cumulative figure.



Methodology

- **Syndications:** Display of syndications is based on the report creator's selection to group or ungroup at the report creation stage.
- **Potential Audience Reach:** Roy Morgan for Print and Magazines; Nielsen for Online; OzTam and Regional TAM for TV; GFK and Xtra Insights for Radio. To read more please click here.
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- **Themes:** Up to 30 keywords are displayed.

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Mentions - sorted by time, descending

Syndicated Mentions have been grouped for this report: Syndicated items will be combined into a single item with an indication of total syndication beneath.

Seven News

Seven | 21 March 2026, 7:56pm AEDT

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Keywords: KATHERINE BENNELL-PEGG (1)

View TV Item Potential Audience: 6,125 | Media ID: TS327776759

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Nine News Special

5:00pm to 6:00pm | Nine (Adelaide) | 21 March 2026, 6:12pm AEDT

All right, now let's trap in someone who actually wants to go to outer space. That is our very own astronaut. Katherine Bennell-Pegg. Let's give her a countdown. One. Katherine Bennell-Pegg our Australian of the year t right. We find money for that.

Keywords: Katherine Bennell-Pegg (2)

View TV Item Media ID: TC620516662

Ten Late News

Ten | 21 March 2026, 12:56am AEDT

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Keywords: KATHERINE BENNELL-PEGG (4)

View TV Item Potential Audience: 2,724 | Media ID: TS327659237

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Narrow window of opportunity to put Aussie in space

The Advertiser | by Natasha Emeck 21 March 2026, 12:30am AEDT

Australia is in a race against the clock to decide whether astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg will blast into orbit, after the European Space Agency (ESA) greenlit a new mission to the International Space Station.

Keywords: Katherine Bennell-Pegg (3)

View Print Item Potential Audience: 220,000 | Media ID: PR101279861

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Race is on for Aussie space spot

The Mercury | 21 March 2026, 12:00am AEDT

Australia is in a race against the clock to decide whether astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg will blast into orbit, after the European Space Agency greenlit a new mission to the International Space Station.

Keywords: Katherine Bennell-Pegg (2)

View Print Item

Potential Audience: 53,000 | Media ID: PR101244404

Movie: The Dressmaker

8:00pm to 10:30pm | Seven (Toowoomba) | 20 March 2026, 9:41pm AEDT

Katherine bennell- pegg says australia Australia needs every curious mind, regardless of background or postcode.

Keywords: Katherine bennell- pegg (1)

View TV Item

Potential Audience: 6,017 | Media ID: TC620103088

Seven News

Seven | 20 March 2026, 7:38pm AEDT

REACH FOR THE MOON. ASTRONAUT TOUCHES DOWN ON SPECIAL MISSION. CHARLEVILLE. NEWS. KATHERINE BENNELL-PEGG. ASTRONAUT. NEWS. LIFESAVER. SURFERS PARADISE. AMANDA ABATE. LREPORTING. NEWS. NEWS. ESCU. 1532 OF. rasenbauer. -secure. PARK. ws.

Keywords: KATHERINE BENNELL-PEGG (1)

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Potential Audience: 112,000 | Media ID: TS327624252

Thank God It's Friday!

7:00pm to 8:00pm | ABC Radio National (Australia) | 20 March 2026, 7:09pm AEDT

The International Space Station, but at a cost of $100 million, Holy guacamole, Australia has the chance to create history by sending Australia's female astronaut, Australian of the Year, Katherine Bennell Pegg to space, The catch?

Keywords: Katherine Bennell Pegg (1)

View Radio Item

Potential Audience: 17,600 | Media ID: RA4250406252

Seven News

Seven | 20 March 2026, 7:07pm AEDT

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Keywords: KATHERINE BENNELL-PEGG (1)

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Keywords: KATHERINE BENNELL-PEGG (1)

View TV Item — Potential Audience: 8,180 | Media ID: TS327619836

Seven News
6:00pm to 6:30pm | Seven (Wide Bay) | 20 March 2026, 7:06pm AEDT

Katherine bennell- pegg had a fascination for space as a child - now she's opened a path for new generations to follow. Swapping the aerospace for a school sports hall dazzling the stars of tomorrow.

Keywords: Katherine bennell- pegg (1)

View TV Item — Potential Audience: 42,194 | Media ID: TC620046376

Seven News
6:00pm to 6:30pm | Seven (Sunshine Coast) | 20 March 2026, 7:05pm AEDT

Katherine bennell- pegg had a fascination for space as a child - now she's opened a path for new generations to follow. Swapping the aerospace for a school sports hall dazzling the stars of tomorrow.

Keywords: Katherine bennell- pegg (1)

View TV Item — Potential Audience: 42,194 | Media ID: TC620045583

Seven News
6:00pm to 6:30pm | Seven (Rockhampton) | 20 March 2026, 7:05pm AEDT

Katherine bennell- pegg had a fascination for space as a child - now she's opened a path for new generations to follow.

Keywords: Katherine bennell- pegg (1)

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Seven News
Seven | 20 March 2026, 7:04pm AEDT

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Keywords: KATHERINE BENNELL-PEGG (1)

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Drive with Jenny Marchant

3:00pm to 6:00pm | ABC Newcastle (Newcastle) | 20 March 2026, 5:09pm AEDT

A place on the International Space Station, but at a cost of $100 million, Holy guacamole, Australia has the chance to create history by sending Australia's female astronaut, Australian of the Year, Katherine Bennell Pegg, to space, The catch?

Keywords: Katherine Bennell Pegg (1)

View Radio Item Potential Audience: 6,100 | Media ID: RA4250199719

Syndications: ABC Central Victoria, ABC Coffs Coast, ABC Illawarra, ABC Newcastle, ABC Sydney

Drive with Jess McGuire

3:00pm to 6:00pm | ABC Mid North Coast (Port Macquarie) | 20 March 2026, 5:09pm AEDT

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Keywords: Katherine Bennell Pegg (1)

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Syndications: ABC Central West NSW, ABC Mid North Coast, ABC New England North West, ABC North Coast, ABC Riverina, ABC South East NSW

Thank God It's Friday! with Charlie Pickering

5:00pm to 6:00pm | ABC Melbourne (Melbourne) | 20 March 2026, 5:09pm AEDT

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Keywords: Katherine Bennell Pegg (1)

View Radio Item Potential Audience: 38,000 | Media ID: RA4250202017

Syndications: ABC Ballarat, ABC Gippsland, ABC Goulburn Murray, ABC Melbourne, ABC Mildura Swan Hill, ABC Shepparton, ABC South West Victoria, ABC Western Plains, ABC Wimmera

Inspiration ignites at 2026 World Science Festival

Queensland Government Statements | 20 March 2026, 12:45pm AEDT

...features free and low-cost events for families including Ask an Astronaut with 2026 Australian of the Year, astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg, as well as free admission to Robots and Rocketry, Smelly Science, the Microverse, Citizen Science Fair and...

Keywords: Katherine Bennell-Pegg (1)

View Online Item Potential Audience: 7,000 | Media ID: ON746329913

Syndications: Queensland Government Statements, The National Tribune

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Aerospace firm promises $1m to get Aussie astronaut to space

Australian Aviation | by Stephen Kuper 18 March 2026, 1:00am AEDT

Australian aerospace and defence firm Nova Systems has pledged $1 million to support efforts to send Australian astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg to the International Space Station, a mission that would mark a historic milestone for the nation's space...

Keywords: Katherine Bennell-Pegg (1)

View Online Item Potential Audience: 6,300 | Media ID: ON744469487

Our starstruck students back space ambition

The Advertiser | by Jacinta Round 18 March 2026, 12:30am AEDT

Year 8 student Emily Jackson's message to the Prime Minister is simple: sending astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg to space would "open doors for more Australians to reach for the stars".

Keywords: Katherine Bennell-Pegg (3)

View Print Item Potential Audience: 178,000 | Media ID: PR100952083

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25 March 2026

Hi Dear Robyn,

Hope you are well.

After taking a few days to reflect, I truly felt that I needed to write this message to express my deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to you, the Mayor, and everyone involved in making this incredible opportunity possible, and how deeply this experience has impacted me.

I honestly don't think words can fully describe how much this meant to me. Being able to meet our first astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg in person, ask my questions, and have a real conversation with her was something I had only ever imagined before. That moment became real and had a profound impact on me. It didn't just inspire me, it felt like fuel added to my dreams, pushing me forward with even more determination than before.

As someone who is working hard every day toward becoming an aerospace engineer in future, and hopefully one day an astronaut, this experience meant everything to me. It made my goals feel closer, more real, and more possible.

I feel incredibly lucky and grateful that I had the chance to meet Katherine and speak with her. When I look back at those two days, I truly see them as some of the best and most meaningful days of my life. Even now, thinking about them fills my heart with so much happiness and motivation.

I want to sincerely thank all of you for making this event possible, and also for inviting me to be part of it. Your kindness and support have left a lasting impact on me, and I will carry this experience with me as I continue my journey.

Thank you again for the wonderful event last week.

Kind regards,

Maria

P.S. I would also like to apologise for my delayed response to the original invitation. The email unfortunately did not appear in my inbox at the time, and I only became aware of it when Angela from the Charleville Neighbourhood Centre kindly contacted me. I truly appreciate the follow-up and I'm very sorry for any inconvenience caused.

14.13 AUSTRALIAN TOURISM EXCHANGE 2026 INVITATION

Author: **Tourism, Marketing & Events Manager**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the Tourism Marketing and Events Manager's attendance at the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE26), recognising the strategic value of participation in promoting the Murweh Shire and supporting growth in visitation and regional tourism outcomes.

BACKGROUND

Council has received an invitation to participate in the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE26), to be held in Adelaide in 2026. ATE is Australia's largest annual tourism trade event, bringing together international travel buyers and Australian tourism operators in a structured business-to-business environment.

The invitation has been extended through the Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA), who will also be subsidising conference participation costs. This support provides a valuable opportunity for Council to engage at an international level in a cost-effective manner.

The Tourism Marketing and Everts Manager will attend this event to represent Experience Charleville and the broader Murweh Shire. Participation will provide a platform to showcase the region's signature experiences to key domestic and international distribution partners.

Attendance at ATE26 will support the development of new trade relationships, strengthen existing partnerships, and increase inclusion in travel itineraries and packages. This aligns with Council's objective to grow visitation, encourage longer stays, and enhance the region's profile within the competitive tourism market.

The opportunity to engage directly with high-value buyers is expected to deliver long-term benefits for the local tourism economy and associated businesses across the shire.

Participation within the OQTA cohort will also reinforce this strategic relationship while ensuring Council fully utilises and gains value from its membership.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. ATE26 Invitation ⇩

t: 25/03/2026, 4:31:02 PM
m: Kelly Hensley<admin@outbackqueensland.com.au>
Robyn Richen
Amanda Kruse; Denise Brown; Shaun Radnedge; Bruce Scott

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r Robyn,

are pleased to invite you to join us at the Australian Tourism Exchange 2026 (ATE26) in Adelaide as part of the Western ensland QRA Flood Recovery Trade Capability Program.

s initiative is designed to support your continued recovery and growth, providing access to valuable trade opportunities, indus agement and international market exposure.
part of the program, you will have the opportunity to sit in on meetings within the OQTA – Outback Queensland Collective th. These B2B appointments are scheduled across four business days and will be conducted by a member of the OQTA team ending on your level of participation, you may also attend selected networking events, offering further opportunities to build tionships and expand your trade connections.

icipation options for ATE26 (Adelaide, 10–14 May 2026):

E26 One (1) Day Pass Fully subsidised (value $550)
- Access to the full ATE26 program on your selected day
- Opportunity to attend allocated meetings within the Outback Queensland Collective Booth on that day
- *Please note*: this option does not include evening networking events (available for separate purchase)

E26 Additional Delegate Pass – $700 (total value $1,250, inclusive of a $700 subsidy
- Access to the full ATE26 program, including the Welcome Event and Last Shout
- Opportunity to attend allocated meetings within the Outback Queensland Collective Booth across the four business days
- All meals as specified in the official program

ase note that this program does not cover travel expenses, including flights, transfers or accommodation.

ion required: Please RSVP by 30 April 2026 replying to this email with the following: **YES** or **NO** to confirm your attendance es are limited.

ES - your preferred option:
- Day Pass (included), and your preferred date of attendance, or
- Upgrade to Additional Delegate ($700 at your own cost)

ou have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

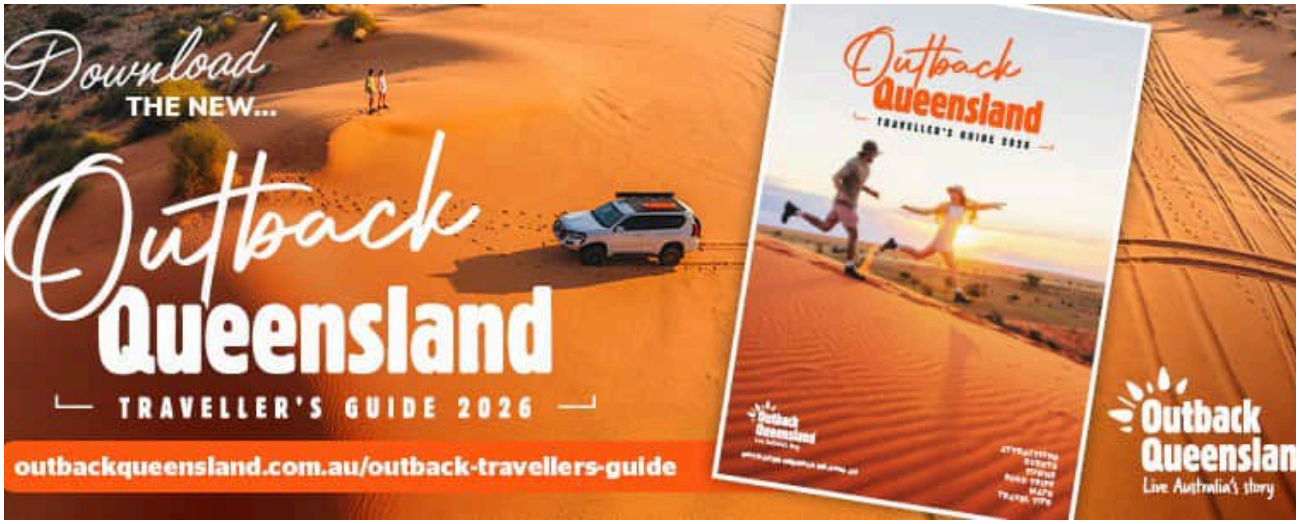
look forward to having you involved in ATE26.

l regards,
Kelly and Amanda Kruse

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14.14 WE'RE ONLY A DAY AWAY TV CAMPAIGN

Author: **Tourism, Marketing & Events Manager**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse participation in the WIN Television Network campaign “Murweh - We’re Only A Day Away!”; and
2. Approve a budget allocation of $7,500 to support the delivery of the campaign.

BACKGROUND

Council has received a proposal from the WIN Television Network to deliver a regional television advertising campaign titled “Murweh - We’re Only A Day Away!”

This campaign has been developed in direct response to the current fuel crisis and recent decline in visitation, with the intent of mitigating these impacts by reinforcing that the region remains accessible and open for travel. It is designed to position Murweh Shire as an accessible, drive-market destination, targeting key coastal and regional audiences within a one-day travel radius. The advertisement will also promote the liveability of the shire, enhancing its attractiveness as a place to live and work.

PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

The proposed campaign will run from 14 April to 4 July 2026 (79 days), with a total budget of $7,500.

Key elements include:

- Broadcast of 15 and 30 second television commercials
- Placement across WIN9, 9NBN, Sky News Regional Northern NSW, GO, GEM and 9Life
- Coverage across key markets including Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba and Northern NSW
- Inclusion within popular programming such as Travel Guides and Getaway
- Approximately 1,750 television spots, including bonus placements

The WIN Network has committed to value-matching Council’s investment with equivalent airtime, effectively doubling the campaign exposure.

This campaign aligns with Council’s tourism objectives to:

- Increase visitation from key drive markets
- Reinforce Charleville and the Murweh Shire as an accessible outback destination
- Support recovery and demand during a period impacted by fuel costs and reduced travel confidence
- Encourage longer stays by promoting the region’s key experiences

The campaign’s geographic focus is well aligned with high-value domestic markets that are most likely to convert to visitation.

The proposal presents an opportunity to maintain market presence and stimulate visitation during a challenging tourism period. The inclusion of bonus airtime and placement within high-profile travel programmes enhances the overall value and reach of the campaign.

