



# Ordinary Council Meeting

## AGENDA

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

19 May 2026

9:00 AM



Tourism Manager at the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE) 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 19, May 2026 at 9:00 AM.**

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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

## MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Tuesday, 21 April 2026

9.00AM



Tourism and Business Consultation

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE  
ON TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 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 (CEO), J Barton (Director of Engineering), J Kronk (Director of Corporate Services), T Martin (Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure), K Crosby (Regulatory Services Manager), R Richen (Tourism, Marketing & Events Manager)

**1 OPENING PRAYER**

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

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Apologies**

Nil

**Leave of Absence**

Nil

**Applications for Leave of Absence**

Nil

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Sommerfield declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in agenda item 14.06, as she is Vice President of the Charleville and District Show Society.

**4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST**

Nil

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 117/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 March 2026 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED**

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

Remove "It is recommended that Council approve the use of the hangar.." and Replace with "Council approves the use of the hangar..."

## 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

General Discussion

## 7 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

## 8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

## 9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

9.1	CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS
	<p><b>RESOLUTION 118/26</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes correspondence received since the 17 March 2026 Council Meeting that may be of interest to Councillors.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

## 10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10.1	MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2026
	<p><b>RESOLUTION 119/26</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

10.2	COUNCIL POLICIES
	<p><b>RESOLUTION 120/26</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council adopts the following Policies as presented, with minor amendments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GOV-020 Complaints Management Policy</li><li>• GOV-021 Complaints Management Procedure</li><li>• GOV-022 Human Rights Policy</li><li>• GOV-023 Information Privacy Policy</li></ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

**10.3 MARCH 2026 SURPLUS SECONDHAND PLANT — VIRTUAL PUBLIC AUCTION RESULTS**

**RESOLUTION 121/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the excellent results of the March surplus second-hand 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.

**CARRIED**

**10.4 REQUEST FOR A SEAT FOR CHARLEVILLE CEMETERY**

**RESOLUTION 122/26**

Moved: Cr S Radnedge

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council;

1. approves the suggestion from Mrs Evelyn Purvis for the provision of a seat surrounding one of the large trees at the Charleville Cemetery close to the lawn cemetery section.
2. Council to also investigate the signage for parking within the cemetery.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND BUSH COUNCILS CONVENTION**

**RESOLUTION 123/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Cr Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Mayor Cr Peter Alexander, and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Scott at the Local Government Association of Queensland Bush Councils Convention to be held in Longreach between 26 and 28 May 2026.

**CARRIED**

**10.6 WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION 124/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

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.

**CARRIED**

## **10.7 ATTENDANCE AT THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026**

### **RESOLUTION 125/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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.

**.CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:47am.

Mr Michael Wex, TAFE Community Engagement Officer South West Queensland joined the meeting for morning tea.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:19am.

Mr Michael Wex, TAFE Community Engagement Officer for South West Queensland addressed the meeting regarding his role.

The Director of Corporate Services was present when the meeting resumed.

## **11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY**

### **11.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026**

#### **RESOLUTION 126/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

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

**CARRIED**

#### **11.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-26 QUARTER THREE REPORT**

##### **RESOLUTION 127/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council as per section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Third Quarter review outcomes of the Operational Plan 2025-26.

**CARRIED**

#### **11.3 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

##### **RESOLUTION 128/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the April 2025 Human Resources Report.

**CARRIED**

#### **11.4 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**

##### **RESOLUTION 129/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

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

**CARRIED**

**11.5 2027 LAND VALUATION PROGRAM - VALUER-GENERAL CONSULTATION**

**RESOLUTION 130/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield  
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

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 since the last valuation was completed.
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.

**CARRIED**

**11.6 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 131/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander  
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

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

**CARRIED**

**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**

**RESOLUTION 132/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

*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.*

1.1	The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor, or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.	At all times.
1.2	The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.	At all times.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approved Plans and Documents</b>										
2.1	The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plan, except where amended by the conditions of this permit.	At all times									
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<b>3.0</b>	<b>Services</b>										
3.1	All existing services must be wholly contained within the proposed lot boundary, relocated or contained within easements (as required).	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan and at all times.									
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Removal of structures</b>										
4.1	Any structures located over the proposed new boundary must be removed.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.									
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Compliance</b>										
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.									
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Outstanding Charges</b>										
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>.

**CARRIED**

The Regulatory Services Manager entered the meeting at 12.20pm.

#### **11.8 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - APRIL 2026**

##### **RESOLUTION 133/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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

**CARRIED**

#### **11.9 TENDER SEVEN ALLOTMENTS WITHIN BOLLON ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

##### **RESOLUTION 134/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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]

**CARRIED**

#### **11.10 TENDER OF LOT 2 ON SP130272**

##### **RESOLUTION 135/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approves the sale of land and residence on Lot 2 on SP130272, Charleville for sale by tender under section 227 and section 228 of the *Queensland Local Government Regulation*.

**CARRIED**

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

## **12 ENGINEERING SERVICES**

### **12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT**

#### **RESOLUTION 136/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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

**CARRIED**

## **13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nil

## **14 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **14.1 APRIL MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT**

#### **RESOLUTION 137/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the April 2026 Library Report.

**CARRIED**

### **14.2 CHARLEVILLE TOWN POOL – APRIL 2026 MONTHLY REPORT**

#### **RESOLUTION 138/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Charleville Town Pool Monthly Report for April 2026.

**CARRIED**

**14.3 CHARLEVILLE AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION - CONTINUED USE OF STORAGE FACILITY AT CHARLEVILLE SHOWGROUNDS**

**RESOLUTION 139/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Endorse the continued shared use of the 'old canteen' 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.

**CARRIED**

**14.4 REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRE FESS - MORVEN TOWN HALL BY THE MORVEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. AND SOUTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE (TRACC)**

**RESOLUTION 140/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

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.

**.CARRIED**

**14.5 CHARLEVILLE SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION - REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF VENUE HIRE FEES 2026**

**RESOLUTION 141/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

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.

**CARRIED**

Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure entered the meeting at 1.28pm.

Cr Sommerfield declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in agenda item 14.06, as she is Vice President of the Charleville and District Show Society and exited the meeting while this discussion took place at 1.29pm

**14.6 IN-KIND ASSISTANCE - PROVISION OF LOAM FOR 2026 CHARLEVILLE SHOW RODEO ARENA**

**RESOLUTION 142/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

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.
4. Council be acknowledged as a major sponsor of the event.

**CARRIED**

The Tourism and Events Manager entered the meeting at 1.38pm.

Cr Sommerfield entered the meeting at 1.39pm.

**14.7 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - MORVEN STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION - GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

**RESOLUTION 143/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council not approve the provision of in-kind assistance to the Morven State School P&C Association

**.CARRIED**

**14.8 WAIVER OF COMMUNITY BUS HIRE FEE - RIDEWEST AUGATHELLA COMMUNITY EVENT**

**RESOLUTION 144/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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.

**CARRIED**

**14.9 TOURISM MARKETING AND EVENTS REPORT - APRIL 2026**

**RESOLUTION 145/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

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

**CARRIED**

#### **14.10 MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2032**

##### **RESOLUTION 146/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council:

1. Receive and adopt the Murweh Shire Council Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 as per agenda 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.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for a break at 1.58pm.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 2:18pm.

#### **14.11 MURWEH BUSINESS IMPACT SURVEY - FUEL COSTS AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS RESULTS**

##### **RESOLUTION 147/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

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.

**CARRIED**

#### **14.12 KATHERINE BENNEL-PEGG VISIT**

##### **RESOLUTION 148/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the report regarding the Katherine Bennell-Pegg visit which occurred in March 2026.

**CARRIED**

#### **14.13 AUSTRALIAN TOURISM EXCHANGE 2026 INVITATION**

##### **RESOLUTION 149/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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.

**CARRIED**

#### **14.14 WE'RE ONLY A DAY AWAY TV CAMPAIGN**

##### **RESOLUTION 150/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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.

**CARRIED**

#### **14.15 SUBSCRIPTION TO LOCALIS TOURISM INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM**

##### **RESOLUTION 151/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

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.

**CARRIED**

#### **14.16 QMF SADDLE UP 3 YEAR PROPOSAL**

##### **RESOLUTION 152/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

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

**CARRIED**

**14.17 RESQ+ INSTRUCT DRIVING INDUCTION PROGRAM - PROPOSED MONTHLY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

**RESOLUTION 153/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

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+ that there is external funding available through Qld Department of Main Roads Community Road Safety Grant

**CARRIED**

The Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure and The Tourism and Events Manager exited the meeting at 2.45pm.

The Director of Engineering entered the meeting at 2.48pm.

**15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil

**16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLUTION 154/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

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;.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 155/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

**CARRIED**

## **16.1 ALFRED AND WILLS STREETS ASPHALT UPGRADE - TENDER REPORT**

### **RESOLUTION 156/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council resolves to:

1. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to correspond with the tenderers, issuing the proposed contract and requesting confirmation of their tendered price; proposed commencement and completion dates; project duration; nominated key personnel; confirmation that the tendered price will be held for the duration of the works; and any departures from the contract, including associated cost implications.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, subject to satisfactory outcomes from the clarification and negotiation process, to enter into a construction contract with the preferred tenderer based on the negotiated terms.
3. Receive a subsequent report to ratify the Chief Executive Officer's actions at the next available Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **17 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.30pm.



# Special Council Meeting

## MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Thursday, 7 May 2026

10:00AM



Aurora Estate Stage 2 Sod Turning

Hon. Ann Leahy, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, Mayor Cr Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Premier, Jarrod Blejje MP Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE  
ON THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2026 AT 10:06AM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Scott (Chief Executive Officer), R Cuffe (Engineering Manager)

**1 OPENING PRAYER**

Cr Radnedge delivered a prayer for the guidance of Council.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Apologies**

Nil

**Leave of Absence**

Nil

**Applications for Leave of Absence**

Nil

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST**

Nil

**5 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLUTION 157/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander  
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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

**5.1 Tender Aurora Estate Stage 2 Construction**

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**

**RESOLUTION 158/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

**CARRIED****5.1 TENDER AURORA ESTATE STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION****RESOLUTION 159/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Engages Durack Civil (Brisbane, QLD) for the Aurora Estate Stage 2 Construction works under Contract MSC AE 13 at a comparison price of \$6,597,142 (excluding GST).
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the construction contract on behalf of Council with Durack Civil under AS4000–1997 General Conditions of Contract, subject to resolution of contract departures and finalisation of pricing.

**CARRIED****6 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10:42pm.

**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 April 2026 Council Meeting that will be of interest to Councillors.

#### CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

Correspondence received post the April 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. CCC Update Fuel Fraud
2. Fuel Fraud Public Sector Guide 2026
3. Department of Local Government Water and Volunteers - Senior Executive Employee Appointment Panel
4. Department of Local Government Water and Volunteers Mayor Official Local Government Spokesperson
5. Local Government Workcare (LGW) Members Contribution Increase Murweh
6. QRA Council Newsletter
7. National Native Title Tribunal Murweh Shire Council Notification
8. National Native Title Tribunal Murweh Shire Council Public Notice
9. Notification of tabling of report – Use of privacy impact assessments when managing camera surveillance
10. QAO Managing third-party cyber security risks Report 13 2025–26
11. ALGA Conference Strategic Motions - Murweh Shire Council QLD
12. Telstra Regional Newsletter May 2026 - Southern Queensland
13. Telstra Retirement of CAN Radio Services - May Boisen
14. Queensland Small Business Month 2026
15. OQTA Latest Outback Queensland Industry News
16. OQTA You'll never get better Outback Deals
17. Bush Grave 161 Vera Tighe
18. Compliment to Bert found on facebook
19. Thank you Cooladdi Sport and Recreation Assoc Inc
20. Thank you for ANZAC Day Support Michael and Helen McKellar
21. Thank you Letter of Appreciation Murweh Shire CRABS
22. Thankyou Shane Carr



Good afternoon,

Current fuel market disruptions mean the public sector is facing heightened fraud and corruption risks, including the potential for fuel theft, fraudulent use of fuel cards and misuse of agency vehicles.

The CCC has reviewed and updated our prevention guidance on [minimising fuel fraud in the public sector](#) to help agencies to be aware of and respond to this corruption risk.

The increasing cost of fuel, coupled with supply constraints, may lead to the theft of fuel from depots, tanks, equipment and vehicles, falsification of inventory records and logbooks, and misuse of agency vehicles, fuel cards and corporate credit cards.

To protect against fuel related fraud agencies are encouraged to:

1. Strengthen internal controls
2. Remind staff of their obligations
3. Increase on-site inspections and visibility
4. Implement physical security measures
5. Monitor fuel consumption, access and vehicle use

The prevention guide includes strategies to detect and prevent fuel fraud and the misuse of public resources.



[Download the guide](#)

If you have any questions about this updated guidance or additional strategies and prevention insights which may help other public sector agencies, please send us a message at [Corruption.Engagement@ccc.qld.gov.au](mailto:Corruption.Engagement@ccc.qld.gov.au)

Kind regards

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

Prevention guidance

# Minimising fuel fraud in the public sector

## Current risk: Fuel market disruptions

Australia is currently experiencing record fuel prices, driven by conflict in the Middle East and disrupted global oil supplies. There are also some service stations across Queensland and Australia running out of fuel, with regional towns acutely affected by supply chain delays.<sup>1</sup>

Current fuel market conditions heighten the risk of fuel being stolen from depots and vehicles, falsification of inventory records and logbooks, the misuse of agency vehicles, and fraudulent use of fuel cards and corporate credit cards.



*Tighter access and monitoring controls can help agencies detect and deter fuel theft, fraud and misuse of resources.*

## Strategies to prevent fuel fraud

The following strategies may help agencies prevent fuel theft and other types of wrongdoing, which may arise with the current fuel market disruptions.

The strategies are being shared to help agencies take action to protect against fuel fraud risks and ensure they can continue to deliver essential services for the Queensland community.

### 1. Strengthen internal controls during periods of supply constraints

In times of supply constraints and high fuel prices, agencies should consider ways to strengthen their internal controls to proactively respond to the increasing risks of fuel fraud.

Strengthened internal controls include:

- Fitting tanks with an anti-siphon device to prevent fuel from being drained out.
- Maintaining a well-lit site around bulk fuel storage tanks, and strong physical access and security controls to reduce risk of theft.
- Limiting use to confirmed in-stock service stations, requiring odometer and receipt submission more regularly, and flagging purchases exceeding price thresholds during a shortage period.
- Prioritising essential services, imposing kilometre caps for non-critical tasks and requiring additional justification for refuelling for non-essential services during a shortage period.
- Conducting spot audits and cross-checking logs where fuel supply is reduced in cities, towns or areas.
- Issuing clear directives on acceptable use of fuel, fuel and corporate cards and agency vehicles during shortages and reinforcing the consequences of misuse.
- Providing reminders to fuel card and corporate card holders on using public funds in the public interest and increasing audit scrutiny of these expenses.

<sup>1</sup> Armstrong, C. (2026, March 24). [Australia's diesel standards lowered for six months as hundreds of petrol stations run out of certain fuels](#), ABC News.



*Remind staff about what appropriate and inappropriate use looks like and emphasise that any form of personal use can constitute fraud and corruption.*

## 2. Remind staff of their obligations

All employees are expected to use their agency’s resources appropriately. During periods of market disruption, it is even more important to discuss the issue of fuel fraud with employees and the potential consequences of its misuse.

Remind staff about:

- Their ethical obligations and your agency’s values, code of conduct and mechanisms for reporting suspected fraud and corruption.
- How to identify, report and prevent fuel theft, or vehicle and fuel card misuse (including red flags and suspicious activity to be aware of).
- What appropriate and inappropriate use looks like and emphasise that any form of personal use can constitute fraud and corruption.
- The impact of this type of fraud – financial and reputational damage, loss of services for the community, dismissal or criminal charges against the employee.
- Relevant policies and procedures on the use of fuel, fuel and corporate cards, and agency vehicles and the importance of adhering to them.
- Any specific roles and responsibilities of employees, fleet managers and senior management in using, coordinating and overseeing the use of public resources.
- Remaining vigilant when it comes to securing fuel tanks after use. Vehicles with a fuel tank/s mounted on the back of a utility vehicle or truck should be parked in secure places, especially when leaving vehicles unattended.

## 3. Increase onsite inspections and visibility

Managers and supervisors should increase the number of audits and inspections they do around depots and parked agency vehicles, trucks and plant equipment. This acts as a deterrent and reduces opportunities for fuel theft.

Fleet managers and work unit supervisors should:

- Conduct random and regular checks of the depot and agency vehicles.
- Routinely review video surveillance footage for any inconsistencies.

Viewing video surveillance footage can also help spot changes in employees’ behaviour or other trends that may suggest a fuel theft or security problem.



#### 4. Implement physical security measures

A good physical security solution is not one-size-fits-all. Every fleet vehicle carpark, depot, and bulk fuel tank is unique, and security needs will change. Agencies should ensure their security systems protect the perimeter, as well as prevent unauthorised access and fuel theft by employees or members of the public.

##### Secure carparks, depots or construction sites and workplaces

It's important not to wait until after an incident has occurred to evaluate physical security. Completing a site assessment can help improve the security of depots, construction sites and workplaces by uncovering vulnerabilities and developing the right prevention measures to safeguard agency's fleet vehicles, bulk fuel tanks, and equipment.

Physical security measures include:

- Access controls for entry to and exit from the depot, construction site and workplace.
- Video surveillance cameras at key entry points throughout the depot, construction site and workplace.
- Automatic alerts to notify of any potential intrusions.
- Barriers around the bulk fuel tank, perimeter fencing and after-hours security.
- Having exterior lighting near entrances and around walkways – well-lit grounds can deter theft.

##### Secure bulk fuel tanks

Physical security of bulk fuels helps protect against those attempting to gain unauthorised access to fuels. Agencies should ensure a suitable level of physical security around bulk fuel tanks to minimise security risks.

Bulk fuel tank security measures include:

- Keeping the area around the bulk fuel tank clear of equipment and other obstructions to ensure clear visibility and minimise hiding places.
- Always locking the fuel pump compartment, even when left unattended for a short time.
- Closing and locking all valves on bulk fuel tanks when not in use.
- Never leaving the battery connection unsecured and unattended or lending fob keys or access cards to the bulk fuel tank.
- Dipping bulk fuel tanks regularly and monitoring fuel usage to quickly identify any unexplained loss, and installing a flow meter to supervise fuel use.
- Watching where fuel is being moved to (e.g., to public resources and not to personal assets/containers).
- Reporting broken locks and other security deficiencies.



## 5. Monitor fuel consumption, access and vehicle use

A lack of security over fuel consumption, coupled with opportunities to access fuel, fuel cards and agency vehicles can increase the risk of employees doing the wrong thing. An effective way to improve the security of agency-supplied fuel is to use automated management systems and conduct regular audits on the use of fuel cards and vehicles.

### Fuel stock levels

Dipping bulk fuel tanks is good business practice as it reconciles the fuel left in the tank with what has been removed. It assists in identifying variances, fuel theft or leakage.

Monitoring fuel consumption and use can include:

- Reviewing the agency’s use of fuel, existing storage tanks and fuel management systems. Consider investing in a modern fuel data monitoring and management system that automates monitoring, access control, reporting and provides real time data.
- Ensuring bulk fuel tanks have fuel dipping features installed to enable accurate auditing of stock levels.
- Conducting a physical inventory by regularly fuel dipping bulk fuel, commensurate to the level of use and risk, to check stock levels. (Note: fuel dipping should occur daily if theft is suspected.)
- Conducting regular reconciliations of fuel stock and the use of fuel to ensure consumption is in line with approved use and purchased quantity.
- Investigating variances between actual and recorded stock levels and taking immediate action to prevent future variance.

### Logbooks and fuel cards

The use of an agency’s vehicles and fuel cards are for official purposes only, unless agreed to through other established policy arrangements. It’s important to have processes in place to monitor the use of vehicles and fuels (or credit cards when travelling) to detect and prevent fraud and corruption.

Key controls over agency vehicles and fuel cards include:

- Ensuring you have a policy and procedures on use of agency vehicles and fuel cards and that staff are aware of them.
- Maintaining a register of all vehicles and fuel cards, including a register of active, inactive or cancelled fuel cards.
- Linking fuel cards to specific vehicles to detect unusual transactions and discrepancies.
- Reminding authorised drivers to never share individual PINs for fuel cards.
- Setting transaction limits (daily, volume, spend) on fuel cards.
- Requiring an accurate odometer reading at the time of payment for fuel and that all receipts be obtained relating to fuel card use.
- Recording the odometer reading at the start and end of a trip in logbooks to support use.
- Performing fuel card expenditure reconciliations against logbooks and tax invoices, and checking the fuel type purchased matches vehicle requirements.
- Conducting random and regular checks or audits to monitor fuel and vehicle use and compliance with the policy and procedure.
- Investigating unusual or abnormal transactions or vehicle uses.
- Segregating duties where possible (i.e. delegations are separate and different staff issue, approve and reconcile).



### Related publications

Read more about fraud and corruption prevention relating to the use of public resources.

- This guide was originally produced in 2022 following a corruption audit. View the summary – [Misuse of public resources: how effectively are agencies minimising risk](#) (Jun 2022).
- Corruption Prevention Advisory – [Use of official resources](#) (Dec 2024).
- [Understanding Fraud: Identifying and reporting fraud in the public sector](#) (Oct 2025).

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# Senior Executive Employee Appointment Panel

## Factsheet

This factsheet provides guidance to local government about the operation of sections 196(4) and (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009*. The legislation provides that senior executive employees of a local government are appointed by an appointment panel.

### Appointment Panel

The panel process is defined under the legislation. The appointment panel is constituted by:

- the Mayor
- the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- either the chairperson of the committee the employee will report to or, if the employee does not report to one committee, the Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor and CEO can delegate their responsibilities to sit on a panel if they are absent, unavailable or have a conflict of interest.

If the chairperson of the committee or the Deputy Mayor is unable to take part in the panel, for example because of absence, incapacity or a conflict of interest, then the local government must appoint another councillor to replace them in the panel.

Appointments made by the panel are limited to senior executive employees, while the CEO appoints all other local government employees.

### Managing conflicts of interest

Any real or perceived conflicts of interest should be managed consistently with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009*, including the local government principles, and the local government's code of conduct for local government employees.

Appointment panel members are encouraged to disclose potential conflicts of interest and manage them in the public interest. This may include them not participating in the panel and appointing a delegate (for Mayors and CEOs) or appointing an alternative panel member.

### Appointments (New Contracts)

The panel convenes and undertakes an interview process, referee checks and other administrative processes as required. The panel decides who to select for appointment to the position, usually by a merit-based selection process.

The conditions of the contract about length of the appointment period, options to extend the contract, remuneration and work conditions are approved by the local government. There may be some negotiation about the work conditions at the time of appointment. This task could be delegated to the CEO to undertake on the local government's behalf.

### Contract Extensions (Existing Contracts)

Contract extensions apply where the current contract includes an option to extend the contract. The extension may be approved by the CEO, depending on the terms of the contract.

For example,

- if the contract allows for an extension by mutual agreement between the senior executive employee and the person responsible for the appointment, such as the CEO, the extension may proceed without further approval.
- where the contract does not include an option to extend the time of appointment by mutual agreement between the parties, a panel may be required to assess and approve the extension.

#### **Contract Renewals (New Contracts)**

Contract renewals apply where the current contract has ended and a new contract is required.

The matter must be referred to the appointment panel for consideration and approval. The panel members may be the same as the previous panel or be made up of new members.

How the panel consider the renewal is a matter for the panel, for example an interview process may or may not be undertaken with the employee. Following consideration, the panel will decide if a new contract will be offered to the senior executive employee.

There may be some negotiation about the work conditions at the time of appointment. Conditions of the contract including those about length of the appointment period, options to extend the contract, remuneration and work conditions are approved by the local government.

#### **Key Distinction: Extension vs Renewal**

- **Contract Extension**
  - Uses an existing option within the current contract.
  - Does not create a new contract.
  - Approval requirements depend on contract terms.
- **Contract Renewal**
  - Involves entering into a new contract after the current one has ended.
  - Requires a more formal process.
  - The employee must be considered and approved for appointment by the panel.

# Mayor is the official local government spokesperson

## Fact Sheet

### Purpose

This factsheet explains the operation of section 12(4)(g) and section 12(6) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

The legislation provides that the mayor is the official spokesperson of the local government about local government matters. This role does not prevent other councillors from communicating with the community about local government matters, provided they do not present themselves as the official spokesperson for the local government unless delegated this role by the mayor.

The term 'spokesperson' is not defined in the *Local Government Act 2009* however the dictionary definition is *someone chosen to represent and communicate the views, policies or statements of an organisation, government, company, or other group (in this case the local government)*.

Local governments should consider the following actions to comply with the legislation:

- Review internal media and communications policies to ensure alignment with the *Local Government Act 2009*.
- Provide guidance or training to councillors, media staff and the chief executive officer (CEO) to clarify the distinction between official local government statements and individual commentary.
- Reinforce expectations regarding authorised spokespeople, who will be approving all official statements by the local government particularly about sensitive or high-profile matters.

Clear identification of authorised spokespeople helps ensure local government matters are communicated consistently and accurately, while continuing to support councillors to advocate for their communities in a way that is ethical, respectful, and aligned with local government principles under the *Local Government Act 2009*.

### Mayor as official spokesperson

The mayor is the official spokesperson of the local government about local government matters. This role reflects the mayor's democratic mandate as the community's elected leader of local government and provides a clear and authoritative voice for communicating local government's collective position to the media, stakeholders, and the broader community.

The following examples are intended to demonstrate how the mayor as official spokesperson provisions may be applied in practice. They are illustrative only and do not represent an exhaustive list, recognising that councils are empowered to apply the provisions in a manner that best suits their individual circumstances, provided this is not inconsistent with legislative requirements.

As the official spokesperson, the mayor acts as the primary public spokesperson for the local government on behalf of the local government as a whole in matters such as:

- communicating adopted policies, strategic priorities, and formal decisions of the local government.
- representing the local government in official negotiations, engagements, visiting dignitaries, ceremonies, and civic functions.
- explaining the Corporate Plan and other key strategic documents and promoting whole-of-community engagement.
- serving as the primary point of contact with local and regional media on matters reflecting the local government's collective position.
- representing the collective and resolved position of the local government, rather than individual views.

### Delegation of spokesperson role

Under section 12(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a councillor who is not the mayor may perform the mayor's extra responsibilities only if the mayor delegates the responsibility to the councillor.

Under section 258 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the mayor may delegate their authority to a councillor.

This may include, but not limited to, the authority to act as an official spokesperson, for a:

- specific portfolio held by a councillor
- board or committee that the councillor is a member of
- civic event or function to be attended by a councillor
- particular program, strategy, project, or area of local government activity i.e. Pest and Vector Control Strategy, Waterways that a councillor is engaged with.

Any delegation applies only to matters within the scope of that delegation and must be exercised in an official capacity on behalf of local government.

Councillors acting under delegated authority are expected to:

- communicate local government-endorsed positions accurately and responsibly
- act consistently with local government decisions and policies and
- uphold the standards of conduct and integrity expected of public office.

A delegation does not diminish the mayor's overarching role as the local government's official spokesperson.

### Absence of formal delegation

Section 165 of the *Local Government Act 2009* provides that the deputy mayor acts for the mayor during leave or temporary incapacity of the mayor. If there is no delegation in place, then the deputy mayor will act as the official spokesperson of the local government during this period.

### The role of the CEO and other staff

While the mayor is the official spokesperson for the local government about local government matters, this does not displace the administrative and operational functions of the chief executive officer to manage public communications. The mayor may communicate the local government's position directly or, where appropriate, indicate that the chief executive officer is best placed to provide public information about operational or administrative matters.

This occurs within the established governance relationship between the mayor and the chief executive officer, including the mayor's authority under section 170(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and does not constitute a delegation of the spokesperson role. Communications issued in the course of administrative functions by the chief executive officer or appropriate local government officers are not statements made on behalf of the local government.

It is recommended that media and communications policies are reviewed to ensure they are consistent with sections 12(4)(g) and 12(6) of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Such policies should clearly recognise the mayor as the official spokesperson for the local government, while supporting councillors to communicate with their communities in a capacity other than as the official spokesperson. Where a media policy is inconsistent with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the legislation prevails and the inconsistent policy provisions have no effect.

### Communication by other councillors

Councillors, as democratically elected representatives of their communities, have a legitimate role in engaging with the community on matters that affect them. Section 12(6) of the *Local Government Act 2009* clarifies that the mayor's role as the official spokesperson does not prevent a councillor, who is not the mayor, from engaging with their community about local government matters in a capacity other than as the local government's official spokesperson.

It is good practice for councillors to exercise care when expressing individual views, particularly where those views differ from a decision of the local government or relate to matters governed by legislation or formal adopted policies or processes.

The examples below are provided to illustrate how these provisions may operate in practice and are not intended to be exhaustive.

Councillors may:

- represent and advocate for the interests of their communities and constituents.
- engage directly with residents, community groups, and stakeholders on local issues and concerns.
- share information with the community responsibly, ensuring that confidential, restricted, or commercially sensitive information is not disclosed.
- participate in community meetings, forums, consultations, and public events.
- respond to constituents through written and verbal communication about local government matters.
- provide input, perspectives, and commentary on matters affecting their division or the local government area.
- attend civic, community, and ceremonial events on behalf of the local government where appropriate.
- contribute to public discussion by expressing views, raising issues, and explaining local government processes, provided they do not purport to speak on behalf of the local government unless authorised to do so.

While the mayor speaks on behalf of the local government as the official spokesperson, councillors continue to play an important role in community engagement, advocacy, and public discussion, reflecting the diversity of views within the community and the local government.



Queensland Local Government Workcare Scheme  
 ABN 52 554 566 229

28 April 2026

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Dear Bruce,

**Advice to Local Government Workcare (LGW) Members – Contribution Increase for 2026-2027**

We are writing to provide member councils with notice that the LGW average scheme rate will increase to **2.13%** for the coming 2026-2027 financial year.

**Increasing Psychological Injury Claims and their Costs to Workers Compensation Schemes**

The LGAQ wrote to you earlier this month with an important update in relation to an emerging risk to workers compensation, and more specifically, an alarming and sustaining trend in rising psychological injury claim numbers and related costs.

As indicated in that correspondence the Queensland Government recently announced a review of the Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Act which is an important step as this trend is impacting the local government sector and challenging the sustainability of all workers compensation schemes - throughout Queensland, and indeed nationally.

**Impacts on the Local Government Workcare (LGW) Scheme**

The Local Government Workcare (LGW) scheme currently provides workers compensation cover for 61 Queensland Councils and has been doing so successfully for almost 30 years. Despite this successful history, LGW is not immune to this new claim trend. Councils have experienced a significant and sustained increase in the number and cost of both primary and secondary psychological injury claims since 2020:

LGW Claims Expenses*					
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$22.59M	\$30.5M	\$29.9M	\$36.2M	\$29.4M	\$42.2M

\*Per LGW scheme audited Financial Statements.

As set out above LGW has seen an 87% increase in reported annual claim costs in the six years to 30 June 2025. A significant part of this claim cost increase is due to the increase in psychological claims across the LGW membership.

These claim cost increases are exerting great financial pressures on the LGW scheme that will result in the necessary increasing of annual contribution costs for many LGW members.

**Actions being undertaken by the LGAQ and the LGW Scheme**

The LGAQ successfully advocated for a review Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Act and will participate in that process by providing a comprehensive submission. We will recommend legislative reforms similar to those already passed interstate to help ensure the ongoing viability of workers compensation schemes for local government. We will also advocate for legislative reform to curb the cost impact of psychological injury claims trend on Queensland Councils.

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The LGW scheme is also proactively providing a range of support services for members facing psychological injury claims by providing specialised claims management services designed to address the complex nature of these cases. The recent appointment of a Complex Claims Officer aims to assist councils in effectively and proactively managing and resolving these claims, which will reduce costs for the scheme and minimise productivity losses for member councils.

### Benefits of the Mutual

Since 2018, the LGW scheme has returned surpluses of more than \$12 million directly to its member councils which is a significant financial benefit of membership. When claims and costs are lower than anticipated, any surplus money in the scheme has been returned directly back to councils or invested in bespoke initiatives that benefit local government. It's a big point of difference compared to Workcover, which retains any profits and does not return surpluses to members.

In addition, the following are other unique and valuable benefits our mutual members enjoy:

- LGW member contributions have no stamp duty.
- LGW has no claims excess, which is a significant saving to your council. This means that claims are paid by LGW from Day 1, as opposed to councils paying for the first 5 days of the claim under Workcover.
- LGW has best practice performance and compliance monitoring which helps your council to mitigate risks and enables members to focus on injury prevention of workers.
- LGW return to work rates are 10% higher than Workcover which help productivity and reduces council costs.
- Finalised LGW claim costs are lower than Workcover which saves councils time and money.
- LGW Free dedicated support services, claims management and bespoke initiatives including training to help member councils manage their individual risks and unique circumstances – LGMS Regional Risk Co-ordinator Program, LGW People & Safety Forums, Accredited OIR Audits and a Biannual People & Safety Conference with industry leading experts and a program tailored specifically for local government which is subsidised by the scheme.

LGW also provides its member councils with a **free** accredited OIR audit which may also be utilised for Transport & Main Roads (TMR) audits if the benchmark is met. This saves councils an estimated average cost of \$30,000 in external audit fees.

In addition, LGW is continuing to assist members by providing education and training opportunities in relation to best managing psychological claims in local government. This will also be an important focus area of the LGW People & Safety Conference this year.

### Average Scheme Rate

In recent years, the LGW Management Committee has been monitoring scheme data that has indicated an emerging trend of significant and sustained claims costs growth year on year particularly in the area of psychological injury claims as outlined above.

However, recent actuarial advice and modelling show the ongoing trend of increased claims expenses is higher than previously expected.

As a result, the LGW Management Committee, supported by elected representatives from council, has recently determined that the member contribution rates for the 2026-27 year will need to **increase to an average scheme rate of 2.13%** of each council's payroll.

### Rate Calculation

Member contributions are based on annual actuarial assessments that take into account a council's previous claims experience in recent years.

LGW's scheme rate calculation considers claims costs over a 4.5 year period and a number of steps have been taken to remove year on year volatility. Unlike WorkCover, this includes built-in limits on the extent to which individual contribution rates can move in any one year (caps and floors), while also keeping in mind that claims experience may take time to reflect a higher or lower scheme rate for an individual member council. In 2026-2027 a maximum cap of 35% has been applied to contribution increases across the scheme.

#### Your Council Rate for 2026-2027

As a result of the significant increase in claims cost all councils within the scheme will be receiving an increase in contribution rate for the 2026-2027 financial year.

Following actuarial assessment of your individual council claims history, LGW advises that the contribution rate for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for **Murweh Shire Council** will be **2.08%**. This rate considers your individual council claims experience, both statutory and common law, over the preceding five years.

We know that this is challenging information to receive, and is not the outcome that you would be wanting as you prepare your council's 2026-27 budget. However, we wanted to provide you this update with as much time and details as possible for your planning purposes. A core value to LGW is its transparency with member councils.

Should you require any further information or have any concerns in relation to this letter please contact the LGAQ as Trustee by phoning Rachael Lindsay on 07 3000 2262 or email [Rachael.Lindsay@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:Rachael.Lindsay@lgaq.asn.au).

Yours sincerely,



Ian Leckenby  
LGW Chair



Alison Smith  
LGAQ CEO



## QRA Council Newsletter - May 2026

Whilst not yet over, the 2025-26 disaster season has been a challenging one. We've seen extensive monsoon flooding and cyclonic conditions throughout the northern, central, and west of our state, with impacts across more than 1.1 million square kilometres.

This is on top of the intense storms in the south east late in 2025 which saw roofs ripped from houses and almost 100,000 homes lose power. Bushfires also struck southwestern districts late in 2025.



In response to the 14 disaster events to impact the state since 1 July 2025, QRA has activated assistance under the joint Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

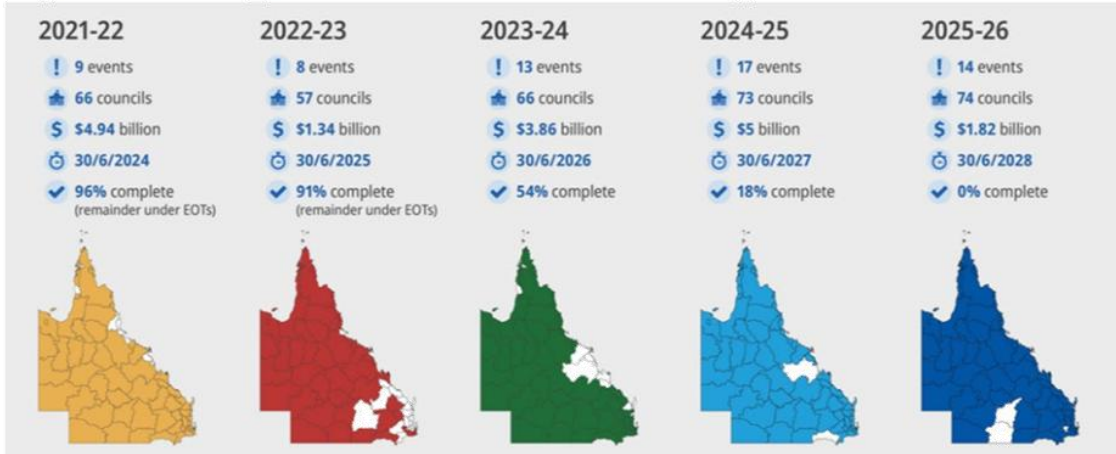
The activation allows each of the 74 councils and one town authority affected by disasters in 2025-26 to fund clean-up, emergency repairs, and longer-term fixes to essential assets damaged by the bushfire, monsoon, cyclone and storm events.

In addition, personal hardship assistance has been made available to those most in need of support, helping vulnerable individuals suffering hardship and distress as a direct result of the disasters. So far, for the 25-26 disaster season, more than \$19.7 million has been paid, benefiting 102,345 individuals.

To date, support packages totalling more than \$174 million are available to address all aspects of recovery from the monsoon flooding and cyclones, including funding for Betterment, environmental recovery, primary producer, small business and not for profits support, flood clean-up, and mental health support.

## Current statewide program

! 61 events    🏛️ 77 councils with an active program    💰 \$17 billion



\*As at 30 April 2026



## St George hosts second Insurance Roundtable event

Representatives from South West Queensland local governments, State and Federal Government, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Insurance Industry gathered in St George last week for the second Insurance in Rural and Regional Queensland Roundtable.

The price of insurance premiums and resilience-building efforts in rural and remote Queensland were discussed as well as the latest relevant flood studies for the region.

Following the first insurance roundtable held in Charleville in September last year, QRA established a working group with roundtable participants to develop a process for updated flood studies and mapping to be transferred into the Insurance Council of Australia's National Flood Information Database (NFID).

With the support of relevant councils, data from seven flood studies was provided to the Insurance Council of Australia in March.

This year, several key flood resilience and mitigation projects have been announced for south-west Queensland through the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program.

Flood risk management funding includes initiatives for a concept design for a levee in Thargomindah, flood studies and floor level surveys and a review of the region's flood warning system.



## Floodplain Management Australia National Conference

QRA was the proud gold sponsor of the 65th annual Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) National Conference held on 21-24 April on the Gold Coast.

The QRA team attended alongside 550 flood professionals from Australia and overseas to share ideas, be inspired, and learn about the latest best practice and evidence-based research from Australia's flood management community.



QRA's General Manager of Resilience and Recovery Jimmy Scott delivered a speech at the opening of the conference with an overview of Queensland's recent flood events and flood risk management initiatives in Queensland.

Additional presentations by QRA's flood team included:

- Property-level Flood Awareness Maps for Queenslanders
- \$49 million Flood Risk Management Program, which includes flood studies, risk assessments and management strategies, developed in response to in 2021-22 floods
- Convergent best practice in IFD data and Flood Modelling.

For more information about these projects please contact QRA's [Flood team](#).

**Pictured above right:** QRA's Project Lead, Flood Risk Management Greg Scroope and Bureau of Meteorology General Manager Ella Harrison discuss the rollout of the National Flood Warning Infrastructure Network Program in Queensland.