Given current market conditions, continued promotion is critical to maintaining visibility and encouraging travel to the region.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. TV campaign Proposal ⇩

Dear Bruce, Shaun and Robyn 9 April, 2026

Thankyou for your interest in promoting the Murweh Shire with the WIN Network.
Our experience means 'We Understand Regional and we're with you!' Our affiliations will provide you with access to the most popular programs and platforms maximising your audience reach.

To show our commitment to the success of your advertising campaigns, the WIN Television Network will value-match all Murweh Shire Tourism campaign bookings with Network support airtime of equal value in all 'free to air' broadcast locations. Please see below a proposed campaign summary as briefed.

Our footprint will cover from Newcastle up past Maryborough along the Coast, out to the Darling Downs, and Western NSW past Narrabri and up the interior through Moree, Glen Innes and Tenterfield on Channel Nine and Sky News Regional Northern NSW.

Campaign:	**Murweh! We're Only A Day Away!**
Dates:	**14 April to 4 July (79 Days)**
Budget:	**$7,500**
Material:	**15 and 30 Second TVC's**
Platforms:	**Free to Air TV**
Channels:	**WIN9 / 9NBN** **SKY NEWS REGIONAL NORTHERN NSW** **GO / GEM / 9LIFE**
Locations:	**Gold Coast / Sunshine Coast / Toowoomba / Northern NSW**
Programming incl:	**Travel Guides & Getaway**
Total Spots:	**approx. 1,750 (15 and 30) Free to Air TV commercial placements incl Bonus**
	*** Bonus Run of Station spots are subject to avails**

THANK YOU! WE LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING PROMOTE YOUR DESTINATION TO OUR AUDIENCES

Yours Sincerely,
Michelle Christensen
Advertising Account Executive
Win Television Network
Northern Rivers NSW

14.15 SUBSCRIPTION TO LOCALIS TOURISM INTEFFLIGENCE PLATFORM

Author: **Tourism, Marketing & Events Manager**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Approve the subscription to the Localis Tourism Intelligence Platform at the Platform Access tier, at a cost of $12,000 (excluding GST) per annum, funded from the Economic Development operational budget, effective from the date of execution of the subscription agreement.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the subscription agreement with Localis on behalf of Murweh Shire Council.
3. Note that officers will explore a cost-sharing partnership arrangement with neighbouring local governments — including Quilpie Shire Council, Barcoo Shire Council, Paroo Shire Council, and Bulloo Shire Council — and report back to Council within six months on the outcome of those discussions.
4. Note that a review of platform utilisation and value for money will be presented to Council prior to annual renewal.

BACKGROUND

Murweh Shire Council has a long-established commitment to growing the visitor economy across the Shire. The Charleville Visitor Information Centre, the Cosmos Centre Observatory, and the WWII Secret Base have been core tourism assets for more than two decades, with regular reports on visitation, programming, and operational performance tabled at Ordinary Council Meetings since at least 2001. These assets represent significant ongoing investment and are central to the region's identity and economic diversification strategy.

Despite this investment, Council's capacity to access timely, reliable, and regionally benchmarked data on visitor numbers, visitor spending, accommodation performance, and tourism sentiment has been limited. Current reporting relies predominantly on frontline attendance records and anecdotal observation, which, while useful, do not provide the depth of insight required to make strategic, evidence-based decisions about tourism investment, event programming, infrastructure planning, or grant and advocacy activity.

In June 2025, Council resolved (Resolution 160/25) to discontinue its EarthCheck sustainability certification, citing the high human and financial resource requirements associated with that programme. This decision underscores the need for Council to identify data and intelligence tools that deliver genuine strategic value without disproportionate administrative burden.

Localis is an Australian tourism intelligence platform that aggregates multiple high-quality commercial datasets — including Mastercard domestic transaction data, accommodation data sourced from more than 190,000 listings across online travel agency (OTA) platforms, SkyScanner flight search data, and customer sentiment data drawn from online reviews — into a single, accessible platform. The platform is used by local governments, Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs), destination marketing organisations, state bodies, and tourism operators across Australia, including Whitsunday Regional Council, Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association, Eurobodalla Shire Council, and the City of Moreton Bay.

Officers were presented with the Localis Murweh Shire Council Proposal and assessed the platform against Council's strategic priorities and operational needs. This report presents that assessment and seeks Council's endorsement to proceed with a subscription.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to subscribe to the Localis Tourism Intelligence Platform and to authorise officers to explore a cost-sharing arrangement with neighbouring local governments in the Maranoa and South West Queensland region.

DISCUSSION

Murweh Shire is a small, geographically isolated local government area in South West Queensland, centred on Charleville with communities at Morven, Augathella, and surrounding localities. The Shire's economy is underpinned by the pastoral industry, with tourism representing an important and growing secondary economic driver. The Charleville Show, the Augathella Diggers Rodeo, the Cosmos Centre Observatory Tours, the WWII Secret Base, and events such as the Quick Shears competitions collectively draw significant visitor numbers from across Queensland and interstate.

However, Council currently lacks the data infrastructure to accurately quantify the economic impact of these events and assets. Without reliable visitor spend data, accommodation occupancy trends, or source market intelligence, Council faces structural disadvantages in:

- Making a compelling evidence-based case for state and federal grant funding for tourism infrastructure;
- Responding effectively to requests from event organisers for in-kind or financial support, where the economic return to the Shire is currently difficult to quantify;
- Benchmarking the Shire's tourism performance against comparable regional destinations;
- Planning infrastructure and services — including roads, amenities, and accommodation — to match actual and projected demand peaks;
- Attracting investment in tourism-related enterprise by demonstrating visitor economy scale to prospective operators.

The Localis platform directly addresses these gaps.

Platform Capabilities and Relevance to Murweh Shire

The Localis platform integrates five core datasets that, taken together, provide a comprehensive picture of the visitor economy.

Transaction Data (Mastercard): Domestic transaction data sourced from Mastercard tracks in-person visitor spending across 10-plus categories, including eating places, bars and nightclubs, and accommodation. Data is updated weekly with a 14-day delay, with historical records available back to 2023. Critically, the platform supports granular analysis at the SA2, LGA, and Tourism Region boundary levels, meaning Council can examine spending patterns specific to the Murweh LGA. Benchmarking against comparable destinations provides context for Council's performance relative to regional peers. International source market data and 'escape spend' analysis (showing where Murweh residents are spending money outside the Shire) are planned for release in the third quarter of calendar year 2026.

Accommodation Data: Data is collected daily from more than 190,000 listings across OTA platforms and property management systems, benchmarked against direct hotel and motel data for accuracy. The platform provides forward-looking accommodation metrics — including future occupancy, Average Daily Rate (ADR), and Revenue per Available Room (RevPAR) — with historical data from 2019. For Murweh, this capability is particularly valuable ahead of major events such as the Charleville Show and the Augathella Diggers Rodeo, where Council and local operators have limited advance visibility of accommodation demand and the risk of under- or over-supply.

Flight Data (SkyScanner): Partnered with SkyScanner, the platform captures flight search data from tens of millions of monthly searches, anonymised and aggregated. Metrics include travel dates, origin and destination, trip length, and international versus domestic demand. For an inland Shire served by the Charleville Airport, this data provides valuable intelligence on air travel intent and origin markets — information directly relevant to airport investment decisions and regional airline advocacy.

Sentiment Data: Review and social media data is collected and summarised quarterly, providing an accurate, granular picture of visitor satisfaction across business categories and locations. Council can use this to identify strengths to amplify and service gaps to address through its tourism infrastructure and operator development programmes.

Localis AI Data Analyst: The platform includes an AI-powered analytical assistant that allows users to generate insights and interpret data without requiring a dedicated data analyst on staff. This is especially relevant for Murweh, where Council does not have a specialist tourism data analyst and staff capacity is a consistent constraint.

Additional platform modules include an Event Impact Analyser — which assesses the economic impact of events using spending, occupancy, and other platform metrics — and a SmartMatch tool for benchmarking. These modules align directly with Council's ongoing responsibility to evaluate the return on investment from its substantial event support programme.

Benefits Across Council's Functions

The strategic value of the Localis platform extends across multiple directorates.

For the **Director of Economic Development**, Localis provides the foundational data infrastructure to underpin the Economic Development monthly reporting function. In place of qualitative summaries, Council can receive quantitative evidence of visitor economy performance — including source markets, spending trends, and accommodation occupancy — to demonstrate progress and inform investment decisions.

For the **Director of Community, Community Services and Community Infrastructure**, the platform directly supports decisions about community event assistance, in-kind support, venue management, and infrastructure investment. The Event Impact Analyser enables Council to assess the real economic return from events it supports — including rodeos, shows, and cultural events — providing defensible evidence for both approval and advocacy purposes.

For the **Director of Engineering Services**, accommodation future occupancy and visitor movement data supports infrastructure planning — particularly roads maintenance prioritisation and amenities provision at peak visitation periods.

For the **Director of Corporate Services**, Localis data strengthens Council's grant applications, advocacy submissions, and stakeholder reporting by providing verified third-party evidence of visitor economy scale and trends.

For **Elected Members**, the platform provides accessible, visual dashboards that present the current state of the visitor economy clearly, enabling more informed debate and decision-making at Council meetings.

Proposed Subscription Tier

Localis has presented two subscription options for Murweh Shire Council:

Option	Annual Cost (ex. GST)	Key Features
Option 1 — Platform Access	$12,000	Transaction, accommodation, sentiment, flight data; unlimited users; Localis AI Data Analyst; platform access
Option 2 — Platform + Monthly Reporting	$15,000	All Option 1 inclusions, plus monthly analyst-prepared regional performance reports

Both options include unlimited user accounts, unlimited training for all staff, Q&A support and analysis requests (within 10 hours per request), and the ability to incorporate Council's own first-party data — including visitor information centre attendance, Cosmos Centre bookings, and event records — onto the platform for integrated analysis.

Officers recommend commencing with **Option 1 — Platform Access** at $12,000 per annum (excluding GST). The Localis AI Data Analyst capability and the platform's intuitive dashboards provide sufficient analytical functionality for Council's current needs without the additional cost of the monthly reporting tier. Should Council's internal capacity constraints make the analyst-prepared reports valuable, upgrading to Option 2 can be considered at the time of annual renewal.

Partnership Opportunity with Neighbouring Councils

Officers note that the Localis pricing model presents a potential opportunity for a cost-sharing arrangement with neighbouring councils in the South West and Maranoa region. Councils including Quilpie Shire, Barcoo Shire, Paroo Shire, and Bulloo Shire face broadly similar challenges in quantifying and growing their visitor economies, and none is understood to currently subscribe to a comparable analytics platform.

A shared regional subscription — or a cooperative arrangement where Murweh Shire leads the subscription and provides data access to partners in exchange for a cost contribution — would reduce the annual cost per council while providing all participants with access to regional benchmarking data that would be more powerful with multiple LGAs represented. Officers will initiate informal discussions with neighbouring CEOs and Directors and report back to Council within six months on the viability of this arrangement.

It is also noted that South West Queensland's Regional Tourism Organisation relationship may provide a channel through which a collaborative data arrangement could be pursued, consistent with the Queensland Tourism Industry Council's interest in regional data capability.

Evidence-Based Decision-Making: The Strategic Case

Across all areas of Council's operations, the ability to make well-planned, evidence-based decisions produces better outcomes and stronger accountability. In the context of the visitor economy, this principle is particularly important.

Council currently receives monthly tourism section reports from the Visitor Information Centre, the Cosmos Centre, and the WWII Secret Base. These reports have been a consistent feature of Council's meeting agenda for more than two decades. However, they record operational activity — patron counts, programme activities, staffing — rather than economic impact. The Localis platform complements this operational reporting with the economic intelligence layer that has been absent.

With Localis data, Council will be better positioned to:

- Demonstrate to funding bodies (including the Queensland and Australian governments) the economic contribution of Murweh's visitor economy;
- Evaluate the return on Council's substantial investment in event support, in-kind assistance, and tourism infrastructure;
- Respond to economic shocks — such as the fuel supply disruptions experienced by the Charleville business community in 2025 — with verified data on the actual economic impact on visitor spending;
- Attract commercial investment in accommodation and tourism enterprise by providing prospective investors with credible, third-party verified visitor economy data;
- Assess the effectiveness of Council-supported marketing and promotion activity by tracking changes in visitor source markets and spending patterns over time.

The annual subscription cost of $12,000 (excluding GST) is modest relative to the scale of Council's existing investment in tourism infrastructure and event support. A single major grant application — or a single well-evidenced decision to adjust event support — that is directly enabled by the platform could return its cost many times over.

CONSULTATION

Internal consultation was undertaken with the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Community Services in preparing this report. The Localis platform proposal was reviewed against Council's

strategic priorities, operational needs, and budget parameters. The Director of Economic Development was also consulted with respect to the alignment of the platform with the Economic Development function's reporting requirements.

No external community consultation is required for an operational software subscription of this nature.

FINANCIAL RISKS

The annual subscription cost is $12,000 excluding GST ($13,200 including GST). The subscription is an annual commitment with no multi-year lock-in obligation identified in the proposal, meaning Council retains the ability to review and discontinue the subscription at each annual renewal. Officers recommend the cost be funded from the Economic Development operational budget, subject to confirmation by the Director of Corporate Services that sufficient funds are available in the current or forward financial year. If current year funding is not available, the subscription may be deferred to the commencement of the 2025–26 or 2026–27 financial year as appropriate.

No capital expenditure is required. There are no additional setup, implementation, or training costs identified in the proposal — unlimited training is included in the subscription fee. The financial risk associated with this commitment is assessed as low.

LEGAL RISKS

The subscription to the Localis platform is a commercial software-as-a-service agreement. Council's obligations under the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) to ensure value for money in procurement apply. As the annual cost is $12,000 (excluding GST), the agreement falls below the thresholds requiring a formal tender process under the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) and may be procured by quotation or direct negotiation in accordance with Council's procurement policy. Officers will ensure the subscription agreement is reviewed prior to execution to confirm appropriate data privacy, ownership, and termination provisions are in place. The risk that the platform does not perform as described is mitigated by Localis's established client base, which includes Queensland Government bodies and multiple local governments.

ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

No direct environmental risks are identified. The platform is a cloud-based analytics service with no physical footprint within the Shire. Indirectly, better-informed infrastructure and event planning decisions supported by the platform may contribute positively to environmental outcomes by enabling Council to anticipate and manage visitor pressure on natural and public assets.