## Resilient Australia Award submissions now open

The Resilient Australia Awards (RAAs) are back for 2026, and it's time to shine a light on all the inspiring resilience projects being delivered across Queensland.

These awards celebrate the efforts of individuals, community groups, businesses, schools, organisations, government departments and authorities who are actively championing disaster resilience.



We're calling for standout disaster resilience projects from:

- Community groups supporting those in need
- Schools demonstrating the future of resilience through student projects
- Local businesses stepping up to deliver a product or a process that demonstrates innovation

- LGAs working to protect their communities in new and inspiring ways.

If you know of a project that's strengthened disaster resilience in your community, now's the time to get involved and celebrate their efforts.

Submissions close Tuesday 2 June.

The [GRQ team](#) is available for to assist with applications. Visit the [GRQ website](#) for more information.

## DRFA reminder

We'd like to remind all councils the following deadlines are in place under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for the 2025/26 event year:

- **30 September 2026:** Submission of actuals for Counter Disaster Operations (CDO), Emergency Works (EWK), and Immediate Reconstruction Works (IRW) to be lodged.
- **30 October 2026:** Submission of pre-approval applications for Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) projects to be lodged.

Please remember, it's important to meet these deadlines to ensure timely access to funding and support for your community.

If you would like assistance or require more information, please contact your [QRA Regional Liaison Officer \(RLO\)](#).



**Barcaldine community meet for DRFA training**

QRA's Resilience and Recovery Officer Louise Robertson and Regional Liaison Officers Chris Baker and Jai Green recently facilitated Disaster Funding Arrangements (DRFA) training with Barcaldine Regional Council.

Attendees included the Council Mayor, Councillors, CEO and staff as well as representatives from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Queensland Police Service (QPS) Emergency Management Coordination Centre (EMCC) and the Department of Primary Industries (DPI).

## DRF webinar update

NEMA has postponed Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) Round Four, with an opening date to be advised in the coming weeks.

Thank you to everyone who responded to QRA's EOI for the Information Webinar session covering DRF Round Four, from Queensland's perspective. If you'd like to be added to the invite list, please email the QRA's [Disaster Ready Fund](#) team. The webinar will be held once the opening date has been confirmed.

For more information and updates on DRF visit the [NEMA website](#).

## Reconstruction Monitoring

The QRA team will be on the ground in the coming months to recommence Reconstruction Monitoring (RM) operations.

RM is scheduled to take place from Monday 18 May to Thursday 21 May in the far north related to the North and Far North Tropical Low, 29 January - 28 February 2025 event.

This operation will encompass over 600 property assessments across seven council areas.

The final RM operation relating to Cyclone Alfred will get underway in south-east Queensland between 27-31 July.



QRA conducts these assessments in collaboration with Community Recovery, who can provide psychosocial support to people who require assistance.

The results from these assessments will be shared with impacted councils and relevant state agencies to inform ongoing recovery efforts.

Visit the QRA website for more details about [Reconstruction Monitoring](#).

## LRAP development reminder

Following several busy months for councils, now is a timely opportunity to undertake any final reviews of your Local Recovery and Resilience Plan (LRAP).

With 74 local governments activated for DRFA assistance this season, councils are encouraged to consider whether updates are required to resilience projects or identified priorities, particularly in response to impacts experienced during the 2025–26 disaster season.



Councils are reminded to provide a draft copy of their LRAP to their Resilience and Recovery Officer (RRO), if one has not already occurred, along with the intended council endorsement date.

This will enable RROs to provide targeted support and assist councils in meeting the 30 June endorsement deadline.

This is a critical deadline for QRA to ensure the organisation can target 2026/2027 resilience funding where it is needed most.

Please reach out to your RRO for support or [visit the QRA website for timelines, FAQs and guidelines](#).

## Connect with QRA

We'd love to hear your [feedback](#) about the QRA council newsletter. Please let us know if there are topics you'd like to hear more about.

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Reference: QN2025/015, QN2025/016, QN2025/018

4 March 2026

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Dear Mr Scott

**QUD10/2026 Babbiloora Pty Ltd A.C.N. 078 837 537 as trustee for Babbiloora Trust v State Minister for the State of Queensland (QN2025/015)**

**QUD11/2026 Chesterton Holdings Pty Ltd A.C.N. 091 925 905 & Anor v State Minister for the State of Queensland (QN2025/016)**

**QUD13/2026 Roma Cattle Co Pty Ltd A.C.N. 149 765 257 as trustee for Roma Cattle Co Unit Trust v State Minister for the State of Queensland (QN2025/018)**

On 24 December 2025, the above native title determination applications were filed in the Federal Court of Australia (the Federal Court).

These applications are non-claimant applications, which means that the applicants are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in the area covered by each application.

The *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) requires the Federal Court to give the applications to the Native Title Registrar, who is then required to notify certain people and organisations of the details of each application. Under s 66(3)(a) of the Act, those people and organisations include:

- any proprietary interest holders in the area covered by the applications;
- any registered native title claimants and registered native title bodies corporate in the area covered by the applications;
- any relevant representative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies;
- the Commonwealth Minister;
- any relevant local government authorities; and



- any person whose interests may be affected by determinations in relation to the applications.

Murweh Shire Council has been identified as a local government authority in the area covered by the above applications.

A copy of the public notice is enclosed to provide you with the details of the applications. The notice states that there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to the application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned. The notice also states that unless there is a native title claimant application made over the relevant area by the end of the notice period, the area may be subject to protection under s 24FA of the Act and future acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title.

The Act requires that the applications be notified for a period of three months. The notification day for the applications is **25 March 2026**.

If you wish to become a respondent party to any of these applications, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court **on or before 24 June 2026**, being three months from the notification day. After this date, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party. For information regarding how to file a Form 5, please visit the Federal Court's website [www.fedcourt.gov.au](http://www.fedcourt.gov.au) or call 1300 720 980.

The National Native Title Tribunal cannot provide legal advice, however should you require further information about native title please email [claimsassistance@nntt.gov.au](mailto:claimsassistance@nntt.gov.au) or visit our website [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

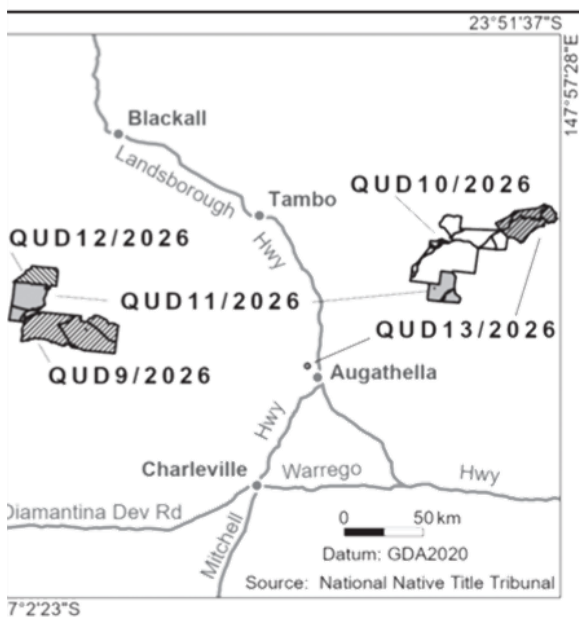
Yours faithfully



**Jake Ellis**  
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Encl. Copy of Public Notice

**Queensland**  
**Native Title Determination Day: 25 March 2026**



'Non-claimant' applications have been made to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) seeking determinations that native title does not exist in the areas described below. The Applicants have non-native title interests in these areas, which are set out in their applications and summarised below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), there can be only one determination of native title for an area. Unless there are relevant native title claims, as defined in section 24FE, over the areas described below on or before **24 June 2026**, the areas may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**.

A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in any of these areas may wish to file a native title claimant application or become a party to the non-claimant application. These may be the opportunities to have those rights and interests taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Any other person may also wish to become a party.

If you want to become a party to any of these applications, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 24 June 2026**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from [www.fedcourt.gov.au](http://www.fedcourt.gov.au). After **24 June 2026** you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.

For each application, the applicant is the registered lessee of the application area and is seeking a determination that native title does not exist in the area.

Applicant	Federal Court File No	Application area description	LGA
Clifford Court Pty Ltd ACN 009 662 953 as trustee for The Clifford Court Trust	QUD9/2026	The application area covers about 976 sq km over Lot 6 on CP LO88 (Title Reference 17664203) and is located approx. 115km south of Blackall	Quilpie Shire
Babbiloorra Pty Ltd ACN 078 837 537 as trustee for Babbiloorra Trust	QUD10/2026	The application area covers about 1113 sq km over Lot 1241 on CP PH1776 (Title Reference 40056367), Lot 4 on CP CLD12 and Lot 5056 on CP PH1768 (Title Reference 17665008) and is located approx. 100 km east of Tambo	Murweh Shire
Westerton Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 091 925 155; & Westerton Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 091 925 155 as trustee for The Lee Property Trust	QUD11/2026	The application area covers about 603 sq km over Lot 9 on CP CHS24 (Title Reference 17664197) located approx. 105 km south east of Tambo and Lot 1873 on CP PH1203 (Title Reference 40054834) and is located approx. 102 km south of Blackall	Murweh Shire and Quilpie Shire
Blackall Tambo Regional Property Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 657 826 199	QUD12/2026	The application area covers about 213 sq km over Lot 2997 on CP PH469 (Title Reference 17663193) and is located approx. 91 km south-southwest of Blackall	Blackall Tambo Regional Council
Roma Cattle Co Pty Ltd ACN 149 765 257 as trustee for Roma Cattle Co Unit Trust	QUD13/2026	The application area covers about 424 sq km over Lot 4 on CP CHS26 (Title Reference 40056285) located approx. 134 km east of Tambo and Lot 32 on CP OR141 (Title Reference 40058054) located approx. 9 km north west of Augathella	Murweh Shire



21 April 2026

Good morning

My report, 'Camera surveillance through the privacy lens: Local government use of camera surveillance in public spaces and privacy impact assessments' was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 21 April 2026.

You can access an electronic copy of the report [here](#)

The report presents the results of responses provided by local governments to a questionnaire about their management of privacy issues and risks in association with the use of camera surveillance and detailed analysis of privacy impact assessments undertaken by six local governments.

We found that:

- Local governments recognise the importance of privacy in fostering public trust, particularly in the context of camera surveillance systems, which are implemented to enhance public safety. In doing so, most local governments have established privacy policies and strategies to manage their privacy obligations.
- While privacy impact assessments are a critical tool for identifying and mitigating privacy risks, local governments do not consistently use them when implementing, expanding or upgrading camera surveillance systems.

Our review of a sample of six local government privacy impact assessments yielded mixed results. Key gaps included:

- insufficient examination of all project parameters in relation to privacy management
- limited consideration of whether camera surveillance is the most appropriate method to achieve project goals or how to minimise the collection of personal information
- inadequate coverage of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence.

The report makes six recommendations to local governments and agencies operating camera surveillance in public spaces.

If you would like to discuss this report, please contact Ms Tracy Duffill-Wilson Assistant Commissioner Regulatory Audits and Investigations on 07 3234 7373.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanne Kummrow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Joanne Kummrow  
**Information Commissioner**



8 May 2025

Good morning

I am writing to draw your attention to recent recommendations that I have made to all Queensland public sector entities and local governments.

On 26 March 2026, I tabled in parliament my report [Managing third-party cyber security risks](#) (Report 13: 2025–26).

In this report, we examine how effectively 3 entities—one state government department, one statutory body, and one local government entity—manage third-party cyber security risks. We also assessed whether central agencies lead and build capability to manage these risks across the public sector. We did not name the 3 entities to protect their information environments. We found that these entities needed to strengthen how they identify and assess third-party cyber security risk, enhance their procurement and contract management practices and update their IT security controls.

Given the relevance of these findings to the broader public sector, I made 5 recommendations to all public sector entities and local governments. These are captured below:

We recommend all public sector entities:

**Information technology (IT) security controls**

1. review and, where needed, update their identity and access management controls. This should include:
  - ensuring third parties only have the minimum permissions and access needed to perform their job
  - ensuring access controls operate consistently across the IT environment
  - ongoing monitoring to ensure identity and access management controls are working as intended.
2. ensure their monitoring and alert controls appropriately identify and alert suspicious activity by users, including third parties. This should include appropriate logging and alerting controls across their entire IT environment to detect suspicious activity, such as the injection and execution of scripts and exfiltration of data.

**Identifying and assessing risk**

3. review and, where needed, update their IT policies and procedures to ensure they provide appropriate guidance about identifying, assessing, and monitoring third-party cyber security risks and developing mitigation controls.
4. identify their supply chain and third-party cyber security risks, assess the impact and likelihood of the risks, and ensure mitigation controls are effective.

**Procurement and contract management**

5. review and, where needed, strengthen their procurement and contract management practices to better manage third-party cyber security risks. This should include:
  - clearly documenting the expectations and security requirements of third parties
  - ensuring contracts have appropriate clauses, such as a requirement for third parties to report cyber security incidents and vulnerabilities
  - monitoring third-party cyber security risks in contracts to ensure the level of risk is appropriate and the mitigation controls remain effective
  - ensuring staff have the right knowledge and skills to manage third-party cyber security risks during procurement and throughout the lifecycle of the contract.

To assist you implementing our recommendations, I have included in [Appendix C](#) of my report to parliament a checklist of key questions to help entities better manage their third-party cyber security risks.

Each year I follow up on entities' implementation of recommendations included in my previous reports to parliament. As part of this process, I will ask your entity to self-assess and provide a status update on your progress in actioning the above recommendations. I publish a summary of entities' self-assessments in my Status of Auditor-General recommendations report each year.

Further information on how we follow-up and report on the status of recommendations is available in our fact sheet [here](#). You can see last year's results in my report [2025 status of Auditor-General recommendations](#), with the accompanying [dashboard](#).

We have also sent a copy of this correspondence to your audit committee chair where applicable for their information.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Darren Brown, Assistant Auditor-General, on 3149 6080. I am available to meet should you wish to discuss further this report and recommendations or our services more generally.

Kind regards,

**Rachel Vagg** (she/her)

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5 May 2026

Bruce Scott  
Murweh Shire Council QLD

By email: [Bruce\\_Scott@murweh.qld.gov.au](mailto:Bruce_Scott@murweh.qld.gov.au)

Dear Bruce Scott,

### **2026 National General Assembly – Strategic Motions**

Thank you for submitting your motion(s) for the 2026 National General Assembly. I am writing to advise you of the outcome of the motions process.

The ALGA Board Motions Sub Committee has recently met and reviewed all the motions.

A record number of motions were received this year.

As outlined in the discussion paper, multiple motions on a similar issue may be combined into a single overarching Strategic Motion, and councils are invited to attach their name to that Strategic Motion. This enables meaningful debate in the time allowed.

#### **The following motion submitted by your Council has been included in a Strategic Motion.**

*This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to urgently review and amend the current interpretation of the Support at Home (SAH) Program to ensure that funding can continue to be used to support the provision of Dose Administration Aids commonly known as Webster Packs, including associated co-payments, where there is a clear clinical need. The Assembly further calls for the introduction of appropriate transitional arrangements and policy flexibility to prevent unintended impacts on older Australians, particularly those living in rural, regional and remote communities, and to ensure equitable access to essential medication safety supports.*

#### **We would warmly welcome your council attaching its name to the following Strategic Motion.**

*This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to strengthen the aged care system by providing adequate funding certainty and transition support for home and*

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*community-based care, ensuring essential medication safety supports remain accessible where clinically required, and improving coordination with States, Territories and Local Governments to support timely care delivery, smooth transitions between programs, and better outcomes for older Australians, particularly in regional, rural and remote communities.*

If you do not wish to attach your council's name to the Strategic Motion please email as soon as practicable ([alga@alga.asn.au](mailto:alga@alga.asn.au)) and no later than COB **18th May 2026** by replying with: "Murweh Shire Council does not wish to attach its name to the Strategic Motion."

It is important to note that under the new process:

- The Strategic Motion will be included in the Business Papers and debated.
- Your original motion will not be included in the Business Papers, whether or not you choose to attach your council's name to the Strategic Motion.
- No amendments can be made at this stage of the process.

Thank you again for submitting a motion, and please contact us at [alga@alga.asn.au](mailto:alga@alga.asn.au) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Mayor Matt Burnett  
**ALGA President**

# Connecting the Country

Telstra Regional Newsletter, May 2026



Over the past decade, we've seen firsthand that connectivity is about people, not just technology. For communities across regional Australia, staying connected isn't a nice to have – it underpins safety, livelihoods and resilience. It shapes how people work, learn and run businesses, how communities respond in times of crisis, and how connected they feel to the rest of the country.

There's no doubt we've made real progress. Innovations that once felt out of reach are now part of everyday life. Services like Satellite Messaging mean people can stay connected far beyond the edge of the mobile network, providing an extra layer of resilience when land-based infrastructure is disrupted by natural disasters. These advances matter because they translate directly into safer communities and stronger regional outcomes.

At the same time, progress also means being honest about what needs to change. At the CommsDay Regional and Policy Forum at the end of February, Telstra announced plans for the future of regional fixed connectivity, including the intention to exit CAN Radio and ADSL by 16 November 2027. These technologies have served regional Australia for decades, but many customers are now relying on services that are ageing, increasingly difficult to maintain, and no longer fit for how people live and work today. This transition is not about change for its own sake – it's about supporting customers to move to more reliable, resilient and future ready connectivity, with people and communities at the centre of every decision.

Looking ahead, delivering better outcomes for regional Australia will depend on all of us working together. Future success requires a sustainable telecommunications industry that can continue to invest; smarter co investment models that deliver real community benefit; a fair approach to spectrum that supports innovation; and ongoing investment in new technologies – always judged by whether customers actually feel the difference.

This newsletter explores these themes and the partnerships shaping the next chapter of regional connectivity. We look forward to continuing the conversation with you.

**In this edition**



**When technology reaches the end of the road**

What the retirement of ADSL and CAN Radio means for customers and the path to more reliable, future ready connectivity by 16 November 2027.

[Read](#)



**Making sense of Australia's new mobile coverage maps standard**

The Australian Communications and Media Authority's (ACMA) new coverage map standard sets out to make it easier for people to compare mobile coverage. But, by



**Getting the Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation right for Australians**

Last week, Telstra appeared before a Parliamentary Committee to share our views on the proposed Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation (UOMO) — an important conversation about how we keep Australians connected, wherever life takes them.

excluding lower signal strength, it could make it harder for Australians, especially in regional areas.

[Read more about the new standard here>](#)

[Read more >](#)



### How do young Australians really experience the digital world?

The Australian Youth Digital Index (AYDI) exists to answer that question - but don't just take our word for it check out this great little video from some of our young Telstra Foundation friends, who will tell you exactly how it works!

[Watch the short video to see how the AYDI can support your work>](#)



### Investing in Leadership: Telstra Welcomes Brenten Wellington to the ARLP

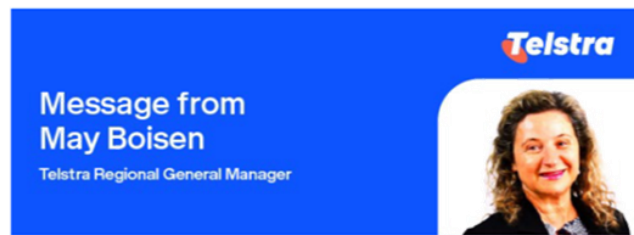
Telstra is proud to continue its long-standing support of the Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP), investing in leaders who are making a meaningful difference across regional, rural and remote Australia.

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5 May 2026

Good afternoon, Zoro and Bruce

I am writing to inform you that the **retirement of CAN Radio services in your council area is now officially underway**. This follows our announcement earlier this year regarding the retirement of our long-serving CAN Radio and ADSL networks.

On 25th February 2026, we announced that the CAN Radio and ADSL networks, which have supported Australian communities for decades, are being phased out. Much of the infrastructure behind these services is now between 20 and 40 years old. As a result, fault rates have been rising, and sourcing replacement parts has become increasingly challenging. When problems arise, repairs often take longer and are more complex than our customers should have to endure.

The move to retire these legacy services and transition to modern technologies is an essential step in ensuring residents, businesses, and local organisations in your area have access to reliable, future-ready connectivity. With these upgrades, we are committed to delivering enhanced network performance, improved reliability, and the capacity to meet the growing digital needs of your community both now and well into the future.

Throughout this transition, dedicated case managers will support customers every step of the way. Our case managers will work closely with households and businesses to answer questions, guide them through the transition process, and help ensure a smooth transfer to new services.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we invest in building a stronger, more resilient communications network for all Australians.

**Please refer to the Telstra Exchange Blog** for additional information, including customer fact sheets [CAN Radio: When technology reaches the end of the road](#).

Should you have any questions or require further information or would like a briefing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

**May Boisen**

General Manager

Telstra Regional Australia, Southern Queensland

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## Queensland Small Business Month 2026

### Queensland Small Business Month 2026 starts today

It's the official launch of Queensland Small Business Month 2026. May is a month dedicated to celebrating and supporting the more than 508,000 small and family businesses that strengthen our economy and communities.

We acknowledge it's a challenging environment for Queensland small businesses. That's why this year's program is focused on providing practical support to help businesses build resilience and seek out new opportunities.

With more than 180 events and a suite of digital resources available, we want as many small business owners as possible to benefit from the support on offer.

We are reaching out to ask for your support in sharing these opportunities with your members and networks.

#### Key highlights include:

- Small Business Expos: [Registrations](#) are open for 3 free expos featuring workshops, networking, and one-on-one sessions in Cairns (19 May), the Gold Coast (21 May), and Brisbane (26 May).
- [Digital Engagement Program](#): Including 'Ask a Mentor' webinars, virtual support from Small Business Assistance Officers, and online business health checks.
- Online events: [Explore the calendar](#) of digital events delivered by our Collaboration Partners, Event Delivery Grant recipients and industry leaders.

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#### How you can help

We would greatly appreciate it if you could share these opportunities through your newsletters, social media channels, or upcoming meetings. We have these [downloadable resources](#) to help you.

You can find more information on the [Business Queensland website](#).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Queensland's small businesses and helping to make Queensland Small Business Month 2026 a success.

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**Contact us**

If you have any questions our team is here to help at [business@cdsb.qld.gov.au](mailto:business@cdsb.qld.gov.au)

Kind regards,

**The Queensland Small Business Month team**



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Department of Customer Services, Open  
Data and Small and Family Business

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### **NORTH WEST EVENTS BOOST FUND OPENING SOON**

The North West Queensland Events Boost Fund is a one-off strategic investment fund designed to support events held in local government areas (LGAs) impacted by the North Queensland Monsoon Trough, Associated Tropical Cyclone Koji and severe weather commencing 24 December 2025. Events Boost funding is available to support existing events held between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027 in the following Outback LGAs:

- ✓ Mount Isa
- ✓ Cloncurry
- ✓ McKinlay
- ✓ Richmond
- ✓ Flinders

Events can apply via SmartyGrants from 4 to 25 May 2026. Applications will be assessed by TEQ based on their ability to deliver value against the program objectives (see [Funding Guidelines](#)).

For more information, please contact [Laurel.Rigoni@queensland.com](mailto:Laurel.Rigoni@queensland.com)





### **QUEENSLAND TOURISM AWARDS MASTERCLASS**

Interested in entering the Queensland Tourism Awards but wondering how to kick things off?

With **nominations closing on 30 April**, QTIC is offering free support to make the submission experience easier.

Join QTA Academy Program Director Kayleen Allen as she guides you through strengthening your story for success, clarifies what judges look for, and shares practical, easy-to-follow tips to help you submit with clarity and confidence.

 Thursday, 7 May

 10am - 12pm

 [Queensland Tourism Awards Masterclass](#)

Some more resources to get ahead:

- [Awards first steps and entry insights](#): Experts break down the benefits of entering, simplify the process and share tips to help you build a strong submission.
- [Academy support](#): Learn to craft a stronger Queensland Tourism Awards submission that clearly celebrates your achievements.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate and make your submission count!



### **TOURISM HUB OFFERS PERSONALISED SUPPORT**

Need help navigating government processes or simplifying government support?

The Queensland Government's Tourism Support Hub gives you a single point of contact, with a dedicated officer to guide you through:

- ➡ permit permissions

- ➔ business advice
- ➔ ecotourism initiatives
- ➔ funding
- ➔ event support

Visit [qld.gov.au/tourismsupporthub](https://qld.gov.au/tourismsupporthub) to learn more.



### **JOIN THE PUSH TO BACK REGIONAL TRAVEL**

Australian Regional Tourism (ART) has launched a national campaign, *There's More at Stake Than Fuel*, encouraging Australians to continue to support regional communities through domestic travel, as fuel concerns and reduced air access begin to impact regional economies.

The campaign recognises national fuel conservation efforts, while highlighting the importance of maintaining confidence in appropriate domestic regional travel.

ART is calling on local governments, operators and communities across Australia to join the campaign and help amplify the message, including by sharing stories and short videos highlighting what is at stake in their region.

**LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED**

## LATEST GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The [Qantas Regional Grants](#) program is back, offering \$2 million in support to Australian-based communities and projects that are looking to benefit our country's regional areas. Individuals, groups or not-for-profit organisations seeking funds to contribute positively to regional communities are invited to apply, by 10 May 2026.

Creative Australia's [Contemporary Music Touring Program](#) provides up to \$50,000 to support national tours by musicians performing original Australian contemporary music. Tours that include regional and remote destinations, or which assist performers residing in regional and remote areas to tour, are a priority for funding. Applications close 2 June 2026.

The [Women's Career Grants](#) supports women in Queensland who are ready to re-enter the workforce after a break. The Women's Career Grants provides up to \$4,999 to women to help meet the costs associated with the transition back into the workforce, including workwear, technology, childcare, recertification and training, job readiness assistance and relocation within Queensland.

The [RACQ Resilient Energy Centre](#) program retrofits community clubs and charities with solar, battery storage, smart load management and satellite phone and internet backup, ensuring facilities can remain operational during grid or telecommunications outages. Funding of up to \$50,000 in renewable energy solutions is available per project, with applications closing on 3 June 2026.

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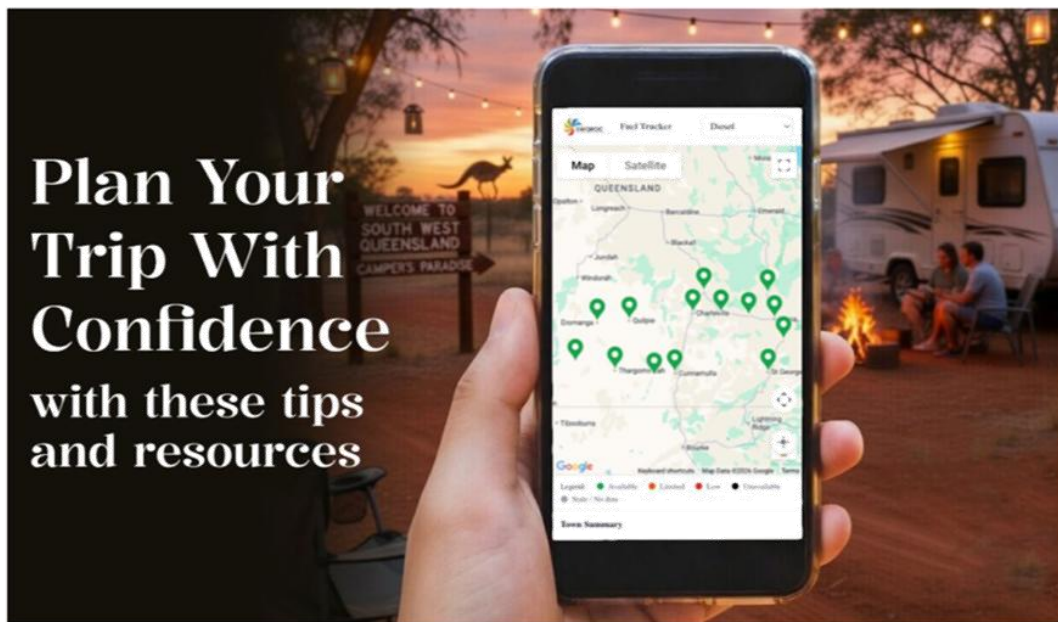
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There's never been a better time to plan an Outback Queensland adventure with BIG DEALS now on offer. Our Outback communities are open, have fuel and are ready to welcome visitors for the 2026 season.

See below for a round up of our top holiday deals as well as tips for planning your trip with confidence.



**Plan Your Trip With Confidence**  
with these tips and resources

**LINGER LONGER**

Rather than a two-day stopover in a town, make it a week so that you can really immerse yourself in local life, attend events, support our local operators and still contribute to minimising fuel use while in the region.

**USE THE RACQ APP**

Use the [RACQ Fuel App](#) to track the best value petrol stops along your journey.

**STAY ACROSS FUEL SUPPLY**

Use the SWQ online fuel tracker to gauge supply and plan your petrol stops through the Balonne, Bulloo, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo and Quilpie shires.

< [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE TOOL](#) >

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OFFERS**

Enjoy discounted accommodation, tours and entry to some of our [most iconic attractions](#).



# Start planning your next Outback adventure

with these hot details below



### SAVE 30% OFF TOOGUNNA PLAINS

Enjoy this Outback boutique escape with daily breakfast and Kyra Sandhills Tour thanks to Luxury Escapes.

[CLAIM DEAL](#)



### SAVE 32% OFF CUNNAMULLA SPA PACKAGE

Ease into Outback's slower pace with this spa package including daily breakfast, sunset drinks and spa treatments.

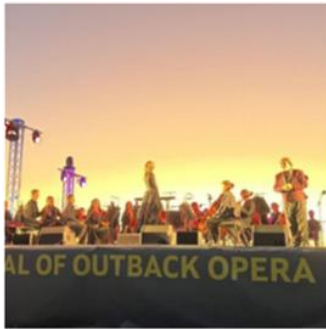
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### SAVE \$200 PP LONGREACH OUTBACK WEEKENDER PACKAGE

Experience the best of Longreach with iconic river cruises, rail journeys and unforgettable Outback dining.

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**SAVE \$600 PER COUPLE  
OUTBACK OPERA  
EXPERIENCE**

Join Outback Aussie Tours for this 8-day signature experience - an unforgettable fusion of opera and Outback hospitality.

[CLAIM DEAL](#)



**ROMA AND CARNARVONS  
ESCAPE**

This 3-night escape includes 4-star glamping and two popular Boobook Explore tours, including their Lost World Carnarvons Tour.

[CLAIM DEAL](#)



**SAVE 20% OFF CHARLOTTE  
PLAINS**

Enjoy 20% off your stay when you book 4+ nights at Charlotte Plains. Soak in their artesian baths, explore and unwind in the Outback.

[CLAIM DEAL](#)

# Discounted Attractions

From Charleville to Winton, Mount Isa and beyond, our most iconic attractions are offering great discounts this season.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

## What's On

Plan ahead for these wild and wonderful Outback events.



**MUSIC IN THE MULGA**

14 - 17 May, 2026

Music in the Mulga is a unique four day festival encompassing great entertainment and country rock music.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



**STARS OF CHARLOTTE PLAINS**

25 - 28 June, 2026

This three-day, family-friendly camping event features live music, food trucks, artesian baths, yabbing, tug-o-war, fun run and more!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Outback Deals & Holiday Ideas



Download Travellers Guide



Plan Your Trip

Gravesite ID	Name	Date died	Age	Qld BDM No.
<b>BUSH GRAVE 161</b> <i>Known</i>	<b>Vera TIGHE</b> <i>Confirmed</i>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March 1914</b>	<b>9 yr</b>	<b>Not registered</b>
Location of grave			GPS coordinates	
On the Cooladdi Common, on the western side of, and close to Quilberry Creek. The grave is visible from the bitumen road.			346611 E 7051870 N	
Photos				
				
The original headstone on the grave [1.]		The original headstone is now in the Charleville Museum.		Replacement headstone on the grave.
Erosion control		Plaque		
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Works completed April 27 <sup>th</sup> 2026	Murweh Shire Council		
				
Periodic flooding of Quilberry Creek had caused soil erosion. This was now encroaching on the grave. The floods of March 2025 triggered the need to install erosion control measures.	Two loads of rock were provided by Murweh Shire Council. The erosion control structures were built by local graziers and were completed by a crew from the Charleville Work Camp.	'HERITAGE GRAVE SITE'		
Further information [2.]				
The story of Vera Tighe and the discovery of her century-old headstone was told by the ABC on 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 <a href="https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-07-30/century-old-headstone-to-be-displayed-in-outback-queensland/101272942">https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-07-30/century-old-headstone-to-be-displayed-in-outback-queensland/101272942</a>				
Recorder of gravesite details				
Bruce Simpson and Ian Tinney 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2002 Rob Savory 27-09-2023				
Source of information				
[1.] Ian Tinney 2002 A catalogue of pioneer graves and bush ruins (CD-ROM provided by Australian National Library) [2.] Danielle Lancaster ABC ❖ Also Jane Wilson, Outback Grave Markers				

27 April 2026

Hi All,

I have cut and pasted the following comment from Facebook.

It was on a group called Genealogy My ancestors came to Australia.

**[Genealogy My Ancestors Came to Australia](#)**

**[John Teddy · Sosntpodregi30455h7h109uc4a75cm01li34ffhtml6c54i31gh1aii05ut ·](#)**

*Yesterday we visited the Charleville cemetery in outback Queensland to locate a Great Grand Uncle. He was a drover and in 1914 he took his own life at the railway truck yards in Charleville.*

*We found his unmarked grave. To our surprise, the Cemetery caretaker offered to make a cross to respect him.*

*Bert - you are a living treasure and we are thankful to have people like you who go that extra mile.*

*This cross was standing proudly at 8am today! After 110 years, Fabian Sherwin has a marked grave. ❤️*

I was out there about September looking at family graves. The shire has excellent records.

Someone in the office did up some records and maps of the cemetery and I found graves that I had missed when working there for the Commonwealth Bank.

Have a great day.

Martin Bell



## Cooladdi Sport and Recreation Assoc Inc

President: Will Treloar  
Secretary: Sasha Treloar  
Treasurer: Margaret Vetter  
Vice President: Jack McKnight

30 January 2026

C/- Foxtrap Roadhouse  
8736 Diamantina Development Rd  
Cooladdi Q 4479

To our most valued Sponsors,

We are writing to thank you for your generous contribution to the 2025 Cooladdi Gymkhana. The event was an outstanding success with over 200 nominations, cheered on by approximately 500 spectators.

Despite a few hiccups, the day went relatively smoothly and we were able to run all except one event. Feedback from competitors and spectators alike has been very positive with some suggestions to improve the program and running of events for 2026.

We were both surprised and humbled to be nominated for and receive the Community Event of the Year for Murweh Shire at the recent Australia Day Awards. It is a true reflection of this wonderful Cooladdi Community and their unwavering spirit as well as the many many people from previous committees, volunteers and sponsors who have worked so hard to make the Cooladdi Gymkhana an institution.

Thank you again, the event could not take place without the support of our amazing sponsors and we hope to see you again this year!

Kind regards,

Will Treloar

President

REFLECTIONS BY GUY LAWRENCE

**COOLADDI  
GYMKHANA** *2025*



# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

**MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP OF THE  
COOLADDI GYMKHANA 2025



29 April 2026

Murweh Shire CEO  
Bruce Scott

Dear Bruce,

On behalf of the Augathella Community, our returned veterans and their wives and partners, we extend a sincere thanks for your support with our ANZAC Day celebrations. In particular to the Murweh Shire work force who are so dutiful and caring to the needs of our visitors.

The veteran's particularly comment on the welcoming attitude of the work force and cleanliness of the facilities each year.

The respect shown to veterans and their families has meant a great deal to us all. It is also greatly appreciated that these facilities are made available free of charge to these visitors.

The veterans ran raffles, charged themselves rent as they do every year and donated over \$ 1 ,000 to two worthy causes in Augathella.

Kindest Regards,

Michael & Helen McKellar  
Booka  
6741 Killarney Rd  
Morven, Qld 4468  
Australia  
07 4654 9142  
0439 549 142



**30 April 2026**

**Mr Bruce Scott**

Chief Executive Officer  
Murweh Shire Council  
Charleville, QLD

To Mr Scott,

## **Letter of Appreciation**

On behalf of the CRABS Committee, we would like to sincerely express our appreciation to Murweh Shire Council for your invaluable support, guidance, and in-kind assistance in the delivery of the 2026 Charleville Triathlon.

Your ongoing commitment to community wellbeing and active recreation played a vital role in the success of the event. The practical support provided, alongside your advice and coordination, ensured the triathlon was delivered safely, smoothly, and to a high standard for all participants and spectators.

We especially acknowledge the time and effort contributed by Council staff in the lead-up to and on the day of the event. Your involvement helped create a welcoming and well-supported environment.

We value our strong working relationship with Murweh Shire Council and look forward to continuing to work together to promote health, participation.

Thank you once again for your generous support.

Kind regards,

**CRABS Committee**



**Jennifer Catherine**

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Just wanted to thank Shane Carr - MSC town foreman , I asked Shane Tuesday if anything can be done to sweep / brush off the river walk pathway , it was starting to get slippery & covered with rocks & tree branches etc , well Shane & the MSC workers were down at the river walk within 20 mins with a small machine with large brushes on - the River Walk pathway is now so clean & much safer for the walkers & runners who enjoy the pathway every day , Awesome Job thank you .

You, Carol Butler + 17

**Love**

**Comment**

**Send**

**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 May 2026 Council Meeting.



**CR SHAUN RADNEDGE**  
**MAYOR’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL/MAY 2026**

Date	Meeting
<b>April</b>	
21	April Council Meeting
22	Briefing for Tourism Trip to Adelaide
23	Meeting with Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), South West Project
24	South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWROC) Exec. Weekly meeting. ANZAC Day High School QMF Saddle Up concert
27	Travel to St George
28	SWQROC face to face meeting, St George
29	SWQROC meeting Second Insurance Roundtable in St George Meeting with Hon Davied Littleproud MP and Member for Maranoa
<b>May</b>	
1	Wild Dog Barrier Fence consultation KPMG Queensland Ruby League (QRL) meeting SWROC leadership meeting
5	Meeting face to face with Suncorp, about flood insurance premiums, flood levee and diversions

	Meeting with Minister Ros Bates, Education and Training.
7	CEO Briefing Session Meeting with WSP intermodal freight hub project.
8	SWROC Leadership meeting Meeting with John Allawah - Department of Primary Industries OQTA Meeting, CEO Tourism
10	Travel to Adelaide
11	Australian Tourism Exchange (funded by OQTA), representing Murweh Tourism. Meetings with – A/Minister Bree James Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) CEO Craig Davidson Deputy Director-General Bridget Woods
12	Travel to Brisbane
13	Meeting with Minister Ann Leahy, Water Bill & Karen McLennan Meeting with Minister Powell, DETSI, gravel pit sub division. Meeting with Director-General Trish O’Callaghan, regarding gravel pit access Aurora Estate
15	Meeting with Silver Lining Foundation SWROC Leadership CHARLEVILLE SHOW!

Link to Corporate Plan

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Aussie Helpers Brochure**
2. **Camerata is rolling into Charleville Tour Invite Radnedge**
3. **Camerata is rolling into Charleville Draft Itinerary**
4. **Play Matters visit to the region – connecting with families through play - Mayor**
5. **Play Matters Pop Up Road Trip**



As one of Australia's largest farming support not-for-profit charities, we've provided support directly to farmers for nearly 25 years and created lasting connections with rural communities across Australia.

**We provide immediate help—wherever, whenever and however—farmers and farming communities need it, which makes us different to many other charities.**

There is so much to do—and that we can do—to support farmers and farming communities.

**Our small but mighty team are driven every day to ensure farmers know that help is just a phone call away.**

To register for assistance, or just have a chat with the team, please get in touch:

-  **1300 665 232**
-  **admin@aussiehelpers.org.au**
-  **www.aussiehelpers.org.au**
-  **PO Box 405, Charleville  
QLD 4470**

**AUSSIE HELPERS**  
HELPING THE HEART OF OUR COUNTRY

Helping farming families and communities survive through the tough times so they can thrive in the good.