SOCIAL RISKS

The social risks associated with this subscription are assessed as minimal. The platform does not involve collection of individual personal data by Council — all data is anonymised and aggregated by the respective data providers prior to supply to Localis. The subscription enhances Council's ability to understand and respond to community and visitor needs, which is consistent with Council's social objectives. The inclusion of Council's own first-party data — such as visitor centre attendance records — on the platform does not introduce additional privacy obligations beyond those already applicable to that data.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)
- Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)
- Localis Tourism Intelligence Platform — Murweh Shire Council Proposal (2025)
- Murweh Shire Council Corporate Plan 2024–2028
- Murweh Shire Council Procurement Policy

- Resolution 160/25 — Ordinary Council Meeting, 18 June 2025 (discontinuation of EarthCheck certification)

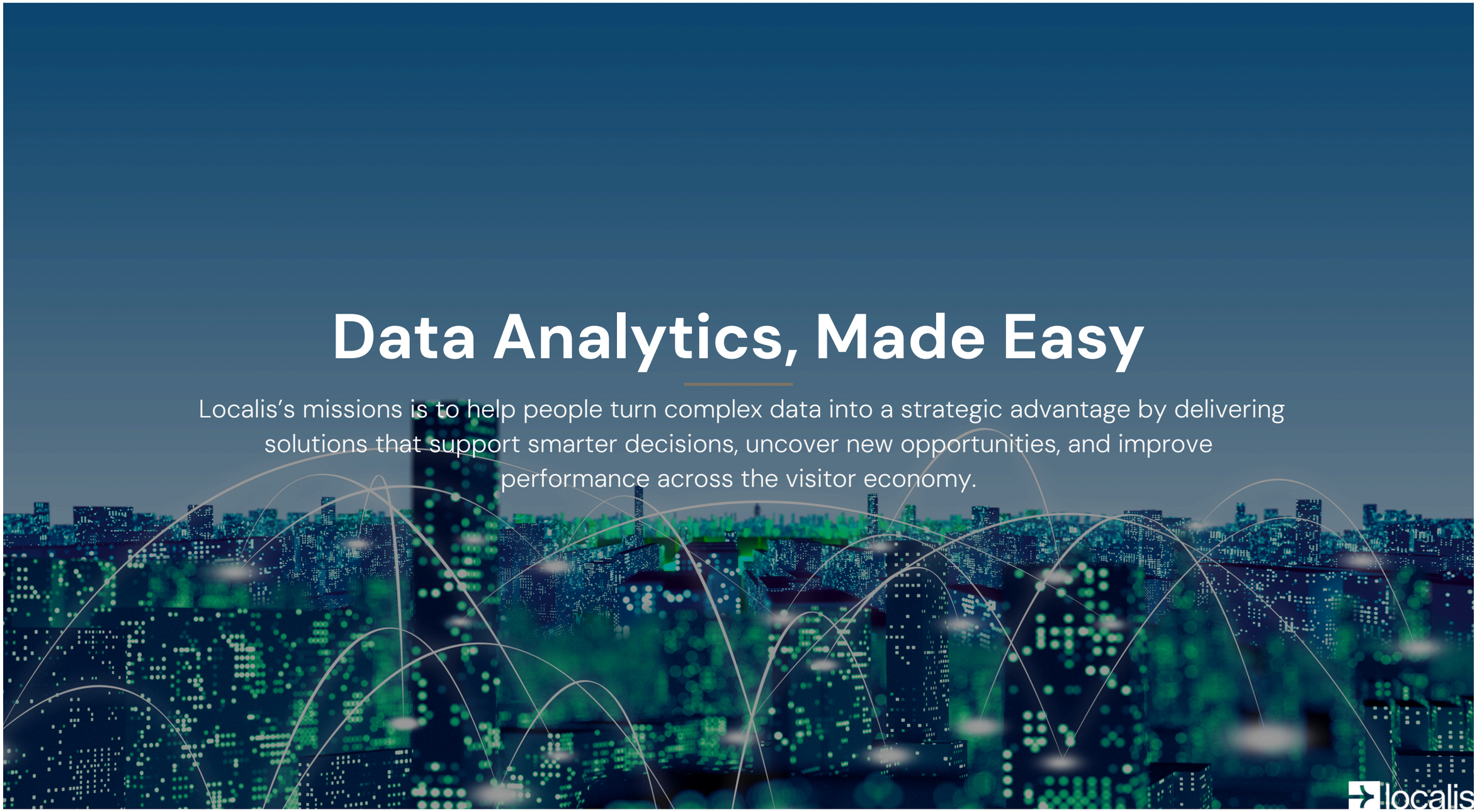
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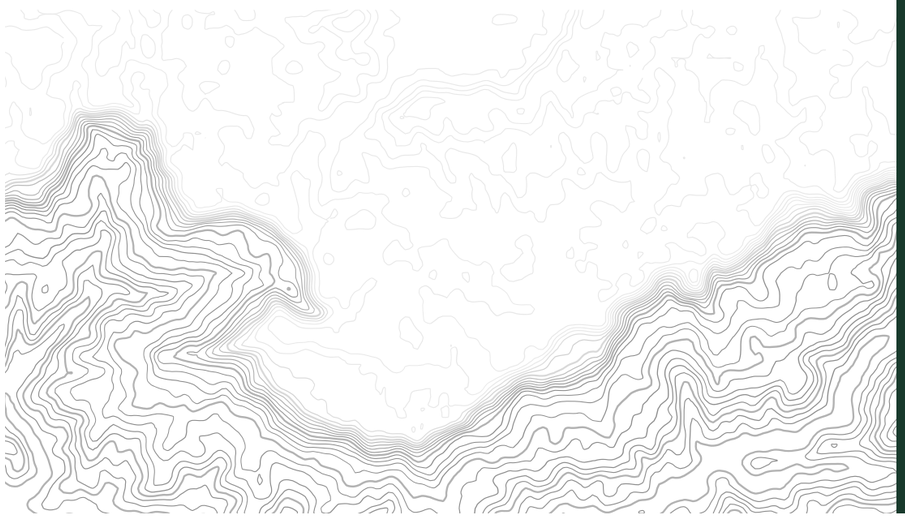
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1. Localis Proposal ⇩


Murweh Shire Council Proposal
Presented By: Localis
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Brisbane City
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Overview
SmartMatch
Events
Forecasting
Lodging
Explore
xAI Grok 2
Overview
Good morning, Corey! Let's dive into the latest trends and insights fo
Daily Trends
A look into daily trends for estimated visitors and spend, highlighting unique daily averages.
Average Daily Visitors
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-3.4% YoY
Average Daily Spend
$10.5M
-2.4% YoY
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Data Analytics, Made Easy
Localis's missions is to help people turn complex data into a strategic advantage by delivering solutions that support smarter decisions, uncover new opportunities, and improve performance across the visitor economy.
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Our Clients



Destination Marketing Organisations

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Tourism Whitsundays
Destination Marketing | Industry Development | Visitor Services

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TOURISM TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND

Local Government

Whitsunday Regional Council

HUNTER VALLEY WINE AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

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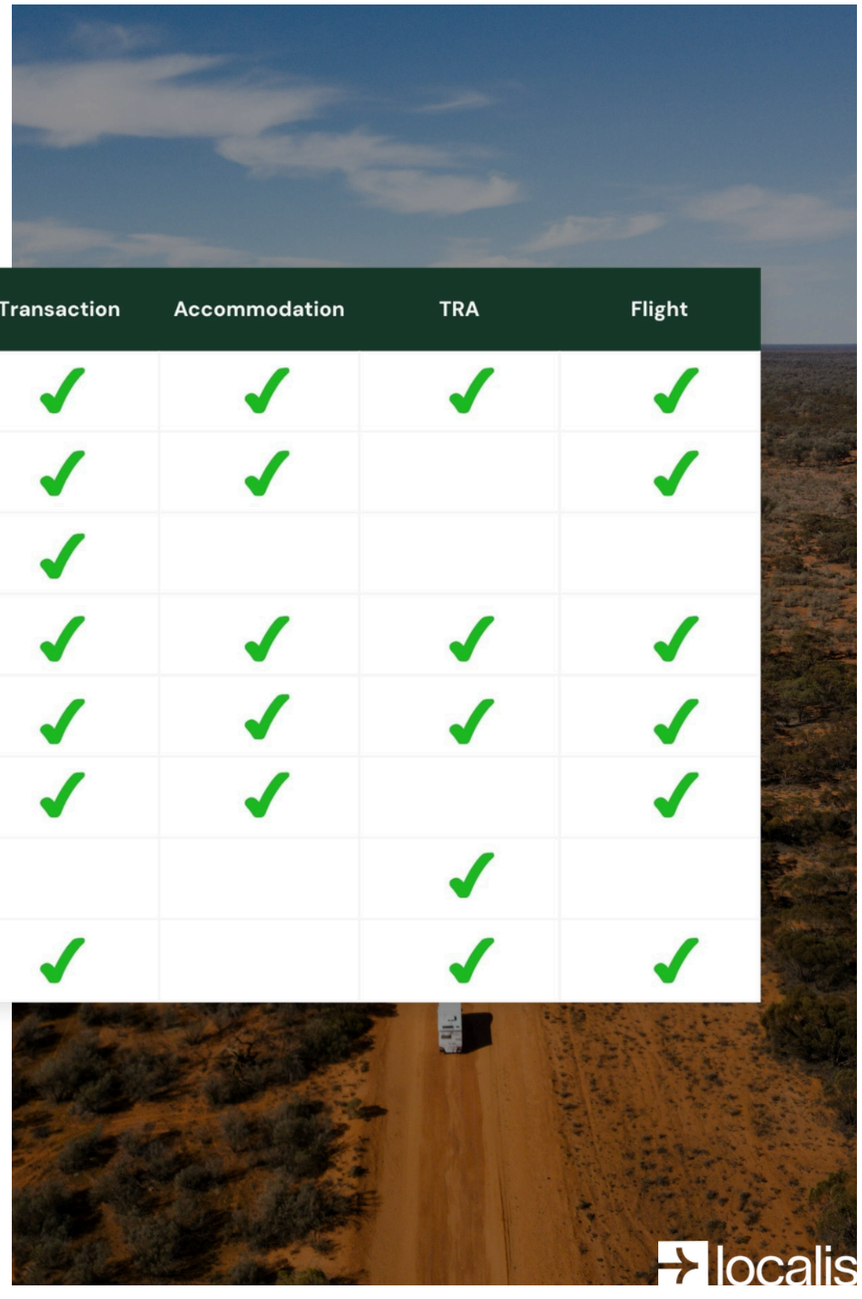
QUEENSLAND TOURISM INDUSTRY COUNCIL

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No dataset should operate in isolation

Rather, it is through their collective collaboration that a comprehensive understanding of the tourism landscape is revealed.

	Mobility	Transaction	Accommodation	TRA	Flight
Visitation Numbers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Source Markets	✓	✓	✓		✓
In Market Behaviour	✓	✓			
Time in Region	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Forecasting Demand	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Measuring Campaigns		✓	✓		✓
VFR				✓	
Reason For Travel		✓		✓	✓



What Makes Localis Unique?



Localis brings together multiple datasets to ensure accuracy for decision making for the tourism industry.



Our dashboards make data simple. You can quickly see what's happening and make smart decisions fast.



The first of its kind, Localis AI gives you instant insights and next steps for your region, without needing a data team.



Understand how events boost your local economy. Our reports show the real impact of events in your region.

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Option #1

Platform Access

Localis Insights Subscription

Localis is an intelligence platform that helps local governments and RTO's make smarter decisions with actionable insights by providing access to multiple datasets

$12,000 +GST / Year

- Transaction Data
- Monthly Accommodation Data
- Sentiment Data
- Flight Data
- Localis Platform Access
- Unlimited Users
- Localis AI Data Analyst

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Option #1

Platform + Monthly Reporting

Localis Insights Subscription

Localis is an intelligence platform that helps local governments and RTO's make smarter decisions with actionable insights by providing access to multiple datasets

$15,000 +GST / Year

- Transaction Data
- Accommodation Data
- Sentiment Data
- Flight Data
- Localis Platform Access
- Unlimited Users
- Localis AI Data Analyst

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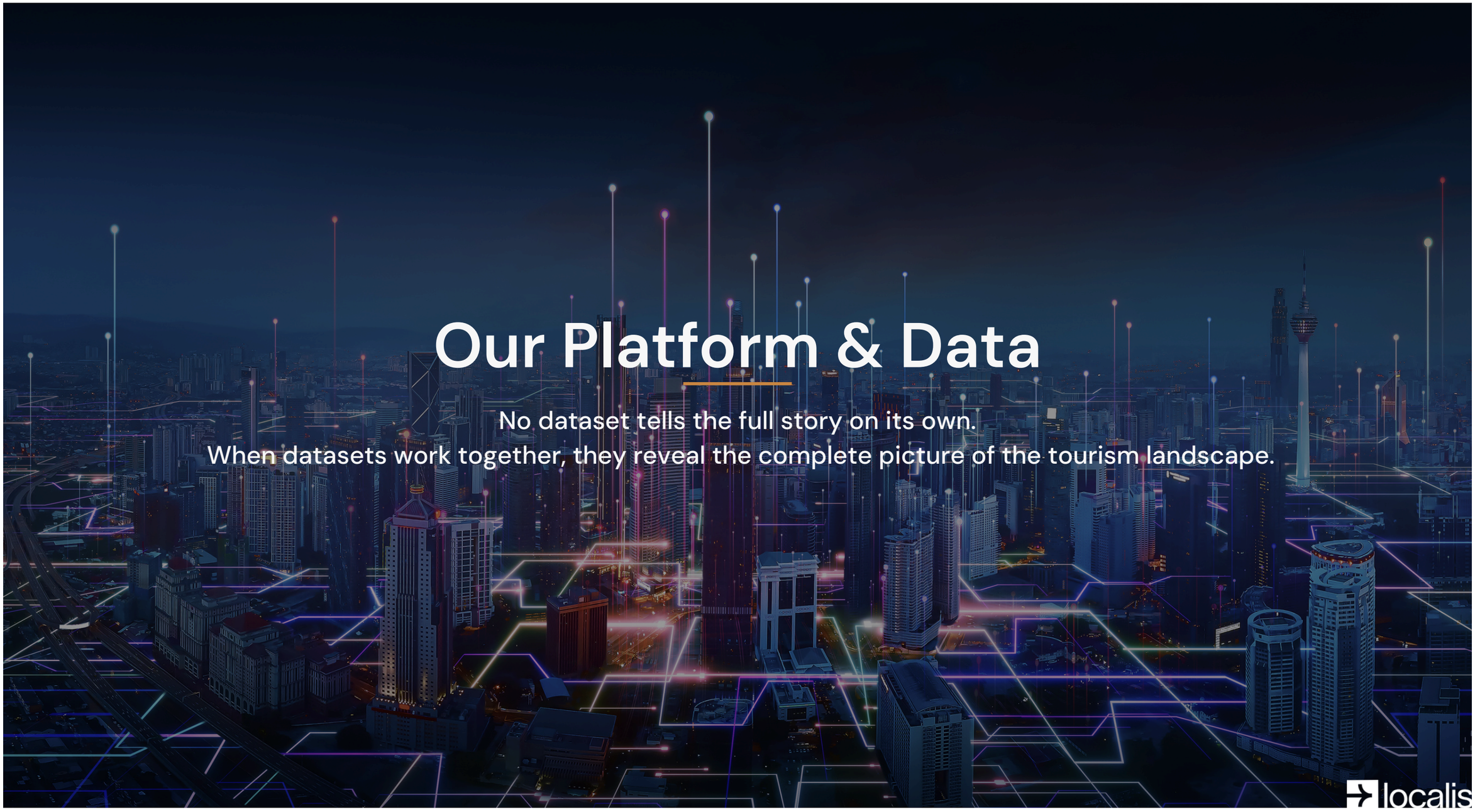
Other Inclusions

Monthly Report **
A Localis analyst will create a monthly report on what's happened in your region across your datasets. You will have control over what is included in the report and and share with your stakeholders. (Only included on Option #2 Subscription)

Unlimited Training
We want you to use the data, so we offer unlimited training for all staff throughout you organisation.

Q&A
We don't charge extra for questions, analysis or new visualisation set up that is within reason (ie requests that take less than 10 hours)

Bringing in other datasets
If you want us to bring in new datasets, we are happy to scope and bring them in providing it doesn't need additional dev work (for example, build a custom API)


Our Platform & Data
No dataset tells the full story on its own.
When datasets work together, they reveal the complete picture of the tourism landscape.
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Accommodation Data

Localis sources data from multiple accommodation data providers from both direct data sources and OTA platforms.

Transaction Data

Domestic Transaction data is sourced from Mastercard

Flight Data

Partnered with Sky Scanner where flight searches from the website, app and affiliates are recorded.

Sentiment Data

Analysing online reviews, social media, and feedback

Your Data

We can include your first-party data onto the platform for seamless analysis.

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Source Markets

SA3 and State source markets.

In-Person Spend

Data is collected from card transactions and tracks instore purchases.

Granular Analysis

SA2, LGA, Tourism Region and State Boundaries

Key Categories

10+ categories across Eating Places, Bars & Nightclubs, Accommodation etc.

Benchmark

Benchmark against other destinations to understand performance.