Since **2002**, we have supported thousands of Aussie farmers devastated by drought, fires, floods, and personal hardship.

Through all these odds, farming families keep the pantries of Australia stocked - but sometimes they need a hand filing their own.

Over the past few decades, rural communities have endured unbelievable challenges including natural disasters and turbulent export markets.

Despite their daily hardship, too many of those living in regional and remote Australia don't put their hand up for the help they really need.



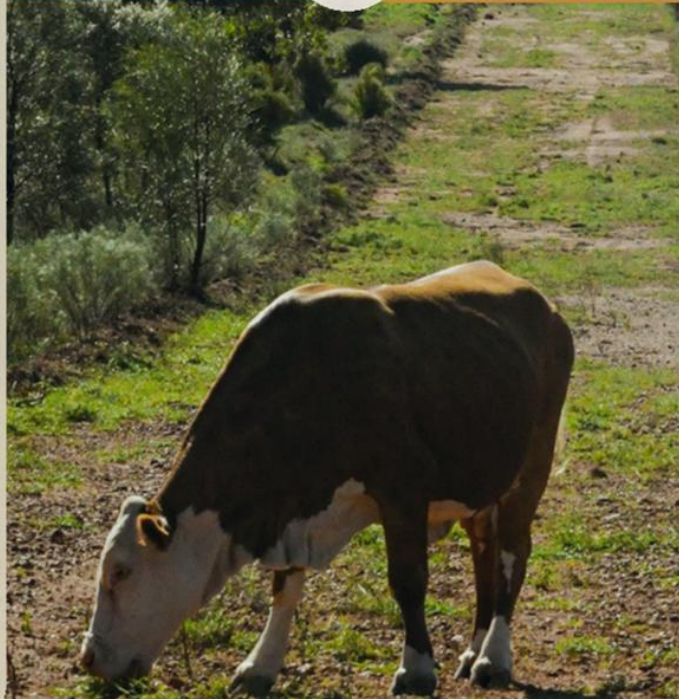
As a rural charity, Aussie Helpers is aware of the range of economic, environmental, cultural and personal challenges farming communities face. We don't assume the needs of our farmers; we work alongside them so we can provide the right support.



Jack and Lynda Springall run a cattle station in the remote town of Cooladdi, in South West Queensland. Over the years, Aussie Helpers has been proud to support Jack and Lynda through a range of assistance including supabase, fodder deliveries, financial aid, and regular farm visits from our team. The Springall's are active members of our community and regularly attend events at our Charleville depot strengthening the connection between our team and regional families.

In 2025, their property was severely impacted by the March flood, which caused extensive damage. Their machinery shed was inundated, and their fencing suffered significant destruction—damage that will take months, if not years, to fully restore.

Through it all, Aussie Helpers has stood by their side. From the early days of drought relief to the challenges of natural disasters, our commitment to families like Jack and Lynda's remains unwavering. We're here for the long haul—helping the heart of our country.





Mayor Shaun Radnedge  
[shaun\\_radnedge@murweh.qld.gov.au](mailto:shaun_radnedge@murweh.qld.gov.au)

Dear Mayor Radnedge,

I would like to inform you of **Camerata – Queensland's Chamber Orchestra's** upcoming 2026 regional tour across South-West Queensland made possible in part through funding from Arts Queensland. With this letter I warmly invite you to join us at any of the locations.

From 11–24 June 2026, Camerata will perform in Goondiwindi, St George, Ballon, Cunnamulla, Quilpie, Charleville, Roma and Chinchilla. (A more detailed schedule is in the attached page.)

Central to this tour is our deep engagement with local schools. In each community, our musicians will deliver workshops, in-school performances and collaborative learning experiences designed to build musical skills, confidence and creative aspiration among young people who have limited local access to live chamber music. These educational activities sit alongside our public concerts and aged-care performances, ensuring whole-of-community impact, discovery and joy.

The tour reflects Camerata's ongoing commitment to equitable access to high-quality arts experiences and to strengthening cultural life in regional Queensland. The tour is also the occasion for us to premiere the new composition written by our 2026 Emerging-Composer-In-Residence, Imogen Ferdinando, which responds to the people and landscapes of one of the locales the tour visits. In 2026 this work will respond to the St George region, where Imogen has already visited local people and places. Imogen's work will be premiered in our concert in St George on Saturday 13 June.

Mayor Radnedge, we would be honoured to welcome you at any of our events in Charleville. Please connect with our Executive Director, Dr Jay Byrnes, ([Jay.Byrnes@camerata.net.au](mailto:Jay.Byrnes@camerata.net.au)) if we can provide any additional detail to inform a decision or to assist with planning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Greet".

Dr Pamela Greet  
Chair  
Camerata - Queensland's Chamber Orchestra

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Day/Date	Start	End	Activity	Location	Venue	LGA
Thu 11 Jun	17:30	19:00	JAM Session	Goondiwindi	St Mary's School	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Fri 12 Jun	9:00	9:30	Kindergarten Performance - Quintet + Presenter	Goondiwindi	C&K Goondiwindi	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Fri 12 Jun	9:30	11:00	Camerata Caravan Performance + Morning Tea - Quintet	Goondiwindi	Kaloma Aged Care	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Fri 12 Jun	12:15	13:15	Schools Performance (P-10) St Marys Schools	Goondiwindi	St Mary's School	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Fri 12 Jun	19:00	20:30	Evening Concert	Goondiwindi	Goondiwindi Waggamba Community Cultural Centre	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Sat 13 Jun	10:45	11:45	Camerata Caravan - Full Group (Followed by short meet and greet)	St George	Warawee Aged Care	Balonne Shire Council
Sat 13 Jun	18:30	20:00	Evening Concert	St George	St George Cultural Centre	Balonne Shire Council
Sun 14 Jun	9:30	11:30	Music Workshop	St George	St George Cultural Centre	Balonne Shire Council
Sun 14 Jun	13:30	14:30	Meet the Chamber Orchestra Performance + Community Performance	St George	St George Amphitheatre	Balonne Shire Council
Tue 16 Jun	11:00	12:00	Primary Schools Show (P-6)	Bollon	TBC	Paroo Shire Council
Wed 17 Jun	11:30	12:10	Schools Show (Prep - 6) *Shorter version due to class times and by request of the teachers	Cunnamulla	Cunnamulla State School	Paroo Shire Council
Wed 17 Jun	TBC	TBC	Schools Show (Prep - 6)	Cunnamulla	Sacred Heart School	Paroo Shire Council
Wed 17 Jun	18:00	19:30	Evening Concert	Cunnamulla	Cunnamulla Shire Hall	Paroo Shire Council
Fri 19 Jun	10:00	11:30	Camerata Caravan Performance - Full Group + Meet and Greet	Quilpie	TBC	Quilpie Shire Council
Fri 19 Jun	13:00	14:00	Combined Kindy/Schools Show Performance	Quilpie	TBC	Quilpie Shire Council
Fri 19 Jun	19:00	20:30	Evening Concert	Quilpie	Quilpie Shire Hall	Quilpie Shire Council
Sat 20 Jun	13:30	14:30	Camerata Caravan Performance - Full Group + Meet and Greet	Charleville	Waroona Multipurpose Centre	Murweh Shire Council
Sat 20 Jun	19:00	20:30	Evening Concert	Charleville	Charleville Town Hall	Murweh Shire Council
Sun 21 Jun	13:00	14:15	Camerata Caravan Performance & Meet and Greet - Remaining Group who are returning to Brisbane (JT to lead)	Roma	TBC	Maranoa Regional Council
Mon 22 Jun	10:00	10:30	Kindergarten Performance - Quintet + Presenter	Charleville	C&K Charleville	Murweh Shire Council
Mon 22 Jun	11:30	12:20	Schools Show - Quintet Version + Presenter (Prep - 6) + 2 Pieces	Charleville	St Mary's School Charleville	Murweh Shire Council
Mon 22 Jun	12:45	14:30	PD Session with Harry Mulhall* (Requested "Technical" PD on Violin (12:45 - 13:30) and Cello (13:45 - 14:30))	Charleville	Charleville State High School	Murweh Shire Council
Tue 23 Jun	9:45	10:45	Schools Show - Quintet Version + Presenter (Prep - 10) + Camerata Performance (2 Pieces)	Injune	Injune State School	Maranoa Regional Council
Tue 23 Jun	14:00	14:50	Schools Show - Quintet Version + Presenter (Prep - 6) + Camerata Performance (1 piece) (50 min version)	Roma	Roma State College	Maranoa Regional Council
Wed 24 June	11:00	12:00	Camerata Caravan Performance (+ short meet and greet)	Chinchilla	Illoura Village	Western Downs Regional Council
			<b>END OF TOUR - Return to Brisbane</b>			

**QPAC Presented Tour Extension - Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24 June (Presented by 6 musicians only)**

\*Harry Mulhall is the Instrumental Music Teacher (Strings) for Charleville SHS, Cunnamulla SS, Wyandra SS, Augathella SS, Charleville SDE, Eromanga SS, St Mary's Charleville and Charleville SS.

**Camerata Caravan is Camerata's purpose-curated show for an aged care setting, designed by violist Elizabeth Lawrence.**



16 April 2026

Good afternoon,

We are writing to connect with you and let you know Play Matters Australia will be visiting your region from **Monday 27 April to Thursday 30 April** to connect with local families, services and community playgroups and early educators.

Play Matters Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that supports young children and their families. With playgroups in over 400 postcodes, we operate nine hubs across Queensland, supporting playgroups across a vast geographic area, from the Torres Strait to the Northern Territory border, to the South Australian corner, and across to Coolangatta, serving hundreds of communities in between.

Through these hubs, Play Matters undertakes extensive outreach activities into surrounding communities. Our work focuses on strengthening early relationships, supporting children's development, and creating welcoming spaces for families to connect, particularly in regional and rural communities.

As part of our upcoming visit, our team will be delivering a series of Play Matters playgroup pop-ups in collaboration with the Kath Dickson Toy Bus for some locations and stand-alone sessions, designed to raise awareness of the support Play Matters can offer playgroups in your area. These pop-ups provide an opportunity for families to engage in supported play, connect with one another and access information about local supports and services.

We are visiting to:

- Connect with families and hear about their experiences and needs
- Strengthen partnerships with local councils, services and community organisations
- Increase access to play-based early years supports through our mobile Play Van and playgroup pop-ups

We would welcome the opportunity to connect with you during the visit, either by meeting at one of the playgroup pop-up sessions, or by catching up briefly if your schedule allows. These visits are a valuable way for us to share insights from families and discuss how Play Matters can continue to support children and communities across the region.

Further details about dates, locations and times are outlined in the attached flyer – feel free to share this with your networks.

Thank you for your ongoing support of young children, families and early years initiatives. We look forward to connecting with you while we are in the community.

Kind regards,

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Play Matters Australia acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we live, work, and play throughout Australia. We recognise their stories and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. At Play Matters Australia, connection and play are the foundations to our collaborative supportive environment. We prioritise flexibility and wellbeing, to help empower you to grow, lead and create a meaningful impact for the families in your community.

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**We are bringing Play Matters Australia directly to families and communities in South West Queensland.**

The Play Matters team are coming to visit, stopping by Dalby, Mitchell, Charleville, Cunnamulla, St George and Bundooindi.

- Pop up playgroup with a variety of activities in collaboration with the Kath Dickson Toy Bus for families with children from 0 to 5 years
- A chance to meet Play Matters team members and talk about what support we can offer your playgroup or assist setting up new playgroups
- A great opportunity for family day care educators, centre-based educators, playgroup coordinators and community groups to meet



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DAY	WHERE   TIME
Monday 27 April	Dalby Venue and Time TBC
Tuesday 28 April	Mitchell (with Kath Dickson Toy Bus) St Patrick's School   Mitchell 8:30 am to 10:00 am
Tuesday 28 April	Charleville (with Kath Dickson Toy Bus) Charleville Early Learning Centre 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Wednesday 29 April	Cunnamulla (with Kath Dickson Toy Bus) Cunnamulla Early Years Playgroup 9:30am to 10:30am
Thursday 30 April	St George (Venue TBC) 8:30am to 10:30am
Thursday 30 April	Goondiwindi (Venue TBC) 1:00pm to 2:00pm

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**10.2 DEPUTATIONS TO THE MEETING**

**Author:** CEO Assistant/RADF Liaison  
**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Deputations to the Council Meeting**

Morning Tea (10.30am) QCWA – Book Presentation

Attendees:

Mrs Su Ranson - Chair

Mrs Judy Connolly – Vice-President

Mrs Madonna Maris – Branch Secretary

Mrs Ros Smith – Branch Treasurer

Lunch (1.00pm) – Charleville Cultural Ass. Bilby Public Art Project Update

**LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**

**11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY****11.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 APRIL 2026**

**Author:** Accountant  
**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 30 April 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 April 2026
9. Balance Sheet April 2026
10. Financial Statement Actual April 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 30 April 2026 against the Revised Budget FY25/26 as adopted by the Council.

**Revenue**

As at 30 April, total revenue is \$38.9 M, or 70.9 % of the annual budget of \$54.8 M.

These statements are for 10 months of the financial year and generally would represent 83 % of the overall budget.

Despite the inclusion of second levy notices, April revenue reached only 70% of the year-to-date budgeted target of 83%. Capital grants are tracking below budget as they are driven by actual capital project progress/costs.

**Expenses**

As of 30 April, total expenditure is \$ 38.1 M, which represents 84.9 % of the budgeted \$ 44.9 M.

Actual expenses of 84.9 % is slight over the year-to-date budget of 83 %.

The year-to-date unfavourable 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 \$ 15.2 M, (last month \$17 M).

Restricted cash – grant not yet spent: \$ 11.65 M (last month \$ 11.8 M).

Actual unrestricted/surplus cash: \$ 3.5 M (last month \$ 5.2 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 April were \$978,421 compared with the YTD budget of \$633,091. An unfavourable variance of \$345,330.

Payments to Bilby fund for tickets sold less management fees are now up to date.

**Capital Works**

See the Capital Funding Report 2025 – 26 for details of all projects.

1. Cash Position
2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate
3. Comparative Data
4. Capital Funding – budget V’s actual
5. Road Works – budget V’s actual
6. Unrestricted Cash Balance

1. **Cash Position as at 30 April 2026**

<b>CASH AT BANK</b>			
Operating Account			\$545,718
<b>SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>			
National Bank of Australia			\$ -
QTC Cash Fund			\$14,649,986
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,195,704</b>
The following items should be backed by cash and investments, plus any increases in the surplus of Debtors over Creditors.			
Cash backed <b>Current Liabilities</b> (AL, LSL, SL, RDO)			\$2,164,597
Restricted cash - grants/loan received not yet spent			\$11,653,963
			<b>\$ 13,818,561</b>
Balance of estimated rates/other <b>debtors</b> - estimated <b>creditors</b> :			
	(	\$8,698,302 - \$549,291 )	\$ 8,149,010
Plus cash surplus/(deficit)	\$	15,195,704 - \$ 13,818,561	\$ 1,377,144
<b>Working Capital</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,526,154</b>

**2. Monthly Cash flow Estimate: - May 2026**

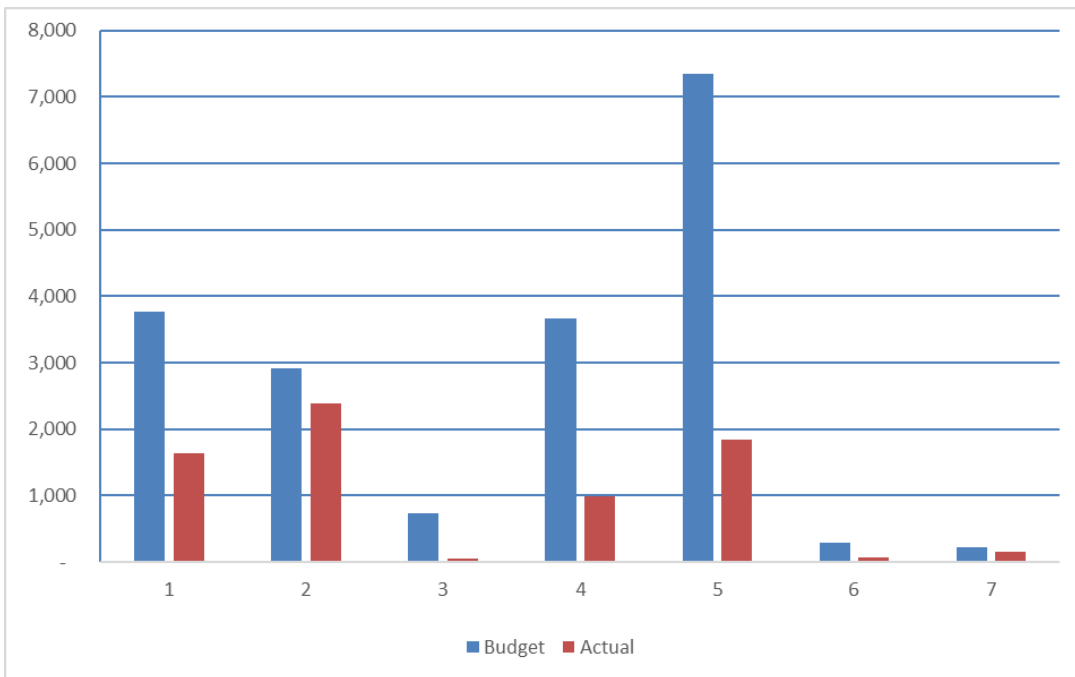
<b>Cash Flow Estimate</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Rates	\$2,500,000	Payroll	\$880,000
Fees & Charges	\$25,000	Creditor Payments	\$1,500,000
Debtors	\$175,000	Loan Payments	\$0
Grants/Claims/Loan QTC	\$500,000	Lease Payments	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,200,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,380,000</b>
<b>Therefore, cash is expected to increase by</b>		<b>\$820,000</b>	<b>in the period.</b>

**3. Comparative Data for the month of 30 April 2026**

<b>Comparative Year</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Cash position</b>	\$ 15,196	\$ 7,594	\$ 6,603
<b>Working capital</b>	\$ 9,526	\$ 7,972	\$ 1,031
<b>Rate arrears</b>	\$ 4,663*	\$ 3,021	\$ 1,154
<b>Outstanding debtors</b>	\$ 46	\$ 227	\$ 345
<b>Current creditors</b>	\$ 222	\$ 761	\$ 545
<b>Total loans</b>	\$ 3,060	\$ 3,271	\$ 3,473

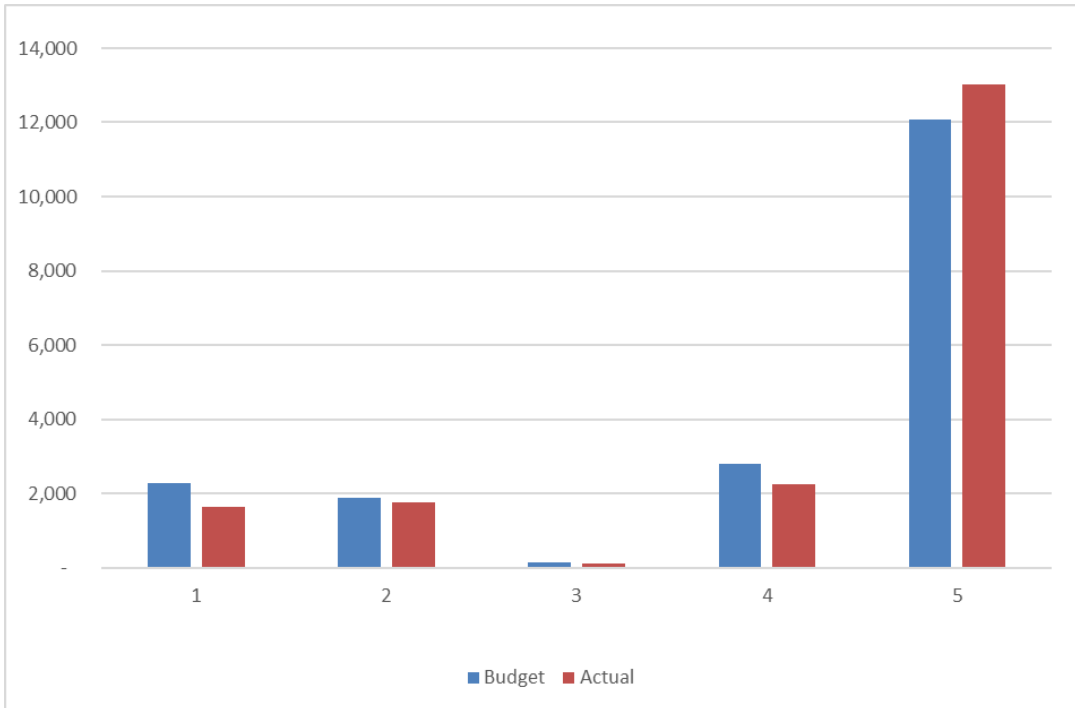
\*Net of rates paid in advance of \$ 216,060 and due to timing issues.

**4. Capital Funding: Year to 30 April 2026**



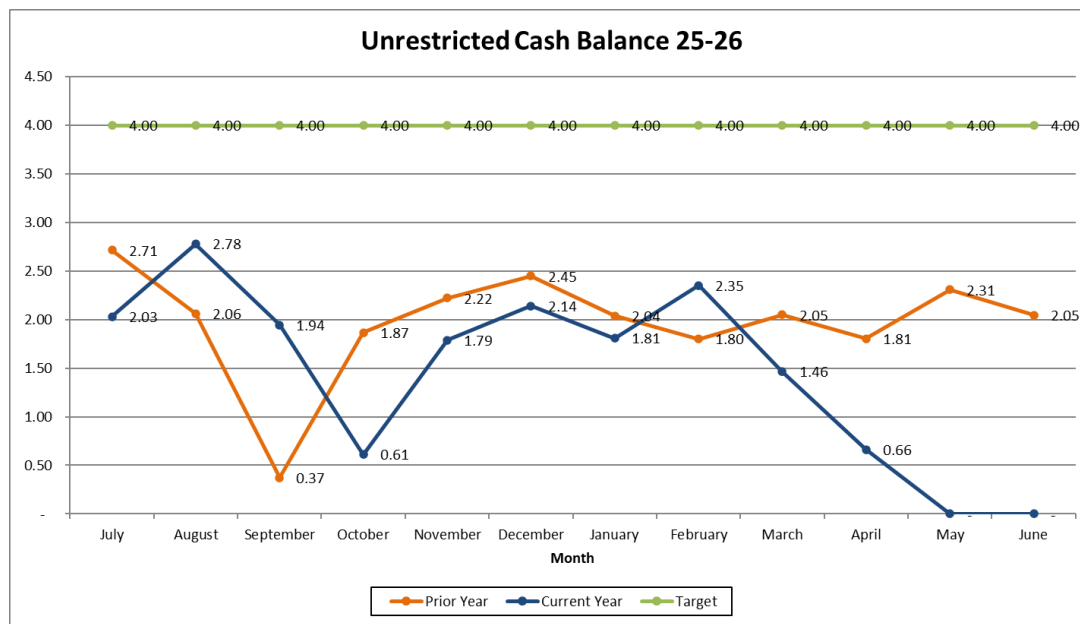
	Budget \$(000)	Expended YTD Actual \$(000)	% of Budget Expended
<b>Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>\$18,945</b>	<b>\$7,144</b>	<b>37.71%</b>
<b>1 Buildings / Other Structures</b>	\$3,766	\$1,645	43.68%
<b>2 Plant &amp; Equipment / Furniture &amp; Fittings</b>	\$2,921	\$2,384	81.62%
<b>3 Airport Upgrade</b>	\$727	\$54	7.36%
<b>4 Roads &amp; Drainage Infrastructure</b>	\$3,663	\$986	26.91%
<b>5 Water &amp; Sewerage Infrastructure</b>	\$7,345	\$1,840	25.05%
<b>6 Office/Other Equip</b>	\$300	\$77	25.60%
<b>7 QTC - Loan Redemption</b>	\$222	\$159	71.60%

**5. Road Works Expenditure: Year to 30 April 2026**



		Budget \$(000)	Expended YTD Actual \$(000)	% of Budget Expended
	<b>Total Road Expenditure</b>	<b>\$19,177</b>	<b>\$18,783</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Rural Roads</b>	\$2,281	\$1,631	<b>72%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Town Streets</b>	\$1,889	\$1,758	<b>93%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Private Works</b>	\$148	\$125	<b>84%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>RMPC Works</b>	\$2,791	\$2,255	<b>81%</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Flood Damage</b>	\$12,067	\$13,015	<b>108%</b>

**6. Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio: 30 April 2026**



	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	.66 months	> 4 months
11	May	2.3 months	-	> 4 months
12	June	2.0 months	-	> 4 months

**LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

- 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. Rates and Charges 20260430
2. Income Statement Apr 2026
3. Balance Sheet Apr 2026
4. Financial Statements Actual Apr 2026

STATEMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

30 April 2026



	ARREARS 30 JUNE 2025	LEVIES	INTEREST	RECEIPTS	DISCOUNT	WRITE OFFS	PENSIONER STATE	PENSIONER COUNCIL	BALANCE
<i>Charleville</i>	\$290,738.24	\$1,615,001.84	\$19,469.64	\$883,509.62	\$81,462.41	\$236.08	\$43,404.41	\$75,939.12	\$840,658.08
<i>Augathella</i>	\$34,029.24	\$178,357.06	\$1,532.30	\$93,910.74	\$7,863.82	\$1.40	\$8,530.60	\$17,200.00	\$86,412.04
<i>Morven</i>	\$19,953.71	\$95,132.36	\$1,410.77	\$46,005.34	\$4,449.14	\$4.58	\$4,329.00	\$8,795.75	\$52,913.03
<b>Total Urban</b>	\$344,721.19	\$1,888,491.26	\$22,412.71	\$1,023,425.70	\$93,775.37	\$242.06	\$56,264.01	\$101,934.87	\$979,983.15
<i>Rural</i>	\$218,135.54	\$3,324,033.44	\$13,754.40	\$1,709,510.69	\$162,737.10	\$410.88	\$7,802.96	\$13,605.91	\$1,661,855.84
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	\$562,856.73	\$5,212,524.70	\$36,167.11	\$2,732,936.39	\$256,512.47	\$652.94	\$64,066.97	\$115,540.78	\$2,641,838.99
<b>CLEANSING</b>	\$157,076.94	\$866,926.64	\$10,102.94	\$514,425.18	\$44,366.71	\$160.00	\$9,409.45	\$0.00	\$465,745.18
<b>SEWERAGE</b>	\$166,394.40	\$1,043,979.50	\$10,900.83	\$625,495.45	\$56,367.20	\$168.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$539,244.00
<b>WATER</b>	\$296,155.29	\$1,348,683.00	\$19,282.24	\$827,229.12	\$71,197.85	\$1,933.78	\$263.01	\$0.00	\$763,496.77
<b>WATER CONSUMPTION</b>	\$39,203.87	\$469,341.41	\$0.00	\$323,308.59	\$0.00	\$47.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185,188.73
<b>C.E.D.</b>	\$29,361.91	\$104,979.00	\$1,130.77	\$64,241.96	\$4,915.60	\$1.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,312.67
<b>LEGAL FEES</b>	\$11,207.11	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$9,642.70	\$0.00	\$83.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,880.59
<b>LAND CHARGES</b>	\$752.23	\$1,384.10	\$0.00	\$99.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,037.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$1,263,008.48	\$9,052,218.35	\$77,583.89	\$5,097,378.39	\$433,359.83	\$3,048.03	\$73,739.43	\$115,540.78	\$4,669,744.26
STATE EMERGENCY LEVY									\$209,782.76
<b>TOTAL CURRENT &amp; ARREARS</b>									<b>\$4,879,527.02</b>

Current Year	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years +	Interest	
\$4,059,656.35	\$306,050.17	\$169,494.69	\$80,638.16	\$47,697.47	\$38,275.08	\$177,715.10	\$4,879,527.02
RATES PAID IN ADVANCE							\$216,059.67
<b>NET OUTSTANDING AS PER RATES GL</b>							<b>\$4,663,467.35</b>

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MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL (Budget for full year)		Financial Year Ending 2026								
		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)				
		30 Apr 2026	Budget	30 Apr 2026	Budget	30 Apr 2026	Budget	30 Apr 2026	Budget	
1000-0001	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT									
1100-0002	CORP GOVERNANCE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	438,894.49	69%	635,879	(438,894.49)	69%	(635,879)
1300-0002	DISASTER MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM	17,684.75	13%	140,319	126,831.57	67%	187,959	(109,146.82)	229%	(47,640)
1500-0002	HUMAN RESOURCES SUB PROGRAM	5,454.53	182%	3,000	172,924.60	55%	313,040	(167,470.07)	54%	(310,040)
1000-0001	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT	23,139.28	16%	143,319	738,650.66	65%	1,136,878	(715,511.38)	72%	(993,559)
2000-0001	CORPORATE SERVICES									
2100-0002	REVENUE SUB PROGRAM	8,038,658.48	63%	12,728,571	0.00	0%	0	8,038,658.48	63%	12,728,571
2200-0002	STORES OPERATION SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	155,274.23	162%	95,568	(155,274.23)	162%	(95,568)
2300-0002	ADMINISTRATION SUB PROGRAM	71,673.93	36%	200,000	3,025,193.65	83%	3,632,257	(2,953,519.72)	86%	(3,432,257)
2400-0002	FINANCE SUB PROGRAM	655,534.39	106%	617,890	80,613.92	74%	108,763	574,920.47	113%	509,127
2500-0002	ONCOSTS SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	173,644.79	-108%	(160,047)	(173,644.79)	-108%	160,047
2600-0002	LIBRARY SUB PROGRAM	63,325.40	100%	63,034	266,133.99	81%	330,185	(202,808.59)	76%	(267,151)
2700-0002	AERODROMES SUB PROGRAM	388,556.95	71%	543,704	1,113,857.83	88%	1,267,670	(725,300.88)	100%	(723,966)
2800-0002	AREA PROMOTION/DEVT SUB PRO									
2800-0003	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	2,279,130.19	22%	10,560,989	347,687.09	59%	586,649	1,931,443.10	19%	9,974,340
2805-0003	COUNCIL HOUSING	29,959.04	131%	22,867	112,630.35	88%	128,376	(82,671.31)	78%	(105,509)
2810-0003	COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES	73,145.44	50%	146,284	25,749.94	53%	48,314	47,395.50	48%	97,970
2815-0003	CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	30,000.00	100%	30,000	222,706.01	101%	221,280	(192,706.01)	101%	(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	1,283,801.49	65%	1,974,306	2,536,595.94	83%	3,070,630	(1,252,794.45)	114%	(1,096,324)
2855-0003	TOURISM AND PROMOTION	1,283,801.49	65%	1,974,306	2,536,595.94	83%	3,070,630	(1,252,794.45)	114%	(1,096,324)
2800-0002	AREA PROMOTION/DEVT SUB PRO	4,005,036.16	31%	12,734,446	3,245,369.33	80%	4,055,249	759,666.83	9%	8,679,197
2000-0001	CORPORATE SERVICES	13,222,785.31	49%	26,887,645	8,060,087.74	86%	9,329,645	5,162,697.57	29%	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	1,837,703.23	81%	2,268,686	(1,837,703.23)	81%	(2,268,686)

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		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)				
		30 Apr 2026	Budget	30 Apr 2026	Budget	30 Apr 2026	Budget			
3220-0004	RACECOURSE	89,384.17	106%	84,174	198,017.88	85%	232,397	(108,633.71)	73%	(148,223)
3240-0004	SWIMMING POOLS	0.00	0%	0	330,508.45	84%	392,805	(330,508.45)	84%	(392,805)
3200-0003	SPORTS & RECREATION FACILITIES	89,384.17	106%	84,174	2,366,229.56	82%	2,893,888	(2,276,845.39)	81%	(2,809,714)
3260-0003	COMMUNITY FACILITIES									
3260-0004	TELEVISION, CCTV and WIFI	0.00	0%	0	120,009.55	74%	161,135	(120,009.55)	74%	(161,135)
3270-0004	HALLS & CENTRES	35,441.92	152%	23,299	422,654.55	83%	511,148	(387,212.63)	79%	(487,849)
3280-0004	SHOWGROUNDS	26,858.89	88%	30,636	213,147.25	96%	222,218	(186,288.36)	97%	(191,582)
3290-0004	CEMETERIES & MEMORIALS	53,855.41	71%	76,362	206,671.20	84%	247,093	(152,815.79)	90%	(170,731)
3320-0004	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	0.00	0%	0	324,500.93	81%	400,807	(324,500.93)	81%	(400,807)
3330-0004	AGED CARE	82,533.33	86%	96,340	201,992.40	81%	249,078	(119,459.07)	78%	(152,738)
3260-0003	COMMUNITY FACILITIES	198,689.55	88%	226,637	1,488,975.88	83%	1,791,479	(1,290,286.33)	82%	(1,564,842)
3200-0002	SPORT, REC & COMMUNITY FACILITIES	288,073.72	93%	310,811	3,855,205.44	82%	4,685,367	(3,567,131.72)	82%	(4,374,556)
3400-0002	ENVIRONMENTAL SUB PROGRAM									
3410-0003	COMMUNITY HEALTH	16,154.00	90%	18,000	127,969.86	64%	199,190	(111,815.86)	62%	(181,190)
3435-0003	ANIMAL CONTROL	65,597.29	90%	73,186	189,120.71	50%	376,802	(123,523.42)	41%	(303,616)
3460-0003	RESERVES	0.00	0%	0	274,031.61	88%	311,145	(274,031.61)	88%	(311,145)
3475-0003	STOCK ROUTES	213,035.34	102%	209,000	791,636.67	108%	731,077	(578,601.33)	111%	(522,077)
3400-0002	ENVIRONMENTAL SUB PROGRAM	294,786.63	98%	300,186	1,382,758.85	85%	1,618,214	(1,087,972.22)	83%	(1,318,028)
3500-0002	REFUSE MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM									
3500-0004	CHARLEVILLE REFUSE MANAGEMENT	759,393.14	103%	736,307	806,524.79	87%	929,519	(47,131.65)	24%	(193,212)
3540-0004	MORVEN REFUSE MANAGEMENT	28,244.36	104%	27,218	36,521.01	92%	39,686	(8,276.65)	66%	(12,468)
3570-0004	AUGATHELLA REFUSE MANAGEMENT	65,219.51	103%	63,628	36,691.37	91%	40,118	28,528.14	121%	23,510
3500-0002	REFUSE MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM	852,857.01	103%	827,153	879,737.17	87%	1,009,323	(26,880.16)	15%	(182,170)
3200-0001	HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	1,435,717.36	100%	1,438,150	6,117,701.46	84%	7,312,904	(4,681,984.10)	80%	(5,874,754)
4000-0001	ENGINEERING SERVICES									
4100-0002	ENGINEERING OFFICE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	3,847,318.56	83%	4,632,287	(3,847,318.56)	83%	(4,632,287)
4200-0002	BUILDING & PLANNING SUB PROGRAM	154,307.64	61%	253,628	260,626.71	71%	369,225	(106,319.07)	92%	(115,597)
4300-0002	PLANT OPERATIONS SUB PROGRAM	625,535.50	223%	279,973	(2,283,939.71)	464%	(492,510)	2,909,475.21	377%	772,483
4400-0002	PRIVATE WORKS ACTIVITIES	2,777,547.10	39%	7,202,248	3,513,640.69	81%	4,318,409	(736,093.59)	-26%	2,883,839
4500-0002	OTHER ROAD ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	18,043,608.97	114%	15,763,487	15,437,583.53	103%	14,972,076	2,606,025.44	329%	791,411
4000-0001	ENGINEERING SERVICES	21,600,999.21	92%	23,499,336	20,775,229.78	87%	23,799,487	825,769.43	-275%	(300,151)
5100-0001	WATER & SEWERAGE SERVICES									
5100-0002	WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM									
5100-0003	CHARLEVILLE WATER	1,212,160.60	82%	1,479,467	718,757.88	69%	1,044,179	493,402.72	113%	435,288

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		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)				
		30 Apr 2026	Budget	30 Apr 2026	Budget	30 Apr 2026	Budget			
5200-0003	MORVEN WATER	99,029.70	80%	123,792	180,457.79	87%	207,941	(81,428.09)	97%	(84,149)
5300-0003	AUGATHELLA WATER	201,221.86	88%	229,595	133,998.14	68%	195,919	67,223.72	200%	33,676
5390-0003	WATER DEPRECIATION	0.00	0%	0	543,623.49	83%	658,072	(543,623.49)	83%	(658,072)
5100-0002	WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	1,512,412.16	83%	1,832,854	1,576,837.30	75%	2,106,111	(64,425.14)	24%	(273,257)
5400-0002	SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM									
5400-0003	CHARLEVILLE SEWERAGE	999,772.40	106%	946,276	367,312.92	63%	582,685	632,459.48	174%	363,591
5450-0003	AUGATHELLA SEWERAGE	101,347.97	102%	99,290	36,074.39	41%	88,519	65,273.58	606%	10,771
5490-0003	SEWERAGE DEPRECIATION	0.00	0%	0	439,137.07	83%	531,651	(439,137.07)	83%	(531,651)
5400-0002	SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	1,101,120.37	105%	1,045,566	842,524.38	70%	1,202,855	258,595.99	-164%	(157,289)
5100-0001	WATER & SEWERAGE SERVICES	2,613,532.53	91%	2,878,420	2,419,361.68	73%	3,308,966	194,170.85	-45%	(430,546)
	TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE	38,896,173.69	71%	54,846,870	38,111,031.32	85%	44,887,880	785,142.37	8%	9,958,990

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	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 30 Apr 2026	BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 30 Apr 2026	BUDGET			
CURRENT ASSETS								
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0100-0001	CURRENT ASSETS							
0105-3000	Cash at Bank - General Account	673,576.12	(130,228.20)	---	0	543,347.92	81%	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	(6,862,899.82)	102%	(6,702,024)	14,649,986.33	99%	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	3,663,218.55	---	0	4,660,353.07	467%	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	90,004.16	---	0	556,180.49	119%	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	121,186.00	---	0	3,797,530.81	150%	2,524,219
0150-3000	Workers Compensation Receivable	25,617.49	16,286.54	---	0	41,904.03	164%	25,617
0155-3000	Accounts Receivable - Debtors	801,154.12	(755,447.69)	---	0	45,706.43	6%	801,154
0156-3000	Accts Rec - Debtors EOY Receipts	(529,713.50)	529,713.50	---	0	0.00	0%	0
0160-3000	Provision for Doubtful Debts	(2,089.80)	0.00	0%	0	(2,089.80)	13%	(16,023)
0165-3000	GST Receivable/Suspense	130,011.00	3,133.44	---	0	133,144.44	105%	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	(3,776,902.26)	56%	(6,702,024)	25,305,635.30	119%	21,186,605
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	29,082,537.56	(3,776,902.26)	56%	(6,702,024)	25,305,635.30	119%	21,186,605

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	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 30 Apr 2026	BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 30 Apr 2026	BUDGET			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS								
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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	601,305.85	45%	1,336,078	861,066.49	54%	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)	218,311.74	-48%	(457,242)	(4,414,680.21)	92%	(4,807,155)
0242-4000	WIP - Aerodrome Upgrade	126,384.20	53,412.50	7%	727,225	179,796.70	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)	(2,106,234.57)	221%	(953,523)	(44,295,493.78)	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)	(206,654.01)	27%	(756,269)	(4,147,390.41)	116%	(3,571,068)
0360-4000	WIP - Buildings	361,481.93	1,069,273.34	51%	2,080,590	1,430,755.27	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)	(425,602.01)	---	0	(7,037,249.40)	95%	(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)	(32,202.42)	46%	(69,833)	(1,969,212.74)	98%	(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)	(215,016.30)	---	0	(8,828,769.24)	102%	(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	96,955.54	3%	2,921,095	210,493.21	7%	2,965,722
0500-4000	Road Infrastructure at Cost	13,694,675.95	0.00	0%	0	13,694,675.95	100%	13,691,483
0510-4000	Road Infrastructure at Valuation	369,344,237.43	581,675.00	---	0	369,925,912.43	108%	343,531,069
0520-4000	Accum Depn - Road Infrastructure	(82,549,676.27)	(4,782,227.94)	132%	(3,628,810)	(87,331,904.21)	108%	(80,509,906)
0525-4000	WIP - Road Infrastructure	3,546,092.57	994,628.05	27%	3,663,398	4,540,720.62	63%	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)	(534,733.16)	82%	(648,324)	(18,776,230.64)	99%	(18,889,821)
0555-4000	WIP - Water Infrastructure	356,809.08	930,026.97	74%	1,250,000	1,286,836.05	81%	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)	(433,608.72)	82%	(531,446)	(21,020,123.16)	100%	(21,117,960)
0585-4000	WIP - Sewerage Infrastructure	2,318,962.47	903,691.83	15%	6,095,477	3,222,654.30	38%	8,391,060

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		OPENING	YEAR TO DATE			CURRENT BALANCE		
		BALANCE	30 Apr 2026	BUDGET	30 Apr 2026	BUDGET		
0586-4000	WIP - Aurora Estate Stage 2	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0587-4000	WIP - Aurora Estate Stage 3	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0588-4000	WIP State Gov - Bradleys Gully Div	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0589-4000	WIP - Industrial Estate	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0595-4000	Residential Land Resale (NCA)	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0596-4000	Right of Use Assets	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	221,276
0596-4001	Accumulated Amortisation	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	(221,276)
0597-4000	Equipment Clearing Account	0.02	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	(584,906.54)	-6%	10,456,788	446,524,710.90	102%	438,624,773
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	447,109,617.44	(584,906.54)	-6%	10,456,788	446,524,710.90	102%	438,624,773
	TOTAL ASSETS	476,192,155.00	(4,361,808.80)	-116%	3,754,764	471,830,346.20	103%	459,811,378
CURRENT LIABILITIES								
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0600-0001	CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0600-5000	Accounts Payable	94,853.15	127,156.50	---%	0	222,009.65	234%	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	191,690.62	---%	0	229,537.29	113%	203,071
0612-5000	Contract Liabilities	14,226,954.63	(2,644,993.00)	---%	0	11,581,961.63	345%	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	(15,924.90)	---%	0	129,276.09	94%	137,776
0617-5000	Bookeasy - Outside Operators	5,003.00	15,526.35	---%	0	20,529.35	215%	9,533
0618-5000	QWRAP Banker	81,599.36	(128,244.23)	---%	0	(46,644.87)	-57%	81,599
0625-5000	Payroll Suspense	0.00	(31,531.58)	---%	0	(31,531.58)	---%	0
0630-5000	Wages Advance	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0632-5000	RDO & Toil Accumulated	12,804.31	8,701.57	---%	0	21,505.88	90%	24,003
0635-5000	Stock Routes Fees Payable	0.00	3,070.00	---%	0	3,070.00	227%	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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	OPENING	YEAR TO DATE			CURRENT BALANCE			
	BALANCE	30 Apr 2026	BUDGET	30 Apr 2026	BUDGET			
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	(65,673.92)	---	0	1,022,385.79	95%	1,074,801
0680-5000	Long Service Leave Payable	1,176,876.86	(50,199.06)	---	0	1,126,677.80	104%	1,086,027
0685-5000	Sick Leave Payable	0.00	(5,972.17)	---	0	(5,972.17)	-63%	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	43,068.82	---	0	443,368.15	111%	400,299
0698-5000	Salary Sacrifice Deduct - After Tax	(404,433.52)	(44,169.43)	---	0	(448,602.95)	111%	(404,434)
0699-5000	Suspense Account: General Account	(6,083.53)	37,054.89	---	0	30,971.36	6%	523,630
0600-0001	CURRENT LIABILITIES TOTAL	19,889,815.16	(5,199,451.70)	<999%	207,522	14,690,363.46	216%	6,806,935
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	19,889,815.16	(5,199,451.70)	<999%	207,522	14,690,363.46	216%	6,806,935
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES								
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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	(5,199,451.70)	---	0	19,926,358.65	162%	12,299,403
	NETT ASSETS/ (LIABILITIES)	451,066,344.65	837,642.90	22%	3,754,764	451,903,987.55	101%	447,511,975

General Ledger2023.6.13.1		Balance Sheet				Page - 5	
(Accounts: 0100-0001-0000 to 5490-2000-0000. All report groups. 85% of year elapsed. To Details. Excludes committed costs)		Financial Year Ending 2026				Printed(TOMASO): 04-05-2026 3:56:56 PM	
MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL (Budget for full year)							
	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 30 Apr 2026		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 30 Apr 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%
0807-7000	Retained Surplus-Cosmos	(1,275,671.18)	0.00	0%	0	(1,275,671.18)	100%
0810-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - Roads	219,686,254.78	12,211.47	---	0	219,698,466.25	110%
0811-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - W & S	35,576,612.26	3,217.16	---	0	35,579,829.42	100%
0812-7000	Asset Reval Res - Bldgs & Structures	38,652,881.27	36,534.55	---	0	38,689,415.82	94%
0813-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve-Land	1,113,147.34	0.00	0%	0	1,113,147.34	146%
0815-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve Aerodrome	13,553,782.85	537.35	---	0	13,554,320.20	107%
0816-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0820-7000	Current Surplus / Deficit	0.00	785,142.37	8%	9,958,990	785,142.37	8%
0825-7000	Year End Surplus/Deficit	96,732,581.74	(0.00)	---	0	96,732,581.74	89%
0800-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL TOTAL	451,066,344.65	837,642.90	8%	9,958,990	451,903,987.55	100%
0830-0002	RESERVES						
0800-0001	EQUITY TOTAL	451,066,344.65	837,642.90	8%	9,958,990	451,903,987.55	100%
	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	451,066,344.65	837,642.90	8%	9,958,990	451,903,987.55	100%

**Murweh Shire Council  
Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	Apr 26 Actual \$000	Jun-26 Budget \$000
<b>Revenue</b>		
<b>Operating revenue</b>		
Net rates, levies and charges	8,179	7,949
Fees and charges	2,269	3,546
Interest received	733	723
Sales revenue	2,899	3,809
Other income	355	140
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	21,319	25,949
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>35,754</b>	<b>42,116</b>
<b>Capital revenue</b>		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	2,610	12,620
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>38,364</b>	<b>54,736</b>
<b>Capital income</b>		
Total Capital Income	532	111
<b>Total income</b>	<b>38,896</b>	<b>54,847</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Employee benefits	8,514	15,988
Materials and services	21,652	19,356
Finance costs	143	158
Depreciation and amortisation	7,802	9,385
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>38,111</b>	<b>44,887</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>9,960</b>

## Murweh Shire Council Statement of Financial Position

	Apr 26 Actual	Jun-26 Budget
	\$000	\$000
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Externally restricted component	11,654	14,227
Unrestricted component	3,542	6,613
Cash and cash equivalents	15,196	20,840
Trade and other receivables	5,138	1,855
Inventories	1,174	1,084
Contract Assets	3,798	3,676
Other current assets	-	241
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>25,306</b>	<b>27,696</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant & equipment	446,525	460,022
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>446,525</b>	<b>460,022</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>471,830</b>	<b>487,718</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	1,924	2,486
Contract Liabilities	11,582	14,227
Borrowings	57	228
Provisions	1,127	1,142
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>14,690</b>	<b>18,083</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	3,002	2,771
Provisions	2,233	2,268
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>5,235</b>	<b>5,039</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>19,926</b>	<b>23,121</b>
<b>Net community assets</b>	<b>451,904</b>	<b>464,597</b>
<b>Community equity</b>		
Asset revaluation surplus	308,635	312,156
Retained surplus	143,269	152,441
<b>Total community equity</b>	<b>451,904</b>	<b>464,597</b>

**Murweh Shire Council  
Statement of Cash Flows**

	Apr 26 Actual \$000	Jun-26 Budget \$000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	13,525	15,461
Payments to suppliers and employees	(35,032)	(37,188)
Interest received	733	723
Non-capital grants and contributions	17,957	25,968
Borrowing costs	(143)	(99)
Other cash flows from operating activities	-	-
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>(2,959)</b>	<b>4,865</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(7,426)	(18,724)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	343	111
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3,209	12,620
<b>Net cash inflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(3,875)</b>	<b>(5,993)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Repayment of borrowings	(159)	(221)
<b>Net cash inflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(159)</b>	<b>(221)</b>
<b>Total cash flows</b>		
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held</b>	<b>(6,993)</b>	<b>(1,349)</b>
<b>Opening cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>22,189</b>	<b>22,189</b>
<b>Closing cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>15,196</b>	<b>20,840</b>

**11.2 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT**

**Author:** Director of Corporate Services

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**  
 That Council receives and notes the Planning Report for the May 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	2	3	
Decision Appeals	0	0	
Future Enquiries	3	0	
Projects and Systems	0	4	
Decision Notices	0	0	

*Planning Scheme Amendment*

Updates to mapping are in progress.

Further meeting with state government representatives have been completed with the next version of the draft scheme planned to be provided during May.

**LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

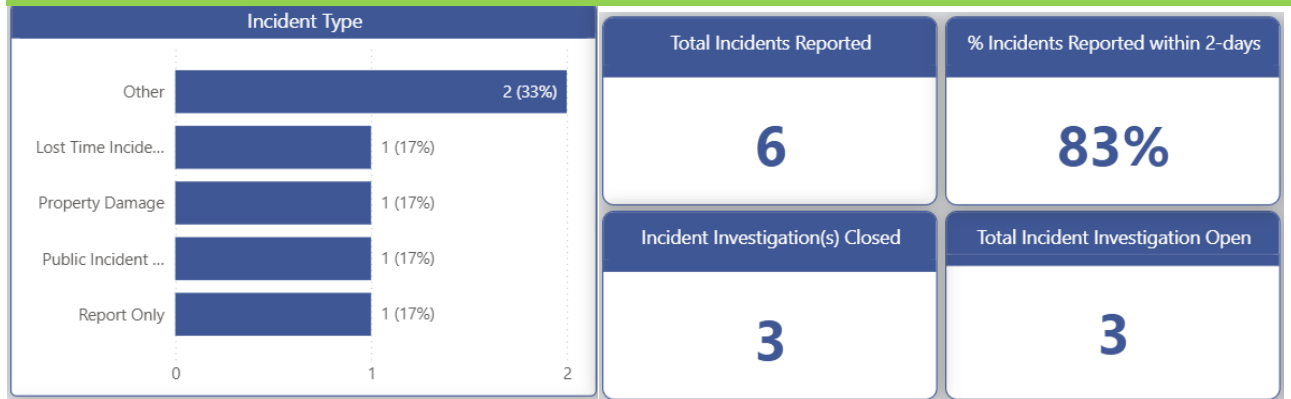
**11.3 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**

**Author:** Administration  
**Authoriser:** Director of Corporate Services

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

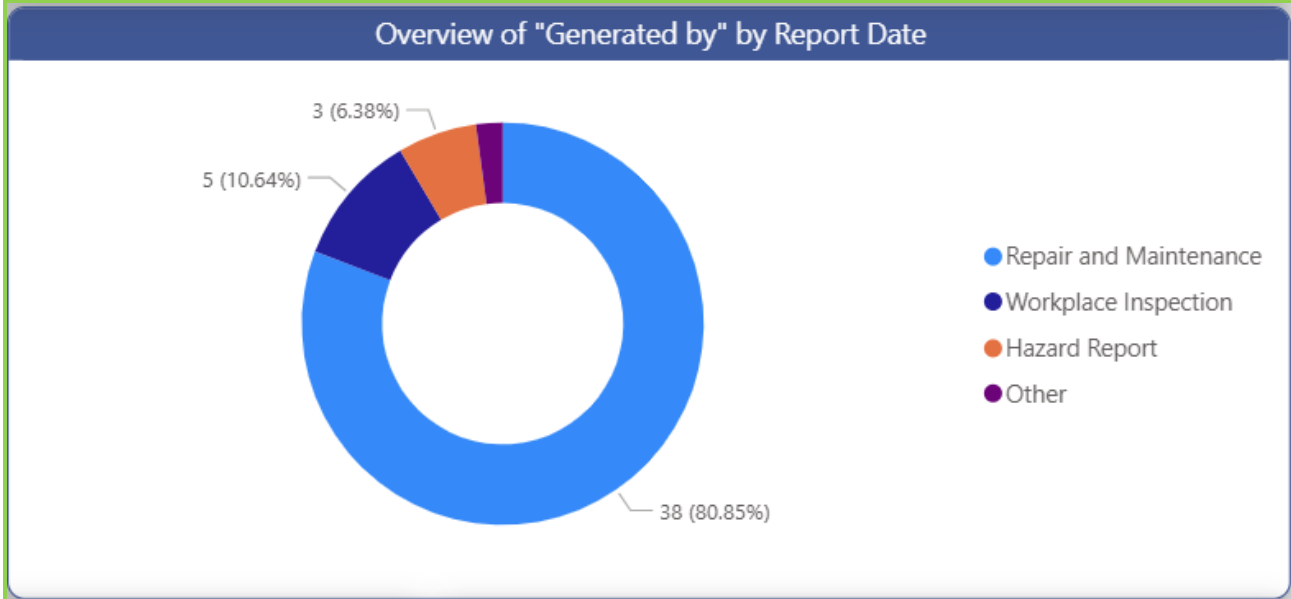
**BACKGROUND**

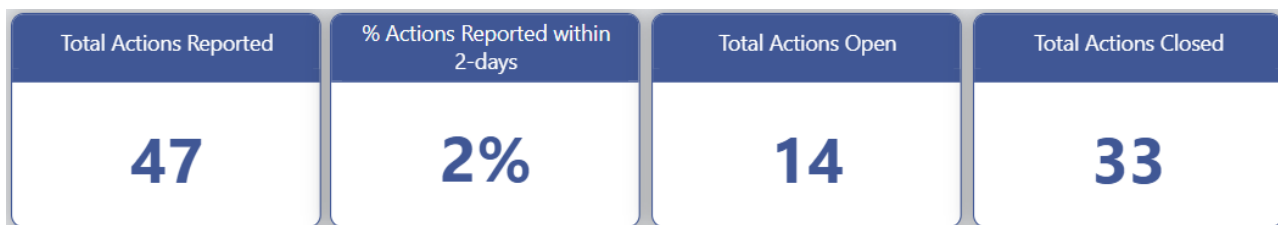
**INCIDENT REPORTS (since last report)**



Incident ID	Date	Incident Type	Status	Description	Location	Responsible Party
INC0202	2026-05-08	Public Incident Report	Closed	Lady has passed out in terminal, ambulance was called, Dr was in attendance.	Charleville Airport	Airport
INC0201	2026-05-07	Lost Time Incident (LTI)	2026-06-04		Workshop	Workshop
INC0200	2026-04-28	Other: Hydraulic filter blew off	2026-05-26	Hydraulic filter	Augathella Depot	Town Crew
INC0199	2026-04-20	Report Only	2026-05-18	Employee knocked their ankle on chair.	Cosmos Centre	Tourism
INC0198	2026-04-22	Other: hydraulic hose	Closed	hydraulic hose	Other: Khyber road 500 m of new road	RMPC Roadworks
INC0197	2026-04-15	Property Damage	Closed	backed over a rock that came out of the ground when turning around, go forward and reverse back to turn around, batter to high to turn around	Other: Quilpie road	RMPC Roadworks

**HAZARD / ACTION**





**Inspections/Checklists/Work Packs**



**SAFETY CHAMPION**

Training has been ongoing and conducted at various work area sites based on daily needs.

**WHS COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Last meeting held: 16.03.2026

Next meeting: June – 18.06.2026

**OTHER INFORMATION**

- CPR and First Aid 21/22<sup>nd</sup> April - COMPLETED
- Sharps Handling and Infectious Waste 22<sup>nd</sup> April - COMPLETED
- ACDC and 1080 Baiting happening in May
- Chainsaw Training booked for July
- Waiting for a meeting with RTO to go over new Traffic Control licence changes.

**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

**11.4 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

**Author:** Human Resource Manager

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**  
 That Council receives and notes the May 2025 Human Resources Report.

**BACKGROUND**

**Current Recruitment:** Labourer, Augathella Library casual,

**Resignation/ Retirement:**

**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
21-22	3/4/26 to 17/4/26	528	24,619	541	28,481
23	18/4/26 to 1/5/26	786	42,631		

- 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. Monthly Analytics Snapshot
2. Snap Send Solve Report previous 30 Days



# Murweh Shire Council - Monthly Analytics Snapshot

Mar 1, 2026 - Mar 31, 2026

### Sessions

5,025

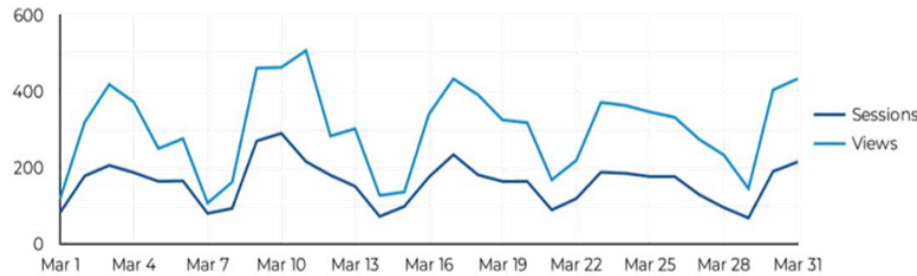
### Views

9,396

### Views / Session

1.87

### Views and Sessions



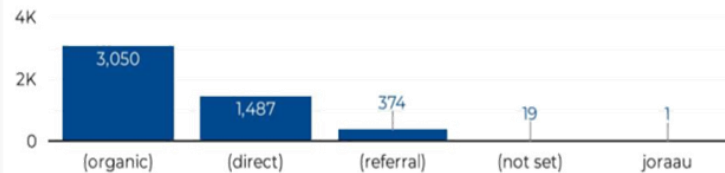
### Top 10 Pages

Page path	Views
1. /Home	2,166
2. /Community-and-Services/...	558
3. /Council/Employment	470
4. /Business-Planning-and-Tou...	378
5. /Content-search	353
6. /Council/About-Council/Age...	230
7. /Council	222
8. /Contact-Us	200
9. /Community-and-Services/F...	132
10. /Council/Councillor-Profiles/...	127

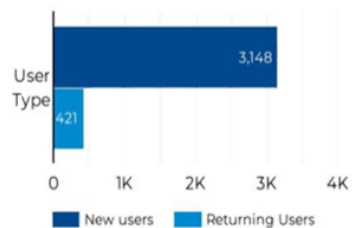
### Channels



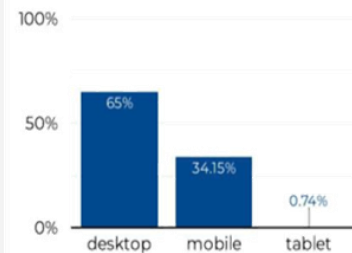
### Sessions by Session Campaign



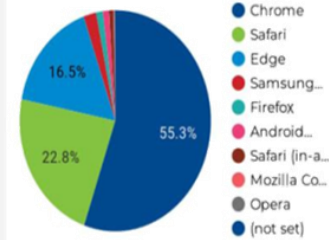
### Sessions by User Type



### Sessions by Device Type



### Sessions by Browser



### Top 10 Referral Sources

Session source	Sessions	Views
1. google	2,670	5,617
2. (direct)	1,487	2,199
3. bing	416	971
4. m.facebook.com	205	270
5. lm.facebook.com	40	56
6. au.search.yahoo.c...	23	33
7. l.facebook.com	22	75
8. facebook.com	19	19
9. (not set)	16	26
10. chatgpt.com	12	25

## Performance Insights v1

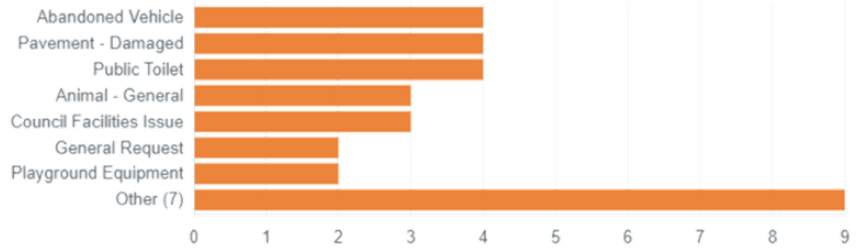
📅 Date (AEST): [Previous 30 days](#) × 📄 Incident Ty... ▾ 📄 Suburb ▾ 🕒 SLA Threshold (days): **30** ×

### Performance Insights

Your real-time view of how service requests are being handled across your organisation.

Reports

**31**



### 🕒 Report Handling

The time to action from the date of creation. Time is in days and can include weekends and public holidays.

Time to Viewed (days)



Time to In Progress (days)

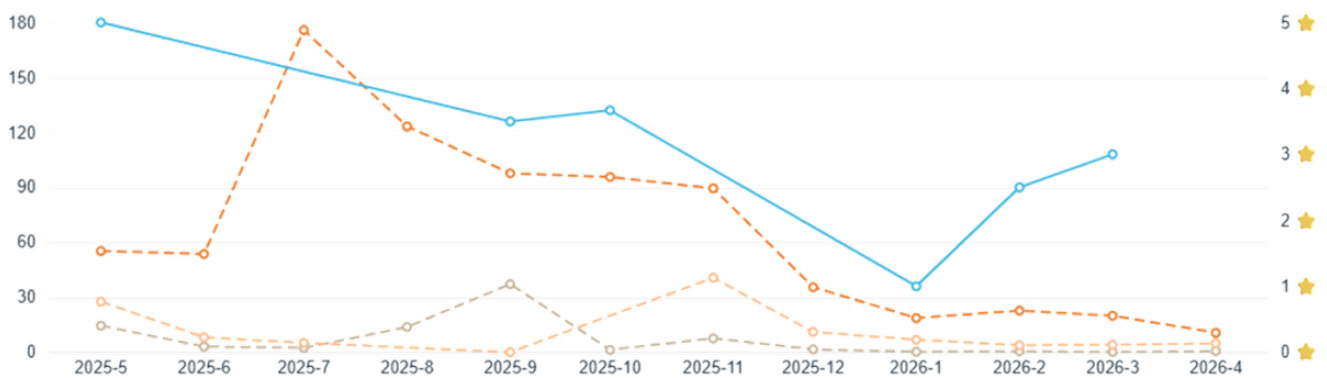


Time to Closed (days)



### Handling vs CSAT

● Time To Viewed (day... ● Time To In Progress (day... ● Time To Closed (day... ● Rating Score

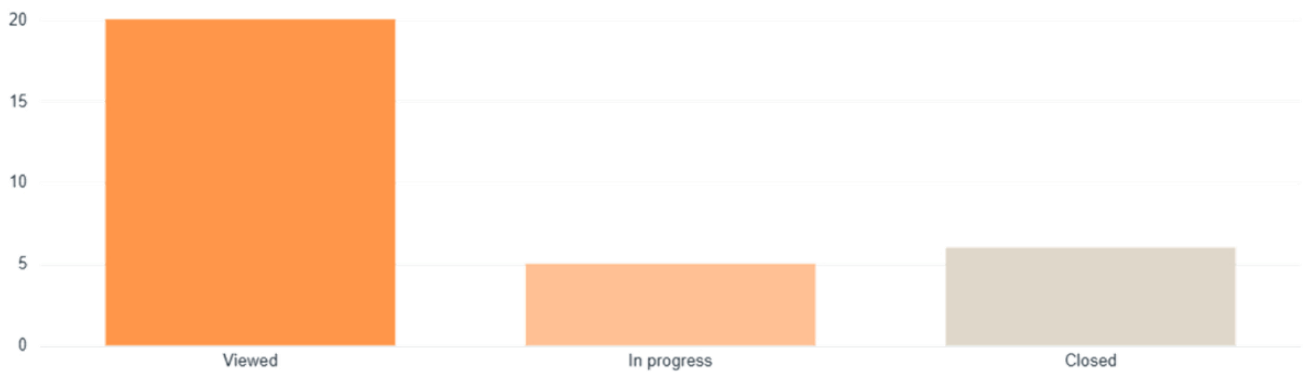


Incidents reassigned to other authorities are not included. \*Time to action\* data is recorded for API integrations since 6 Aug 2025 (where available).

## Report Status

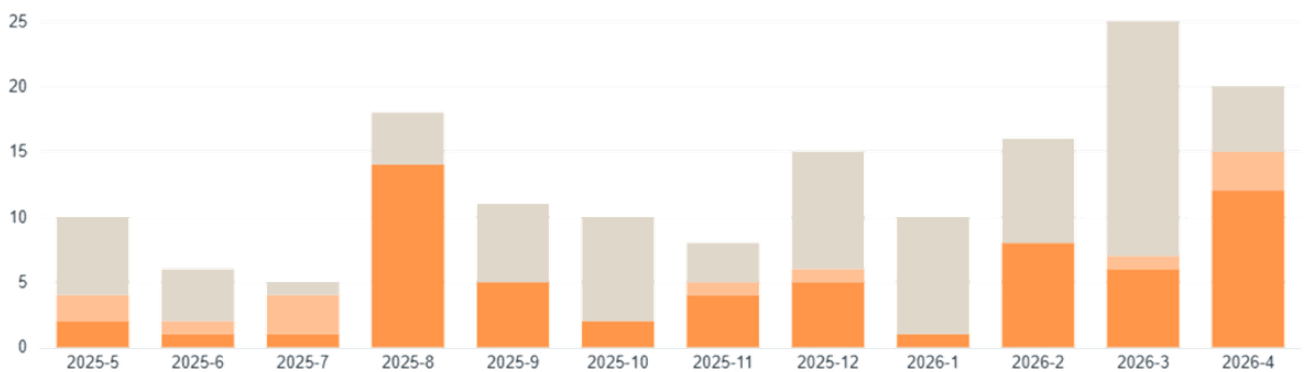
### Status

● Closed 
 ● In Progress 
 ● Viewed 
 ● Open



### Status (Last 12 Months)

● Closed 
 ● In progress 
 ● Viewed

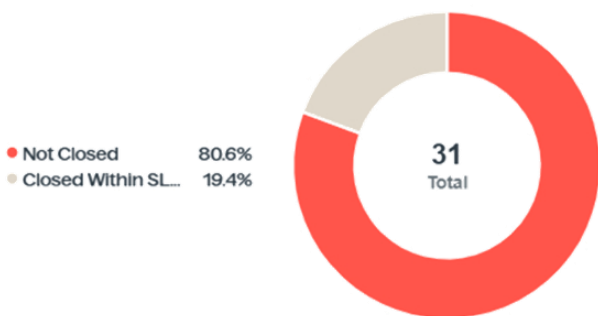


Reports reassigned to other authorities are not included.

## SLA Compliance

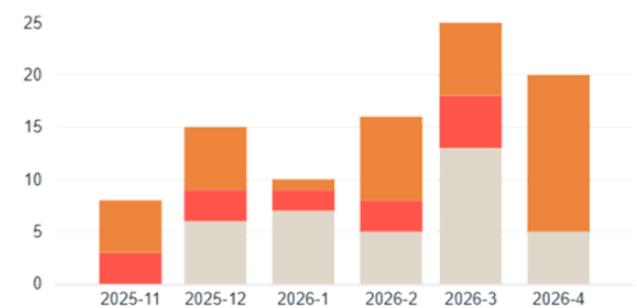
Understand which reports are over or about to breach SLA. SLA Threshold is currently set to 30 days.

### Breakdown



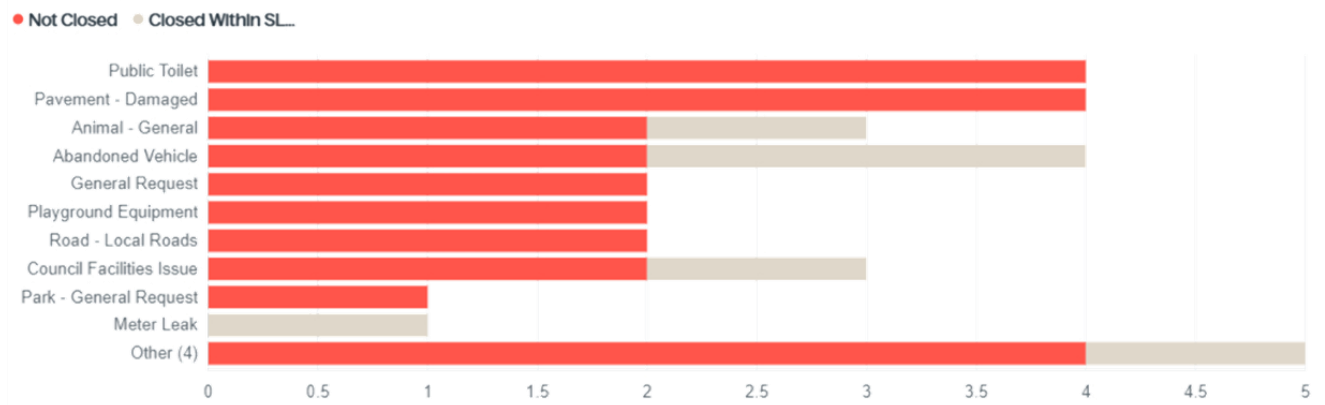
### Performance

● Not Closed 
 ● Closed Outside SLA 
 ● Closed Within SLA



Note: Weekends and public holidays are not excluded. Reports reassigned to other authorities are not included.

Breaches by Incident Type



Reports by Days Open

Report ID	Date	Incident Ty...	SLA Stat...	Status	Days Open	Days to Close...	Report Description
<a href="#">8076269</a>	2026-4-13	Council Facilities Issue	-	In progress	29		Light in ladies toilets at Mo
<a href="#">8091440</a>	2026-4-15	Animal - General	-	In progress	27		Animals getting let out of y
<a href="#">8091392</a>	2026-4-15	Abandoned Vehic...	-	In progress	27		abandoned car
<a href="#">8125494</a>	2026-4-21	Abandoned Vehic...	-	Viewed	21		abandoned vehic...
<a href="#">8124135</a>	2026-4-21	Public Toill...	-	Viewed	21		Lid not on part of septic ot
<a href="#">8125527</a>	2026-4-21	Animal - General	-	Viewed	21		Roaming animals goats ou
<a href="#">8139223</a>	2026-4-23	Council Facilities Issue	-	Viewed	19		Inside the Charleville Gym
<a href="#">8136741</a>	2026-4-23	Pavement - Damaged	-	Viewed	19		trip hazard

31 rows

SLA Threshold is set to 30 days. Reports closed within threshold are considered "Within SLA". Reports reassigned to other authorities are not included.

**11.5 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - MAY 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*

The April/May coordinated baiting program has been well received by landholders. Council organised 5 tonnes of bait material and landholders brought to treatment sites, approximately 1.5 tonne of fresh meat.

During this program, Council had a Feral Animal Control Landholder Feedback form that was provided to any landholders that had any suggestions, both positive and negative, for improvement of the program.

Council received two Landholder Feedback forms:

1. **What would improve the program** – Continuing with the current successful coordinating of the program by Council should maintain the strength of the program. The current situation of the meat turning up at the station already baiting is perfect.
2. **What would improve the program** – very happy with the program. I think getting more landholders on board is the main challenge.

The use of pig hearts for the coordinated program has been well received by participants. The officers have also commented that the defrosting and treatment of hearts is proving to be safer and with less liquid waste/spillage, which was also reiterated by the person that assists the pilot in the aerial meat delivery.



Hearts drying prior to treatment



Weighing treated meat

Council officers will work with neighbouring Local Government land management officers, regarding meat deliveries and the preferred type of

*Invoicing of Meat for baiting programs*

Council will complete invoicing for the completed program by the end of May 2026. Within this invoicing will be the cost to treat meat that landholders have bought to site.

*Rural Property Airstrip*

Council staff have removed two trees from one airstrip used during coordinated baiting campaigns.

*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 81

Female 51

Total Scalps for the year 353

**1 May 2026 Total \$ 17,650.00**

*Capital Works Projects*

Progress continues on all three approved capital work projects, with pads complete for the three new tanks. All tanks will be installed at site by week ending Friday 22 May, 2026.

Upon completion of the tanks, Council officers will connect each tank to the water facility in accordance with the Department of Resource standards.

**Biosecurity Matters**

**2026–27 Element 5–6 RMPC Funding Application.**

Funding applications for next financial year have been submitted. Preliminary advice from TMR indicates the overall program allocation is expected to be reduced compared to previous years. As a result, it is unlikely the full requested funding amount will be approved.

2025-26 works funded is nearing completion, however continued throughout the month. This work is entwined with Council roadside weed control program and activities within the Shire.

### *Weed Control*

An inspection of the Tiger Pear biological control at Yarronvale was inspected for effectiveness. Visual results are highly encouraging, with the majority of the plants showing signs of infection and decline in the spread of this species.



Tiger Pear – biological control effects

### **Stock Route Use**

#### *Travelling stock*

A travel and agistment permit has been issued to a landholder from New South Wales, due to drought conditions in that State. The stock had walked from Roma saleyard on the primary stock route to Augathella, where approximately half of the mob were trucked out. The remaining stock walked back to the Gundare Lane and across to the Mitchell Highway, where they have been granted a grazing permit for twenty-eight days to use the route from Yo Yo water facility to the Fourteen-mile water facility. There has been one incident involving the stock, however the road user did not slow down between the signs which state cattle are grazing the roadside. It is expected that the stock will be trucked out.

## **Local Law Management/Processes**

### *Animals*

Two dogs (pups) have been rehomed over the month through another agency. Four dogs have been impounded, with each of the owners paying the appropriate fee to register their animals.

Consultation was undertaken in Morven and Augathella, unfortunately none of the community members took advantage of the Council pop up shop. The final consultation will be undertaken at the Charleville Show. The site will be shared with the South West Roc Feral Pig Coordinator, Council's Disaster Management Officer and Community Officer.

### *Overgrown allotments*

Action has been implemented by Council's contractor on two allotments in the past month. With the current weather situation, it is expected no further directions will be given until such time as the region receives some much needed rain.

### *Showcause notice*

Council are moving forward with further compliance action due to continual non-conforming business activities within the urban area of Charleville.

### *Charleville Racecourse*

A number of racecourse users have breached Council requirements on the use of the Charleville Racecourse – racetrack proper during the month. A sign providing the days and times the track can be used will be erected at the Charleville Racecourse.

Trainers continue to breach their stable agreement with Council. Two persons have been issued their warning notice regarding the breach, and should these practices continue, the trainers will receive an infringement notice and possible ban from the use of these Council facilities.

## **Food Licenses**

Monitoring of commercial food premises continues. All food business attending the Charleville Show will be inspected for compliance purposes – licenses and safe handling of food processes.

## **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**

## 12 ENGINEERING SERVICES

### 12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

**Author:** Director Engineering Services

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the following Engineering Services Reports for May 2026;

- Operational Works Report
- Plant and Fleet Operations Report
- DRFA Restoration Works Report
- Capital Works Report

#### 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.
- 2.4.1 Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Operational Works Report - May 2026
2. Plant and Fleet Operations Report - May 2026
3. DRFA Restoration Works Report - May 2026
4. Capital Works Report - May 2026

MSC Operational Works

Reporting period: May 2026  
Financial Year 2025-2026

# MSC Operational Works

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<p>ANNUAL BUDGET</p> <p><b>\$11,404,115</b></p>	<p>YTD EXPENDITURE</p> <p><b>\$9,193,880</b></p>	<p>MONTHLY EXPENDITURE</p> <p><b>\$768,720</b></p>	<p>% BUDGET SPENT</p> <p><b>80.6%</b></p>
<p>PROGRAMS</p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>ACTIVE PROJECTS</p> <p><b>25</b></p>	<p>FUNDING SOURCES</p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p>UNMAPPED REPORTING ACCOUNTS</p> <p><b>5076</b></p>

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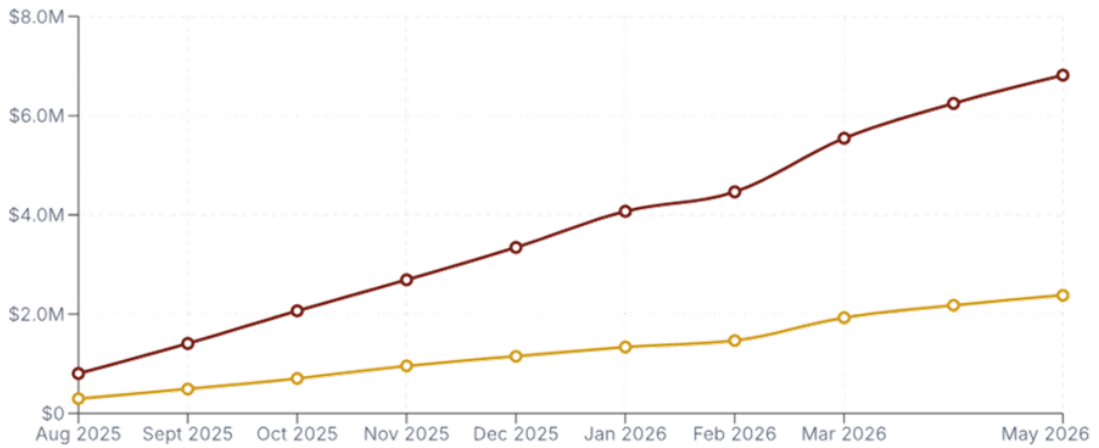
# Funding Allocation Overview

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$768,720</b>	<b>FY YTD</b> <b>\$9,193,880</b>	<b>SOURCES</b> <b>2</b>
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FUNDING SOURCE	MONTHLY MOVEMENT	FY YTD TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
General Revenue (Council)	\$569,383	\$6,814,144	74.1%
State Government (TMR)	\$199,337	\$2,379,736	25.9%

YTD Balance Trend by Funding Source



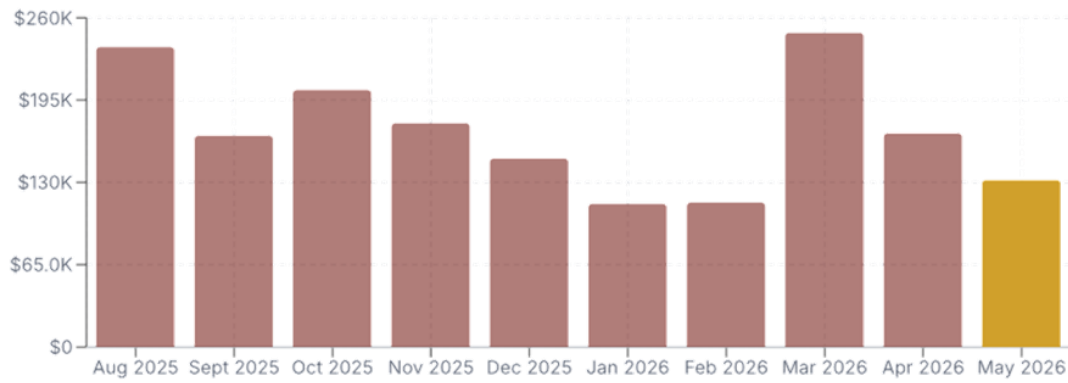
# Rural Road Maintenance

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$131,678</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$1,706,823</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$2,280,997</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$168,604</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Rural Road Maintenance	-	\$131,678	\$1,706,823	\$2,280,997	74.8% (+5.8%)

Monthly Expenditure Trend



**Significant Expenditure**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
3610-4061-	Road Mtce - Mt Tabor Road	RM	\$23,442	\$32,842	<b>\$82,977</b>
0201	Patrol Grade		\$27,848	\$18,268	\$46,116
0445	Emergency Call Outs		-\$8,234	\$9,471	\$1,237
3610-4120-	Road Mtce - Bollon Road	RM	\$22,526	\$3,270	<b>\$59,342</b>
0203	Mtce Grade with Water/Cart		\$20,261	\$0	\$20,261
3610-4064-	Road Mtce - Nebine Road	RM	\$20,540	\$235	<b>\$80,438</b>
0203	Mtce Grade with Water/Cart		\$17,126	\$0	\$17,126
0512	Guide Post Maintenance		\$3,414	\$0	\$5,761
3610-4001-	Road Mtce - Adavale Road	RM	\$12,127	\$45,942	<b>\$89,671</b>
0001	Road Operation Expenses		\$5,000	\$438	\$7,225
3610-4100-	Road Mtce - Waterford Road	RM	\$9,815	\$0	<b>\$10,309</b>
0202	Maintenance Grading		\$9,815	\$0	\$9,815
3610-4010-	Road Mtce - Biddenham Road	RM	\$7,038	\$796	<b>\$37,763</b>
0105	Pot Hole Patching		\$3,159	\$0	\$14,097
0512	Guide Post Maintenance		\$2,890	\$316	\$10,921
3610-4009-	Road Mtce - Barngo Road	RM	-\$7,001	\$9,937	<b>\$113,688</b>
0445	Emergency Call Outs		-\$7,832	\$9,458	\$1,626
3610-4077-	Road Mtce - Orange Tree Xing	RM	\$6,294	\$0	<b>\$8,555</b>
0202	Maintenance Grading		\$6,294	\$0	\$6,294
3610-4101-	Road Mtce - Wellwater Road	RM	\$5,138	\$0	<b>\$88,876</b>
3610-4046-	Road Mtce - Hoganthulla Road	RM	\$5,059	\$0	<b>\$5,553</b>
0201	Patrol Grade		\$2,949	\$0	\$2,949

# State Highway Maintenance (TMR)

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$199,337</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$2,379,736</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$3,183,933</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$250,406</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
13A Morven - Augathella	-	\$118,786	\$282,783	\$266,499	106.1% (+44.6%)
13B Augathella - Tambo	-	\$40,307	\$184,871	\$266,499	69.4% (+15.1%)
18F Mitchell - Morven	-	\$0	\$50,702	\$266,499	19.0% (+0.0%)
18G Morven - Charleville	-	\$0	\$168,292	\$596,109	28.2% (+0.0%)
23B Cunnamulla - Charleville	-	\$9,794	\$798,855	\$596,109	134.0% (+1.6%)
23C Charleville - Augathella	-	\$7,993	\$113,410	\$596,109	19.0% (+1.3%)
93A Charleville - Quilpie	-	\$22,457	\$780,823	\$596,109	131.0% (+3.8%)

**PROJECT COMMENTARY**

**13A Morven - Augathella**

Highway stabilising works, including a two-coat seal applied using a jet patcher.