Internationals

See International spend into your region. International Source markets coming Q326

Weekly Updates

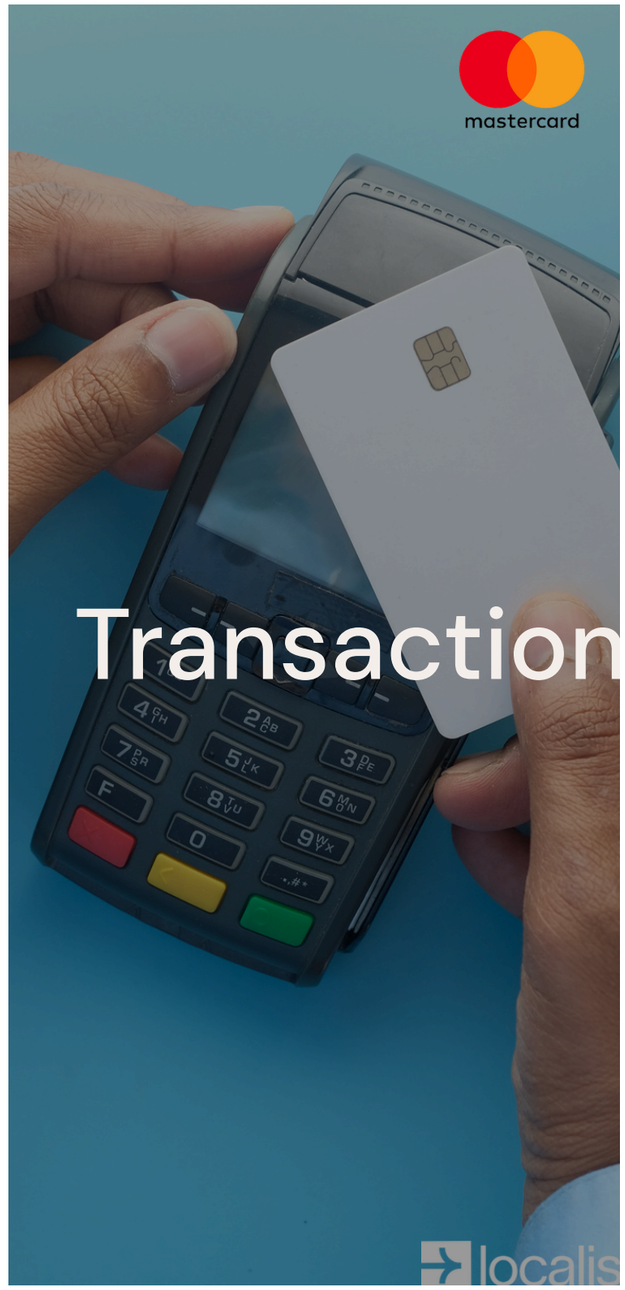
Data is updated on a Weekly basis with a 14 day delay. Fastest on market

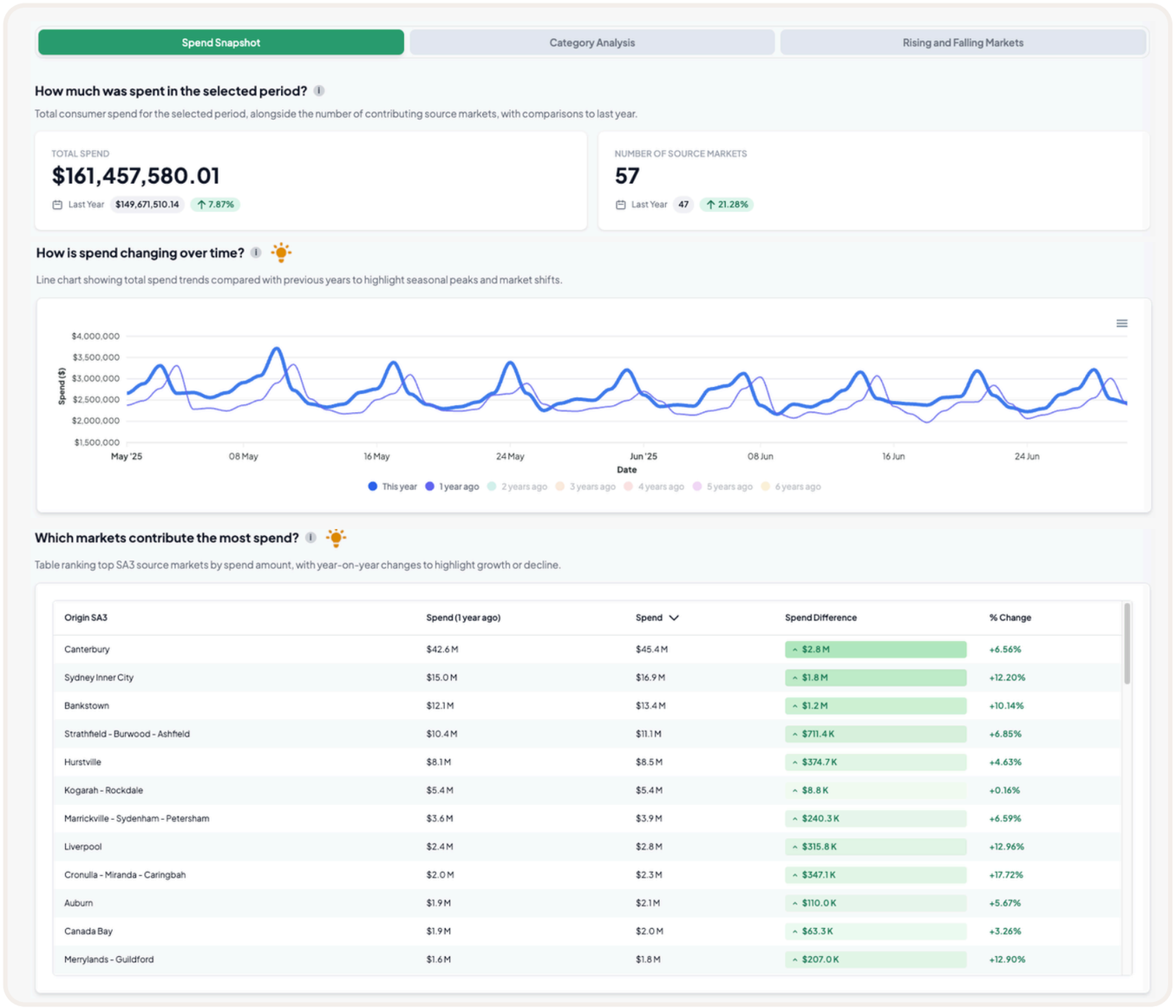
Year on Year

We provide data back to 2023, not just benchmarked in a single year.

Escape Spend

See where residents are leaving your region to spend their money. Coming Q326





Transaction Dashboards

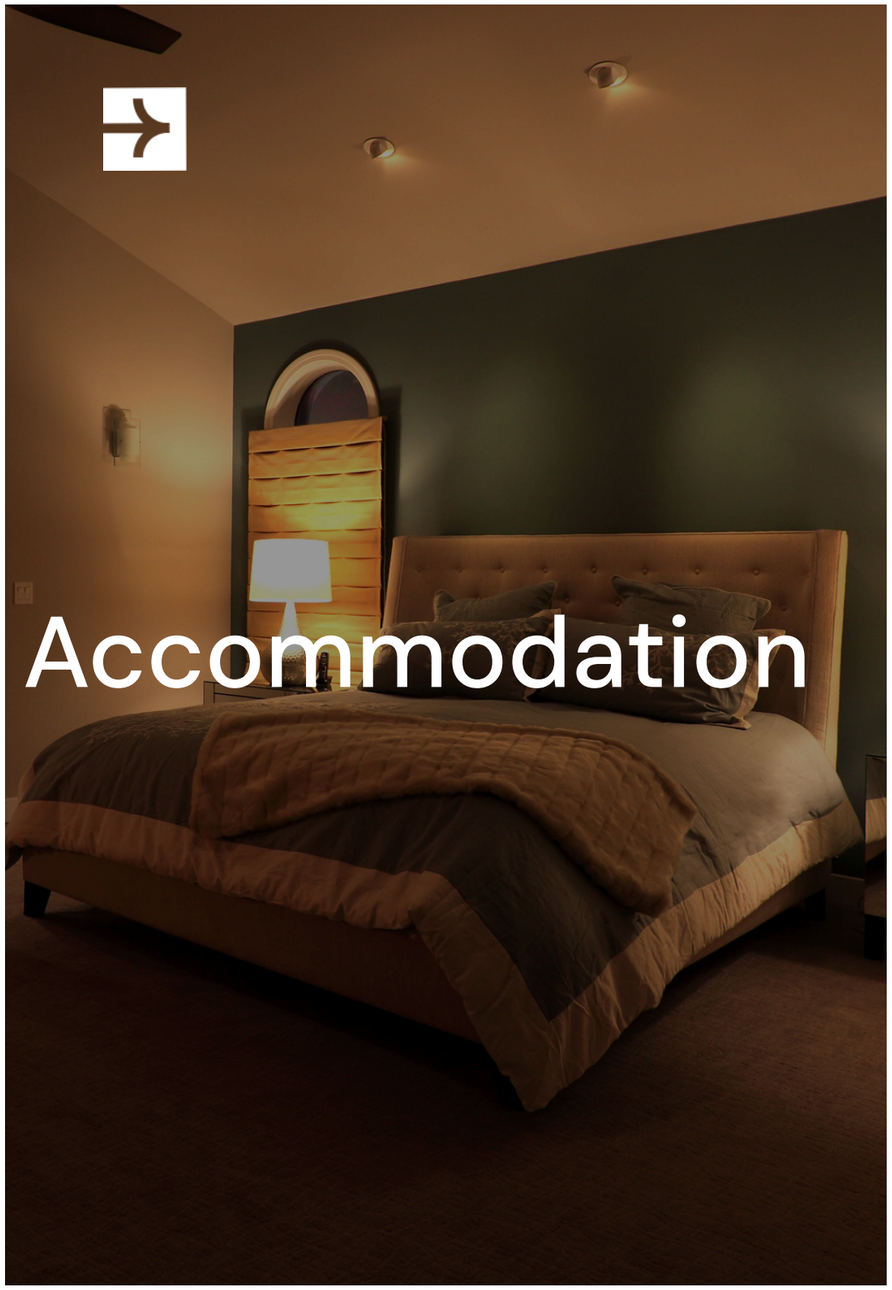
Transaction Dashboards provide a greater understanding of expenditure within your region.

Transaction data, collected directly from a Top 4 Bank in Australia, provides unparalleled insights to help Localis Council's and destinations understand tourism behaviour within their regions.

The Localis platform allows users to tailor insights to local needs, benchmark performance, and analyse trends back to 2019. This enables smarter planning, targeted marketing, and stronger investment decisions to support tourism growth.

Included Metrics:

- Total Spend
- Top Domestic Source Markets
- Top International Source Markets
- Monthly Spend Comparison
- Source Market Comparison
- Category Comparison
- Visitor Numbers
- State Source Markets
- Share of Wallet
- Daily Spend
- Subregion Comparison
- Visitor vs Local Spend
- Rising and Falling Markets



Data Partnerships

Data is collected daily from over 190,000 listings across OTA platforms and directly from property management systems.

Benchmarking

Data is regularly benchmarked and tested against direct hotel and motel data to ensure accuracy.

Historic Data

Localis has data for accommodation dating back to 2019 which comes standard in our product.

Regular Updates

Updated between weekly, fortnightly and monthly depending on the metric.

Future Looking

Localis provides forward looking accommodation data. There are 15+ metrics that we supply such as Future Occupancy, ADR and RevPar.

Shareability

Localis's data can be shared with any stakeholders and operators a client wishes.

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Accommodation Dashboards

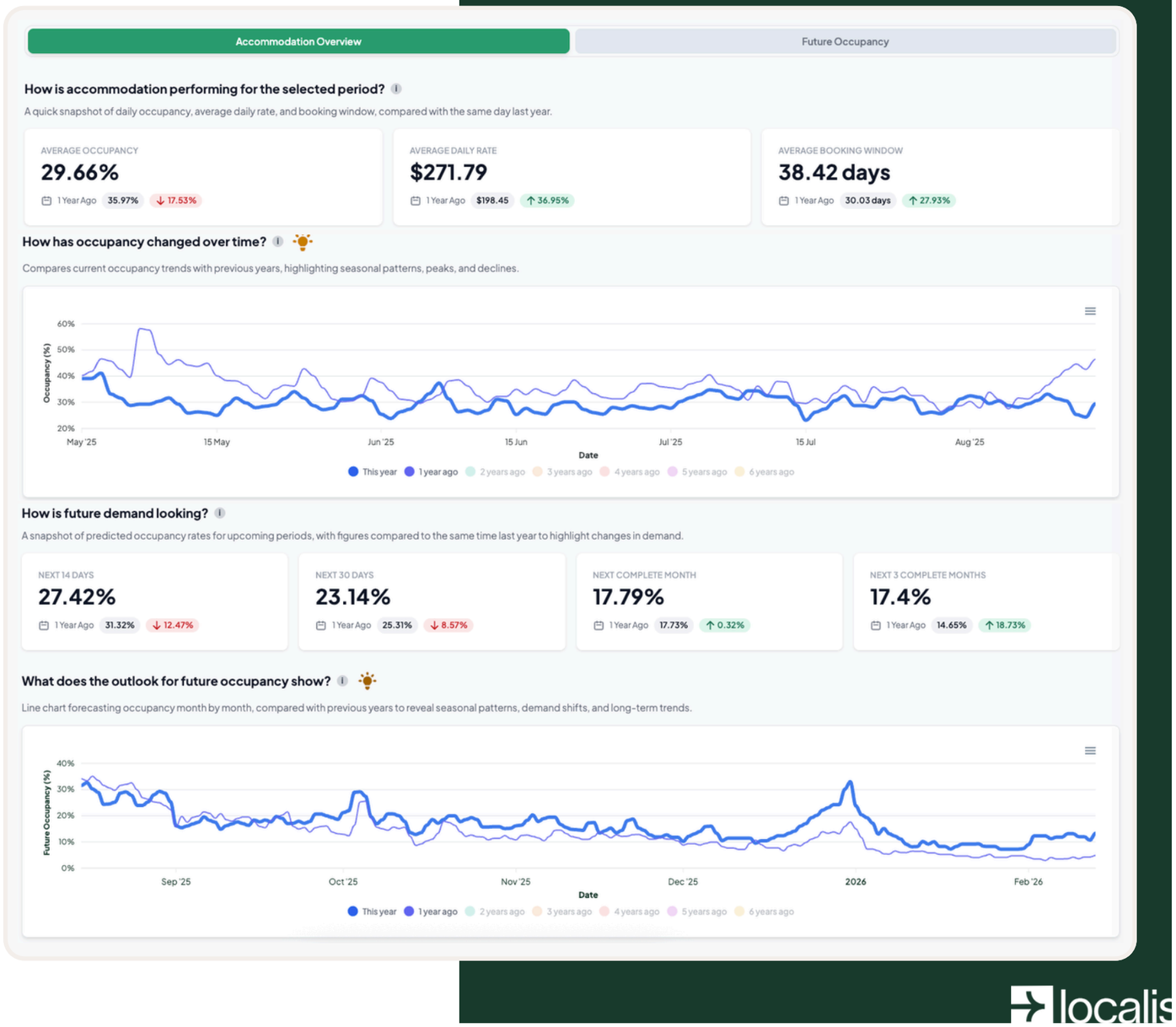
Localis's Accommodation Dashboards provide a comprehensive look at short-term rentals, hotel bookings and private accommodation supply.

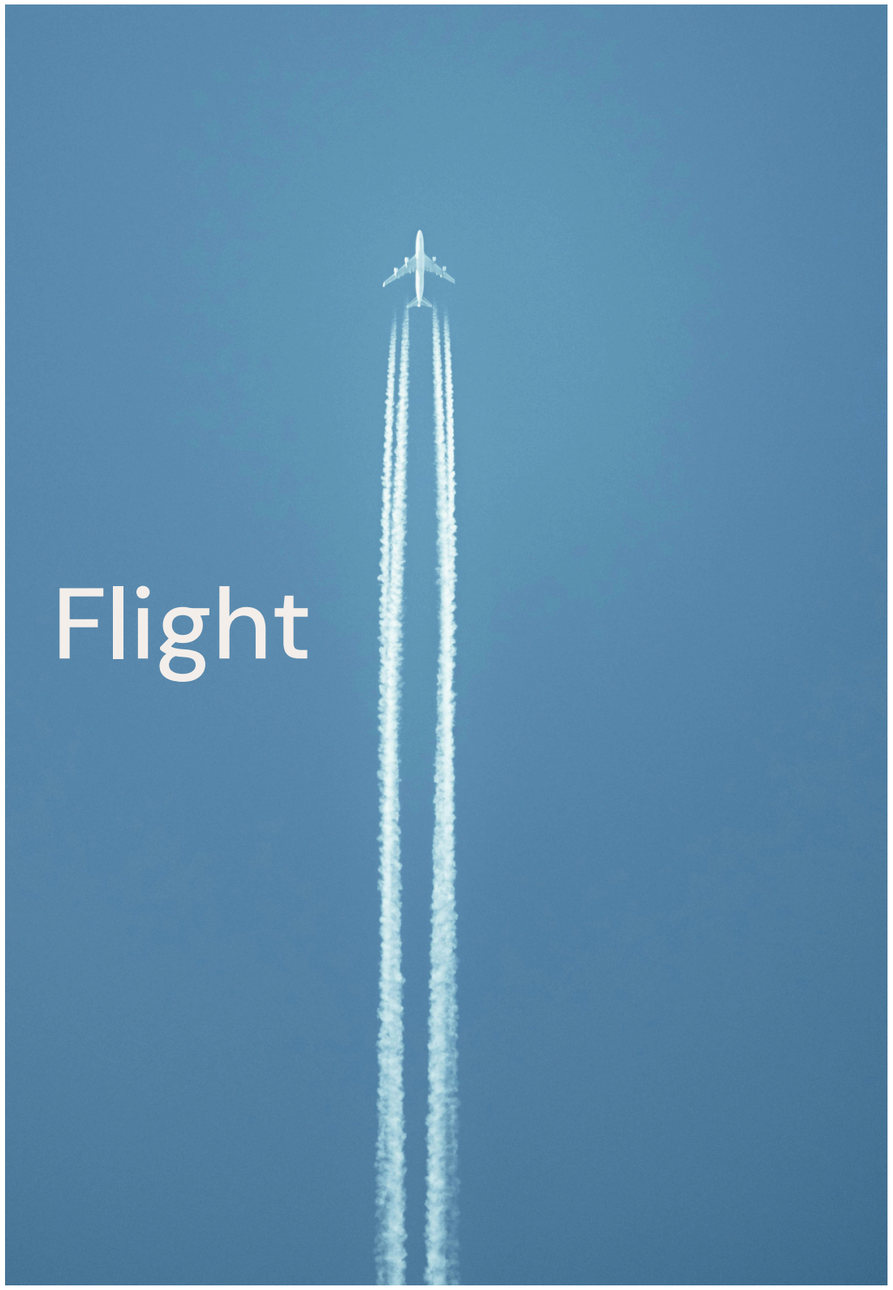
The dashboards deliver valuable insights into your region's performance relative to neighboring areas, highlighting whether additional supply is required, if the Average Daily Rate (ADR) should be adjusted, and how you're trending for upcoming events.