**13B Augathella - Tambo**

Tractor slashing.

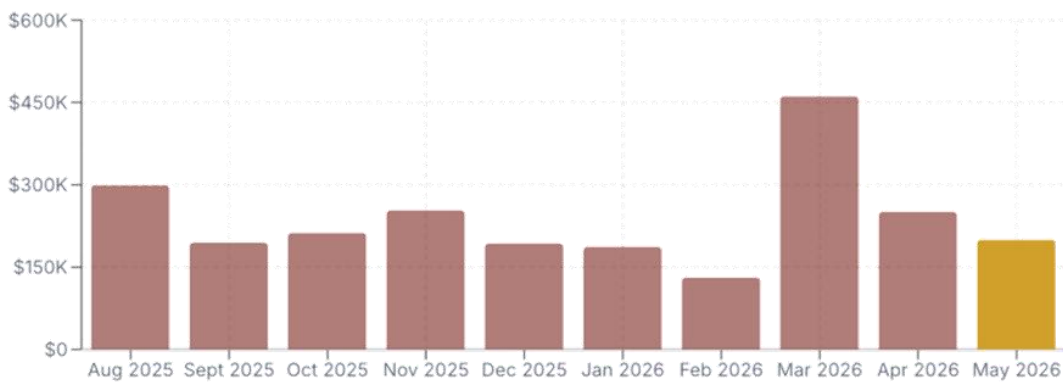
**23C Charleville - Augathella**

Tractor slashing.

**93A Charleville - Quilpie**

Shoulder grading was undertaken in conjunction with DFRA works.

### Monthly Expenditure Trend



**Significant Expenditure**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
0610-3733-	W/O 3733 MORVEN - AUGATHELLA	13A	\$62,505	\$0	<b>\$62,505</b>
0153	Insitu Stabilisation-Minor		\$62,505	\$0	\$62,505
0620-3732-	W/O 3732 AUGATHELLA - TAMBO	13B	\$24,123	\$11,413	<b>\$35,535</b>
0401	Tractor Slashing - Rural		\$24,123	\$11,413	\$35,535
0610-3734-	W/O 3734 MORVEN - AUGATHELLA	13A	\$22,175	\$0	<b>\$22,175</b>
0153	Insitu Stabilisation-Minor		\$22,175	\$0	\$22,175
0620-3686-	W/O 3686 AUGATHELLA - TAMBO	13B	\$13,506	\$4,148	<b>\$17,654</b>
0404	Hand Mowing		\$13,506	\$4,148	\$17,654
0670-3678-	W/O 3678 CHARLEVILLE - QUILP	93A	\$13,057	\$24,288	<b>\$37,345</b>
0216	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural		\$13,057	\$24,288	\$37,345
0610-3735-	W/O 3735 MORVEN - AUGATHELLA	13A	\$8,574	\$0	<b>\$8,574</b>
0153	Insitu Stabilisation-Minor		\$8,574	\$0	\$8,574
0650-3518-	W/O 3518 CUNNAMULLA - CHARLE	23B	\$8,531	\$1,269	<b>\$9,800</b>
0440	Service Rest Area		\$8,531	\$1,269	\$9,800
0660-3577-	W/O 3577 CHARLEVILLE - AUGAT	23C	\$7,966	\$0	<b>\$7,966</b>
0401	Tractor Slashing - Rural		\$7,966	\$0	\$7,966
0610-3738-	W/O 3738 MORVEN - AUGATHELLA	13A	\$7,113	\$0	<b>\$7,113</b>
0401	Tractor Slashing - Rural		\$7,113	\$0	\$7,113
0610-3739-	W/O 3739 MORVEN - AUGATHELLA	13A	\$5,367	\$0	<b>\$5,367</b>
0404	Hand Mowing		\$5,367	\$0	\$5,367

# Urban Streets and Infrastructure

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MONTHLY <b>\$331,577</b>	YTD <b>\$3,614,335</b>	BUDGET <b>\$3,819,942</b>	PRIOR MONTH <b>\$382,668</b>
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### YTD Balance by Township

Project YTD balances grouped by township, with non-location work shown separately.



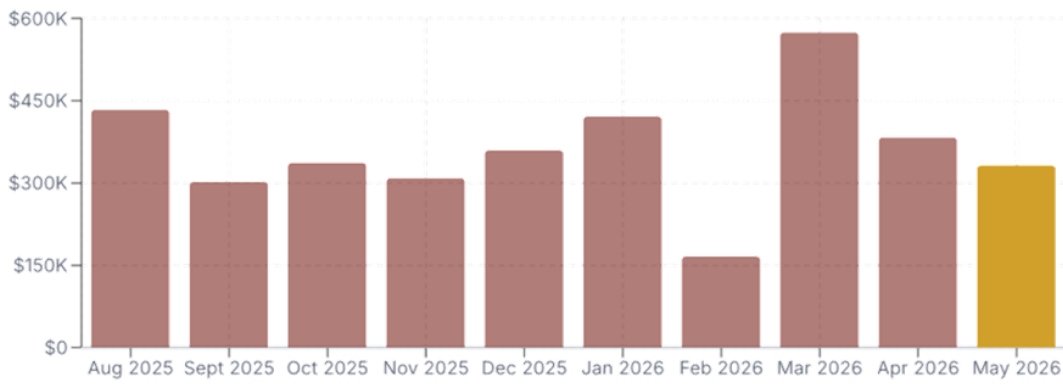
● Charleville ● Augathella ● Morven ● Cooladdi

<b>Charleville</b> \$2,582,221 · 71.4%
<b>Augathella</b> \$655,927 · 18.1%
<b>Morven</b> \$375,937 · 10.4%
<b>Cooladdi</b> \$250 · 0.0%

PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Augathella Cemetery	Augathella	\$2,140	\$35,307	\$49,419	71.4% (+4.3%)
Augathella Parks & Recreation	Augathella	\$14,465	\$105,818	\$150,000	70.5% (+9.6%)
Augathella Streets	Augathella	\$55,404	\$514,802	\$442,909	116.2% (+12.5%)
Charleville Cemetery	Charleville	\$20,986	\$169,677	\$148,256	114.4% (+14.2%)
Charleville Parks & Recreation	Charleville	\$94,006	\$1,051,517	\$1,058,302	99.4% (+8.9%)

PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Charleville Streets	Charleville	\$107,248	\$1,361,027	\$1,328,728	102.4% (+8.1%)
Cooladdi Parks & Recreation	Cooladdi	\$0	\$250	\$0	—
Morven Cemetery	Morven	\$449	\$11,168	\$49,419	22.6% (+0.9%)
Morven Parks & Recreation	Morven	\$17,652	\$137,900	\$150,000	91.9% (+11.8%)
Morven Streets	Morven	\$19,227	\$226,869	\$442,909	51.2% (+4.3%)

Monthly Expenditure Trend



**Significant Expenditure**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
2551-0026-	P & G Maintenance -Charleville	CVLP&R	\$75,419	\$69,811	<b>\$833,395</b>
0001	Cve P&G Operation		\$68,660	\$65,382	\$786,765
0002	Cve P&G Maintenance		\$6,759	\$4,429	\$46,629
3620-0026-	Mtce - Charleville Streets	CVLST	\$66,255	\$70,412	<b>\$904,683</b>
0999	Supervision		\$21,867	\$26,870	\$284,000
0405	Clearing		\$12,914	\$5,202	\$176,288
0606	Litter Collection		\$10,527	\$10,389	\$42,462
3620-0024-	Mtce - Augathella Streets	AUGST	\$47,180	\$73,387	<b>\$383,562</b>
0606	Litter Collection		\$11,678	\$11,952	\$48,708
0401	Slashing		\$10,495	\$33,531	\$156,550
0143	Heavy Patching/Pavement Repair		\$8,468	\$6,973	\$15,758
3620-0029-	Street Cleaning - Charleville	CVLST	\$28,816	\$27,584	<b>\$297,002</b>
3451-0023-	Charleville Cemetery O&M	CVLCEM	\$20,986	\$17,044	<b>\$169,677</b>
0003	Cve Cemetery Burial Expenses		\$9,836	\$4,029	\$64,793
0001	Cve Cemetery Operation		\$7,991	\$10,395	\$83,998
0002	Cve Cemetery Maintenance		\$3,159	\$2,619	\$20,887
3571-0021-	Charleville Showgrounds O&M	CVLP&R	\$18,222	\$22,926	<b>\$217,233</b>
0001	Cve Showgrounds Operation		\$14,077	\$15,137	\$132,292
0002	Cve Showgrounds Maintenance		\$4,144	\$6,005	\$73,255
2551-0025-	P & G Maintenance - Morven	MORP&R	\$17,169	\$16,405	<b>\$129,374</b>
0001	Morv P&G Operation		\$17,169	\$16,405	\$120,731
3620-0025-	Mtce - Morven Streets	MORST	\$12,210	\$18,937	<b>\$136,049</b>
0600	Footpath Works		\$9,204	\$9,600	\$32,749
2551-0024-	P & G Maintenance - Augathella	AUGP&R	\$11,284	\$6,740	<b>\$72,536</b>
0001	Aug P&G Operation		\$9,814	\$6,730	\$55,492
2410-0023-	Cve Public Conven - Op/Mntce	CVLST	\$10,121	\$10,833	<b>\$103,965</b>
0001	Cve P/Conven Operation		\$10,121	\$10,833	\$101,883

# Water & Sewerage

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$106,128</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$1,492,986</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$2,119,243</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$150,241</b>
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**PROGRAM COMMENTARY**

Water main renewal works continued during May 2026, with the Augathella renewal program progressing and the Morven renewal completed. General maintenance activities also continued across all three towns.

Town	Activity	Status
Augathella	2.5 km water main renewal in Cavanagh Street	In progress, with approximately 3–4 weeks of work remaining and completion anticipated by the end of June
Morven	2.2 km water main renewal in Roma Street	Completed

### YTD Balance by Township

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**Charleville**  
\$1,141,427 · 76.5%

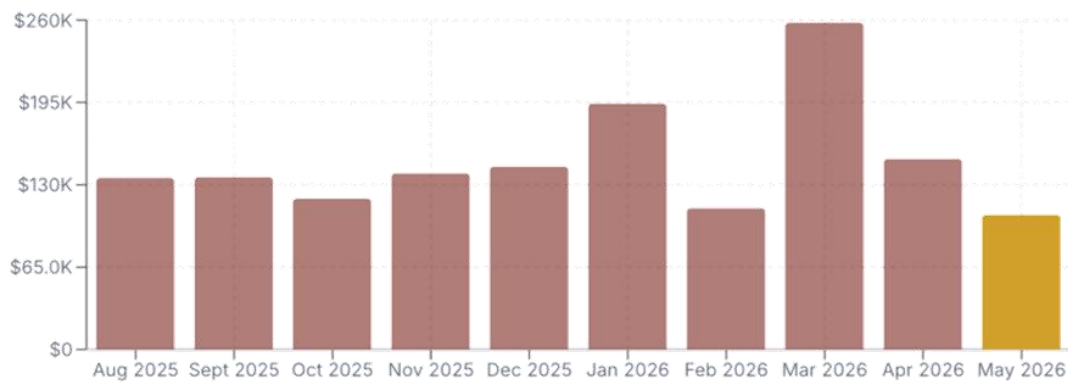
**Morven**  
\$182,392 · 12.2%

**Augathella**  
\$167,421 · 11.2%

**Cooladdi**  
\$1,747 · 0.1%

PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Augathella Sewerage Services	Augathella	\$2,431	\$32,781	\$88,519	37.0% (+2.7%)
Augathella Water Supply	Augathella	\$11,694	\$134,640	\$195,919	68.7% (+6.0%)
Charleville Sewerage Services	Charleville	\$27,594	\$373,507	\$582,685	64.1% (+4.7%)
Charleville Water Supply	Charleville	\$55,728	\$767,920	\$1,044,179	73.5% (+5.3%)
Cooladdi Water Supply	Cooladdi	\$0	\$1,747	\$0	—
Morven Sewerage Services	Morven	\$479	\$12,850	\$0	—
Morven Water Supply	Morven	\$8,201	\$169,542	\$207,941	81.5% (+3.9%)

### Monthly Expenditure Trend



**Significant Expenditure**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
3933-0022-	Cvl Water Reticulation Maint	CVLWATER	\$22,369	\$46,020	<b>\$463,319</b>
0015	General Maintenance		\$17,994	\$37,684	\$344,733
3932-0021-	Charleville Water Pumping Ops	CVLWATER	\$17,198	\$0	<b>\$93,873</b>
0005	Town Pumps - Partridge St		\$17,198	\$0	\$82,993
3912-0022-	Aug Water Pump Station Mtce	AUGWATER	\$11,162	\$0	<b>\$55,226</b>
0002	Bore Pump No 2		\$11,162	\$0	\$51,477
3832-0021-	Cve Sew Pump Station-Operation	CVLSEWER	\$10,365	\$12,963	<b>\$124,596</b>
0016	Gen. Operation Live Sewerage		\$4,847	\$6,933	\$64,670
0013	Pump Station 13 (Airport Dr)		\$4,731	\$4,314	\$41,313
3833-0022-	Cvl Sewerage Retic-Maintenance	CVLSEWER	\$9,637	\$4,863	<b>\$72,729</b>
0004	Inspection Chamber Lid Replace		\$5,193	\$132	\$5,325
3932-0025-	Cvl Water Telemetry Mtce	CVLWATER	\$5,753	\$132	<b>\$14,587</b>
0002	Inground Reservoir		\$5,753	\$132	\$12,189
3922-0021-	Morven Water Pump Operation	MORWATER	\$4,989	\$4,438	<b>\$43,777</b>
0003	Bore Pump No 3		\$3,080	\$2,617	\$25,473
3832-0022-	Cve Sew Pump Station Maintenanc	CVLSEWER	\$4,605	\$42,721	<b>\$65,786</b>
0005	Pump Station 5 (Airport)		\$2,657	\$0	\$8,056
3938-0022-	Charleville DWQMP/RWMP Mngment	CVLWATER	\$4,051	\$0	<b>\$16,763</b>
0001	DWQMP Operations & Testing		\$4,051	\$0	\$8,131
3831-0021-	Charleville Sewerage Treat Ops	CVLSEWER	\$2,988	\$12,574	<b>\$88,469</b>
0001	General Operations		\$2,894	\$3,724	\$36,727

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<p>ANNUAL BUDGET</p> <p><b>\$6,488,324</b></p>	<p>YTD EXPENDITURE</p> <p><b>\$5,203,502</b></p>	<p>MONTHLY EXPENDITURE</p> <p><b>\$355,850</b></p>	<p>% BUDGET SPENT</p> <p><b>80.2%</b></p>
<p>PROGRAMS</p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p>ACTIVE PROJECTS</p> <p><b>8</b></p>	<p>FUNDING SOURCES</p> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p>UNMAPPED REPORTING ACCOUNTS</p> <p><b>6526</b></p>

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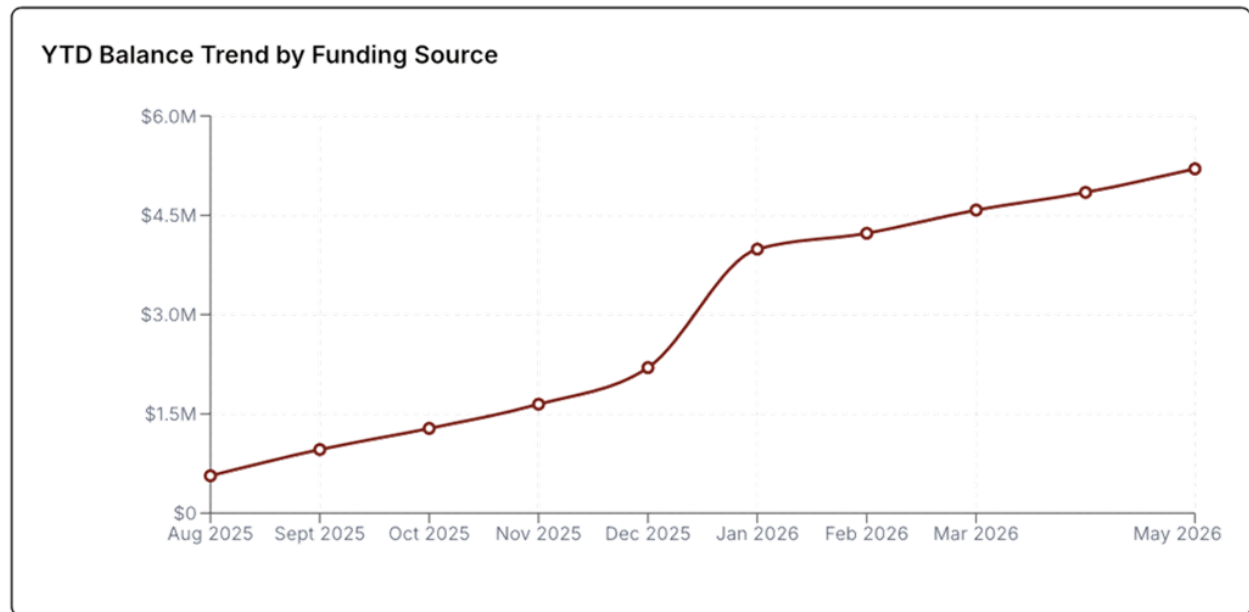
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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$355,850</b>	<b>FY YTD</b> <b>\$5,203,502</b>	<b>SOURCES</b> <b>1</b>
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FUNDING SOURCE	MONTHLY MOVEMENT	FY YTD TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
General Revenue (Council)	\$355,850	\$5,203,502	100.0%



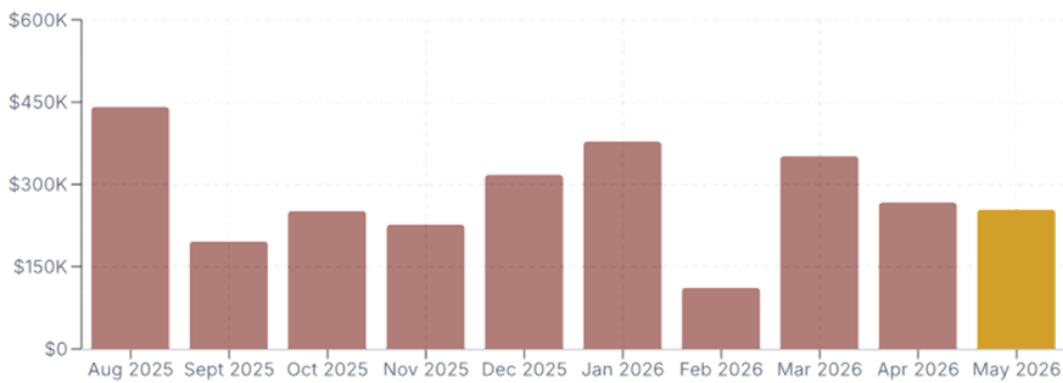
# Plant & Fleet

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$254,135</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$2,794,293</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$3,537,229</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$266,712</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Depot Operation & Maintenance	-	\$37,792	\$292,277	\$344,918	84.7% (+11.0%)
Navman Expenses	-	\$4,185	\$65,080	\$100,591	64.7% (+4.2%)
Plant Insurance	-	\$0	\$63,609	\$65,000	97.9% (+0.0%)
Plant Operation & Maintenance	-	\$184,756	\$1,966,792	\$2,514,641	78.2% (+7.3%)
Plant Registration	-	\$0	\$120,537	\$171,151	70.4% (+0.0%)
Wages & Consumables	-	\$27,402	\$285,999	\$340,928	83.9% (+8.0%)

Monthly Expenditure Trend



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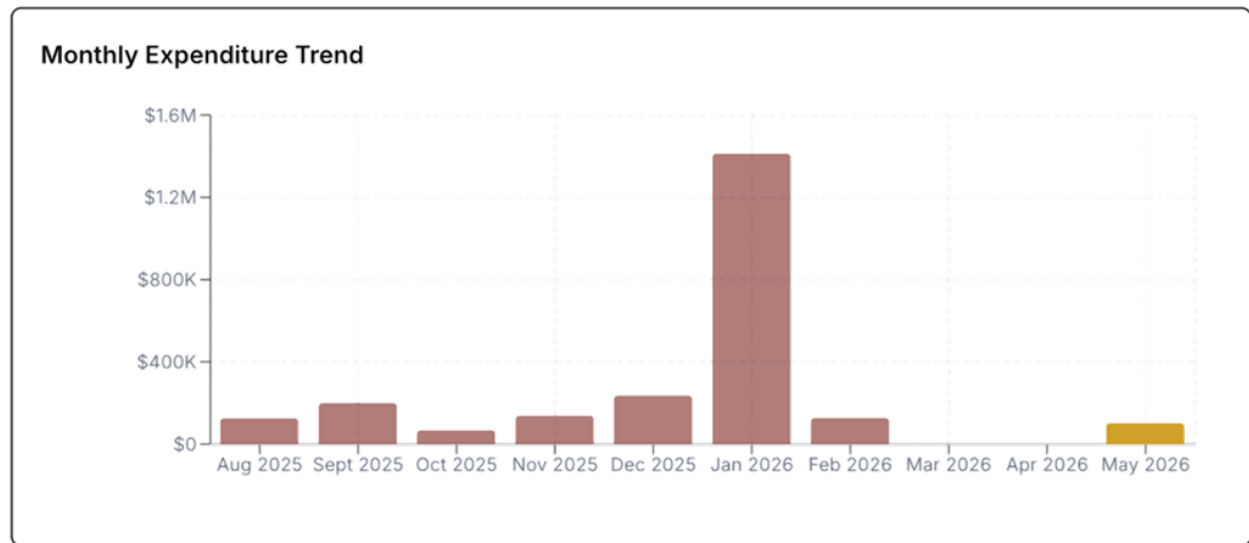
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
2672-0004-	Plant Opern/Mtce-Fuels & Oils	PLANT	\$85,189	\$100,111	<b>\$828,724</b>
0001	Kenworth T659 Prime Mover		\$9,394	\$6,073	\$65,731
0002	Kenworth T659 Prime Mover		\$6,400	\$6,006	\$49,446
0060	MTE Isuzu FSR CityRay Street S		\$4,035	\$3,794	\$28,335
2672-0002-	Plant Operation/Mtce Parts	PLANT	\$49,952	\$75,552	<b>\$654,451</b>
0051	Fuso 1024 Day Cab		\$3,820	\$0	\$8,693
0173	Komatsu Wheel Loader		\$3,737	\$0	\$9,829
0059	Isuzu NPS 75/45-155 4X4 Truck		\$3,064	\$4,763	\$15,370
2672-0001-	Plant Operation/Mtce Wages	PLANT	\$33,860	\$41,128	<b>\$368,873</b>
0651	Ford Ranger 4WD		\$3,445	\$0	\$3,445
0063	Isuzu FTS 139-260 4X4 Crew Cab		\$3,188	\$0	\$4,234
0191	Ammann ASC 150 Vibrating Rolle		\$3,180	\$1,887	\$15,799
2672-0006-	Plant Mtnce - WShop Wages & Co	W&C	\$27,402	\$27,490	<b>\$285,999</b>
0001	Wages		\$22,918	\$21,113	\$243,436
0002	Consumables		\$4,484	\$6,376	\$42,387
3111-0021-	Augathella Depot	DEPOT	\$17,426	\$308	<b>\$53,925</b>
0001	Aug Depot Operation		\$17,426	\$308	\$45,967
2672-0003-	Plant Opn/Mtce-Tyres & Tubes	PLANT	\$15,755	\$5,207	<b>\$114,744</b>
0049	Hino FS2844 700 Series		\$5,143	\$0	\$6,703
0165	CAT 432F Backhoe		\$3,333	\$397	\$5,333
3111-0023-	Charleville Depot	DEPOT	\$12,219	\$9,958	<b>\$175,671</b>
0001	Cve Depot Operation		\$10,166	\$8,314	\$114,856
3111-0022-	Morven Depot	DEPOT	\$7,773	\$2,045	<b>\$38,188</b>
0002	Morv Depot Maintenance		\$6,131	\$1,144	\$33,317
1210-0552-	NavMan Equipment Expenses	NAVMAN	\$4,185	\$4,002	<b>\$55,400</b>

# Plant Purchase

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$101,715</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$2,409,209</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$2,951,095</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$0</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Plant Purchase	-	\$101,715	\$2,384,084	\$2,921,095	81.6% (+3.5%)
Small Plant Purchase	-	\$0	\$25,124	\$30,000	83.7% (+0.0%)



### Significant Expenditure

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
8000-1200-	Plant Purchase	PP	\$101,715	\$0	\$2,384,084

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<p>ANNUAL BUDGET</p> <p><b>\$0</b></p>	<p>YTD EXPENDITURE</p> <p><b>\$12,840,043</b></p>	<p>MONTHLY EXPENDITURE</p> <p><b>\$646,272</b></p>	<p>% BUDGET SPENT</p> <p>—</p>
<p>PROGRAMS</p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>ACTIVE PROJECTS</p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>FUNDING SOURCES</p> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p>UNMAPPED REPORTING ACCOUNTS</p> <p><b>8273</b></p>

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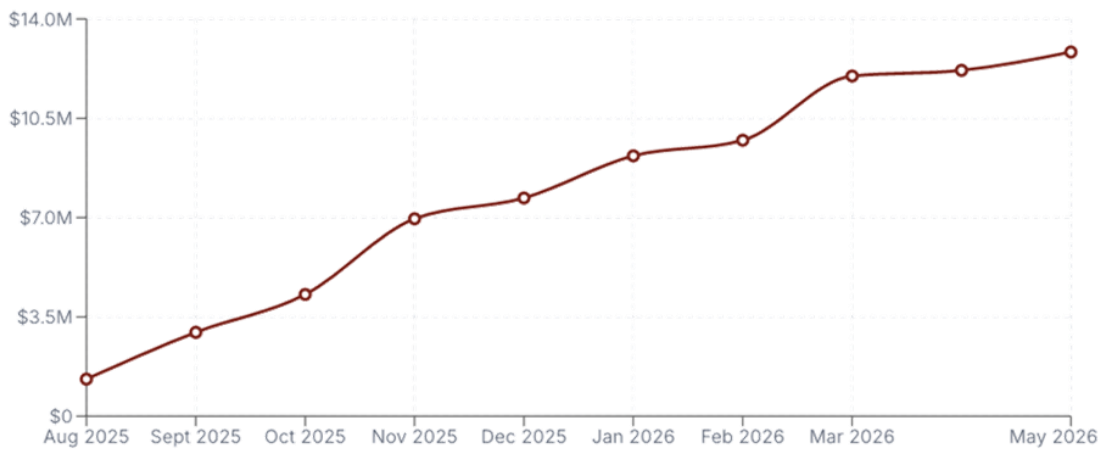
# Funding Allocation Overview

May 2026 • Financial Year 2025-2026

<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$646,272</b>	<b>FY YTD</b> <b>\$12,840,043</b>	<b>SOURCES</b> <b>1</b>
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FUNDING SOURCE	MONTHLY MOVEMENT	FY YTD TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
DRFA / QRA Disaster Funding	\$646,272	\$12,840,043	100.0%

YTD Balance Trend by Funding Source

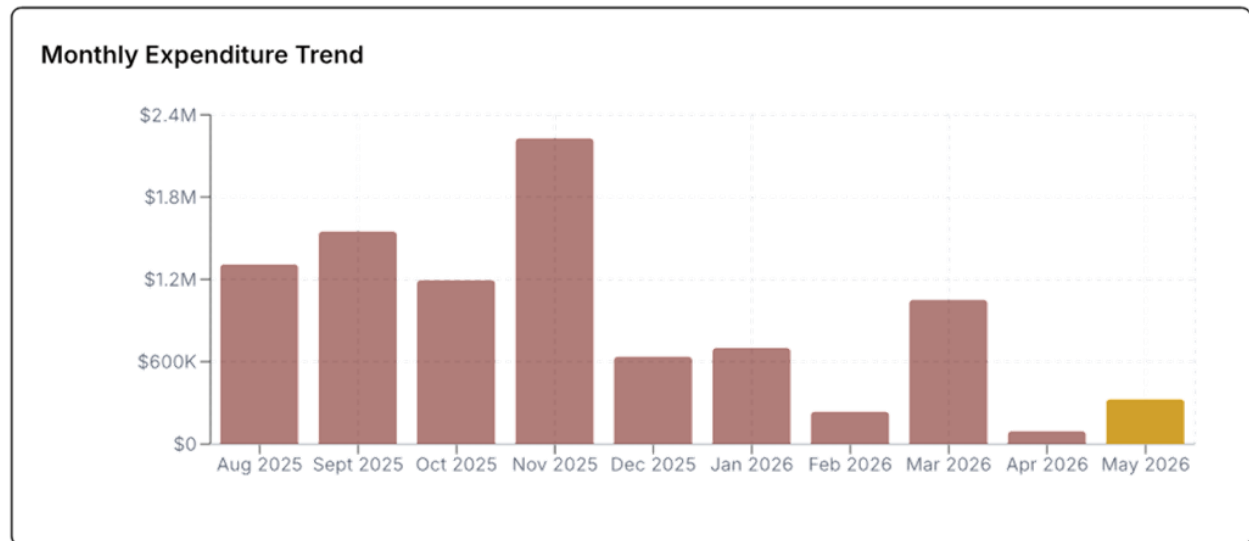


# April 2024 Event REPA

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$326,415</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$9,324,797</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> —	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$93,337</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
April 2024 Event REPA	-	\$326,415	\$9,324,797	-	—



**Significant Expenditure**

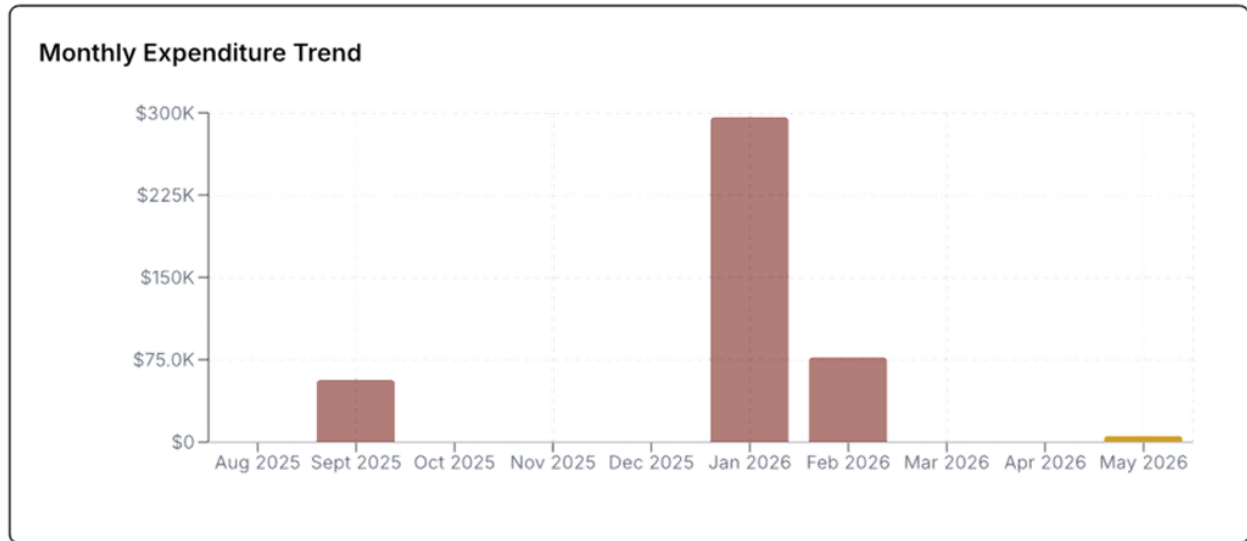
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
3633-4061-	Mt Tabor Rd REPA Apr 24	DRFA	\$213,413	\$10,153	<b>\$877,633</b>
0001	REPA		\$119,367	\$10,153	\$131,888
0002	Contractors		\$94,046	\$0	\$745,745
3633-4049-	Khyber Road REPA Apr 24	DRFA	\$84,565	\$3,223	<b>\$193,920</b>
0001	REPA		\$84,565	\$3,223	\$87,788
3633-4052-	Langlo Mt Morris Rd REPA Apr24	DRFA	\$9,534	\$16,260	<b>\$166,633</b>
0001	REPA		\$9,534	\$16,260	\$25,793
3633-4009-	Barngo Rd REPA Apr 24	DRFA	\$8,226	\$16,711	<b>\$210,601</b>
0001	REPA		\$8,226	\$16,711	\$74,996
3633-4120-	Bollon Rd REPA Apr 24	DRFA	\$6,766	\$0	<b>\$70,265</b>
0001	REPA		\$6,766	\$0	\$6,766
3633-4051-	Laguna Rd REPA Apr 24	DRFA	\$3,520	\$31,044	<b>\$825,320</b>
0001	REPA		\$3,520	\$31,044	\$825,320

# January 2024 Event REPA

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$5,451</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$435,196</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>—</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$0</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
January 2024 Event REPA	-	\$5,451	\$435,196	-	—



### Significant Expenditure

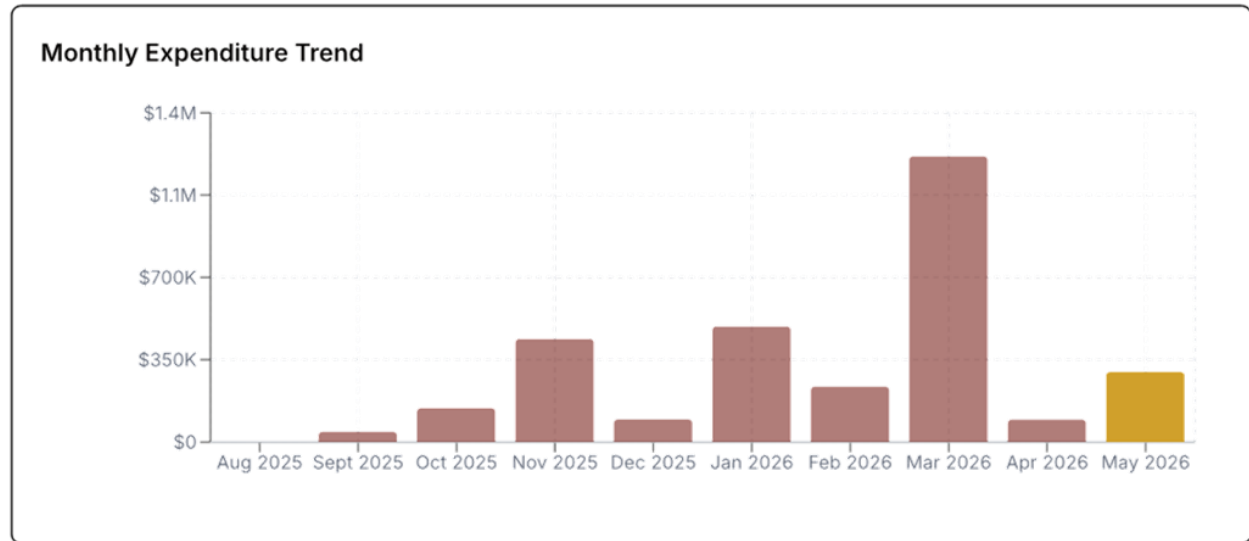
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
3627-4061-	Mt Tabor Rd REPA Jan 24	DRFA	\$5,451	\$0	\$359,590
0001	REPA		\$5,451	\$0	\$5,451

# March 2025 Event REPA

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$296,722</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$3,051,001</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>—</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$94,683</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
March 2025 Event REPA	-	\$296,722	\$3,051,001	-	—



**Significant Expenditure**

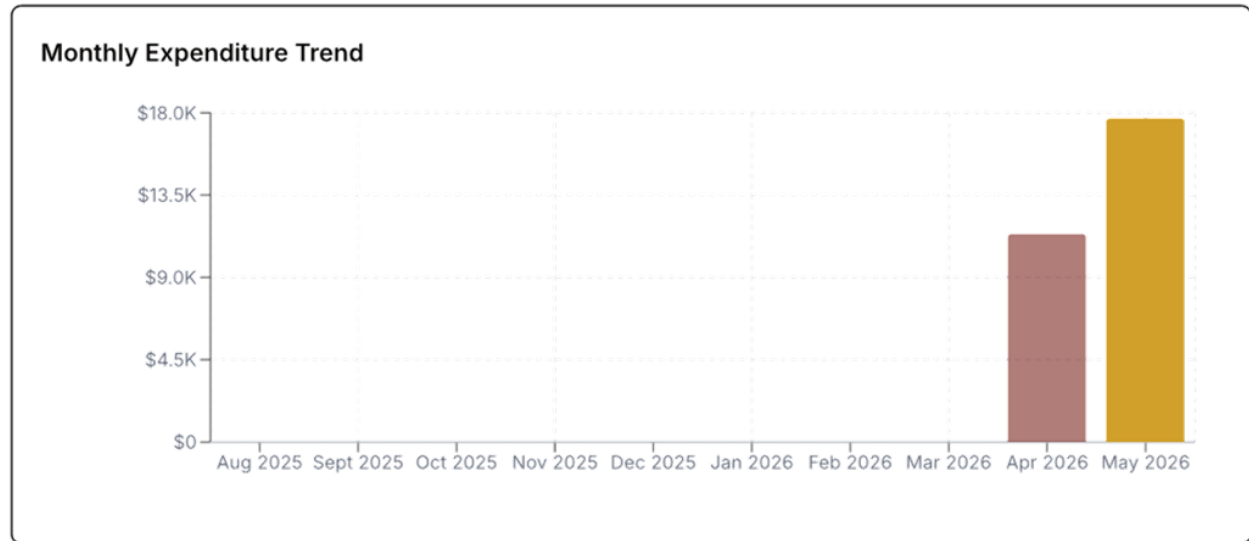
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
3635-4120-	Bollon Rd REPA Mar 25	DRFA	\$114,125	\$0	<b>\$114,125</b>
0002	Contractors		\$114,125	\$0	\$114,125
3635-4064-	Nebine Rd REPA Mar 25	DRFA	\$90,046	\$0	<b>\$141,943</b>
0002	Contractors		\$90,046	\$0	\$141,943
3635-4036-	Dundee Rd REPA Mar 25	DRFA	\$42,495	\$0	<b>\$42,495</b>
0002	Contractors		\$42,495	\$0	\$42,495
3635-4071-	Nooraloo Rd REPA Mar 25	DRFA	\$19,690	\$0	<b>\$202,688</b>
0002	Contractors		\$19,690	\$0	\$202,688
3635-4101-	Wellwater Rd REPA Mar 25	DRFA	\$13,280	\$0	<b>\$299,446</b>
0002	Contractors		\$13,280	\$0	\$299,446
3635-4065-	Nebine-Bollon Rd REPA Mar 25	DRFA	\$11,957	\$0	<b>\$11,957</b>
0002	Contractors		\$11,957	\$0	\$11,957
3635-4052-	Langlo Mt Morri Rd REPA Mar 25	DRFA	\$2,000	\$4,197	<b>\$8,129</b>
3635-4098-	Wallal-Riversle Rd REPA Mar 25	DRFA	\$1,892	\$0	<b>\$1,892</b>
3635-5000-	Bradley Gully Culv REPA Mar 25	DRFA	\$811	\$21,190	<b>\$52,757</b>