This information supports strategic planning for local councils and transport companies, aids operators in determining staffing needs, and offers robust data to drive informed decision making.

Included Metrics:

- Ave. Occupancy
- Historical Occupancy
- Ave. Length of Stay
- Length of Stay Comparison
- Booking Window
- Average Daily Rate
- Total Supply
- Supply Breakdown
- Future Occupancy
- Future Occupancy Comparison





Comprehensive

Data is collected from Skyscanners website, apps and affiliates.

Extensive

SkyScanner is an enormous asset with tens of millions of searches per month worldwide.

Collection

When a person makes a search for a flight on one of SkyScanner's assets, the data is collected, anonymised and aggregated

Expansive

Ability to track dates of travel, origin and destination, economy vs business calss and number of people. +more!

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Flight Dashboards

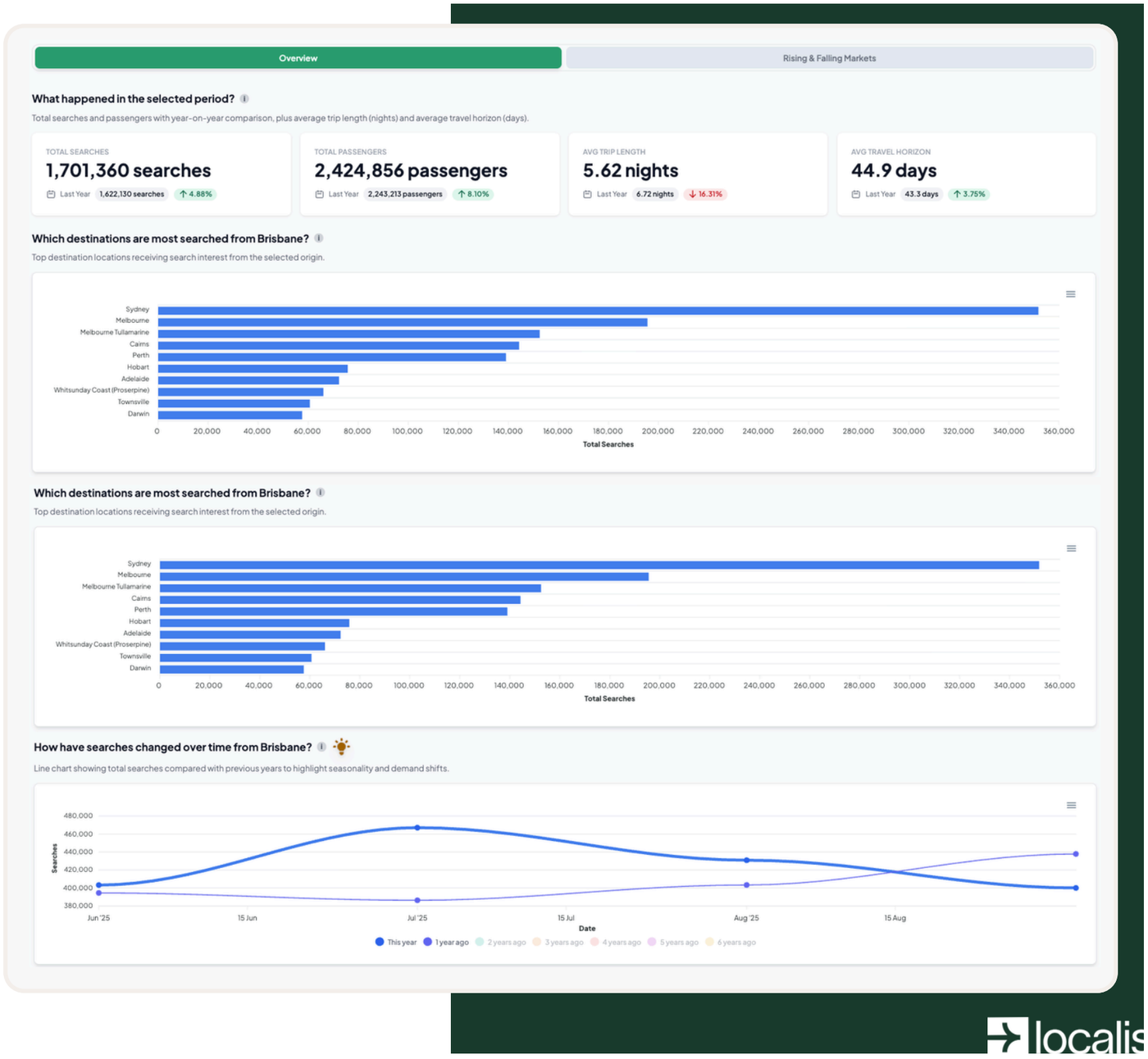
Localis partners with SkyScanner to deliver valuable flight insights to our clients

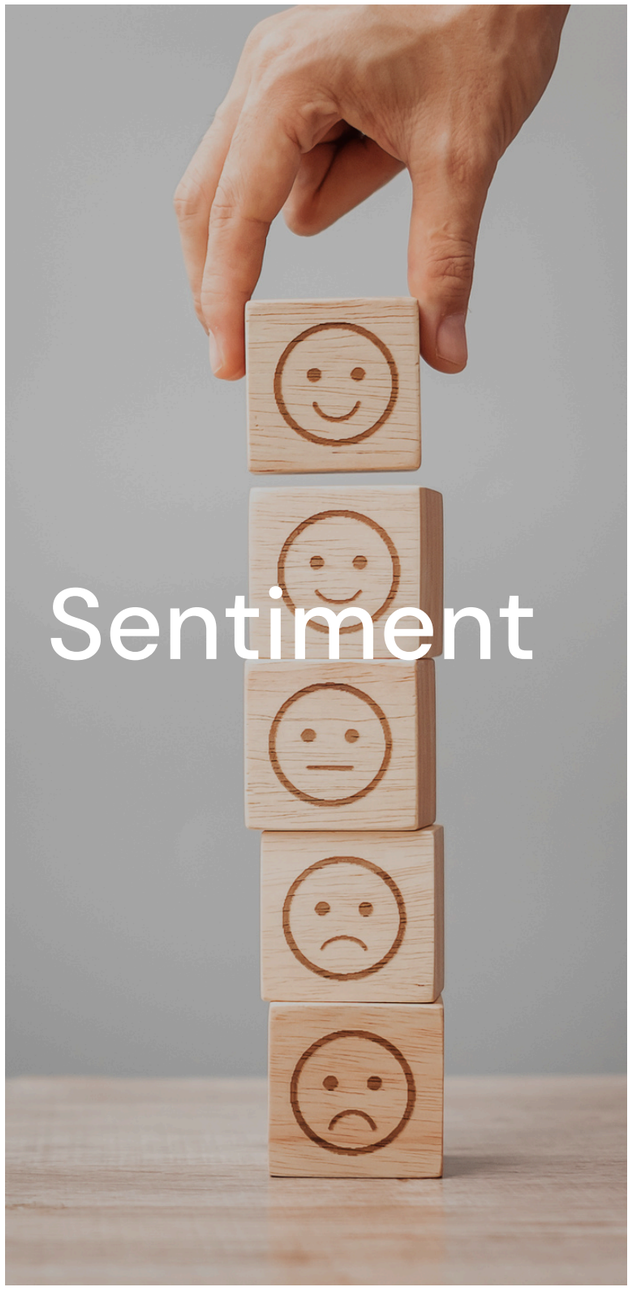
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When a person searches for a flight on any of SkyScanner's assets, the data, including information such as travel dates, origin and destination, economy versus business class, and number of travellers is collected, anonymised, and aggregated.

Included Metrics:

- Monthly Flight Searched
- Total Searches All Time
- Travel Horizon
- Trip Length
- Daily Flight Searches
- Daily Search Comparison
- Flight Search Routes
- Internation vs Domestic Demand





Authentic

1000's of reviews that reflect real customer voices, capturing genuine satisfaction or frustration.

Granular

Drill down by business category and location to see where you outperform or lag behind.

Strategic

Use benchmarking insights to set improvement targets, guide investment, and strengthen market positioning.

Up to Date

Review sentiment can be tracked and summarised every quarter, giving a clear pulse on customer perception.

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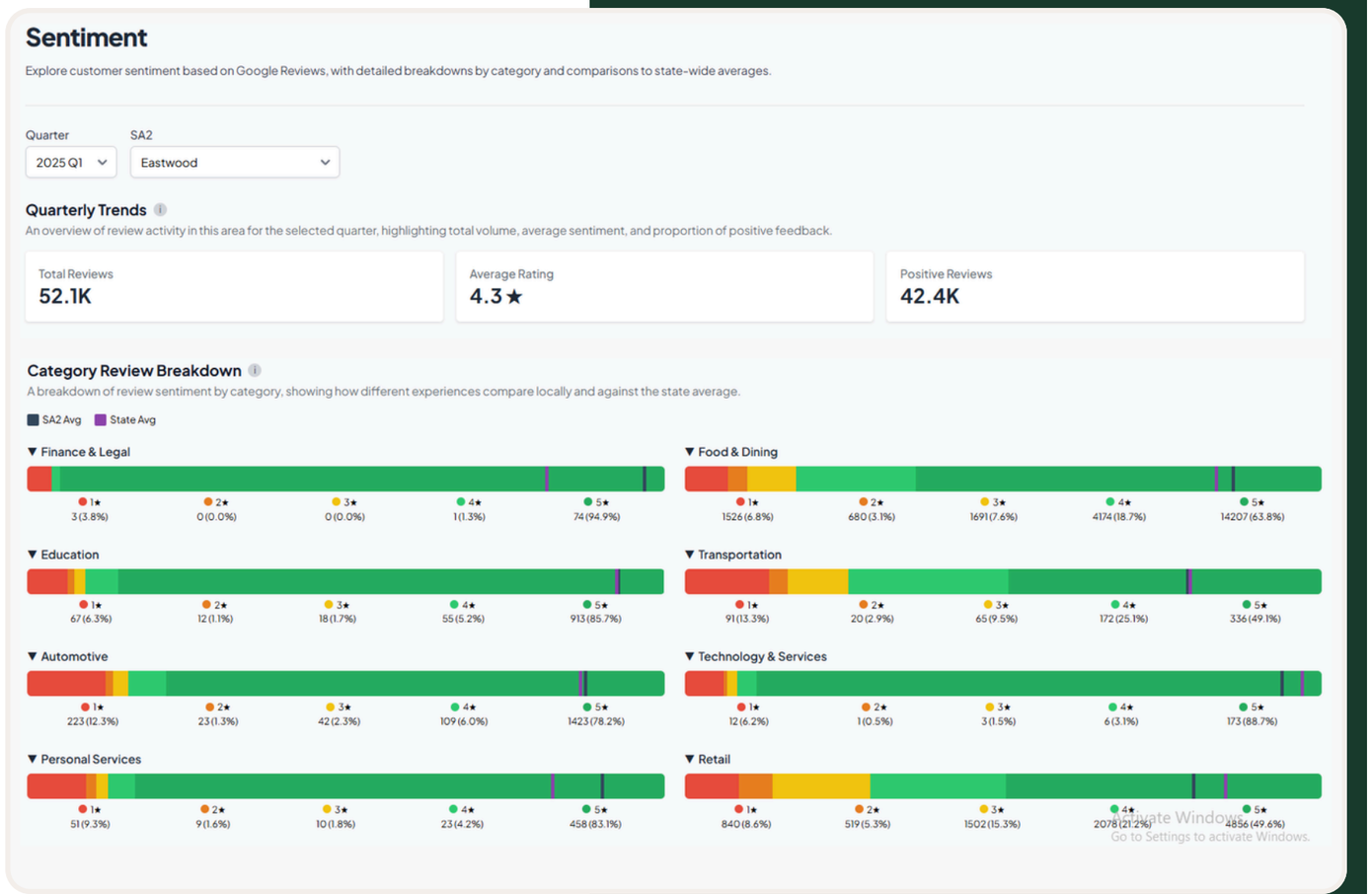
Sentiment Analysis

Sentiment data reveal opinions, Localis collects reviews to aids planning and marketing.

Sentiment data, collected from customer review data in your region, provides valuable insights to help local governments, RTO's and local businesses leaders understand customer and visitor opinions.

The Localis platform lets users gain insights to local needs, compare performance across your region and to the state average, and analyse trend to highlight strengths and identify areas for improvement.

Use this dashboard to support your planning, targeted marketing intiatices, and better investment decisions to boost customer satisfaction and regional growth.



Localis Platform

Localis isn't just data, it's an intuitive platform built from scratch for our clients.

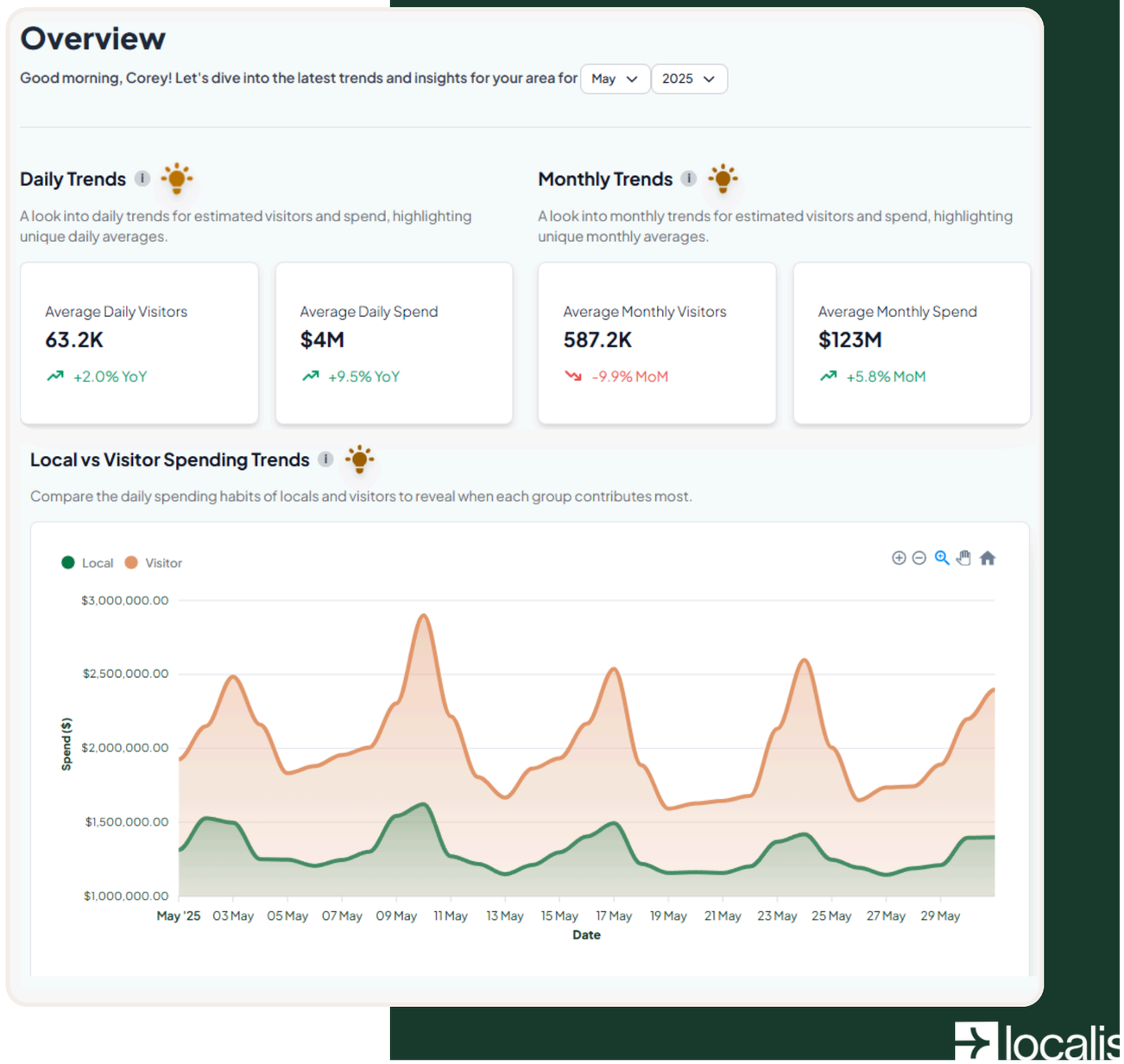
Localis is the only platform that brings together multiple datasets across accommodation, mobility, flight, transaction, and road data into one intuitive solution, providing a holistic view of the tourism industry.

Our innovative platform simplifies complex datasets with clear visualisations, helping local governments, RTO's, and tourism operators make informed decisions efficiently.

With advanced analytics and AI capabilities, Localis helps you to turn data into actionable insights, driving smarter decision making for you and your region.

Included Modules and Data:

- Precinct Overview
- Event Impact Analyser
- SmartMatch
- Sentiment Analysis
- Vibrancy
- Accommodation Data
- Flight Data
- Transaction Data
- Sentiment Data
- AI Data Analyst



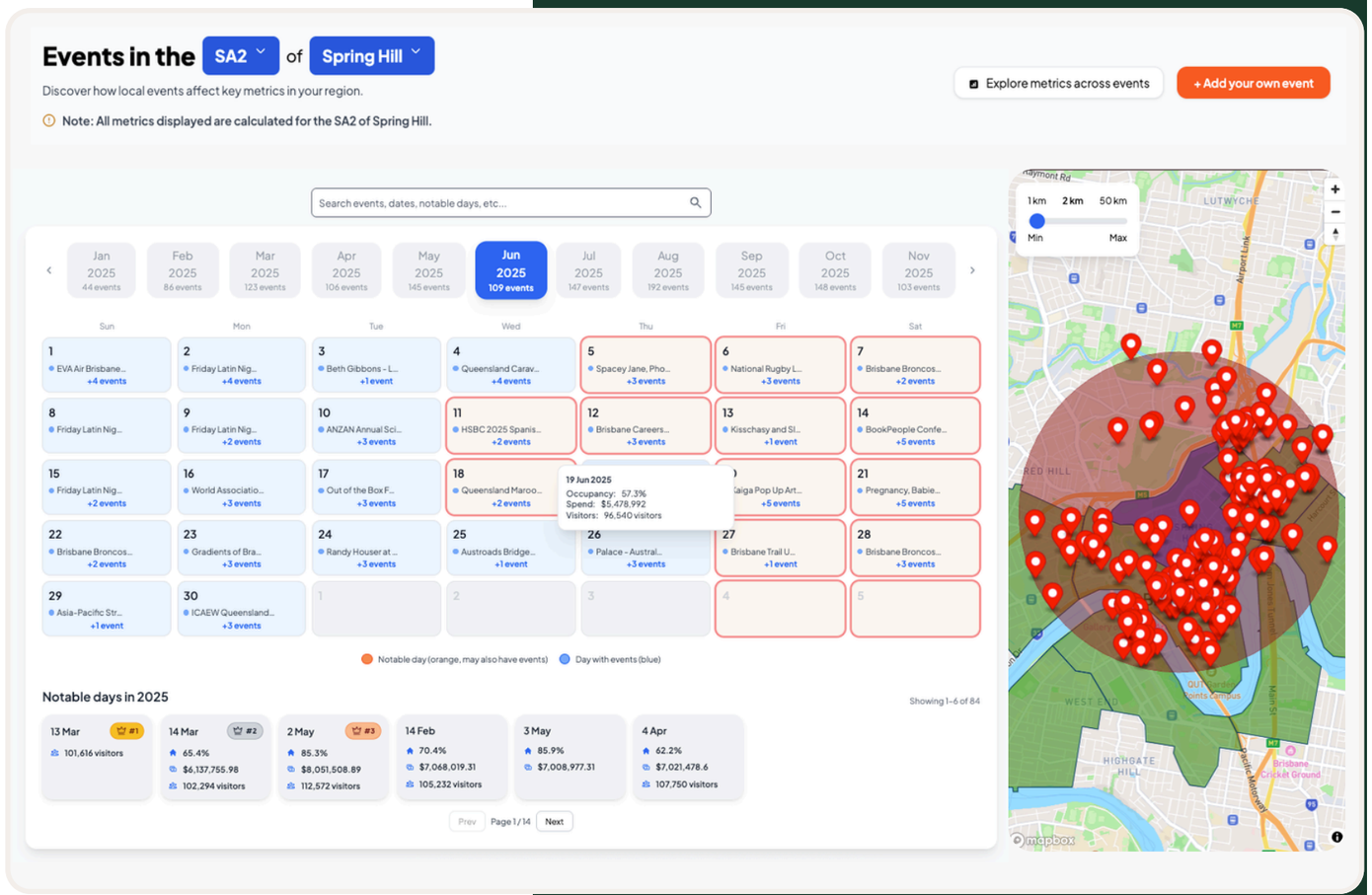
Module: Event Impact

The Event Impact module helps you understand the impact of events in your region are having.

The Localis Events module collects data on past and upcoming events, building a database of popular events in your area. It assesses impacts using metrics such as spending, occupancy rates, and other key indicators from the Localis platform. This enables insights into visitor behaviour and event impact.

Use this tool to:

- Quickly evaluate the performance of past events
- Explore upcoming events and forecast their potential impact on local metrics
- Identify peak activity periods
- Plan targeted strategies to maximise visitor engagement and economic benefit



14.16 QMF SADDLE UP 3 YEAR PROPOSAL

Author: **Tourism, Marketing & Events Manager**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Note the updated proposal from Queensland Music Festival for participation in the Outback Trails program (2027–2029); and
2. Endorse negotiations with QMF to secure participation at a contribution level of $15,000 per annum plus in-kind support, reflecting:
    - The scale and positioning of the Charleville event within the Trail
    - The calibre of programming relative to previous QMF events
    - Council's commitment to achieving value for investment

BACKGROUND

Queensland Music Festival (QMF) has submitted a proposal inviting Murweh Shire Council to participate as an Anchor Event Partner in the Outback Trails program for the period 2027 - 2029.

The Outback Trails is a multi-day, music-led touring initiative designed to drive visitation across regional Queensland, encouraging travellers to move between destinations, increase overnight stays, and contribute to local economies.

Charleville is identified as a key location, hosting the opening Anchor event "Saddle Up", positioning the region as the starting point for the Trail and encouraging early arrival and extended stays.

At the April CEO Briefing, the Tourism Manager presented an earlier proposal from QMF for the 2027 - 2029 period at a cost of $50,000 per annum plus in-kind support. At that time, Council indicated it was unable to commit to this level of funding.

Following this feedback, QMF has provided a revised proposal seeking a reduced contribution of $20,000 per annum plus in-kind support.

Under the revised proposal, Council would support:

- Delivery of the "Saddle Up" Anchor Event in Charleville annually (late April - early May)
- A complementary community activation (e.g. Charleville Jukebox) designed to extend visitor stay
- Integration into the broader Outback Trails itinerary, targeting regional and interstate travellers

The proposal highlights potential benefits including:

- Increased visitation and overnight stays
- Economic uplift through local spend
- Media exposure and destination profiling
- Community engagement and local artist participation

CONSIDERATIONS

While the proposal presents clear tourism and community benefits, several considerations are noted:

- Event Positioning
  Charleville is positioned as the opening event of the Trail for the next 3 years, rather than alternating as initially indicated, where Charleville would host “Outback Sounds” as the major closing event.
- Scale and Profile
  The proposed event is expected to be smaller in scale, with a mix of emerging and mid-tier artists, and does not carry the same profile or drawcard strength as larger QMF events such as “Outback Sounds” previously delivered.
- Value for Investment
  While QMF has demonstrated strong statewide outcomes the local return on investment will depend on the scale of the Charleville activation and its ability to convert Trail travellers into overnight stays.
- In-Kind Contributions
  Council will also be required to provide in-kind support (e.g. venue, traffic management, logistics), which carries an additional resourcing impact.

ASSESSMENT

The revised proposal represents a positive shift in affordability; however, the reduced financial ask should be considered alongside the reduced scale and positioning of the event.

Given Charleville’s role at the start of the Trail, there is a risk that:

- Visitors may pass through rather than stay multiple nights
- The event may not deliver the same economic impact as higher-profile, mid-trail destinations

A lower financial commitment is therefore considered appropriate and aligned with the scale of opportunity presented.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. QMF SADDLE UP 3 YEAR PROPOSAL ⇩


QMF:
Queensland Government
Queensland Music Trails are proudly supported by the Queensland Government
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Acknowledgement of Country

QMF respectfully acknowledges the Bidjara, Iningai, Koa, Yirendali, Mayi, Malintji, Kuunkari and Kalkadoon Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters and skies on which The Outback Trail unfolds. We honour their deep and unbroken connection to Country, culture and community, and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We recognise that music, art and story have echoed across these lands since time immemorial, shaped by generations of knowledge holders whose songs, rhythms and cultural practices continue to influence and inspire the creative landscape experienced throughout The Outback Trail.



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Message from the CEO

Daryl Raven - CEO

Queensland Music Festival (QMF) is pleased to present this proposal to Murweh Shire Council for the 2027–2029 Outback Anchor event - Saddle Up.

As we continue to shape Queensland's premier cultural tourism initiative—The Queensland Music Trails—we welcome the opportunity to collaborate as presenting partners for Saddle Up. Our objective is to enhance the profile of your region through carefully tailored, strategically aligned initiatives that showcase Charleville's distinctive identity and strengths.

In the years ahead, The Queensland Music Trails will be positioned as a cornerstone of regional tourism in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic Games. This partnership represents a valuable opportunity to elevate the visibility of your community, celebrate its rich cultural heritage and landscapes, and contribute to the growth of Queensland's visitor economy while delivering meaningful benefits to regional communities.

This proposal outlines a customised partnership model designed to align closely with your strategic priorities, with particular emphasis on community engagement and the visitor economy. Through this collaboration, Murweh Shire Council can strengthen its tourism presence, connect with diverse audiences, and foster a strong sense of community pride and cohesion.

As planning progresses for 2027 and beyond, we look forward to working collaboratively to establish impactful community and industry partnerships that highlight your regions' exceptional offerings within the Outback Trails program.

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What is a Queensland Music Trail (QMT)?

The Queensland Music Trails (QMT) is a multi-day, immersive music initiative delivered along a carefully curated geographic route. Anchored by a series of music events and cultural activations, the program is designed to encourage travel between destinations, promote regional exploration, increase overnight visitation, and generate lasting cultural, social, and economic benefits for host communities.







With a strong focus on regional and remote areas, the program offers transformative experiences that celebrate the unique character, landscapes, and stories of each destination. By harnessing the unifying power of music, QMT showcases Queensland artists, amplifies First Nations voices, and fosters authentic connections between audiences and the remarkable places in which these experiences are held.

How we curate the Trails

QMF seeks to curate a balanced and cohesive Trail through the considered distribution of large-scale festivals, bespoke community activations and intimate events in unexpected locations.

Our considered approach ensures right-sized events according to the location, its tourism appeal and the level of infrasturucture that may be required to run the event. Across all events, we aim to deliver destination experiences that define the journey in and between event locations.

We seek to support community-led activations and satellite experiences to further enrich the program by deepening local engagement and extending the Trail's cultural, social, and economic impact.

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What the Trails have achieved

The Queensland Music Trails have been on the road now for three years, curating iconic, music-led road trips across the state - connecting audiences to destinations, visitors to local communities and enhancing tourism opportunities through a celebration of music and the arts.

Owned by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, the Trails have had a significant impact on 28 communities throughout Queensland over the past three years.

Since launching in 2023, we have:

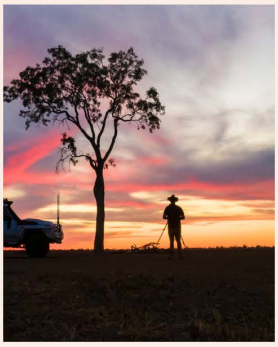
82,000+ Welcomed more than 182,000 attendees to our events and festivals across QLD

1,900 Employed over 1900 artists, creatives and crew members

61,700 Delivered over 61,700 visitor bed nights for QLD

92% Achieved a 92% satisfaction rating from audiences







$25,000,000 Generated $25M in economic impact for Queensland

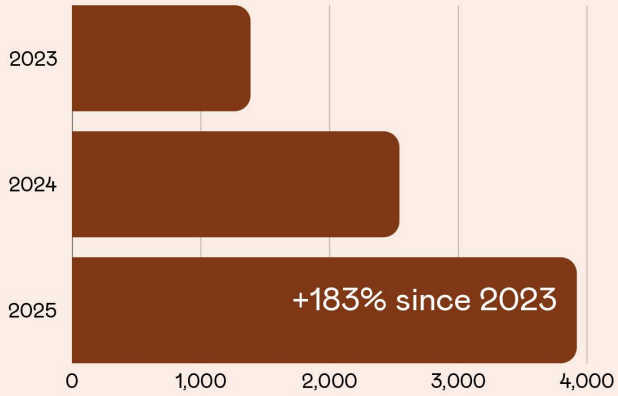
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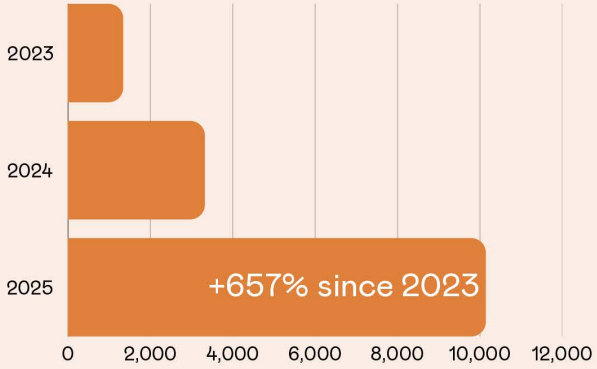
The Outback Trail: A case study of growth

The Outback Trail has firmly cemented itself as a bucket-list worthy road trip. Th impressive growth seen over three short years demonstrates that the Outback Trail is truly something special.

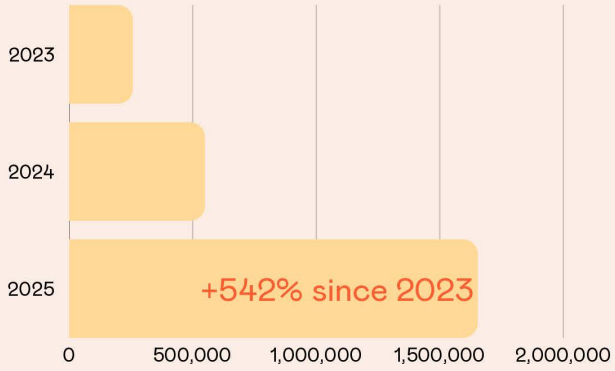
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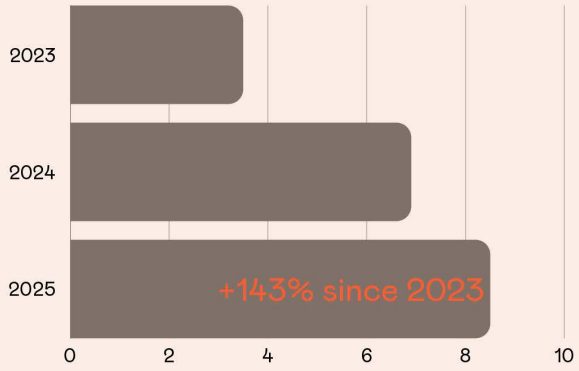
Direct Visitor Nights in Host Region



Total Expenditure for Host Regions



Primary Purpose Average Night Stay



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Why It's Worth It

Queensland Music Trails - The Outback

Delivering the Outback Trail 2027 - 2029 offers far-reaching benefits for the communities that we visit by boosting the local economy and the region's profile. The proposed program is designed to maximise local involvement, attract visitors, and create lasting value well beyond the event itself:

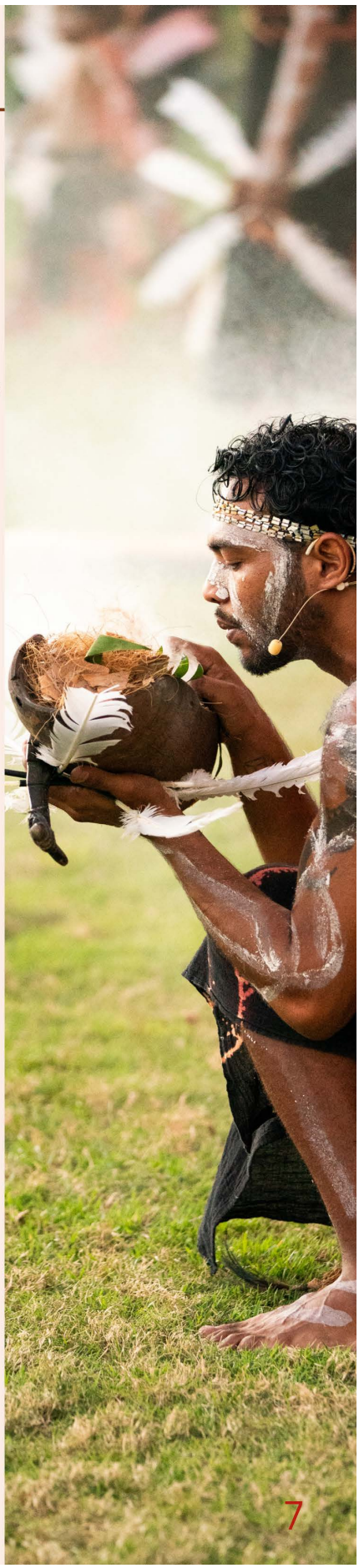
Community pride and participation – Brings residents together through inclusive events that celebrate identity, encourage local involvement, and create opportunities for community groups to contribute, perform, or host stalls.