# March 2026 Event EW

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$17,684</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$29,050</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>—</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$11,366</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
March 2026 Event EW	-	\$17,684	\$29,050	-	—



### Significant Expenditure

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
3636-4009-	Barngo Rd EW Mar 26	DRFA	\$9,450	\$0	\$9,450
0001	Emergent Works		\$9,450	\$0	\$9,450
3636-4061-	Mt Tabor Rd EW Mar 26	DRFA	\$8,234	\$11,366	\$19,600
0001	Emergent Works		\$8,234	\$11,366	\$19,600

# Monthly Progress Report



Project Name	Murweh Shire January and April 2024 and March 2025 Flood Restoration Delivery		
Date	6 May 2026	Report Period	April 2026
Project Manager	Russell Hood		
Reporting To	Bruce Scott, Jacob Barton, Troy McQueen		

<b>1.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
	<p>Overall progress for the January and April 2024 events from the 23-24 year to the end of April 2026 as reported to QRA is 97%. Of the total 1537 damage sites, there are 44 remaining. The majority of these are pavement repairs done and ready for final sealing. This work must be completed prior to 30 June 2026.</p> <p>Overall progress for the March 2025 event from the 24-25 year to end of April 2026 is 38% for the 12 submissions approved to date. Of the total 858 damage sites, there are 225 remaining. This work must be completed prior to 30 June 2027.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Delivery</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Heavy formation grading is complete on Wheatleigh, Fortland, De Warra, Wallal Riversleigh and Columbo Roads.</li> <li>o Pavement repairs are complete on Mt Tabor and Khyber Roads ready for the final seal, to be done by contractors in late May.</li> <li>o Pavement repairs and sealing is complete on Langlo Mt Morris Road.</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Submissions</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 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.</li> <li>o All road network submissions under the March 2025 event are approved and 1 final submission for the Bradleys Gully diversion culvert is being assessed by QRA. The total estimated funding including project management, contingencies and escalation is currently \$9,521,323.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Overall Program Progress</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o January &amp; April 2024 events overall program progress is 97% to end of April 2026.</li> <li>o March 2025 event overall program progress is 38% to end of April 2026, down from 41% the previous month due to the Mt Tabor Road submission being approved and added to reporting.</li> <li>o All unsealed road restoration under the March 2025 event will be complete in May, with sealed road pavement repairs to be done in the second half of 2026.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Total claimed expenditure for the January &amp; April 2024 events to end of April 2026 - \$14,045,914</li> <li>o Estimated cost to complete - \$265,000</li> <li>o Estimated final cost - \$14,310,914</li> <li>o Total claimed expenditure for the March 2025 event to end of April 2026 - \$3,092,961</li> <li>o Estimated cost to complete - \$4,793,500 (for the 12 approved submissions)</li> <li>o Estimated final cost - \$7,886,461 (for the 12 approved submissions)</li> </ul>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Reporting, Claims and Close outs</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o QRA monthly progress reporting and payment claims have been lodged with QRA on 6 May 2026 for the January 2024, April 2024 and March 2025 events.</li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Risks and other issues</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The Mt Tabor Road submission under the March 2025 event has now been approved by QRA, with the recommended value \$1,117,234 including project management, contingencies and escalation.</li> <li>o The submission for the Bradleys Gully diversion culvert is still being assessed by QRA and is the final submission yet to be approved under the March 2025 event.</li> </ul>

MSC Capital Works

Reporting period: May 2026  
Financial Year 2025-2026

# MSC Capital Works

## Job Cost Report

Financial Year 2025-2026



<p>ANNUAL BUDGET</p> <p><b>\$32,367,634</b></p>	<p>YTD EXPENDITURE</p> <p><b>\$3,488,204</b></p>	<p>MONTHLY EXPENDITURE</p> <p><b>\$543,155</b></p>	<p>% BUDGET SPENT</p> <p><b>10.8%</b></p>
<p>PROGRAMS</p> <p><b>9</b></p>	<p>ACTIVE PROJECTS</p> <p><b>22</b></p>	<p>FUNDING SOURCES</p> <p><b>9</b></p>	<p>UNMAPPED REPORTING ACCOUNTS</p> <p><b>8453</b></p>

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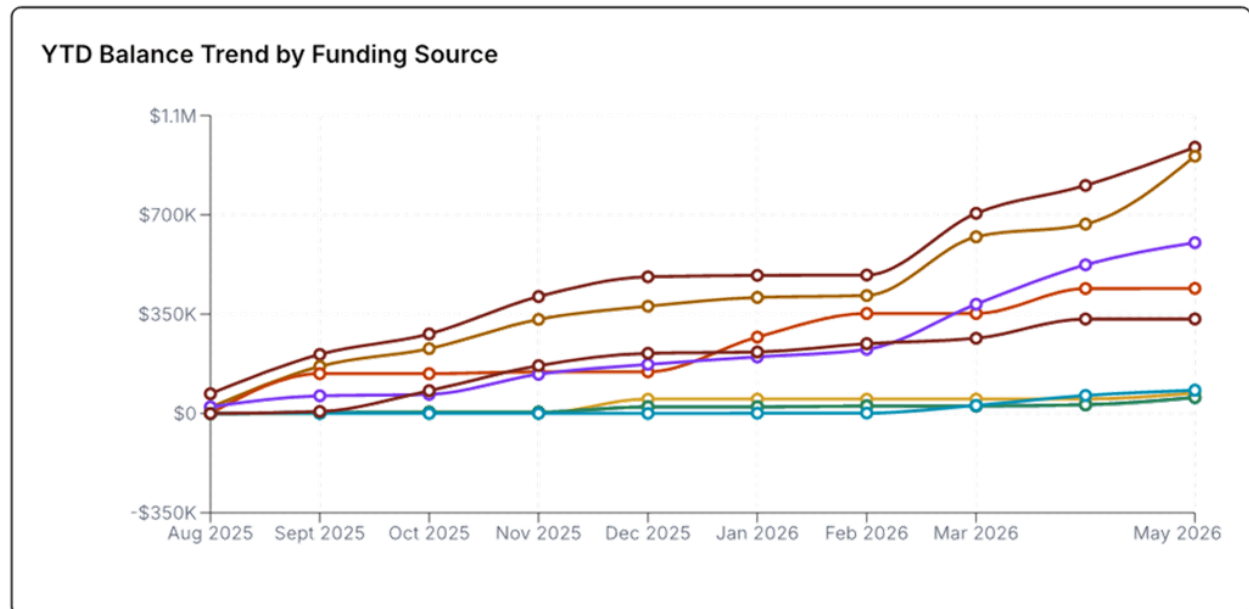
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# Funding Allocation Overview

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<p>MONTHLY</p> <p><b>\$543,155</b></p>	<p>FY YTD</p> <p><b>\$3,488,204</b></p>	<p>SOURCES</p> <p><b>9</b></p>
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FUNDING SOURCE	MONTHLY MOVEMENT	FY YTD TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
General Revenue (Council)	\$134,687	\$938,406	26.9%
Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program	\$239,310	\$907,001	26.0%
Housing Support Program	\$78,102	\$602,179	17.3%
Minor Infrastructure & Inclusive Facilities Fund	\$468	\$440,949	12.6%
Community Relief Fund	\$0	\$333,074	9.5%
Disaster Ready Fund	\$18,422	\$82,105	2.4%
Works for Queensland	\$21,186	\$72,131	2.1%
Roads to Recovery	\$25,490	\$56,180	1.6%
TIDS	\$25,490	\$56,180	1.6%



# Community Relief Fund (CRF)

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$0</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$333,074</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$1,055,000</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$67,979</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Charleville Levee Bank Wing Wall	Charleville	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	0.0% (+0.0%)
Charleville Netball Court Surface	Charleville	\$0	\$135,620	\$150,000	90.4% (+0.0%)
Charleville Racetrack Remediation Works	Charleville	\$0	\$38,316	\$200,000	19.2% (+0.0%)
Charleville River Walk Lighting	Charleville	\$0	\$140,209	\$180,000	77.9% (+0.0%)
Charleville Tennis Court Lighting	Charleville	\$0	\$18,928	\$25,000	75.7% (+0.0%)

## PROJECT COMMENTARY

### Charleville Levee Bank Wing Wall

- Funding documentation submitted to REPA (Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets).
- Awaiting review and approval from REPA.
- Once funding is approved, tenders will be sent out for pricing.

### Charleville Netball Court Surface

- Works complete.
- Funding secured under SRRG (Sport and Racing) with costs to be claimed retrospectively.

### Charleville Racetrack Remediation Works

- Works complete.

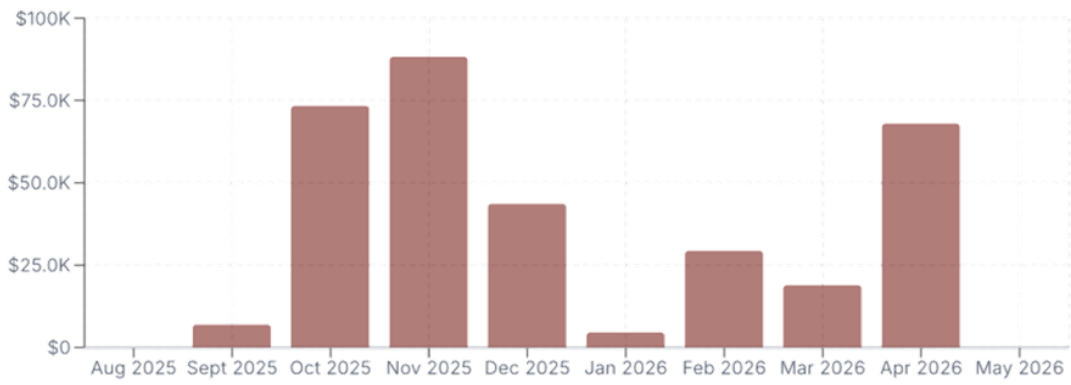
### Charleville River Walk Lighting

- Works 80% complete and additional lights have been procured (12 week lead time).
- Funding secured under SRRG (Sport and Racing) with costs to be claimed retrospectively.

### Charleville Tennis Court Lighting

- Works complete.
- Funding secured under SRRG (Sport and Racing) with costs to be claimed retrospectively.

**Monthly Expenditure Trend**



**Significant Expenditure**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
No significant expenditure movements for this program.					

# Department of Tourism & Sport

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$468</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$440,949</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$578,289</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$87,912</b>
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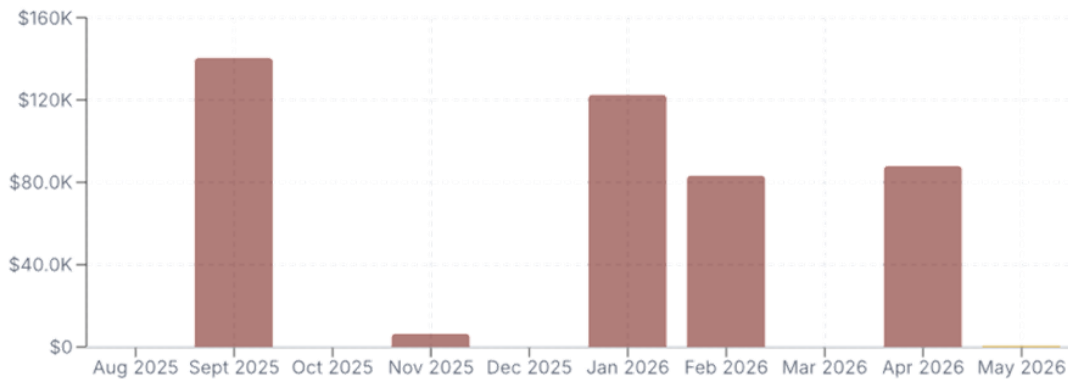
PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Charleville Showgrounds Amenities	Charleville	\$468	\$440,949	\$578,289	76.3% (+0.1%)

### PROJECT COMMENTARY

#### Charleville Showgrounds Amenities

- All major structural and service components of the amenities building are complete, including toilets, showers, lighting, and associated services.
- Inspection of the building by Council's Engineering team identified that the quality of workmanship was below the standard required for handover.
- A formal punch list register was compiled and provided to Rebus, identifying a large number of defect and deficiency items requiring rectification prior to Council accepting practical completion. These items span internal and external painting, fixture installation, soffits, tiling, signage, and other finishing items.
- Rebus engaged a local building contractor to complete the punch list rectification works at their own cost.
- Once these items are complete, Council will re-inspect and confirm prior to finalising handover of the building — this is expected by the end of May.

### Monthly Expenditure Trend



### Significant Expenditure

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
No significant expenditure movements for this program.					

# Disaster Ready Fund (DRF)

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$18,422</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$82,105</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$542,130</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$35,412</b>
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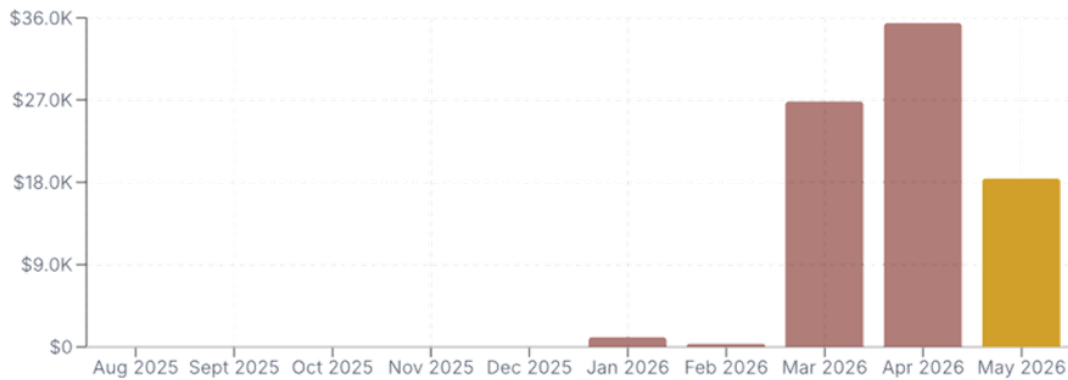
PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Local Disaster Coordination Centre	Charleville	\$18,422	\$82,105	\$542,130	15.1% (+3.4%)

### PROJECT COMMENTARY

#### Local Disaster Coordination Centre

- Demolition works in progress including asbestos removal.
- Communications and services relocation in progress.

### Monthly Expenditure Trend



### Significant Expenditure

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
8000-2710-	CH Reno of Murweh Shire LDCC	LDCC	\$18,422	\$35,412	\$82,105
0003	Building - Materials		\$13,708	\$19,576	\$41,925
0002	Building - Labour		\$4,714	\$15,836	\$40,180

# Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP)

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$239,310</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$907,001</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$10,022,500</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$44,953</b>
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### YTD Balance by Township

Project YTD balances grouped by township, with non-location work shown separately.



● Charleville ● Augathella

<b>Charleville</b> \$476,615 · 52.5%
<b>Augathella</b> \$430,386 · 47.5%

PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Augathella CED Scheme Upgrade & Design	Augathella	\$155,376	\$430,386	\$5,303,558	8.1% (+2.9%)
Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade	Charleville	\$83,934	\$476,615	\$4,718,942	10.1% (+1.8%)

### PROJECT COMMENTARY

#### Augathella CED Scheme Upgrade & Design

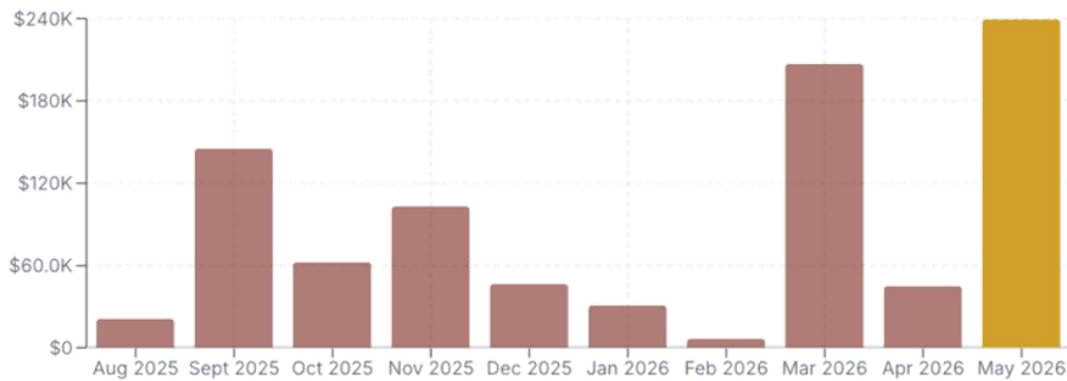
- Overall STPs program is generally on track.
- Practical Completion date is mid-November 2026.
- 18 RFIs issued to date (both sites).
- RSA identified a design clash with the top of the batter of Maturation Pond 1 and Reed Bed 3; outcome is to shift both Maturation Ponds 1 & 2 north to accommodate.

- Moved all mucked material from Reed Bed 1 and 2 to the sludge drying area.
- Removed all liners from Reed Beds 1 and 2.
- Topsoil stripped of Reed Bed 1 and 2 existing batters.
- Started excavation of Facultative Pond.
- Partially stripped topsoil of Fill pad and Absorption trenches.
- Started Cut to Fill from Absorption trenches to Fill pad.

**Charleville Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade**

- Overall STPs program is generally on track.
- Practical Completion date is mid-November 2026.
- Slight delay to the dewatering of the Imhoff tanks to ensure preparedness; however no change to overall program. Expected commencement date 25 May 2026.
- RFQ for Imhoff Tank surveyor out to market; closed 7/05/26.
- Water & Sewerage Crew assisted with pre-emptive dewatering of the Imhoff to determine sludge/biosolid levels prior to RSA starting work.

**Monthly Expenditure Trend**



**Significant Expenditure**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
8000-5370-	Augathella CED Sch LGSSP 21-24	AUGCED	\$155,376	\$21,685	<b>\$429,738</b>
0003	Construction		\$135,114	\$1,820	\$171,162
0004	Project Management		\$10,273	\$13,657	\$82,570
0001	Design Cost		\$8,445	\$0	\$110,997
8000-5375-	CH STP Upgrade LGSSP 21-24	CVLSTP	\$83,934	\$23,268	<b>\$476,615</b>
0003	Construction		\$71,722	\$0	\$95,232
0004	Project Management		\$10,839	\$12,896	\$89,102

# Renewals

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MONTHLY <b>\$134,687</b>	YTD <b>\$938,406</b>	BUDGET <b>\$750,000</b>	PRIOR MONTH <b>\$98,121</b>
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### YTD Balance by Township

Project YTD balances grouped by township, with non-location work shown separately.



<b>Charleville</b> \$427,823 · 45.6%
<b>Morven</b> \$332,582 · 35.4%
<b>Augathella</b> \$178,000 · 19.0%

PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Augathella Water Renewals	Augathella	\$126,255	\$178,000	\$150,000	118.7% (+84.2%)
Charleville Water Renewals	Charleville	\$7,206	\$427,823	\$450,000	95.1% (+1.6%)
Morven Water Renewals	Morven	\$1,226	\$332,582	\$150,000	221.7% (+0.8%)

### PROJECT COMMENTARY

#### Augathella Water Renewals

- Cavanagh St renewal 50% complete; includes replacement of mains running down Annie St to Main St.
- Works to continue once Wills St Charleville work is completed.

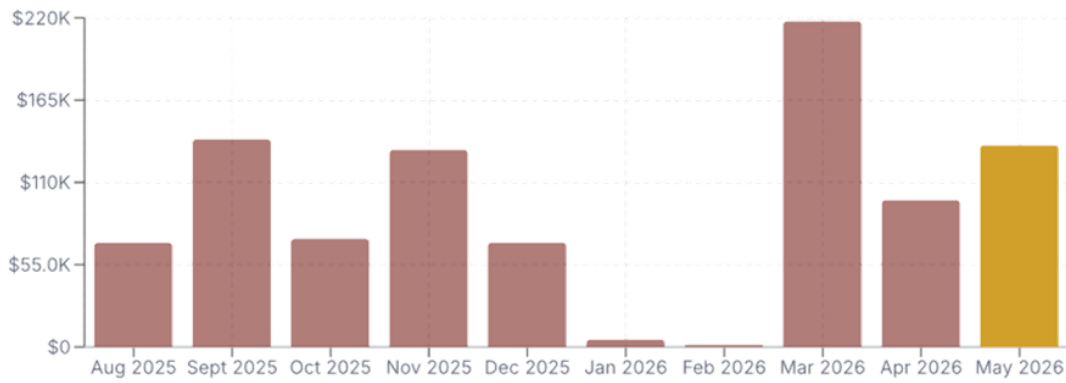
**Charleville Water Renewals**

- Renewal section completed in Edwards St (between Burke & Wells St).
- Proposed renewal planned to Wills St (between Alfred to Edwards St) prior to asphalt works in June.

**Morven Water Renewals**

- No further works planned this financial year.

**Monthly Expenditure Trend**



**Significant Expenditure**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
8000-5252-	Augathella Water Renew	AUGWR	\$126,255	\$21,668	\$178,000
8000-5254-	Charleville Water Renew	CVLWR	\$7,206	\$7,553	\$427,823
8000-5260-	Morven Water Renew	MORWR	\$1,226	\$68,901	\$332,582

# Residential Activation Fund (RAF) / Housing Support Program (HSP)

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$78,102</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$602,179</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$13,800,021</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$138,738</b>
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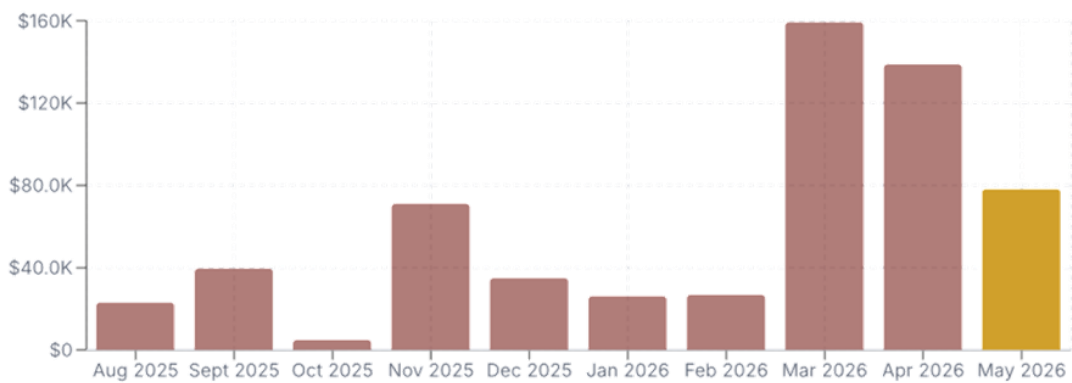
PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Aurora Estate	Charleville	\$78,102	\$602,179	\$13,800,021	4.4% (+0.6%)

### PROJECT COMMENTARY

#### Aurora Estate

- Telstra Asset Relocation works complete, pending final ascon drawings to be issued.
- Preferred tenderer selected. Ongoing contract negotiations. Cost saving opportunities being worked through.
- TMR and QLD Rail discussions and negotiations for access to Old Chinaman's Pit ongoing.
- Environmental Authority upgraded to a major amendment on 3 March. Notice of Extension granted; due date now 12 June 2026.
- Order placed for Reinforced Concrete Pipes early procurement; delivery on HOLD pending Contract Award.
- Yakka Skinks offset fencing commenced.
- Undertake final clearing of Aurora Estate Stage 2.
- Burning of stockpiles complete.

### Monthly Expenditure Trend



**Significant Expenditure**

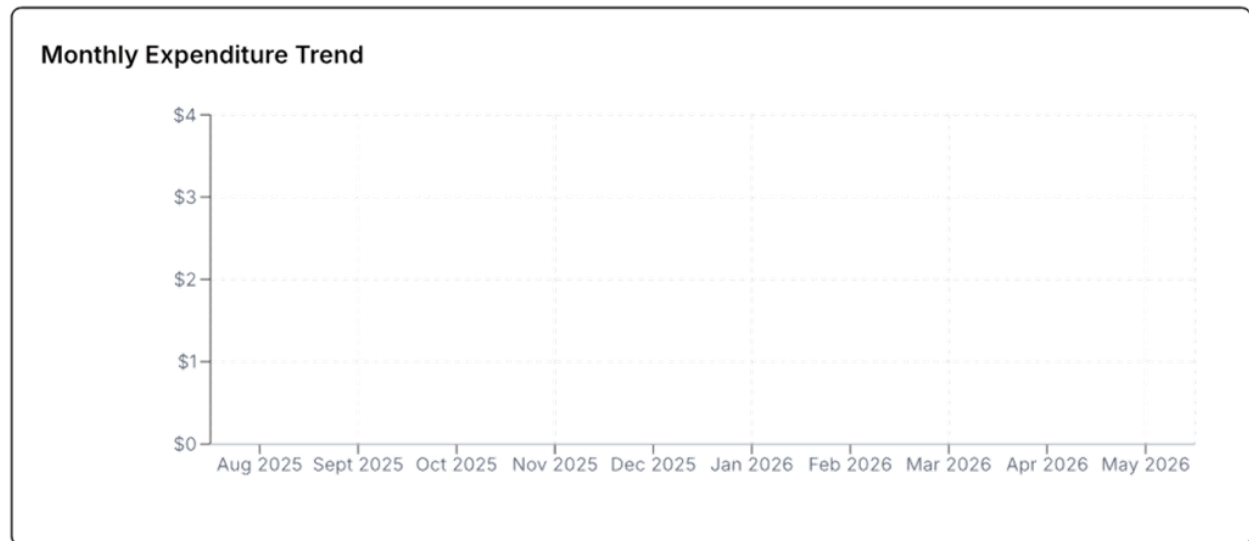
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
1500-0040-	Aurora Estate No 3	AURES	\$69,430	\$137,775	<b>\$592,544</b>
0007	Construction		\$34,557	\$35,765	\$133,487
0001	HIG Project Management		\$18,091	\$20,453	\$128,146
0006	IFC Design		\$12,278	\$24,271	\$185,823
1500-0090-	Aurora Estate Stage 2 (RAF)	AURES	\$8,672	\$963	<b>\$9,635</b>
0003	DETSI Clean Fill Application C		\$6,299	\$0	\$6,299

# Roads to Recovery (R2R)

May 2026 • Financial Year 2025-2026

<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$0</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$0</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$1,479,568</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$0</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Resheeting & Reseals - Town	-	\$0	\$0	\$1,479,568	0.0% (+0.0%)



## Significant Expenditure

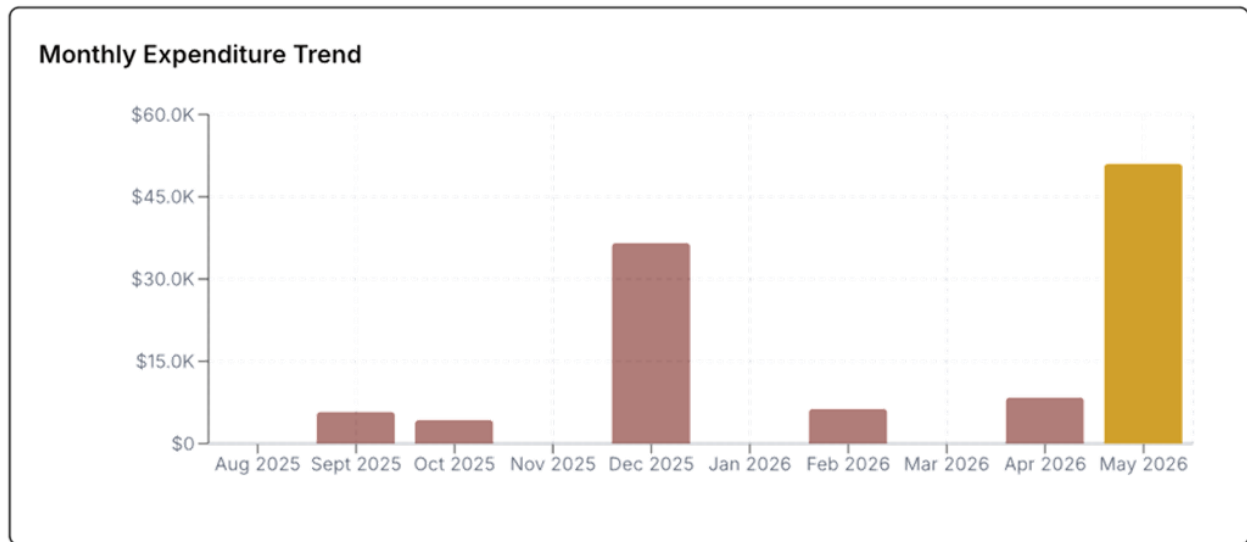
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
No significant expenditure movements for this program.					

# Transport Infrastructure Funding (TIDS)

May 2026 • Financial Year 2025-2026

<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$50,980</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$112,361</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$2,140,126</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$8,393</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Alfred/Wills Street Rehabilitation	-	\$50,980	\$112,361	\$1,500,000	7.5% (+3.4%)
Various Road Reseal Bitumen	-	\$0	\$0	\$640,126	0.0% (+0.0%)



## Significant Expenditure

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
8005-1002-	25-26 TIDS Alfred Street Rehab	TIDS	\$50,980	\$8,393	\$112,361
0005	Project Management		\$50,980	\$0	\$50,980

# Works for Queensland (W4QLD)

May 2026 • Financial Year 2025-2026

<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>\$21,186</b>	<b>YTD</b> <b>\$72,131</b>	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>PRIOR MONTH</b> <b>\$0</b>
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PROJECT	TOWNSHIP	MONTHLY	YTD	BUDGET	% SPENT
Charleville Airport Masterplan	Charleville	\$0	\$49,945	\$50,000	99.9% (+0.0%)
Council Facility Infrastructure Program	-	\$21,186	\$22,186	\$600,000	3.7% (+3.5%)
King Edward Park Precinct Masterplan	Charleville	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	0.0% (+0.0%)
Town Street Rehabilitation Program	-	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	0.0% (+0.0%)
Water & Sewerage Condition Assessment & Programming	-	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	0.0% (+0.0%)
Water & Sewerage Infrastructure Program	-	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	0.0% (+0.0%)

## PROJECT COMMENTARY

### Charleville Airport Masterplan

- Works complete.

### Council Facility Infrastructure Program

- Morven Depot slab and shed in progress.
- Charleville Depot offices in progress — concrete slab complete and framing underway.

### King Edward Park Precinct Masterplan

- Currently tendering with multiple planning consultants.
- Planned to engage a consultant to complete the masterplan in June.

### Town Street Rehabilitation Program

- Remediation works at Augathella have been inspected and are being scoped for repairs.
- Expected to start in late May or early June.
- Reseal works planning in Augathella in progress.

### Water & Sewerage Condition Assessment & Programming

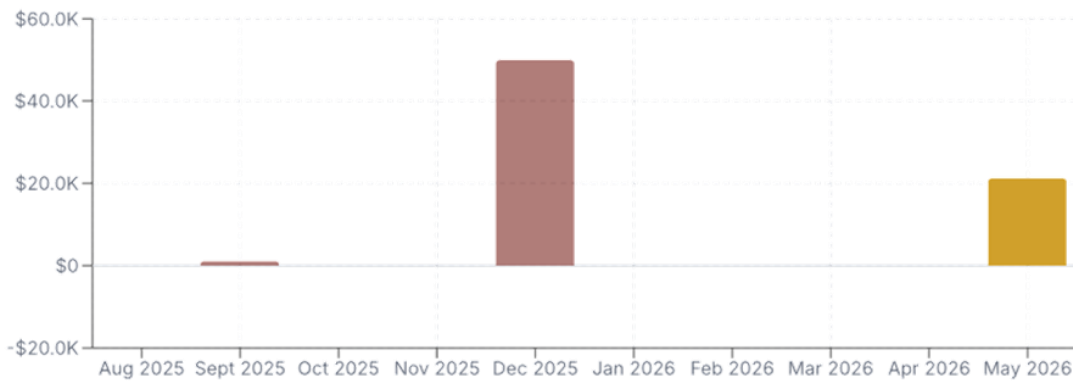
- Linked to Delivery Strategy for the South West Queensland Water and Sewerage Alliance (SWQWSA) that is in progress.
- Council will not commit any funds against the Water and Sewerage Condition Assessment and Programming project until the SWQWSA Delivery Strategy is finalised. It is considered inefficient for Murweh Shire Council to complete standalone condition assessments while the SWQWSA-wide strategy is under development. Significantly greater value and cost savings will be achieved by completing assessments as a coordinated Alliance-wide exercise across all six member shires rather than as an individual council effort.

- Likely that these funds will be moved to Water & Sewerage Infrastructure Program to be used on infrastructure upgrades while the delivery strategy is being finalised.

**Water & Sewerage Infrastructure Program**

- Following a comprehensive service inspection of the Charleville and Augathella sewer pump station network conducted in January 2026, significant and urgent risks were identified across multiple sites.
- In response to these findings, procurement of multiple spare pumps is underway, and existing pumps are currently being rebuilt and returned to Council to build redundancy across the network.
- Additionally, SPS 1, SPS 3 and SPS 4 have been identified with significant structural damage to their well infrastructure. The scope of remediation works for these pump stations is currently being developed.

**Monthly Expenditure Trend**



**Significant Expenditure**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	THIS MONTH	PRIOR MONTH	YTD
8000-2590-	Council Facility Infrass Progam	CFIP	\$21,186	\$0	\$22,186
4010	Cvl Works Depot Office Block		\$21,186	\$0	\$21,186

**12.2 1 X MOTOR GRADER REPLACEMENT - TENDER MG2. 25-26**

**Author:** Director Engineering Services

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar 150 Motor Grader from Hastings Deering for a total cost of \$614,000.00 (excl. GST).

**BACKGROUND****Purpose**

The proposed purchase is to replace Unit 116 (John Deere 670G Grader) in accordance with Council's approved Plant Replacement Schedule.

**Discussion**

A single supplier was contacted to provide a quotation under the Local Buy LGA Arrangement – Heavy & Light Plant Machinery (LB345). Hastings Deering submitted one (1) conforming quotation for consideration.

**Value For Money**

The quoted price is consistent with pricing achieved for comparable grader purchases tendered by Council earlier in the current financial year, representing value for money.

**Proven Performance**

Caterpillar equipment is a trusted and proven brand within Murweh Shire Council's fleet and across neighbouring Councils. The brand has consistently delivered strong operational performance, durability, and reliability in grader operations.

**After-Sales Service**

Hastings Deering provides local field service support from Roma, with additional product support and readily available spare parts supplied from Toowoomba. This level of support will minimise downtime and ensure efficient ongoing maintenance.

**Operator Usability**

The Caterpillar 150 Motor Grader meets all operational, safety, efficiency, and operator comfort requirements for Council's grading activities. Workplace consultation was undertaken with three (3) Council grader operators, all of whom confirmed the machine meets operational expectations and requirements.

**Warranty**

The machine is supplied with comprehensive warranty coverage of 72 months or 5,500 operating hours, providing long-term assurance and reduced risk over the life of the asset.

### **Consultation**

The plant evaluation consultation comprised of Murweh Shire Council Fleet & Workshop Supervisor, Works Supervisor and grader drivers in accordance with best practice procurement requirements.

### **LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Cat 150JOY3 2DXSlope Murweh SC Quote #193539**
2. **Cat Motor Grader Spec AEHQ6768-02**

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# CATERPILLAR 150JOY3

**PREPARED FOR MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFF. ABN:**



\*Image (if present) may include accessories or optional attachments not included in this quotation.

<b>Quote Type</b>	New Sale	<b>Customer No.</b>	2024274
<b>Quote No.</b>	193539-01	<b>Prepared For</b>	RYAN CARR
<b>Document Date</b>	Mar 04, 2026	<b>Email Address</b>	rcarr@murweh.qld.gov.au
<b>Prepared By</b>	Meagher, Shane	<b>Phone Number</b>	0746568385
		<b>Company Address</b>	PO BOX 63 CHARLEVILLE Queensland 4470



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193539-01

Mar 04, 2026

MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFF.PO BOX 63  
CHARLEVILLE  
Queensland  
4470

Dear RYAN,

Thank you for the opportunity to quote on your equipment needs, we trust it will meet your requirements.

We understand that a machine is an investment in the future of your business. When you purchase a Cat machine you are not only getting reliable performance and productivity, but you are also partnering with Hastings Deering for the life of your equipment.

At Hastings Deering, we not only provide the best equipment in the world, but we provide expert solutions to keep our customers moving. You can rely on us to go the extra mile to provide uncompromising service, wherever you are. With the support of more than 3000 employees, across 23 business centres throughout Queensland, Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and New Caledonia, we are committed to ensuring your needs come first.

Our goal is to ensure that you achieve the highest return on your investment by providing the best product and aftersales service available, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

This includes HDAdvantage, our aftersales service program designed to increase the reliability and profit-making potential of your Cat equipment through proactive monitoring of machine maintenance and health issues throughout your warranty period.