Economic uplift – Generates additional visitor spend across accommodation, dining, retail, and tours, delivering tangible benefits to local businesses and service providers.

Cultural enrichment – Combines unique heritage and home-grown talent with high-quality visiting artists, providing fresh experiences while showcasing the region's character.

Tourism profile growth – Promotes and profiles each Trail destination, attracting new audiences and reinforcing your reputation as a vibrant regional hub.

Media and promotional reach – Opportunities for positive coverage in regional and national media, social channels, and industry publications, with cross-promotion alongside other Trail towns to extend visibility and brand recognition.



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THE OUTBACK TRAIL 2027 - 2029

Across the months of April and May annually, QLD Music Trails - The Outback will once again traverse the awe inspiring South West, Central & North West regions of Queensland, bringing our audience on a two week, three weekend adventure of a lifetime.

Driven by music and a sense of adventure, the Trail will guide our audience through some of the outback's most breathtaking destinations, with each stop inviting a celebration of iconic music moments, enriching cultural experiences and heartfelt local hospitality.

We'll visit legendary destinations including Charleville with the key Anchor event Saddle Up.

Trail-Goers—caravanners, explorers, and music lovers—will enjoy a customised itinerary to that encourages them to explore, play and stay longer in your region.

Locals will see their stories played out on the stage - with all events proudly embodying Outback resilience, spirit and heart.

Jump on board and join us on the road less travelled.

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The Opportunity

Saddle Up - Building the legacy 2027 and beyond
Date: late April - early May

Saddle Up returns in 2027 as the opening Anchor event of the QMF Outback Trail, positioning Charleville as the key gathering point for audiences commencing their journey west.

As the kick off event of the Trail, Saddle Up is designed to bring together a growing cohort of Trail Travellers, alongside local and regional audiences, creating a shared starting point that encourages early arrival, extended stays and strong engagement with the region.

In 2027, there is an opportunity to evolve the event through site exploration, identifying new locations within Charleville that offer audiences a fresh perspective on the Outback while maintaining the scale and accessibility required of a Anchor event. This approach builds on previous iterations, allowing returning audiences to experience the region in new ways while continuing to attract first-time visitors. Exploration of new site will be done in collaboration with our council stakeholders.

The program will centre on a curated line-up of established and emerging country artists, balancing recognisable names that drive visitation with local and regional talent that reflects the identity of Queensland and the Charleville community.

Importantly, Saddle Up is being considered as the anchor of a broader weekend offering in Charleville. We are pitching the development of complementary Destination Experiences across the following day, creating opportunities for audiences to remain in region, engage more deeply with the town and its surrounds, and extend their stay.

The event itself is conceived as a relaxed, outdoor music experience with a strong sense of place, combining live performance, local food and beverage offerings, and a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere. The broader weekend structure allows for a more layered visitor experience, supporting both tourism outcomes and community participation.



The Opportunity

Charleville Jukebox

Date: late April - early May

Charleville Jukebox is a participatory community event that places local voices and musical taste at the centre of the experience. Designed to extend visitor stay and hosted on the day following Saddle Up!

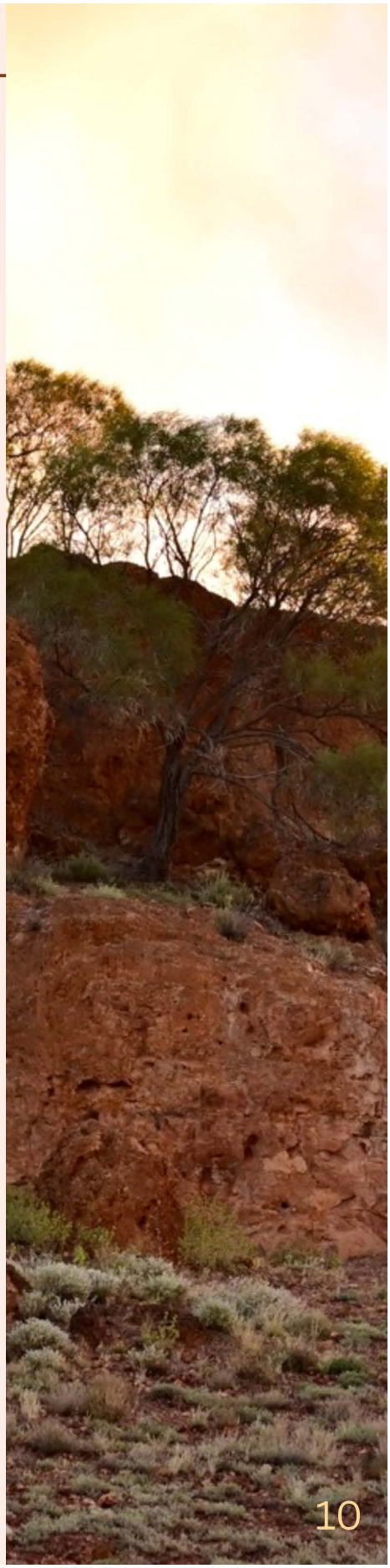
In the lead-up to the event, QMF will work with the Charleville community to gather song requests, inviting residents to nominate the songs they love, remember and want to share. These selections form the foundation of the program, creating a uniquely local "jukebox" that reflects the identity of the region QR codes will be available on the day for new requests.

Delivered in partnership with a specialist piano bar artist, the event unfolds as a relaxed, live sing-along experience where audiences are encouraged to take part, singing, requesting and celebrating music together. The program moves fluidly across genres, shaped by the contributions of the community.

The event is also designed as an opportunity to activate the Outback Museum of Australia as a venue, inviting both local audiences and Trail Travellers into the space. As one of the first curated events to be held at the site, Charleville Jukebox positions the Museum as a welcoming, community-focused cultural hub.

Set within this environment, the event maintains an informal, family-friendly atmosphere. Audiences are invited to bring chairs or picnic rugs, with local food and beverage offerings contributing to a relaxed and social gathering.

Charleville Jukebox provides a strong opportunity for community participation and local involvement, including collaboration with local groups and organisations. It creates a shared cultural moment that is accessible, inclusive and distinctly place-led.



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The Opportunity

SADDLE UP:
Building a legacy into 2027 and beyond

Date: late April - mid May 2027 - 2029

What this looks like locally:

Local business activation
- Engagement of local food vendors, suppliers and contractors, creating direct economic opportunities and supporting local industry.

Strong visitation outcomes
- An Anchor event of this scale is designed to attract regional and interstate audiences, increasing overnight stays and local spend.

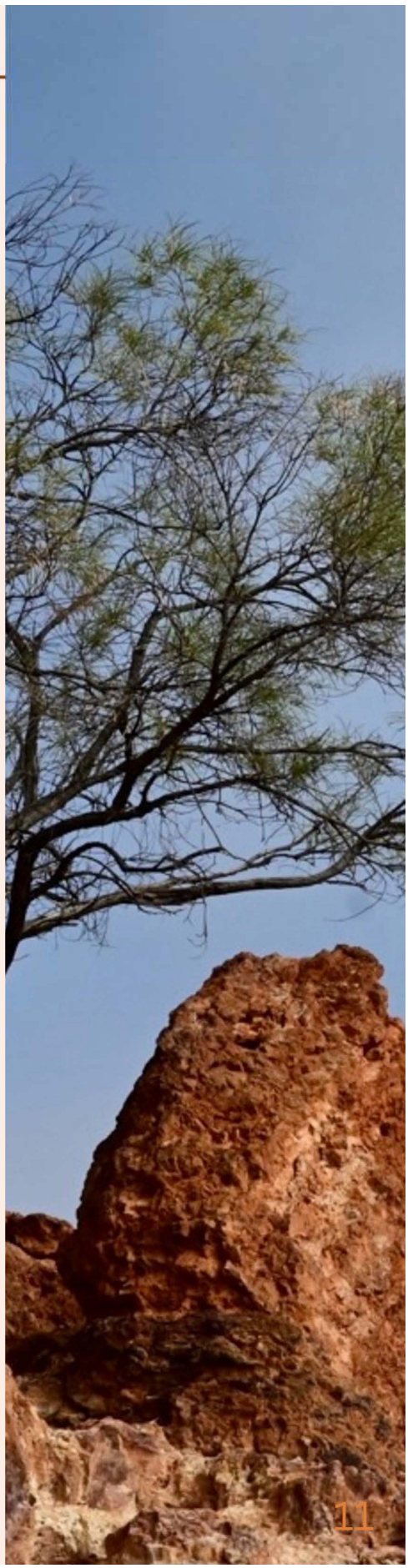
Local artist and community pathways
- Dedicated programming for local and emerging artists and participation opportunities.

Repeatable, scalable event model
- Establishing Saddle Up as an annual Anchor event builds recognition over time, allowing your region to strengthen its position as a destination event location.

Efficient use of existing infrastructure
- Delivered within established sites such as The Racecourse or the Show Grounds, reducing infrastructure burden with premium delivery.

Community engagement & capacity building
- Locally informed opportunities seeking to upskill and empower Charleville residents.

Establishing Saddle Up as a recurring Anchor event allows us to build momentum year-on-year, strengthening audience recognition, partnerships and regional impact.



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The Ask

ANCHOR EVENT PARTNERSHIP

We are seeking to establish a Anchor event partnership with Murweh Shire Council from 2027-2029, inclusive of:

- an annual cash contribution of $ 20,000 (ex GST)
- annual in-kind support (can include venue hire, traffic management,etc.)

Key Benefits

Enhanced brand recognition

- Logo included on all digital and print promotional material, including official post ever video and EDMs
- Logo to be placed on event webpage with a hyperlink to Council website
- Social media posts/reels tagging Council across various platforms such as Facebook Instagram & LinkedIn
- Multiple MC mentions at event

Extended marketing reach

- National exposure including dedicated event promotion to targeted national audienc with a focus on out of region audiences
- Additional shoutouts in press releases, radio spots, and community newsletters, amplifying the sponsor's visibility beyond just event attendees

Exclusive networking opportunities

- Invitations for key Council representatives (Mayor, Deputy Mayor or CEO) to atten stakeholder networking event held as part of the Signature event (Outback Sounds)

Local business and tourism integration

- Opportunity to promote Council-led tourism initiatives or local businesses as part of event messaging and traveller itinerary building via online and physical channels
- Local tourism businesses promoted on Outback Trail website

Data and Reporting

- Comprehensive post-event report detailing audience demographics and media reach economic impact for region, primary purpose visitor numbers, visitor origins, etc.
- Photographs and video of event provided for Council to use

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Additional benefits of partnering and collaborating with QMF

- QMF offers a dedicated and experienced event team with strong relationships and expertise in negotiating and contracting some of Australia's biggest acts.
- A comprehensive marketing campaign that will position your region as a leading visitor destination, seeking to draw audiences from intra and interstate markets.
- Leading Australian talent will be secured, with the lineup bolstered by local and regional emerging talent creating the opportunity for local artists to access professional development.
- QMF will work closely with tourism distribution partners to ensure event is packaged up with accommodation/flights/experiences, enabling audiences to stay longer and spend more.
- Proposed event will be packaged up in the very popular Trail Traveller Pass.

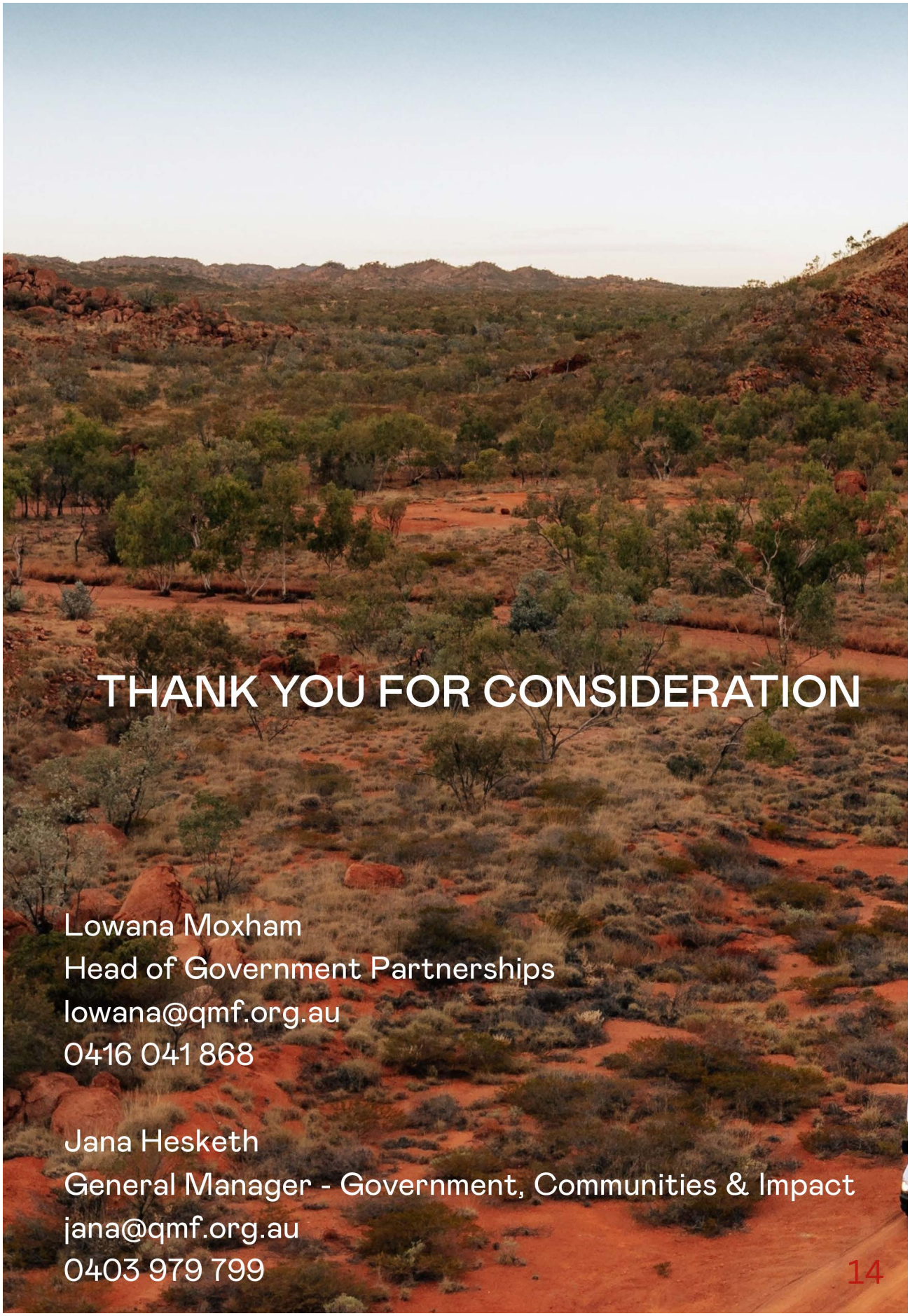
QMF have a buy local, procure local policy and a endeavours are made to procure goods and service locally to ensure economic value remains in the local region.

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QMF will work closely with the local tourism sector t ensure they have the opportunity to leverage an benefit from the event.

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QMF proactively engage with the local community t create meaningful opportunities for resident to co-curate and contribut to programming and deliver


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14.17 RESQ+ INSTRUCT DRIVING INDUCTION PROGRAM - PROPOSED MONTHLY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Author: **Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the partnership proposal from RESQ+ Instruct dated April 2026, seeking a monthly financial contribution of $700 (equating to $8,400 per annum) to fund driving instruction services for eligible community members in the Murweh Shire region.
2. Decline to commit to the proposed ongoing monthly financial contribution at this time, on the grounds that the proposal as submitted does not contain sufficient information to satisfy Council's due diligence obligations, including the absence of an accountability and reporting framework, defined partnership terms, and termination provisions.
3. Advise RESQ+ Instruct that Council is willing to consider a revised proposal that addresses the matters identified in this report, and that the applicant be directed to apply through Council's Community Grants Policy (FIN-012) for any future funding request.

BACKGROUND

RESQ+ is a Queensland-based not-for-profit organisation that delivers the *Instruct* driving instruction program across regional Queensland. The program provides accredited, structured driving lessons using qualified instructors operating dual-control vehicles, targeting individuals who face financial or geographic barriers to licence attainment.

In April 2026, RESQ+ submitted a partnership proposal to Murweh Shire Council requesting a monthly contribution of $700 to fund ten subsidised driving lessons per month for eligible community members. The proposal identifies youth aged 16–25, job seekers, First Nations community members, individuals experiencing financial hardship, and returning drivers as the primary target cohort.

RESQ+ Instruct is currently operating in Charleville and Longreach, with outreach delivery across surrounding communities including Blackall, Tambo, Barcaldine, Winton, Cunnamulla, Augathella, Quilpie, and Morven. The organisation has cited a letter of support from Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and notes that Blackall-Tambo has used Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads Community Road Safety Grant funding to subsidise lessons for its residents.

A letter of support for RESQ+ Instruct signed by the Manager of Lifestyle and Communities, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, dated 28 November 2025, has been submitted as a supporting document. No formal agreement, service schedule, performance metrics, reporting framework, or termination provisions have been included in the submission.

Council previously considered and declined a request for a financial contribution toward motor vehicle driving instruction costs at its Ordinary Meeting of 5 April 2001. While the nature of that request differs from the current proposal, it indicates that requests of this kind are not without precedent.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the RESQ+ Instruct partnership proposal to Council for consideration, to examine the merits and limitations of the request, and to provide a recommendation on the appropriate course of action.

DISCUSSION

The RESQ+ Instruct proposal raises a legitimate and well-documented community need. Access to professional driving instruction in regional and remote Queensland is genuinely constrained. The absence of consistent local driving schools in Charleville — with the nearest services often located in Roma — creates measurable barriers to licence attainment. A driver's licence is a practical prerequisite for employment, healthcare access, and social participation in communities where public transport is absent.

However, while the community need is clear, the proposal as submitted contains significant gaps that prevent Council from making an informed and defensible funding decision. These are examined below.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL

The proposal has genuine merit across several dimensions:

- Community need is established. RESQ+ has documented ongoing enquiries from prospective participants who cannot afford lessons without subsidised support. The loss of what the proposal refers to as 'Region 45' funding has reduced the organisation's capacity to deliver subsidised lessons, creating a gap in access for the most disadvantaged community members.
- Alignment with Council priorities. The program targets youth employment readiness, First Nations community participation, and road safety outcomes — all of which are consistent with Council's Corporate Plan objectives under the Empowered Future and Community Wellbeing themes.
- Modest cost. At $700 per month ($8,400 per annum), the financial commitment is relatively modest in the context of Council's community assistance expenditure. The cost equates to ten funded lessons per month, delivering a tangible and quantifiable community benefit.
- Precedent from a peer council. Blackall-Tambo Regional Council has actively supported the RESQ+ Instruct program and has drawn on the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads Community Road Safety Grants Program to fund subsidised lessons and instructor accommodation. This demonstrates that local government support for this type of initiative is both achievable and externally fundable.
- Alternative grant pathway available. The Department of Transport and Main Roads administers the Community Road Safety Grants Program, which is specifically designed to fund initiatives of this kind. Council could choose to support RESQ+ Instruct in accessing that funding stream rather than — or in addition to — providing direct financial contributions.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL (OR REQUIRING CLARIFICATION)

Despite its merits, the proposal contains material deficiencies that must be addressed before Council can appropriately commit public funds:

- Driving instruction is not Council's core business. Council's legislated functions under the Local Government Act 2009 centre on the provision of infrastructure, services, and facilities for its local government area. Funding a private service provider to deliver commercial driving lessons represents an extension into territory that is not Council's primary responsibility. While Council regularly supports community organisations, those arrangements typically involve local not-for-profit groups delivering services of direct and demonstrable benefit to the Murweh community. RESQ+ Instruct operates across a wide geographic footprint spanning multiple local government areas, and the proposal does not quantify what proportion of the funded lessons would be delivered specifically to Murweh Shire residents.
- No accountability or performance reporting framework. The proposal does not specify what reporting RESQ+ Instruct would provide to Council to demonstrate that funded lessons have been delivered, to whom, and with what outcomes. Council is obliged under the Local Government Regulation 2012 (section 189) to report grants to community organisations in its

annual report. Providing public funds without a corresponding accountability mechanism would be inconsistent with sound financial governance.

- No formal partnership agreement or defined terms. The proposal does not include, or propose the preparation of, a formal agreement. Key matters left undefined include: the basis on which eligible participants are selected; how 'referred clients through Council and community networks' would operate in practice; what quality assurance or complaints mechanisms exist; and whether the instructor(s) hold current Blue Cards and relevant accreditations (asserted but not evidenced).
- No exit or termination provisions. Council must be able to exit any financial commitment without ongoing liability. The proposal does not address under what circumstances either party could terminate the arrangement, the notice period required, or the treatment of any pre-paid or committed funds at the point of termination. A monthly contribution arrangement, if continued without a defined end date, creates an open-ended financial commitment that may be difficult to discontinue without reputational or community relations risk.
- No defined funding period or sunset clause. The proposal requests a monthly contribution without specifying a funding term, review date, or conditions for renewal. Council should not enter into ongoing financial commitments without a defined assessment point.
- Limited organisational transparency. The proposal does not provide financial statements, governance information, insurance details, or evidence of the organisation's financial viability and accountability structures. For any organisation seeking recurring public funds, this information is standard due diligence.
- Geographic reach unclear in relation to Murweh benefit. RESQ+ Instruct services a large area spanning multiple local government areas. The proposal does not establish what proportion of lessons funded by a Murweh Shire Council contribution would be delivered within the Murweh Shire, or how Murweh residents would be prioritised.
- 'Region 45' funding loss not explained. The proposal refers to the loss of 'Region 45' funding as a trigger for the current request, but does not explain what this funding was, who provided it, why it was lost, or whether it is recoverable. This context is material to assessing whether Council support is intended as temporary bridging funding or a permanent ongoing commitment.

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY — COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM

The Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads administers the Community Road Safety Grants Program, which funds local initiatives targeting driver education, licence attainment, and community road safety outcomes. Blackall-Tambo Regional Council has used this program to support RESQ+ Instruct delivery in its area.

Council may wish to consider whether it would be more appropriate for RESQ+ Instruct to be encouraged to apply for this external grant funding, with Council providing a letter of support, rather than committing its own operational funds. Alternatively, Council could consider whether it wishes to apply for a grant from this program and engage RESQ+ as the delivery partner.

Consultation

Meetings with RESQ+ representative and the Director of Community, Community Services and Community Infrastructure have taken place by request of RESQ.

FINANCIAL RISKS

The proposed financial commitment is $700 per month, equating to $8,400 per annum. No provision currently exists within the 2025–26 adopted budget for this contribution. Should Council resolve to approve the proposal, an unbudgeted expenditure commitment would be created, requiring

identification of an appropriate funding offset or reserve. In future years, the commitment would need to be incorporated into the annual budget process.

A further financial risk exists in the absence of a defined funding term and exit provisions. Without a formal agreement, Council may face reputational or community relations pressure to continue funding beyond its intended commitment. The proposal does not confirm whether RESQ+ Instruct holds public liability insurance, which is standard for service providers receiving public funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

No material environmental risks are associated with this proposal. Increased driver licence attainment may, over time, contribute to a modest increase in vehicle use in the region; however, this effect is not directly attributable to Council's funding decision and is considered negligible in this context.

SOCIAL RISK

The proposal has positive social intent. Improved licence attainment among disadvantaged cohorts — particularly youth, First Nations community members, and individuals experiencing financial hardship — supports employment readiness, social inclusion, and community safety. Declining the proposal carries a risk of community perception that Council is unsupportive of youth and equity-focused initiatives. However, this risk is substantially mitigated if Council declines on the grounds of the proposal's incompleteness rather than a wholesale rejection of the program's objectives, and communicates clearly that it is open to a revised and properly documented application.

LEGAL RISK

Council's expenditure of public funds must be consistent with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Section 189 of the Regulation requires grants to community organisations to be reported in Council's annual report. Any contribution approved should be processed through Council's established community grants framework to ensure legislative compliance.

In the absence of a formal agreement, Council has no enforceable mechanism to ensure that funded lessons are delivered, that participants meet the intended eligibility criteria, or that the arrangement can be terminated without dispute. Entering into an open-ended financial commitment without appropriate legal documentation carries inherent governance risk.

REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), section 189 — Grants to community organisations and discretionary funds
- Murweh Shire Council Community Grants Policy FIN-012 (Version 4.0)
- Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, Community Road Safety Grants Program

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.

4.2.1 Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **RESQ+ Proposal** ⇩
2. **RESQ+ Letter of Support** ⇩

RESQ+ Driving Instruction Program

Partnership Proposal & Program Update To Murweh Shire Council

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1. Executive Summary

RESQ+ Instruct is a community focused driving instruction program currently operating in Charleville and expanding across surrounding regional towns. The program is designed to address critical barriers to licence attainment, particularly for young people, job seekers, and Individuals facing barriers.

This report provides an update on current program delivery and outlines an opportunity for Murweh Shire Council to partner with RESQ+ Instruct to improve community outcomes through increased access to structured, compliant driving lessons.

Through a modest monthly contribution, Council can directly Through a modest monthly contribution, Council can directly support licence attainment, improving access to employment, education, **healthcare, and community life, helping to address transport limitations in the region and improve** road safety outcomes.

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2. Program Overview

RESQ+ Instruct delivers professional, structured driving lessons using accredited instructors and dual control automatic and manual vehicles. The program operates under a fee for service Model

Key features of the program include

- Accredited driving instructors with Blue Cards
- Automatic and manual dual control training vehicle
- Structured one on one lessons
- Support for learner drivers, returning drivers, and licence conversions
- Outreach delivery model across Charleville and surrounding towns within 300km

The program is currently operating in Charleville and Longreach while servicing surrounding communities including Blackall, Tambo, Barcaldine, Winton, Cunnamulla, Augathella, Quilpie, and Morven.

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3. Identified Need

Access to driving instruction in regional areas such as Charleville is limited. The nearest consistent driving school services are often located in larger regional centres such as Roma, creating significant access barriers.

As a result,

- Individuals experience delays in obtaining licences
- Employment opportunities are restricted
- Young people face reduced independence and engagement
- Community members remain reliant on others for transport

These challenges affect

- Young people aged 16–25
- Job seekers
- First Nations community members
- Individuals experiencing financial hardship
- Adults returning to driving after a period of inactivity

Demonstrated Local Demand and Need

RESQ+ Instruct receives multiple enquiries each week from potential clients seeking financial assistance to access driving lessons. This ongoing demand highlights a clear and consistent need for supported participation within the region.

Due to the loss of region 45, RESQ+ is currently limited in its ability to provide subsidised or no cost lessons. As a result, many individuals who would benefit most from the program are unable to access services.

This gap presents a clear opportunity for Council partnership to directly address financial barriers and support equitable access to licence attainment across the community.

Funding Model in Nearby Council

Neighbouring Council, Blackall and Tambo regional council have successfully supported similar initiatives through external funding streams such as the Community Road Safety Grants Program.

This grant program is offered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads, is designed to fund local road safety initiatives that improve driver education, increase licence attainment, and enhance community safety outcomes.

This demonstrates a proven and achievable funding pathway that Murweh Shire Council may wish to explore in partnership with RESQ+ Instruct to support local delivery.

Blackall use's this funding to subsidise all driving lessons for Blackall and Tambo residents, as well as cover instructor accommodation costs during service delivery in

Blackall.

4. Program Impact

RESQ+ Instruct is designed to deliver measurable outcomes across multiple community priorities.

Key outcomes include

Licence Attainment

Participants receive structured support to progress through licence stages, increasing the number of fully licensed drivers in the region.

Reduced Barriers

The program removes financial and access barriers by delivering local services and offering supported participation options.

Youth Engagement

Young people are supported to build independence, responsibility, and confidence through structured learning.

First Nations Support

The program includes culturally appropriate engagement, including access to First Nations instructors, supporting improved participation and outcomes.

Community Safety

Improved driver training contributes to safer roads and reduced risk of accidents within the community.

5. Proposed Partnership Opportunity

RESQ+ Instruct is seeking to establish a partnership with Murweh Shire Council to support ongoing program delivery and expand access within the region.

Proposed Contribution

A contribution of $700 per month from Council would provide:

- 10 fully funded driving lessons per month
- Direct support for eligible community members
- Increase programs reach and impact

Use of Funding

Council supported lessons would be allocated to:

- Youth participants
- Individuals experiencing financial hardship
- Referred clients through Council and community networks

6. Partnership Benefits to Council

Partnering with RESQ+ Instruct provides Murweh Shire Council with a direct and visible way to support community outcomes.

Benefits include:

- Supporting employment pathways and economic participation
- Demonstrating commitment to youth and community development
- Improving road safety outcomes
- Strengthening support for First Nations communities
- Positive community engagement and visibility

Proven Local Government Experience

RESQ+ Instruct has already established working relationships with local government, including collaboration with the Blackall and Tambo Council. Through this engagement, the program has successfully delivered driving instruction services aligned with community needs.

- we are working on similar arrangement with other councils and organisations.

A letter of recommendation

has been provided as part of this partnership, demonstrating the program's ability to deliver reliable, community focused outcomes in a local government setting.

This existing experience ensures that RESQ+ Instruct understands the expectations, reporting requirements and collaborative approach required when working alongside Council.

7. Delivery Model

The program will continue to operate from Charleville as a base location, with structured outreach delivered to surrounding communities.

Delivery includes:

- Scheduled lesson in regional towns
- Flexible booking options
- Coordination with local organisations and stakeholders

This model ensures efficient service delivery while maximising participation and outcomes across the region.

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8. Monitoring and Reporting

RESQ+ Instruct will provide regular updates to Council, including:

- Number of lessons delivered
- Participant engagement
- Progress toward licence attainment
- General program outcomes and impact

We operate on an invoicing model based on lessons conducted, ensuring transparency and that organisations are only charged for services delivered. Any unused lessons within a package will not be billed in full.

This ensures transparency and alignment with community objectives.

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9. Conclusion

RESQ+ Instruct represents a practical solution to a well identified gap in regional communities. Through partnership with Murweh Shire Council, the program can significantly increase its reach and deliver meaningful outcomes for individuals and the broader community.

A modest investment will enable direct, measurable impact across employment, road safety, and community wellbeing.

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RE: Letter of Support – RESQ+ Instruct Program

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the RESQ+ Instruct Program delivered across the Central West. This program is an essential service in our region, particularly as there are currently no other local providers offering comprehensive driving lessons or structured support for individuals working toward their driver licence.

The Instruct Program plays a vital role in helping community members gain the practical skills, confidence and road knowledge needed to become safe and independent drivers, especially on rural roads. For many participants, obtaining a driver licence is not only a key milestone in their personal development, but also a gateway to increased independence, social participation and access to employment opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach.

As a Blackall resident and parent who works closely with youth in our community, I see firsthand the challenges created by geographic isolation and limited opportunities. Without access to reliable transport, young people face significant barriers to education, training and employment. Public transport options are virtually non-existent and families often struggle to provide the level of support needed for learner drivers to complete the required hours. This lack of access can lead to social isolation and restrict pathways for young people to remain in or return to our region.

The RESQ+ Instruct Program fills a critical gap by providing structured, professional driving instruction and mentorship. It not only equips participants with essential skills but also fosters confidence and independence, qualities that are vital for thriving in rural communities. Programs like this help break down barriers and create opportunities that strengthen our region's future.

I strongly endorse the continuation and expansion of the Instruct Program and commend RESQ+ for their commitment to improving outcomes for individuals and the broader community.

Yours sincerely,

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15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RECOMMENDATION

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 Alfred and Wills Streets Asphalt Upgrade - Tender Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - 3 (g) 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 negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;.

17 CLOSURE