Thank you for your interest in Hastings Deering and Cat products for your business. This quote is valid for 30 days, after which time we reserve the right to re-quote. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Shane Meagher  
Machine Sales Representative  
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Shane.Meagher@hastingsdeering.com.au

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**EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS**

Description	
Caterpillar Model: 150JOY3 MOTORGRADERS	
<b>Includes the following specifications</b>	
<b>POWERTRAIN</b>	
Air cleaner, dual stage dry type radial seal with service indicator through messenger and automatic dust ejector	Fuel-water separator
Air-to-air after cooler (ATAAC)	Muffler, under hood
Belt, serpentine, automatic tensioner	Parking brake, multi-disc, sealed and oil cooled
Brakes, oil disc, four-wheel, hydraulic	Priming pump, fuel
Demand fan, hydraulic	Rear axle, modular
Differential, lock/unlock	Sediment drain, fuel tank
Drain, engine oil, ecology	Transmission, 8 speed forward and 6 speed reverse, power shift, direct drive
Electronic over speed protection	VHP Plus (Variable Horsepower Plus)
Engine: C7 with ACERT diesel, with automatic engine derate and idle control.	EIS (Engine Idle Shutdown)
<b>ELECTRICAL</b>	
Alarm, back-up	Grade Control Ready (Cab harness, software, electrical hydraulic valves, bosses and brackets)
Alternator, 80 ampere, sealed	Lights, reversing
Batteries, maintenance free, heavy duty, 1125 CCA	Lights, roading, roof-mounted
Breaker panel, ground accessible	Lights, stop and tail, LED
Cab harness and electrical hydraulic valves	Product link ready
Electrical system, 24V	
Starter, electric	
<b>OPERATOR ENVIRONMENT</b>	
Accelerator	Joystick hydraulic power steering
Air conditioning with heater	Ladders, cab, left and right side
Arm and wrist rest, adjustable	Lights, night time cab
Articulation, automatic return to center	Messenger operator information system
Power Port	Meter, hour, digital
Centershift pin indicator	Mirror, inside rearview, wide angle
Coat hook	Power Port, 12V
Cupholder	Radio Ready, Entertainment
Display, digital speed and gear	ROPS cab, sound suppressed 70dB(A) ISO 6394
Doors, left and right side with wiper	Seat, cloth-covered, comfort suspension
Gauge, machine level	Seat belt, retractable 76.2 (3")
Gauges (analog) inside the cab (includes fuel, articulation, Engine coolant temp, engine RPM, and hydraulic oil temp)	Storage area for cooler/lunchbox
Joystick, adjustable armrests	Throttle control, electronic
Joystick gear selection	Windows laminated glass:
Joystick hydraulic controls, (right/left blade lift with float position, blade sideshift and tip, circle drive, centershift, front wheel lean and articulation and steering)	-Fixed front with intermittent wiper
	-Side and rear (3)
	Cab storage



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<b>TIRES, RIMS, AND WHEELS</b>	
17.5R25 Tyres on (14" x 25") multi-piece rims	
<b>FLUIDS</b>	
Antifreeze Extended life coolant to -35C/-30F	
<b>OTHER STANDARD EQUIPMENT</b>	
Accumulators, brake, dual certified	Ground level engine shutdown
Anti-glare paint	Ground level fueling
Bumper, rear, integrated with hitch	Hammer (emergency exit)
CD ROM Parts Book	Horn, electric
Clutch, circle drive slip	Hydraulic lines for base functions
Cutting edges, 152mm x 16mm (6" x 5/8")	Lockout, hydraulic implement (for roading and servicing)
curved DH-2 steel, 19mm mounting bolts (3/4")	Moldboard, 4267mm x 686mm x 25mm (14'x 27" x 1")
Doors, 3 engine compartment, (two left	Mounting, cab roof accessories
hand, one right hand,) locking	Pump, hydraulic, high capacity (98cc/6cu in)
Drawbar, 6 shoe with replaceable wear strips	Radiator, cleanout access
Electrical hydraulic valves, base 8	Secondary steering
Endbits, 16mm (5/8") DH-2 steel,	Serviceability, LH side
19mm (3/4") mounting bolts	SOS ports, engine, hydraulic,
Fluid check, ground level	transmission, coolant, fuel
Frame, articulated with safety lock	Tandem walkway/guards
Fuel tank, 416 liters (110 gallon)	Tool box

**FACTORY FITTED EQUIPMENT**

<b>Configuration Description</b>	
150 14a Motor Grader	Guard, Transmission
Cert Emissions, Other Reg	Sound Suppression (Bottom)
Roll On-Roll Off	Fuel Tank, Standard
Rust Prevent. For Hose Coupl.	Camera, Rear Vision
Storage Protection	Australian Press Vessel Reg
Tooth, Ripper, Straight	Control,Auto Articulation-Full
Mirrors, Outside Mounted	Coolant, 50/50, -35c (-31f)
Precleaner, Sy-Klone	Joystick Controls, Advanced
Drain, Gravity, Engine Oil	Cross Slope, Tnd, Top Adj
Transmission, Autoshift	Top Adjust Drawbar
Push Plate, Counterweight	Prod Link, Dual Ple641 + Pl631
Tires, 17.5R25 BS VKT * D2A MP	Tooth, Scarifier
Alternator, 150 Amp (Ac)	Circle Saver
Compressor/Tank, Air	Lights, Roading, LED
Cat Msg Eng, W/Symb, ISO Decals	Lights, Working, Plus, LED
Towing Group, 45 Mm Pin	Headlights, Front, Low, LED
Guard GP, Hitch	Ripper Arrangemnt
Weather, Standard	Australian Arrangement
Year Of Manufacture Plate	Moldboard, 4.3m Plus
Installation Arr, Box	Cutting Edge, 4.3m Blade
Accumulators, Blade Lift-Box	End Bits, Overlay
Base + 1 (Rip)	



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**LOCAL ITEMS**

Dealer Fitted Items	
Three Cat Keys	Risk Assessment
8kg Greasing System - Automatic Lubrication System	Supply & Install - Engine Shutoff - Turbo Timer X-4
100% Fuel	Reversing Fan Kit
Reverse Alarm BBS107 Self Adjusting (Smart) Alarm	Front Axle Guard
Blower & Tyre Inflation Kit	Window Tint - T35
Sound - Decal	GCS 3D Ready
Tool Box Under Gooseneck	Supply & Install - Customer Signage - Both Sides
Front And Rear Oversize Signs	Hand Washing Station
Front Axle Guard	Tyre Carrier Ripper Mounted Manual Winch Type
Valve Stem Protection	Spare Tyre And Rim
Fuel Tank Neck Strainer	1.5kg Fire Extinguisher - Internal
Delivery to Customer - Freight To Charleville	Fire Extinguisher 9kg - Externally Mounted
TX4500S Uhf Radio + Aerial	Product Support Literature - Paper O&M Manual
Pre Deliver Machine	Product Support Literature - Paper Parts Manual
Technology Calibration – 2D XSlope	Product Support Literature - Paper Service Manual
Canvas Seat Cover	Product Support Literature - Pdf Parts Manual
LED Amber Beacon - Fixed X 2 with Guards	Product Support Literature - Pdf Service Manual
Number Plate Mounting	

**AFTER SALE SUPPORT**

Standard Warranty:	12 Month / Unlimited Hours Caterpillar provides a comprehensive warranty for a period of 12 months from the date of delivery. Full details are provided on Caterpillar Warranty Statement.
Extended Protection Plan:	72 MONTHS / 5500 HOURS POWERTRAIN + HYDRAULICS + TECH

The coverage term for the New Machine EPP starts from the product delivery date and includes the standard machine warranty. Hastings Deering can offer customised coverage plans to suit your preferred length, coverage type & utilisation. Hastings Deering will provide an aftersales condition monitoring service for the duration of the aforementioned Extended Protection Plan Period. This includes machine conditioning monitoring, PM Alerts, connectivity (via VisionLink Daily or [my.cat.com](http://my.cat.com) as applicable) based on the agreed Hastings Deering's HDAdvantage Terms and Conditions and Caterpillar's Data Governance Statement, Caterpillar's Global Privacy Statement and any applicable privacy notices which describe how information and data may be collected, shared and used, is available at <https://www.caterpillar.com/en/legal-notice/data-governance-statement.html>.



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**PRICING SUMMARY**

SELL PRICE	\$604,000.00
GST (10%)	\$60,400.00
<b>INVOICE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$664,400.00</b>

**BUNDLES "Not included in the above pricing"**

Please Select	Bundle 1: Trimble Earthworks 3D Ready	Ref No.	Sell (Ex GST)
	Trimble Earthworks 3D Ready only for JOY3 CGC Graders		
	Assist Sitech - Accugrade		
<b>Total Bundle 1:</b>			<b>\$27,715.00</b>

Please Select	Bundle 2: Grader Bit System Upgrade (GB2)	Ref No.	Sell (Ex GST)
	GB2 System Upgrade		
	Labour		
<b>Total Bundle 2:</b>			<b>\$18,096.00</b>

Please Select	Bundle 3: Option to Upgrade to HPC (High Performance Circle)	Ref No.	Sell (Ex GST)
	Upgrade configuration to HPC		
<b>Total Bundle 3:</b>			<b>\$10,000.00</b>



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## DEPOSIT

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Hastings Deering may require a deposit to be paid by you (**Deposit**). The decision to require a Deposit is at the sole discretion of Hastings Deering. The Deposit (if any) will be a maximum of 10% of the total invoice value per machine.

If a Deposit is payable, Hastings Deering will issue an invoice.

Any order placed by you pursuant to this quote will not be deemed accepted by Hastings Deering (and no contract will form) until such time as the Deposit is paid in full and in cleared funds. The Deposit is not refundable other than as expressly permitted under the Sales Terms, the quote terms, or where required by law.

The balance of the Price must be received in full and in cleared funds the day prior to the date that the Supplier notifies the Customer that the Goods and/or Services will be ready for collection, delivery or supply (as applicable).

## VALIDITY & PRICING

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Validity of this quotation is thirty (30) days from the quotation date.

## ESTIMATED DELIVERY

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**Standard 150JOY3 Motor Grader:** Late May Early June  
**150 JOY3 Motor Grader with HPC:** July

To be confirmed at date of order acceptance by Hasting Deering.

Estimated Delivery time is from the receipt of an authorised purchase order, subject to prior sales and/or attachment availability. Hastings Deering cannot guarantee a delivery date due to external factors that are reasonably beyond our control such as (but not limited to) shipping, attachment availability and/or a force majeure event. Any date for delivery specified below (whether or not specified as "estimated") is an estimated date and is subject to the Sales Terms. If no estimated delivery date is specified below, Hastings Deering will notify you of the estimated delivery date once it receives delivery information from the manufacturer or supplier of the Goods.

## AVAILABILITY

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Should Dealer inventory not be available at the time of the purchase order receipt, factory availability will apply.

This delivery commitment reflects ex-factory lead times applicable at the time of tendering. Ex-factory lead times do vary from time to time, and Hastings Deering reserves the right to revalidate and vary the delivery schedule at the time of order placement should there be a change in the lead time.

## FINANCE

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For more information regarding financing your machine please contact Cat Finance on:

Phone: 03 9953 9024

Phone: 03 9953 9029

Email: CFALQLD@cat.com

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**QUOTE ACCEPTANCE**

Hastings Deering would like to thank you for the opportunity to quote on your requirements. If you wish to purchase the quoted Goods, please sign this document, and return it to Hastings Deering, or make a payment to us in accordance with this quote. Your signature on this quote, or any payment made by you in accordance with this quote (including the payment of any Deposit) constitutes acceptance by you to purchase the Goods in accordance with Hastings Deering's Sales Terms (**Sales Terms**) Capitalised terms in this document have the meaning as set out in the Sales Terms.

By signing this quote or making a payment in accordance with this quote (including the payment of any Deposit), you are accepting Hastings Deering's quote (as summarised on previous page) and a binding contract is created between the Customer and Hastings Deering for the sale and purchase of the Goods incorporating the Sales Terms.

By signing this document, or making any payment in accordance with this quote, you warrant that you have full authority to sign this document on behalf of the Customer and to bind the Customer to the Sales Terms.

Hastings Deering's Sales Terms will apply to the supply of Goods by Hastings Deering to the Customer, despite any conflicting terms proposed by the Customer, unless expressly waived in writing by Hastings Deering.

The Customer has no right to cancel or suspend the Order, except as expressly permitted under Hastings Deering's Sales Terms. If the Customer attempts to cancel or suspend the Order in breach of the contract, Hastings Deering reserves its rights to recover any loss suffered as a result of the breach.

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**Cat 150JOY3 as per quote supplied: # 193539-01**

**Quote Date:** Mar 04, 2026 **Quote valid for 30 days from date of quote.**  
**Delivery Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Estimated Delivery:** Standard 150JOY3 Motor Grader: Late May Early June  
150 JOY3 Motor Grader with HPC: July

**PRICING INFORMATION**

	<b>Ex GST</b>	<b>GST</b>	<b>Incl GST</b>
SELL PRICE	\$604,000.00	\$60,400.00	\$664,400.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$604,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,400.00</b>	<b>\$664,400.00</b>
GST (10%)	\$60,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>INVOICE TOTAL</b>			<b>\$664,400.00</b>



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**INVOICING INSTRUCTIONS**

Select	Company to invoice machine to	
	Invoice to Company as nominated on this quote's cover letter	
OR		
	Business Entity:	
	Australian Business Number:	
	Invoice Address:	
	Customer Number: <i>(HDAL to complete)</i>	

**LOCAL BUY**

The Local Buy LGA Arrangement Heavy & Light Plant Machinery LB345 Contract will form the terms and conditions for this purchase and takes precedence over the standard Hastings Deering's Sales Terms. Please ensure Local Buy LB345 is referenced on any purchase orders issued.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This Quote is subject to the applicable Hastings Deering's Terms which are made available at [www.hastingsdeering.com.au/legal/terms](http://www.hastingsdeering.com.au/legal/terms).  
 For clarity, the below Terms & Conditions will be relevant to the following types of transactions:  
[HDAL Terms and Conditions Equipment and Engineering Sales](#) For machine/equipment & engineering sales  
[HDAdvantage Terms and Conditions](#)

If a separate contract exists or will be negotiated upon award of this tender, the terms of that contract will apply. To the extent of any inconsistency between these Terms and the terms of the Purchase Order, the Terms prevail. Any contractual terms and conditions sought to be imposed by the Customer by incorporation on the Purchase Order will be void and of no effect.



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**QUOTE APPROVAL**

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**Note:**

- If you do not agree with the Hastings Deering Sales Terms applicable to this quote, you should not place an Order for the equipment and/or related services the subject of this quote.
- **This offer is not binding on Hastings Deering (Australia) Limited until accepted in writing on behalf of Hastings Deering by the Manager or a duly authorised Officer, and any Deposit (if required by Hastings Deering) is paid in full and in cleared funds.**

MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFF. ABN:	
CUSTOMER NAME	
CUSTOMER SIGNATURE	
DATE SIGNED	

ACCEPTED BY HASTINGS DEERING (AUSTRALIA) LTD	
AUTHORISED NAME	
AUTHORISED SIGNATURE	
DATE SIGNED	



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# 140/150/150 AWD/160 Motor Graders



	140		150		150 AWD		160	
Engine Model	Cat® C7		Cat C7		Cat C9		Cat C9	
Base Power (1st gear) – Net	136 kW	183 hp	136 kW	183 hp	159 kW	213 hp	159 kW	213 hp
Base Power (1st gear) – Net (Metric)		186 hp		186 hp		216 hp		216 hp
VHP Plus Range – Net	136-159 kW	183-213 hp	136-174 kW	183-233 hp	159-200 kW	213-268 hp	159-185 kW	213-248 hp
VHP Plus Range – Net (Metric)		186-216 hp		186-237 hp		216-272 hp		216-251 hp
Moldboard – Width	3.7 m	12 ft	3.7 m	12 ft	3.7 m	12 ft	3.7 m	12 ft
Gross Vehicle Weight – Typically Equipped	18 400 kg	40,565 lb	18 991 kg	41,868 lb	19 883 kg	43,834 lb	19 715 kg	43,465 lb

**Features**

**Operator Station**

*Industry leading cab design gives you unmatched comfort, visibility and ease of use, so your operators can be more confident and productive.*

**Structures, Drawbar, Circle and Moldboard**

*Durable structures with fast and simple DCM adjustments save you service time. Shims and wear strips save you money and make it easy to maintain factory tightness of components for better grading results.*

**Hydraulics**

*Load sensing, proportional hydraulics mean operators can rely on consistent power. This precise, predictable implement response will save time and help assure quality work.*

**Integrated Technologies**

*Grade control and machine monitoring technologies help you improve grading efficiency and enhance fleet management for improved machine utilization.*

**Safety**

*The safety of your operators and those on the job site is key in the design of every Cat machine. Features like outstanding visibility, hydraulic lockout and redundant steering and braking systems help you meet your goals of getting everyone home safely at the end of each work day.*

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**The 140/150/160 Motor Graders have become the industry standard in operational efficiency and overall productivity. From building roads to maintaining them, 140/150/160 Motor Graders are designed to help you get more work done in less time. Unprecedented operator comfort and ease of service help to maximize your return on investment.**

## Operator Station

Comfort, productivity, advanced technology



### Visibility

Good visibility is key to your safety and efficiency. Angled cab doors, tapered engine enclosure and a sloped rear window make it easy to see the moldboard and tires, as well as behind the machine. An optional rear vision camera further enhances lines of sight all around the machine.

### Comfort and Control

Experience the most spacious, comfortable cab in the industry. Joystick controls replace levers, so hand and arm movement is reduced by 78%, helping reduce operator fatigue for better productivity. Rocker and control switches are in easy reach.

A standard Cat Comfort Series suspension seat is fully adjustable. Control pods can be adjusted electronically so it is even easier to set up for an ideal operating position. Multiple isolation mounts significantly reduce sound and vibration for a more relaxed work environment.

The high capacity Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system dehumidifies and pressurizes the cab, circulates fresh air, seals out dust and keeps windows clear.

An optional deluxe radio with CD features MP3 and Bluetooth® technology.

### In-Dash Instrument Cluster

Easy-to-read, high-visibility gauges and warning lamps keep you aware of critical system information. Cat Messenger offers real-time machine performance and diagnostic data to help you get the most from your machine.

# Steering and Implement Controls

Unprecedented precision and ease of operation



Operators are more comfortable and productive with two electro-hydraulic joysticks. New and experienced operators around the world report that the controls are easy to learn, and that the new electronically adjustable control pods make it easier to position them for optimal comfort, visibility and proper operation.

### Joystick Functions

The left joystick controls steering, articulation, return-to-center, wheel lean, gear selection, left moldboard lift cylinder and float.

The right joystick controls drawbar, circle and moldboard functions as well as electronic throttle control and manual differential lock/unlock.

Joystick lean angle mirrors the steer tires' turning angle. A brake tensioning system holds the joystick in position until the operator moves it. The steering control automatically reduces steering sensitivity at higher ground speeds for predictable control. Infinitely variable roller switches control the rear ripper and/or front lift group (when equipped).



### Electronic Throttle Control

Electronic Throttle Control helps improve productivity by providing the best match of horsepower and torque for the demands of the application.

### Articulation Return-to-Center

Automatically returns the machine to a straight frame position from any angle with the touch of a button.

# Engine

Power and reliability



Cat C7 and C9 engines give you the performance you need to maintain consistent grading speeds for maximum productivity. Superior torque and lugging capability provide the power to pull through sudden, short-term increases in loads.

ACERT Technology lowers combustion chamber temperatures and optimizes fuel combustion to generate more work output for your fuel cost. ACERT engines also generate fewer emissions to meet the needs of equipment owners around the world.

### Hydraulic Demand Fan

The hydraulic demand fan automatically adjusts speed according to engine cooling requirements. When cooling demand is reduced, you benefit from more power to the ground and improved fuel efficiency.

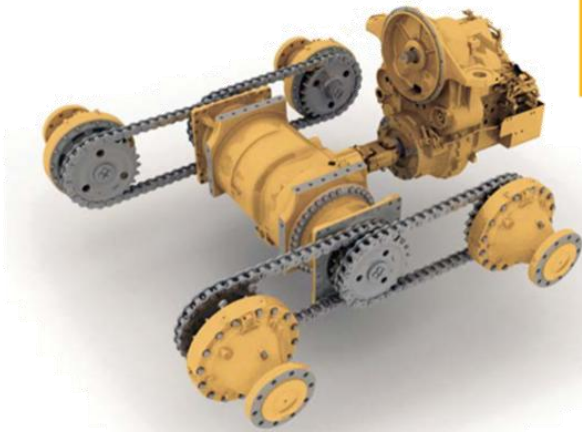
### Engine Idle Shutdown Timer

This standard feature can be software-enabled by your Cat dealer to shut down the engine after a set period of time to save you fuel and help reduce emissions.



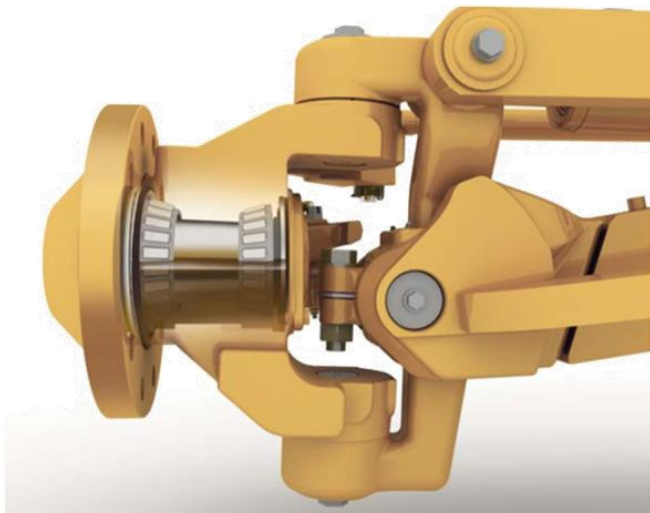
# Power Train

## Maximum power to the ground



We designed the 140/150/160 Motor Graders to give you efficiency and longevity in your most demanding applications.

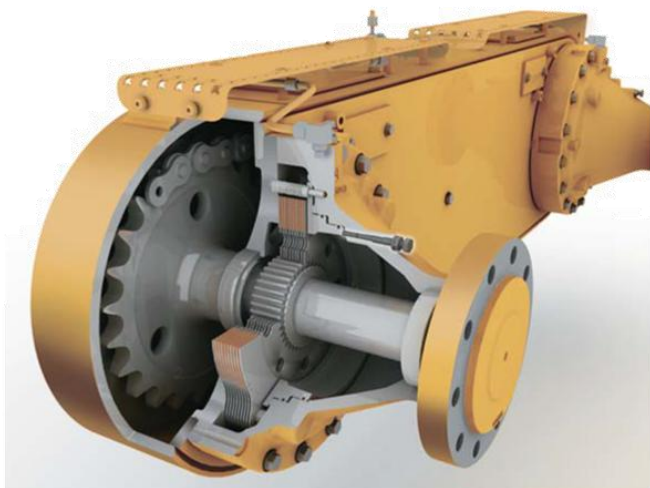
- Standard Automatic Differential Lock/Unlock unlocks the differential during a turn and re-locks when straight for easier operation and to help protect the power train.
- Full Electronic Clutch Pressure Control system optimizes inching modulation for smooth shifts and directional changes, reducing stress on gears.
- Programmable Autoshift option simplifies operation by allowing the operator to program the transmission to shift at optimal points to match your application.
- Power Shift Countershaft Transmission is matched to the Cat engine to maximize power to the ground.
- Wide operating gear range for maximum productivity.
- Engine Over-Speed Protection prevents downshifting until an acceptable safe travel speed has been established.



### Front and Rear Axles

The sealed spindle keeps front axle bearings lubricated and protected from contaminants. The Cat "Live Spindle" design places the larger tapered roller bearing on the outside, where the load is greater, extending bearing life.

A bolt-on modular rear axle improves serviceability and contamination control with easy access to differential components.



### Hydraulic Brakes

Oil-bathed multi-disc service brakes are hydraulically actuated for smooth, predictable braking and lower operating costs. Brakes are located at each tandem wheel and have a large total brake surface area to give you dependable stopping power and longer life.

# Structures and Drawbar-Circle-Moldboard

Service ease and precise blade control

Caterpillar designs motor grader frame and drawbar components to give you performance and durability. The one-piece forged steel circle stands up to high stress loads, and a sacrificial wear system helps keep your service time and costs down.

The articulation hitch features a large tapered roller bearing to carry loads evenly and smoothly. It is sealed to prevent contamination and a locking pin prevents articulation for safety during service or transport.

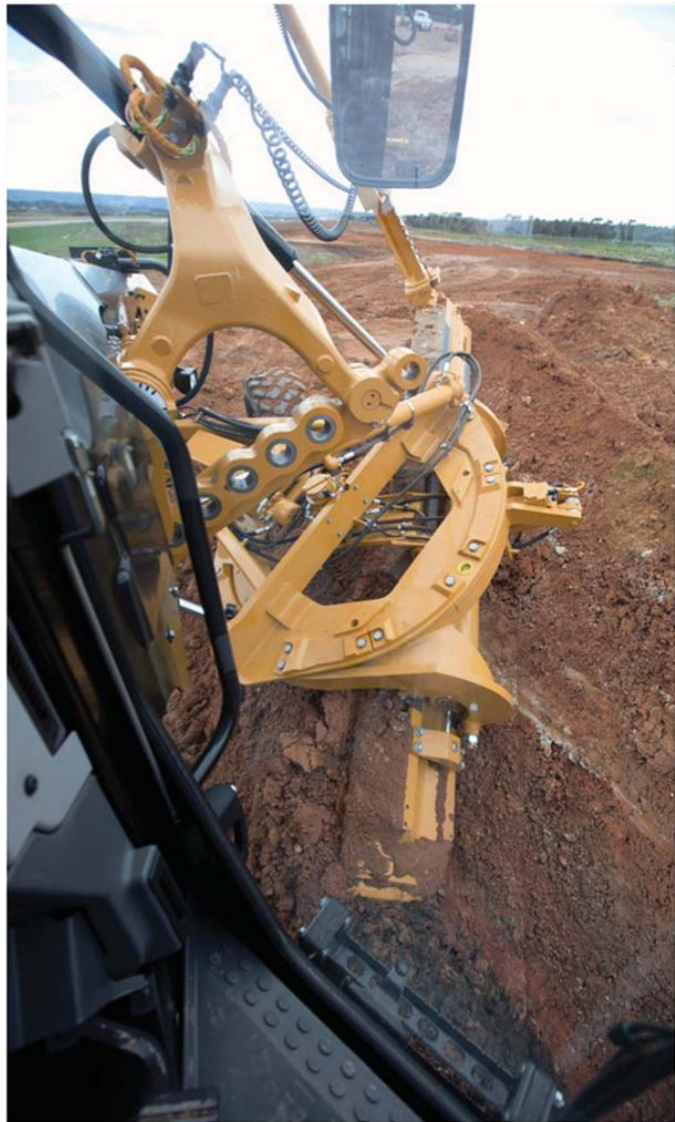
### Easy Maintenance for More Uptime

The drawbar, circle and moldboard are designed to make it easy for you to keep the components tight. Shims and patented top-adjust wear strips are easy to add or replace, dramatically reducing downtime. Durable nylon composite wear inserts maximize circle torque and component life. Sacrificial brass wear strips between the blade mounting group and moldboard can be easily adjusted and replaced. Shimless Moldboard Retention System uses vertical and horizontal adjusting screws to keep moldboard wear strips aligned for reduced blade chatter and precise blade control.

### Blade Angle and Moldboard

An aggressive blade angle, optimized moldboard curvature and large throat clearance help you work more efficiently by allowing material to roll more freely along the blade.

Heat-treated rails, hardened cutting edges and end bits, and heavy duty bolts to give you greater moldboard reliability and long service life. The link bar allows extreme moldboard positioning for easier bank sloping and ditch cutting/cleaning.



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# Hydraulics

Advanced machine control



### Responsive Hydraulics

A proven load-sensing system and advanced electro-hydraulics give you superior implement control and responsive hydraulic performance that helps make your operator's job easier. Continuously matching hydraulic flow/pressure to power demands creates less heat and reduces power consumption.

- Consistent, Predictable Movement – Proportional Priority Pressure-Compensating (PPP-C) valves have different flow rates for the head and rod ends of the cylinder, so you can count on consistent, predictable implement response.
- Balanced Flow – Hydraulic flow is proportioned to give you confidence that all implements will operate simultaneously without slowing the engine or speed of some implements.

### Blade Float

Allows the blade to move freely under its own weight. By floating both cylinders, the blade can follow the contours of the ground. Floating only one cylinder permits the toe of the blade to follow a hard surface while the operator controls the slope with the other lift cylinder.



### Independent Oil Supply

Large, separate hydraulic oil supplies prevent cross-contamination and provide proper oil cooling, which reduces heat build-up and extends component life. Cat XT™ hose allows high pressures for maximum power and reduced downtime.

# 150 All Wheel Drive (AWD)

Expanded machine versatility

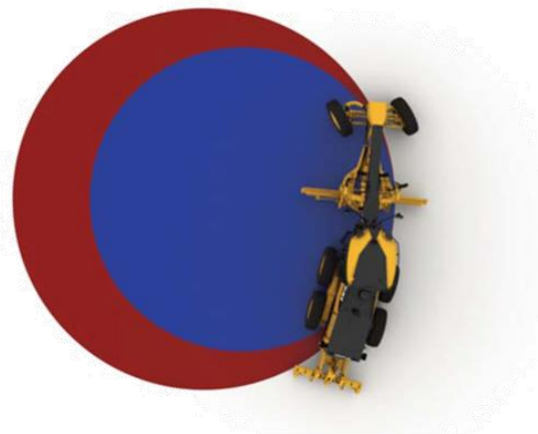


If you work in soft underfoot conditions where traction can be a challenge, optional All Wheel Drive (AWD) can give you the additional power to the ground you need to work more efficiently in mud, gravel, sand or snow. The added traction helps reduce sliding on side slopes.

- Dedicated left and right pumps give you more precise hydraulic control. The infinitely variable pumps and motors maximize torque in each gear.
- AWD automatically increases your horsepower up to an additional 26 kW (35 hp) to maximize your power to the ground.
- Standard Hydrostatic Mode disengages the transmission and provides hydraulic power to the front wheels only. Infinitely variable ground speed between 0-8 km/h (0-5 mph) is ideal for precise finish work.
- Cat Steering Compensation System enables a “powered turn” by adjusting the outside front tire speed up to 50% faster than the inside tire. This gives you improved control, reduces surface damage and greatly reduces turning radius in poor underfoot conditions.



■ Without Steering Compensation    ■ With Steering Compensation



# Integrated Technologies

Solutions to make work easier and more efficient



**Cat GRADE Control**

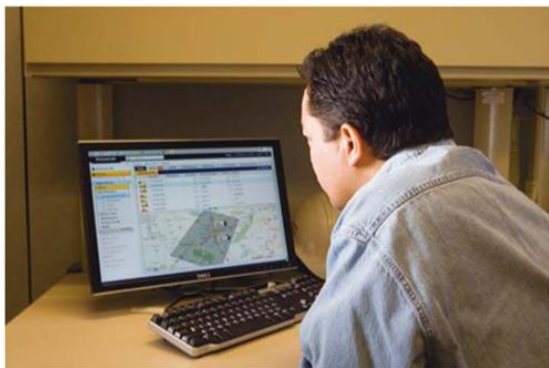
Cat GRADE Control Cross Slope is an optional fully integrated, factory installed system that helps your operator more easily maintain desired cross slope by automatically controlling one side of the blade. The system is job-ready from day one, and scalable for the future with AccuGrade™ upgrade kits that provide additional 2D and/or 3D control.

**AccuGrade Attachment Ready Option**

An AccuGrade Attachment Ready Option can be ordered as a factory- or dealer-installed option. It includes built-in mounting points and internal wiring, to make installation of the AccuGrade grade control system faster and easier.

**Cat AccuGrade**

AccuGrade uses positioning and guidance technologies, machine sensors, and automatic blade control to help your operators get to grade faster, easier and more efficiently. Digital design plans, real-time cut/fill data, and in-cab guidance give operators detailed information to work more confidently and achieve greater accuracy, in fewer passes, using less material. Operators can stay on grade and improve productivity and accuracy by nearly 50 percent over conventional methods. Grade stakes and checkers are minimized, helping to make the work site safer and more cost effective. AccuGrade technologies include Cross Slope, Sonic, Laser, GPS, and/or Universal Total Station (UTS).



**Cat Product Link™**

Product Link helps take the guesswork out of equipment management with remote monitoring capabilities for one machine or your entire fleet. Track asset location, hours, fuel usage, diagnostic codes, idle time and more through the secure VisionLink® user interface. Knowing where your equipment is, what it's doing and how it's performing enables you or your Cat dealer to manage your fleet in real-time so you can maximize efficiency, improve productivity and lower operating costs.\*



*\*Product Link licensing not available in all areas. Please consult your Cat dealer for availability.*

# Safety

Designed with protection in mind



## Safety Features

- Rearview camera with in-cab monitor
- Grouped, ground level service points
- Laminated front window glass
- Optional LED Lighting
- Ground-level electrical disconnect switch
- Ground-level engine shutoff switch
- Anti-glare paint eases night operation
- Front and rear fenders

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**Operator Presence Monitoring System**

System keeps the parking brake engaged and hydraulic implements disabled until the operator is seated and the machine is ready for operation.



**Speed Sensitive Steering**

Steering becomes less sensitive as ground speed increases for greater operator confidence and control.

**Secondary Steering System**

An electric hydraulic pump automatically engages in case of a drop in steering pressure so the operator can steer the machine to a stop.

**Hydraulic Lockout**

Hydraulic lockout disables all implement functions while still providing machine steering control. This is especially useful while roading.

**Brake Systems**

Brakes are located at each tandem wheel to eliminate braking loads on the power train. Redundant brake systems utilize accumulators to enable stopping in case of machine failure.

**Walkways and Grab Rails**

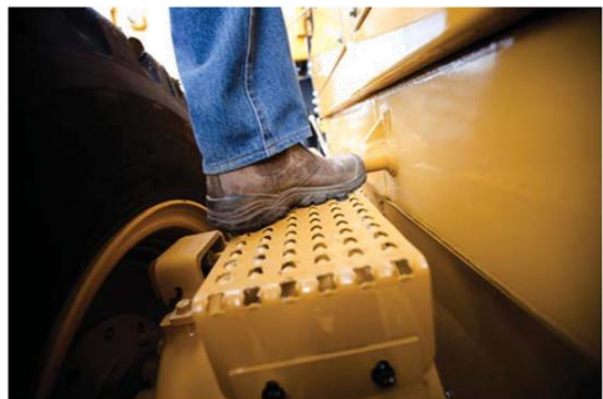
Perforated steel tandem walkways and convenient grab rails give you a sturdy platform when moving on, off and around the machine.

**Circle Drive Slip Clutch**

Circle Drive Slip Clutch protects the drawbar, circle and moldboard from shock loads if the blade encounters an immovable object and also reduces the possibility of abrupt directional changes in poor traction conditions.

**Blade Lift Accumulators**

Blade Lift Accumulators help absorb impact loads by allowing vertical blade travel. This optional feature helps reduce wear and also helps reduce impact loading for enhanced operator safety.





# Smart Machine Systems

## Advanced Diagnostics

### Serviceability and Customer Support

When uptime counts

Cat motor graders are designed to help you increase uptime and reduce costs. Grouped service points and extended service intervals save maintenance time. A standard Automatic Lubrication System maintains proper grease on working surfaces, increasing component life and purging contaminants from pins and bushings to help prevent damage. Standard Fast-Fill allows customers to refuel in less than four minutes so you can get back on the job quickly.

#### Unparalleled Dealer Support

When it comes to supporting you, Cat dealers are second to none. From machine selection and purchase to maintenance support and rebuilds, Cat dealers have the experience and capabilities to help keep you up and running.

- Cat Messenger, combined with full systems integration, enhances diagnostic capability for quick analysis of critical data.
- Electronic Technician (Cat ET) lets service technicians access stored diagnostic data and configure machine parameters through the Cat Data Link.
- Low Battery Elevated Idle raises idle speed when low system voltage is detected, ensuring adequate system voltage and improving battery reliability.
- Automatic Engine Deration protects the engine by automatically lowering engine torque output and alerting the operator if critical conditions are detected.

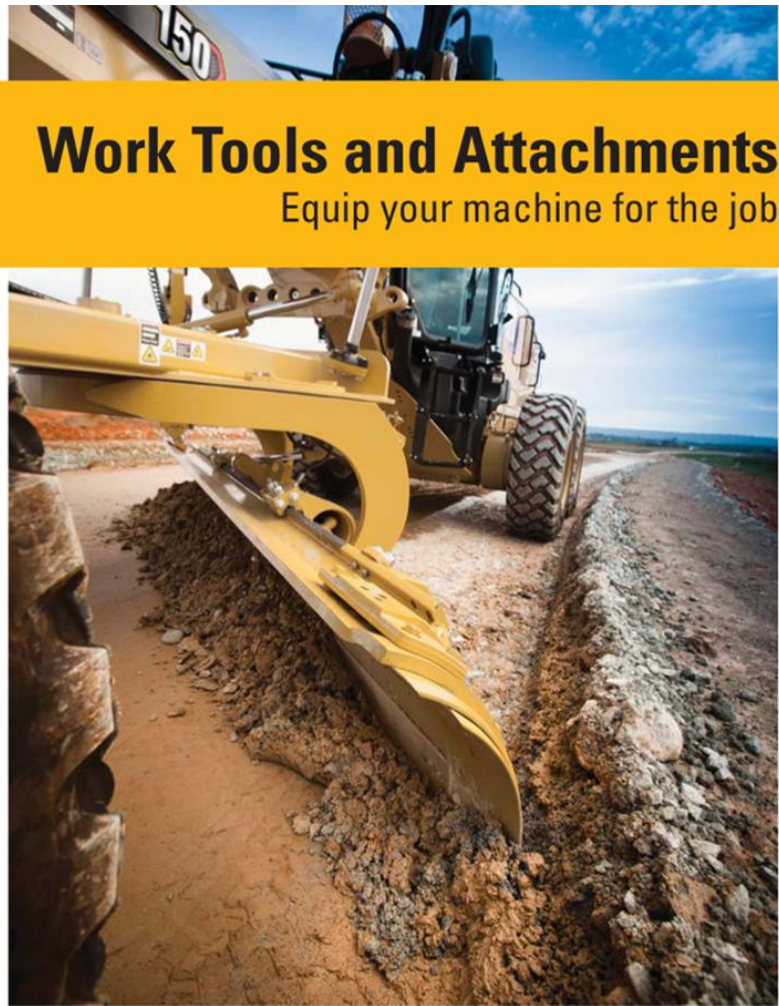


# Work Tools and Attachments

Equip your machine for the job

### Moldboard Options

The 140, 150, and 160 Motor Graders come equipped with a 3.7 m (12 ft) moldboard. An optional 4.3 m (14 ft) blade is available for all models, as well as a 4.9 m (16 ft) moldboard for the 160. Left side extensions can be added for greater versatility.



### Ground Engaging Tools (GET)

A variety of tools are available from Cat Work Tools, including cutting edges, graderbits and end bits, all designed for maximum service life and productivity.

### Front Mounted Groups

A front mounted push plate or front lift group are available. The front lift group can be combined with a front dozer blade or front scarifier for added versatility.

### Rear Ripper/Scarifier

Made to penetrate tough material fast and rip thoroughly for easier movement with the moldboard. The ripper includes three shanks (with holders for five). Nine scarifier shanks can also be added for additional versatility.

# Sustainability

Thinking generations ahead



## Fuel Efficiency

- Integrated machine systems and technologies improve productivity for greater accuracy, allowing the machine to do more work per gallon of fuel.

## Green House Gas Emissions

- Reduced fuel consumption means reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

## Material Efficiency and Lifecycle Costs

- Replaceable wear parts save maintenance time and cost, and extend major component life.
- Major components are built to be rebuilt, eliminating waste and saving customers money by giving the machine and/or major components a second – and even third-life.
- Approximately 95% of machine materials can be recycled (ISO 16714) to conserve valuable natural resources and further enhance machine end-of-life value.

## Sound

- Reduced engine noise and quieter cabs mean lower operator and spectator sound levels.

## Safety

- Ecology drains help make draining fluids more convenient and help prevent spills.
- Cartridge style hydraulic fluid filters provide safe clean draining of filters prior to replacement, helping to prevent fluid spills.
- A variety of safety features help safeguard operators and others on the job site.

## 140 Motor Grader Specifications

### Engine

Engine Model*	Cat C7	
Base Power (1st gear) – Net	136 kW	183 hp
Base Power (1st gear) – Net (Metric)	186 hp	
VHP Plus Range – Net	136-159 kW	183-213 hp
VHP Plus Range – Net (Metric)	186-216 hp	
Displacement	7.2 L	439 in <sup>3</sup>
Bore	110 mm	4.3 in
Stroke	127 mm	5 in
Torque Rise (VHP Plus)	39%	
Maximum Torque (VHP Plus)	1052 N·m	776 lb-ft
Speed @ Rated Power	2,000 rpm	
Number of Cylinders	6	
Derating Altitude	3048 m	10,000 ft
Standard – Fan Speed		
Maximum	1,450 rpm	
Minimum	600 rpm	
Standard – Ambient Capability	43° C	109° F
High Ambient – Fan Speed		
Maximum	1,650 rpm	
Minimum	600 rpm	
High Ambient Capability	50° C	122° F

- Maximum torque (VHP Plus) measured at 1,000 rpm.
- Net power is tested per ISO 9249, SAE J1349, and EEC 80/1269 Standards in effect at the time of manufacture.
- Net power advertised is the power available at rated speed of 2,000 rpm, measured at the flywheel when engine is equipped with fan running at minimum speed, air cleaner, muffler and alternator.
- Power as declared per ISO 14396  
Rated Speed = 2,000 rpm  
VHP Plus = 160 kW (214 hp)
- No engine derating required up to 3048 m (10,000 ft).
- \* Note: Engine meets Brazil MAR-1 emission standards, equivalent to U.S. EPA Tier 3 and EU Stage IIIA.

### 140 Net Power

Gear	VHP Plus kW (hp)
<b>Forward</b>	
1st	136 (183)
2nd	140 (188)
3rd	144 (193)
4th	148 (198)
5th	151 (203)
6th	151 (203)
7th	155 (208)
8th	159 (213)
<b>Reverse</b>	
1st	136 (183)
2nd	140 (188)
3rd	144 (193)

### Power Train

Forward/Reverse Gears	8 Forward/6 Reverse
Transmission	Direct drive, power shift, countershaft
<b>Brakes</b>	
Service	Multiple oil disc
Service, Surface Area	23 000 cm <sup>2</sup> 3,565 in <sup>2</sup>
Parking	Multiple oil disc
Secondary	Dual circuit control system

### Hydraulic System

Circuit Type	Electro-hydraulic load sensing, closed center
Pump Type	Variable piston
Pump Output	210 L/min    55.7 gal/min
Maximum System Pressure	24 150 kPa    3,500 psi
Standby Pressure	3100 kPa    450 psi

- Pump output measured at 2,150 rpm.

# 140 Motor Grader Specifications

## Operating Specifications

<b>Top Speed</b>		
Forward	46.6 km/h	29.0 mph
Reverse	36.8 km/h	22.9 mph
Turning Radius, Outside Front Tires	7.6 m	24 ft 10 in
Steering Range – Left/Right	47.5 degrees	
Articulation Angle – Left/Right	20 degrees	
<b>Forward</b>		
1st	4.0 km/h	2.5 mph
2nd	5.5 km/h	2.4 mph
3rd	8.0 km/h	5.0 mph
4th	11.0 km/h	6.8 mph
5th	17.1 km/h	10.6 mph
6th	23.3 km/h	14.5 mph
7th	32.0 km/h	19.9 mph
8th	46.6 km/h	29.0 mph
<b>Reverse</b>		
1st	3.2 km/h	2.0 mph
2nd	6.0 km/h	3.7 mph
3rd	8.7 km/h	5.4 mph
4th	13.5 km/h	8.4 mph
5th	25.3 km/h	15.7 mph
6th	36.8 km/h	22.9 mph

• Speeds when equipped with 14.0R24 tires.

## Service Refill

Fuel Capacity	416 L	110 gal
Cooling System	40 L	10.6 gal
Hydraulic System – Tank	64 L	16.9 gal
Engine Oil	25 L	6.6 gal
Trans./Diff./Final Drives	64 L	16.9 gal
Tandem Housing (each)	64 L	16.9 gal
Front Wheel Spindle Bearing Housing	0.5 L	0.13 gal
Circle Drive Housing	7 L	1.8 gal

## Frame

<b>Circle</b>		
Diameter	1530 mm	60.2 in
Blade Beam Thickness	40 mm	1.6 mm
<b>Drawbar</b>		
Height	152 mm	6 in
Width	76.2 mm	3 in
<b>Front Frame Structure</b>		
Height	305 mm	12 in
Width	305 mm	12 in
Thickness	16 mm	0.6 in
<b>Front Axle</b>		
Height to Center	571 mm	23 in
Wheel Lean, Left/Right	18 degrees	
Total Oscillation Per Side	32 degrees	

## Tandems

Height	506 mm	19.9 in
Width	201 mm	7.9 in
<b>Sidewall Thickness</b>		
Inner	16 mm	0.6 in
Outer	18 mm	0.7 in
Drive Chain Pitch	50.8 mm	2 in
Wheel Axle Spacing	1523 mm	60 in
<b>Tandem Oscillation</b>		
Front Up	15 degrees	
Front Down	25 degrees	

## Moldboard

<b>Moldboard</b>		
Width	3.7 m	12 ft
Height	610 mm	24 in
Thickness	22 mm	0.87 in
Arc Radius	413 mm	16.3 in
Throat Clearance	166 mm	6.5 in
<b>Cutting Edge</b>		
Width	152 mm	6 in
Thickness	16 mm	0.6 in
<b>End Bit</b>		
Width	152 mm	6 in
Thickness	16 mm	0.6 in
<b>Blade Pull</b>		
Base GVW	10 810 kg	23,832 lb
Maximum GVW	13 685 kg	30,170 lb
<b>Down Pressure</b>		
Base GVW	7244 kg	15,969 lb
Maximum GVW	11 739 kg	25,880 lb

• Blade pull calculated at 0.9 traction coefficient, which is equal to no-slip conditions, and Gross Machine Weight.

## 140 Motor Grader Specifications

### Blade Range

Circle Centershift		
Right	728 mm	28.7 in
Left	695 mm	27.4 in
Moldboard Sideshift		
Right	660 mm	26 in
Left	510 mm	20.1 in
Maximum Blade Position Angle	90 degrees	
Blade Tip Range		
Forward	40 degrees	
Backward	5 degrees	
Maximum Shoulder Reach Outside of Tires		
Right	1978 mm	77.9 in
Left	1790 mm	70.5 in
Maximum Lift Above Ground	480 mm	18.9 in
Maximum Depth of Cut	715 mm	28.1 in

### Ripper

Ripping Depth, Maximum	428 mm	16.8 in
Ripper Shank Holders	5	
Ripper Shank Holder Spacing	533 mm	21 in
Penetration Force*	9199 kg	20,280 lb
Pryout Force*	11 641 kg	25,664 lb
Machine Length Increase, Beam Raised	919 mm	36.2 in

\* Based on typically equipped weight.

### Scarifier

Front, V-Type, 5 or 11 Tooth		
Working Width	1205 mm	47.4 in
Scarifying Depth, Maximum	467 mm	18.4 in
Scarifier Shank Holders	5/11	
Scarifier Shank Holder Spacing	116 mm	4.6 in
Mid, V-Type		
Working Width	1184 mm	46.6 in
Scarifying Depth, Maximum	292 mm	11.5 in
Scarifier Shank Holders	11	
Scarifier Shank Holder Spacing	116 mm	4.6 in
Rear		
Working Width	2300 mm	91 in
Scarifying Depth, Maximum	266 mm	10.5 in
Scarifier Shank Holders	9	
Scarifier Shank Holder Spacing	267 mm	10.5 in

### Weights

Gross Vehicle Weight – Base		
Total	16 231 kg	35,783 lb
Front Axle	4220 kg	9,303 lb
Rear Axle	12 011 kg	26,479 lb
Gross Vehicle Weight – Maximum		
Total	22 045 kg	48,601 lb
Front Axle	6839 kg	15,077 lb
Rear Axle	15 206 kg	33,523 lb
Gross Vehicle Weight – Typically Equipped		
Total	18 400 kg	40,565 lb
Front Axle	5090 kg	11,221 lb
Rear Axle	13 310 kg	29,343 lb

• Base operating weight calculated on standard machine configuration with 14.00R24 tires on a single piece rim, full fuel tank, coolant, lubricants, and operator.

### Standards

ROPS/FOPS	ISO 3471:2008, ISO 3449:2005 Level II
Steering	ISO 5010:2007
Brakes	ISO 3450:1996
Sound	ISO 6394:2008, ISO 6395:2008

• The static sound operator pressure level measured according to ISO 6394:2008 for a cab offered by Caterpillar, when properly installed, maintained and tested with doors and windows closed and hydraulic fan at maximum speed is 74 dB(A).

## 150/150 AWD Motor Graders Specifications

### Engine

Engine Model*	Cat C7	
Base Power (1st gear) – Net	136 kW	183 hp
Base Power (1st gear) – Net (Metric)	186 hp	
VHP Plus Range – Net	136-174 kW	183-233 hp
VHP Plus Range – Net (Metric)	186-237 hp	
Displacement	7.2 L	439 in <sup>3</sup>
Bore	110 mm	4.3 in
Stroke	127 mm	5 in
Torque Rise (VHP Plus)	39%	
Maximum Torque (VHP Plus)	1159 N·m	855 lb-ft
Speed @ Rated Power	2,000 rpm	
Number of Cylinders	6	
Derating Altitude	3048 m	10,000 ft
Standard – Fan Speed		
Maximum	1,450 rpm	
Minimum	600 rpm	
Standard – Ambient Capability	43° C	109° F
High Ambient – Fan Speed		
Maximum	1,650 rpm	
Minimum	600 rpm	
High Ambient Capability	50° C	122° F

- Maximum torque (VHP Plus) measured at 1,000 rpm.
- Net power is tested per ISO 9249, SAE J1349, and EEC 80/1269 Standards in effect at the time of manufacture.
- Net power advertised is the power available at rated speed of 2,000 rpm, measured at the flywheel when engine is equipped with fan running at minimum speed, air cleaner, muffler and alternator.
- Power as declared per ISO 14396  
Rated Speed = 2,000 rpm  
VHP Plus = 175 kW (234 hp)
- No engine derating required up to 3048 m (10,000 ft).
- \* Note: Engine meets Brazil MAR-1 emission standards, equivalent to U.S. EPA Tier 3 and EU Stage IIIA.

### Engine – AWD Model

Engine Model*	Cat C9	
Base Power (1st gear, AWD off) – Net	159 kW	213 hp
Base Power (1st gear) – Net (Metric)	216 hp	
VHP Plus Range – Net	159-200 kW	213-268 hp
VHP Plus Range – Net (Metric)	216-272 hp	
Displacement	8.8 L	537 in <sup>3</sup>
Bore	112 mm	4.4 in
Stroke	149 mm	5.9 in
Torque Rise (VHP Plus)	40%	
Maximum Torque (AWD on)	1344 N·m	991 lb-ft
Speed @ Rated Power	2,000 rpm	
Number of Cylinders	6	
Derating Altitude	3048 m	10,000 ft
High Ambient – Fan Speed		
Maximum	1,650 rpm	
Minimum	600 rpm	
High Ambient Capability	50° C	122° F

- Maximum torque (VHP Plus) measured at 1,000 rpm.
- Net power is tested per ISO 9249, SAE J1349, and EEC 80/1269 Standards in effect at the time of manufacture.
- Net power advertised is the power available at rated speed of 2,000 rpm, measured at the flywheel when engine is equipped with fan running at minimum speed, air cleaner, muffler and alternator.
- Power as declared per ISO 14396  
Rated Speed = 2,000 rpm  
AWD = 201 kW (269 hp)
- No engine derating required up to 3048 m (10,000 ft).
- \* Note: Engine meets Brazil MAR-1 emission standards, equivalent to U.S. EPA Tier 3 and EU Stage IIIA.

## 150/150 AWD Motor Graders Specifications

### 150 Net Power

Gear	VHP Plus kW (hp)	AWD Off kW (hp)	AWD On kW (hp)
<b>Forward</b>			
1st	136 (183)	159 (213)	166 (223)
2nd	140 (188)	162 (218)	177 (238)
3rd	151 (203)	166 (223)	181 (243)
4th	155 (208)	170 (228)	185 (248)
5th	159 (213)	174 (233)	200 (268)
6th	163 (218)	177 (238)	200 (268)
7th	174 (233)	181 (243)	200 (268)
8th	174 (233)	185 (248)	200 (268)
<b>Reverse</b>			
1st	136 (183)	159 (213)	159 (213)
2nd	140 (188)	162 (218)	162 (218)
3rd – 6th	151 (203)	166 (223)	166 (223)

### Power Train

Forward/Reverse Gears	8 Forward/6 Reverse
Transmission	Direct drive, power shift, countershaft
<b>Brakes</b>	
Service	Multiple oil disc
Service, Surface Area	23 000 cm <sup>2</sup> 3,565 in <sup>2</sup>
Parking	Multiple oil disc
Secondary	Dual circuit control system

### Hydraulic System

Circuit Type	Electro-hydraulic load sensing, closed center
Pump Type	Variable piston
Pump Output	210 L/min    55.7 gal/min
Maximum System Pressure	24 150 kPa    3,500 psi
Standby Pressure	3100 kPa    450 psi

• Pump output measured at 2,150 rpm.

### Operating Specifications

<b>Top Speed</b>		
Forward	46.6 km/h	29.0 mph
Reverse	36.8 km/h	22.9 mph
Turning Radius, Outside Front Tires	7.6 m	24 ft 10 in
Steering Range – Left/Right	47.5 degrees	
Articulation Angle – Left/Right	20 degrees	
<b>Forward</b>		
1st	4.0 km/h	2.5 mph
2nd	5.5 km/h	3.4 mph
3rd	8.0 km/h	5.0 mph
4th	11.0 km/h	6.8 mph
5th	17.1 km/h	10.6 mph
6th	23.3 km/h	14.5 mph
7th	32.0 km/h	19.9 mph
8th	46.6 km/h	29.0 mph
<b>Reverse</b>		
1st	3.2 km/h	2.0 mph
2nd	6.0 km/h	3.7 mph
3rd	8.7 km/h	5.4 mph
4th	13.5 km/h	8.4 mph
5th	25.3 km/h	15.7 mph
6th	36.8 km/h	22.9 mph

### Service Refill

Fuel Capacity	416 L	110 gal
Cooling System	40 L	10.6 gal
Hydraulic System – Tank	64 L	16.9 gal
Engine Oil	25 L	6.6 gal
Trans./Diff./Final Drives	64 L	16.9 gal
Tandem Housing (each)	64 L	16.9 gal
Front Wheel Spindle Bearing Housing	0.5 L	0.13 gal
Circle Drive Housing	7 L	1.8 gal

## 150/150 AWD Motor Graders Specifications

### Frame

Circle		
Diameter	1530 mm	60.2 in
Blade Beam Thickness	40 mm	1.6 mm
Drawbar		
Height	152 mm	6 in
Width	76.2 mm	3 in
Front Frame Structure		
Height	305 mm	12 in
Width	305 mm	12 in
Thickness	16 mm	0.6 in
Front Axle		
Height to Center	571 mm	23 in
Wheel Lean, Left/Right	18 degrees	
Total Oscillation Per Side	32 degrees	

### Tandems

Height	506 mm	19.9 in
Width	201 mm	7.9 in
Sidewall Thickness		
Inner	16 mm	0.6 in
Outer	18 mm	0.7 in
Drive Chain Pitch	50.8 mm	2 in
Wheel Axle Spacing	1523 mm	60 in
Tandem Oscillation		
Front Up	15 degrees	
Front Down	25 degrees	

### Moldboard

Moldboard		
Width	3.7 m	12 ft
Height	610 mm	24 in
Thickness	22 mm	0.87 in
Arc Radius	413 mm	16.3 in
Throat Clearance	166 mm	6.5 in
Cutting Edge		
Width	152 mm	6 in
Thickness	16 mm	0.6 in
End Bit		
Width	152 mm	6 in
Thickness	16 mm	0.6 in
Blade Pull		
Base GVW	11 020 kg	24,294 lb
Maximum GVW	14 405 kg	31,758 lb
Base GVW (AWD)	15 816 kg	34,869 lb
Maximum GVW (AWD)	21 184 kg	46,703 lb
Down Pressure		
Base GVW	7444 kg	16,410 lb
Maximum GVW	12 929 kg	28,503 lb
Base GVW (AWD)	8320 kg	18,342 lb
Maximum GVW (AWD)	12 929 kg	28,503 lb

• Blade pull calculated at 0.9 traction coefficient, which is equal to no-slip conditions, and Gross Machine Weight.

**150/150 AWD Motor Graders Specifications**

**Blade Range**

Circle Centershift		
Right	728 mm	28.7 in
Left	695 mm	27.4 in
Moldboard Sideshift		
Right	660 mm	26 in
Left	510 mm	20.1 in
Maximum Blade Position Angle	90 degrees	
Blade Tip Range		
Forward	40 degrees	
Backward	5 degrees	
Maximum Shoulder Reach Outside of Tires		
Right	1978 mm	77.9 in
Left	1790 mm	70.5 in
Maximum Lift Above Ground	480 mm	18.9 in
Maximum Depth of Cut	715 mm	28.1 in

**Ripper**

Ripping Depth, Maximum	428 mm	16.8 in
Ripper Shank Holders	5	
Ripper Shank Holder Spacing	533 mm	21 in
Penetration Force	9317 kg	20,540 lb
Pryout Force	11 911 kg	26,259 lb
Machine Length Increase, Beam Raised	919 mm	36.2 in

**Scarifier**

Front, V-Type, 5 or 11 Tooth		
Working Width	1205 mm	47.4 in
Scarifying Depth, Maximum	467 mm	18.4 in
Scarifier Shank Holders	5/11	
Scarifier Shank Holder Spacing	116 mm	4.6 in
Mid, V-Type		
Working Width	1184 mm	46.6 in
Scarifying Depth, Maximum	292 mm	11.5 in
Scarifier Shank Holders	11	
Scarifier Shank Holder Spacing	116 mm	4.6 in
Rear		
Working Width	2300 mm	91 in
Scarifying Depth, Maximum	266 mm	10.5 in
Scarifier Shank Holders	9	
Scarifier Shank Holder Spacing	267 mm	10.5 in

**Weights**

Gross Vehicle Weight – Base		
Total	16 581 kg	36,554 lb
Front Axle	4337 kg	9,561 lb
Rear Axle	12 244 kg	26,993 lb
Gross Vehicle Weight – Maximum		
Total	23 538 kg	51,892 lb
Front Axle	7532 kg	16,606 lb
Rear Axle	16 006 kg	35,287 lb
Gross Vehicle Weight – Typically Equipped		
Total	18 991 kg	41,868 lb
Front Axle	5314 kg	11,716 lb
Rear Axle	13 677 kg	30,152 lb

• Base operating weight calculated on standard machine configuration with 14.00R24 tire with multi-piece rim, full fuel tank, coolant, lubricants and operator.

**Weights – AWD**

Gross Vehicle Weight – Base		
Total	17 573 kg	38,743 lb
Front Axle	4847 kg	10,686 lb
Rear Axle	12 726 kg	28,057 lb
Gross Vehicle Weight – Maximum		
Total	23 538 kg	51,892 lb
Front Axle	7532 kg	16,606 lb
Rear Axle	16 006 kg	35,287 lb
Gross Vehicle Weight – Typically Equipped		
Total	19 883 kg	43,834 lb
Front Axle	5791 kg	12,767 lb
Rear Axle	14 092 kg	31,067 lb

• Base operating weight calculated on standard machine configuration with 14.00R24 tire with multi-piece rim, full fuel tank, coolant, lubricants and operator.

**Standards**

ROPS/FOPS	ISO 3471:2008, ISO 3449:2005 Level II
Steering	ISO 5010:2007
Brakes	ISO 3450:1996
Sound	ISO 6394:2008, ISO 6395:2008

• The static sound operator pressure level measured according to ISO 6394:2008 for a cab offered by Caterpillar, when properly installed, maintained and tested with doors and windows closed and hydraulic fan at maximum speed is 74 dB(A).

# 160 Motor Grader Specifications

## Engine

Engine Model*	Cat C9	
Base Power (1st gear) – Net	159 kW	213 hp
Base Power (1st gear) – Net (Metric)	216 hp	
VHP Plus Range – Net	159-185 kW	213-248 hp
VHP Plus Range – Net (Metric)	216-251 hp	
Displacement	8.8 L	537 in <sup>3</sup>
Bore	112 mm	4.4 in
Stroke	149 mm	5.9 in
Torque Rise (VHP Plus)	40%	
Maximum Torque (VHP Plus)	1237 N·m	912 lb-ft
Speed @ Rated Power	2,000 rpm	
Number of Cylinders	6	
Derating Altitude	3048 m	10,000 ft
Standard – Fan Speed		
Maximum	1,450 rpm	
Minimum	600 rpm	
Standard – Ambient Capability	43° C	109° F
High Ambient – Fan Speed		
Maximum	1,650 rpm	
Minimum	600 rpm	
High Ambient Capability	50° C	122° F

- Maximum torque (VHP Plus) measured at 1,000 rpm.
- Net power is tested per ISO 9249, SAE J1349, and EEC 80/1269 Standards in effect at the time of manufacture.
- Net power advertised is the power available at rated speed of 2,000 rpm, measured at the flywheel when engine is equipped with fan running at minimum speed, air cleaner, muffler and alternator.
- Power as declared per ISO 14396  
Rated Speed = 2,000 rpm  
VHP Plus = 186 kW (249 hp)
- No engine derating required up to 3048 m (10,000 ft).
- \* Note: Engine meets Brazil MAR-1 emission standards, equivalent to U.S. EPA Tier 3 and EU Stage IIIA.

## 160 Net Power

Gear	VHP Plus kW (hp)
<b>Forward</b>	
1st	159 (213)
2nd	162 (218)
3rd	166 (223)
4th	170 (228)
5th	174 (233)
6th	177 (238)
7th	181 (243)
8th	185 (248)
<b>Reverse</b>	
1st	159 (213)
2nd	162 (218)
3rd – 6th	166 (223)

## Power Train

Forward/Reverse Gears	8 Forward/6 Reverse
Transmission	Direct drive, power shift, countershaft
<b>Brakes</b>	
Service	Multiple oil disc
Service, Surface Area	23 000 cm <sup>2</sup> 3,565 in <sup>2</sup>
Parking	Multiple oil disc
Secondary	Dual circuit control system

## Hydraulic System

Circuit Type	Electro-hydraulic load sensing, closed center
Pump Type	Variable piston
Pump Output	210 L/min    55.7 gal/min
Maximum System Pressure	24 150 kPa    3,500 psi
Standby Pressure	3100 kPa    450 psi

- Pump output measured at 2,150 rpm.

## 160 Motor Grader Specifications

### Operating Specifications

<b>Top Speed</b>		
Forward	47.4 km/h	29.5 mph
Reverse	37.4 km/h	23.3 mph
Turning Radius, Outside Front Tires	7.6 m	24 ft 11 in
Steering Range – Left/Right	47.5 degrees	
Articulation Angle – Left/Right	20 degrees	
<b>Forward</b>		
1st	4.1 km/h	2.5 mph
2nd	5.6 km/h	3.5 mph
3rd	8.1 km/h	5.0 mph
4th	11.2 km/h	7.0 mph
5th	17.4 km/h	10.8 mph
6th	23.7 km/h	14.7 mph
7th	32.6 km/h	20.3 mph
8th	47.4 km/h	29.5 mph
<b>Reverse</b>		
1st	3.3 km/h	2.0 mph
2nd	6.1 km/h	3.8 mph
3rd	8.8 km/h	5.5 mph
4th	13.7 km/h	8.5 mph
5th	25.7 km/h	16.0 mph
6th	37.4 km/h	23.3 mph

### Service Refill

Fuel Capacity	416 L	110 gal
Cooling System	40 L	10.6 gal
Hydraulic System – Tank	64 L	16.9 gal
Engine Oil	30 L	7.9 gal
Trans./Diff./Final Drives	65 L	17.2 gal
Tandem Housing (each)	80 L	21.1 gal
Front Wheel Spindle Bearing Housing	0.5 L	0.13 gal
Circle Drive Housing	7 L	1.8 gal

### Frame

<b>Circle</b>		
Diameter	1553 mm	61.1 in
Blade Beam Thickness	40 mm	1.6 in
<b>Drawbar</b>		
Height	152 mm	6 in
Width	76.2 mm	3 in
<b>Front Frame Structure</b>		
Height	305 mm	12 in
Width	305 mm	12 in
Thickness	16 mm	0.6 in
<b>Front Axle</b>		
Height to Center	571 mm	22.5 in
Wheel Lean, Left/Right	18 degrees	
Total Oscillation Per Side	32 degrees	

### Tandems

Height	572 mm	22.5 in
Width	204 mm	8 in
<b>Sidewall Thickness</b>		
Inner	25 mm	1 in
Outer	18 mm	0.7 in
Drive Chain Pitch	50.8 mm	2 in
Wheel Axle Spacing	1523 mm	60 in
<b>Tandem Oscillation</b>		
Front Up	15 degrees	
Front Down	25 degrees	

### Moldboard

<b>Moldboard</b>		
Width	3.7 m	12 ft
Height	610 mm	24 in
Thickness	22 mm	0.87 in
Arc Radius	413 mm	16.3 in
Throat Clearance	95 mm	3.7 in
<b>Cutting Edge</b>		
Width	152 mm	6 in
Thickness	16 mm	0.6 in
<b>End Bit</b>		
Width	152 mm	6 in
Thickness	16 mm	0.6 in
<b>Blade Pull</b>		
Base GVW	11 110 kg	24,494 lb
Maximum GVW	14 656 kg	32,310 lb
<b>Down Pressure</b>		
Base GVW	7682 kg	16,936 lb
Maximum GVW	13 153 kg	28,998 lb

• Blade pull calculated at 0.9 traction coefficient, which is equal to no-slip conditions, and Gross Machine Weight.

# 160 Motor Grader Specifications

## Blade Range

Circle Centershift		
Right	728 mm	28.7 in
Left	695 mm	27.4 in
Moldboard Sideshift		
Right	950 mm	37.4 in
Left	820 mm	32.3 in
Maximum Blade Position Angle	90 degrees	
Blade Tip Range		
Forward	40 degrees	
Backward	5 degrees	
Maximum Shoulder Reach Outside of Tires		
Right	2278 mm	89.7 in
Left	2090 mm	82.3 in
Maximum Lift Above Ground	452 mm	17.8 in
Maximum Depth of Cut	750 mm	29.5 in

## Ripper

Ripping Depth, Maximum	428 mm	16.8 in
Ripper Shank Holders	5	
Ripper Shank Holder Spacing	533 mm	21 in
Penetration Force	9317 kg	20,540 lb
Pryout Force	11 911 kg	26,259 lb
Machine Length Increase, Beam Raised	995 mm	39.2 in

## Scarifier

Front, V-Type, 5 or 11 Tooth		
Working Width	1205 mm	47.4 in
Scarifying Depth, Maximum	467 mm	18.4 in
Scarifier Shank Holders	5/11	
Scarifier Shank Holder Spacing	116 mm	4.6 in
Mid, V-Type		
Working Width	1184 mm	46.6 in
Scarifying Depth, Maximum	292 mm	11.5 in
Scarifier Shank Holders	11	
Scarifier Shank Holder Spacing	116 mm	4.6 in
Rear		
Working Width	2300 mm	91 in
Scarifying Depth, Maximum	266 mm	10.5 in
Scarifier Shank Holders	9	
Scarifier Shank Holder Spacing	267 mm	10.5 in

## Weights

Gross Vehicle Weight – Base		
Total	16 820 kg	37,082 lb
Front Axle	4475 kg	9,867 lb
Rear Axle	12 345 kg	27,215 lb
Gross Vehicle Weight – Maximum		
Total	23 947 kg	52,794 lb
Front Axle	7663 kg	16,894 lb
Rear Axle	16 284 kg	35,900 lb
Gross Vehicle Weight – Typically Equipped		
Total	19 715 kg	43,465 lb
Front Axle	5626 kg	12,404 lb
Rear Axle	14 089 kg	31,061 lb

• Base operating weight calculated on standard machine configuration with 17.50R25 tire with a multi-piece rim, full fuel tank, coolant, lubricants and operator.

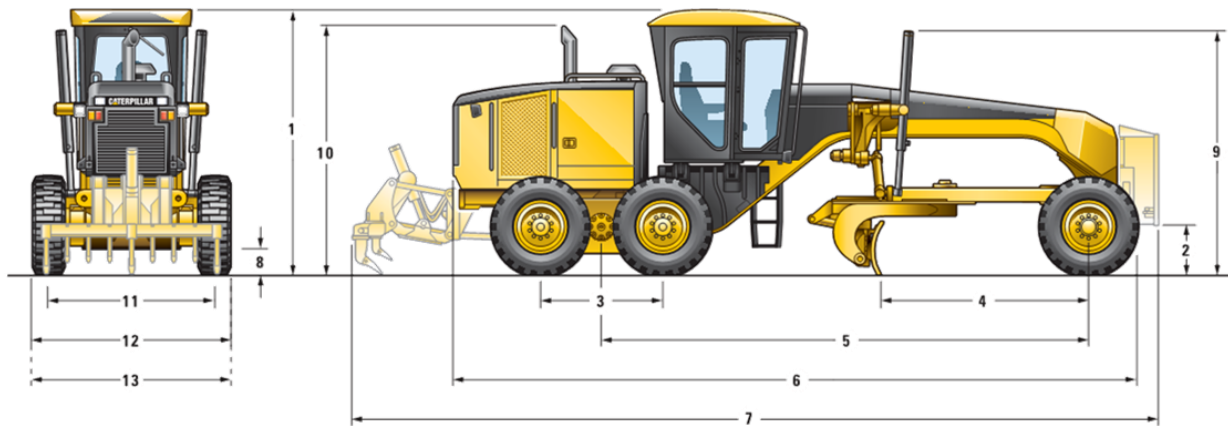
## Standards

ROPS/FOPS	ISO 3471:2008, ISO 3449:2005 Level II
Steering	ISO 5010:2007
Brakes	ISO 3450:1996
Sound	ISO 6394:2008, ISO 6395:2008

• The static sound operator pressure level measured according to ISO 6394:2008 for a cab offered by Caterpillar, when properly installed, maintained and tested with doors and windows closed and hydraulic fan at maximum speed is 73 dB(A).

## 140/150/150 AWD/160 Motor Graders Specifications

### Dimensions



	140		150/150 AWD		160	
	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in
<b>1</b> Height – Top of Cab	3308	130.2	3308	130.2	3308	130.2
Height – Top of Cab Product Link	3378	133.0	3378	133.0	3378	133.0
<b>2</b> Height – Front Axle Center	596	23.5	596	23.5	596	23.5
<b>3</b> Length – Between Tandem Axles	1523	60.0	1523	60.0	1523	60.0
<b>4</b> Length – Front Axle to Moldboard	2552	100.5	2552	100.5	2552	100.5
<b>5</b> Length – Front Axle to Mid Tandem	6123	241.1	6123	241.1	6123	241.1
<b>6</b> Length – Front Tire to Rear of Machine	8754	344.6	8754	344.6	8754	344.6
<b>7</b> Length – Push Plate to Ripper	10136	399.1	10136	399.1	10136	399.1
Length – Push Plate to Ripper Retracted	9818	386.5	9818	386.5	9818	386.5
<b>8</b> Ground Clearance at Rear Axle	339	13.3	339	13.3	339	13.3
<b>9</b> Height to Top of Cylinders	3040	119.7	3040	119.7	3040	119.7
<b>10</b> Height to Exhaust Stack	3076	121.1	3076	121.1	3256	128.2
Height to Exhaust Stack (AWD)	—	—	3256	128.2	—	—
<b>11</b> Width – Tire Center Lines	2140	84.3	2140	84.3	2140	84.3
Width – Tire Center Lines Front (AWD)	—	—	2223	87.5	—	—
<b>12</b> Width – Outside Rear Tires	2511	98.9	2511	98.9	2511	98.9
<b>13</b> Width – Outside Front Tires	2511	98.9	2511	98.9	2511	98.9
Width – Outside Front Tires (AWD)	—	—	2594	102.1	—	—

Dimensions based on 14.00R24 tire on multi-piece rim. Dimensions may vary with tire selection.

## 140/150/150 AWD/160 Motor Graders Specifications

### Optional Tire Arrangements

<b>140</b>			
	<b>Rim Size</b>	<b>Wheel Group</b>	<b>Tires</b>
	9 × 24	Single-Piece	13.00-24
	9 × 24	Single-Piece	14R24
	13 × 25	Single-Piece	17.5R25
	10 × 24	Multi-Piece	14.00-24
	10 × 24	Multi-Piece	14.00R24
	10 × 24	Multi-Piece	17.5R25

<b>150/150 AWD</b>			
	<b>Rim Size</b>	<b>Wheel Group</b>	<b>Tires</b>
	10 × 24	Multi-Piece	14.00-24
	10 × 24	Multi-Piece	14.00R24
	14 × 25	Multi-Piece	17.5R25

<b>160</b>			
	<b>Rim Size</b>	<b>Wheel Group</b>	<b>Tires</b>
	10 × 24	Multi-Piece	14R24
	14 × 25	Multi-Piece	17.5R25

Note: Consult your dealer for individual tire width, size, and brand.

**140/150/150 AWD/160 Standard Equipment**

**Standard Equipment**

Standard equipment may vary. Consult your Cat dealer for details.

**POWER TRAIN**

- Air cleaner, dual stage, dry type, diesel, with automatic engine derate and automatic dust ejector, service indicator through Cat Messenger
- Air-to-air after cooler (ATAAC)
- Belt, serpentine, automatic tensioner
- Brakes, oil disc, four-wheel, hydraulic
- Demand fan, hydraulic
- Differential Lock/Unlock, Automatic
- Drain, engine oil, ecology
- Electronic over speed protection
- Engine (140/150) Cat C7, diesel, with automatic engine derate and idle control
- Engine (150 AWD/160) Cat C9, diesel, with automatic engine derate and idle control  
Note: Engines meet Brazil MAR-1 emission standards, equivalent to U.S. EPA Tier 3 and EU Stage IIIA.
- Engine Idle Shutdown (EIS)
- Fuel tank, 416 L (110 gal), ground level access and sediment drain
- Fuel-water separator
- Muffler, underhood
- Parking brake – multi-disc, sealed, oil-cooled
- Priming pump, fuel
- Rear axle, modular
- Sediment drain, fuel tank
- Tandem drive
- Transmission, 8F/6R, power shift, direct drive
- Variable Horsepower Plus (VHP Plus)

**ELECTRICAL**

- Alarm, back up
- Alternator, 80 ampere, sealed
- Batteries, maintenance free, heavy duty, 1,125 CCA
- Breaker panel, ground accessible
- Cab harness and electrical hydraulic valves
- Electrical system, 24V
- Grade Control Ready – Cab harness, software, electrical hydraulic valves, bosses and brackets
- Lights, roof-mounted roading, reversing, LED stop and tail
- Product Link Ready
- Starter, electric

**OPERATOR ENVIRONMENT**

- Accelerator
- Air conditioning with heater
- Arm and wrist rest, electronically adjustable
- Articulation, automatic Return-to-Center
- Cat Messenger operator information system
- Centershift pin indicator
- Coat hook
- Cup holder
- Display, digital speed and gear
- Doors, left and right side with wiper
- Gauge, machine level
- Gauge cluster (analog) – fuel, articulation, engine coolant temp, engine RPM, hydraulic oil temp
- Hour meter, digital
- Joystick hydraulic controls right/left blade lift with float position, circle drive, blade sideshift and tip, centershift, front wheel lean, articulation and steering
- Joystick, adjustable armrests
- Joystick gear selection
- Joystick hydraulic power steering
- Ladders, cab, left and right side
- Lights, night time cab
- Mirror, inside rearview, wide angle
- Power port, 12V
- Radio Ready, Entertainment
- ROPS cab, sound suppressed
- Seat, cloth-covered, comfort suspension
- Seat belt, retractable 76 mm (3 in)
- Storage area for cooler/lunchbox
- Throttle control, electronic
- Windows, laminated glass:  
– fixed front with intermittent wiper  
– side and rear (3)

**FLUIDS**

- Antifreeze
- Extended Life Coolant to –35° C (–30° F)

**TIRES, RIMS AND WHEELS**

- Partial allowance for tires on 254 × 607 mm (10 × 24 in) multi-piece rims is included in the base machine price and weight

**OTHER STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

- Accumulators, brake, dual certified
- Anti-glare paint
- Bumper, rear, integrated with hitch
- CD ROM Parts Book
- Clutch, circle drive slip
- Cutting edges  
– 152 × 16 mm (6 × 5/8 in)  
– curved DH-2 steel  
– 19 mm (3/4 in) mounting bolts
- Doors (3), engine compartment, locking
- Drawbar – 6 shoes, replaceable wear strips
- Electrical hydraulic valves, hydraulic lines for base 8 functions
- Endbits  
– 16 mm (5/8 in) DH-2 steel  
– 19 mm (3/4 in) mounting bolts
- Fluid check, ground level
- Frame, articulated, with safety lock
- Ground level engine shutdown
- Ground level fueling
- Hammer (emergency exit)
- Horn, electric
- Hydraulic lines for base functions
- Lockout, hydraulic implement (for roading and servicing)
- Moldboard – 3658 × 610 × 22 mm (12 ft × 24 in × 7/8 in)
- Mounting, cab roof accessories
- Pump, hydraulic, high capacity, 98 cm<sup>3</sup> (6 in<sup>3</sup>)
- Radiator, cleanout access
- Secondary steering
- Serviceability, left-hand side
- S•O•S<sup>SM</sup> ports: engine, hydraulic, transmission, coolant, fuel
- Tandem walkway/guards
- Tool box
- Tow hitch

## 140/150/150 AWD/160 Optional Equipment

### Optional Equipment

Optional equipment may vary. Consult your Cat dealer for details.

	kg	lb
<b>ELECTRICAL</b>		
Alternator, 150 ampere	2	5
Batteries:		
extreme duty, 1,400 CCA	14	30
Converter, communication (CB)	5	11
Lights:		
Headlights, high	5	11
Headlights, low	5	11
Working lights, basic	9	20
Working lights, plus	10	22
Warning: beacon or strobe	2	5
Mounting for warning light	5	11
<b>GUARDS</b>		
Articulation guard	13	30
Axle hose guard	7	15
Fenders, front	56	123
Fenders, rear	156	344
Sound guard (bottom)	110	243
Transmission guard	141	311
<b>OPERATOR ENVIRONMENT</b>		
Deluxe CD radio with MP3 and Bluetooth technology		
Fan, defroster, rear window	2	4
Mirrors, outside:		
heated 24V	15	33
mounted	15	33
Precleaner, HVAC	5	10
Radio ready, AM/FM	9	20
Seat, air suspension, cloth	2	5
Shade, sun	2	5
Wiper/washer, rear	2	4

	kg	lb
<b>POWER TRAIN</b>		
Precleaner, snow/debris	2	4.4
Transmission, autoshift	2	5
<b>OTHER ATTACHMENTS</b>		
AccuGrade ARO	39	85
Accumulators, blade lift	77	170
Camera, rearview	9	20
Cat GRADE Control Cross Slope	75	165
Cat Product Link 321 (Satellite)	13	29
Cat Product Link 522 (Cellular)	13	29
Compressor/tank, air	27	50
Heater, engine coolant:		
120V	1	3
240V	1	3
Hydraulic arrangements with one or more additional hydraulic valves are available for ripper, dozer, snow wings, front lift group, mid-mount scarifier.		
Security system	5	11
Snow wing mounting, frame ready	111	245
Sound suppression	15	33
Starting aid, ether	0.5	1

	kg	lb
<b>WORK TOOLS/ GROUND ENGAGING TOOLS</b>		
Blade extension, left hand, 610 mm (2 ft)	113	249
Endbits, overlay	24	52
Front lift group, mounting	5	11
Front lift group	680	1,500
Mid-Mount Scarifier, Package	942	2,077
Mid-Mount Scarifier, Mounting	57	125
Moldboard		
4267 × 610 × 22 mm (14 ft × 24 in × 7/8 in)	100	220
4267 × 686 × 25 mm (14 ft × 27 in × 1 in)	257	567
160 only: 4877 × 686 × 25 mm (16 ft × 27 in × 1 in)	472	1,041
Push plate	885	1,950
Ripper, mounting	32	70
Ripper, rear	962	2,120
Ripper tooth	28	61
Scarifier, front	434	956

	kg	lb
<b>MACHINE ARRANGEMENTS</b>		
Snow Arrangement		

**12.3 HIRE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PREFERRED SUPPLIER PANEL SUBMISSION**

**Author:** Director Engineering Services

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

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:

- Hamil Hire Pty Ltd T/A BEAR J Earthworks

**BACKGROUND****Purpose**

To establish a preferred supplier arrangement for the wet and dry hire of plant and equipment to support Council operations across the Shire during the 2025-26 financial year, with the option to extend for a further twelve (12) months.

**Discussion**

Establishing a preferred supplier arrangement allows the engagement of contractors as needed without the ongoing need to request quotations, having already assessed compliance with Council's requirements, specifications and sound contracting principles. Rates for various items of plant for either wet hire, dry hire or both are included and will be valid for the 2025/26 financial year with an option to extend the arrangement for a further twelve (12) months into 2026/27.

**Consultation**

The initial preferred supplier panel was accepted by Council on 22 August 2025. A submission by Hamil Hire Pty Ltd was submitted on the 5 May 2026. The tender was assessed for compliance with the tender requirements, and it is recommended that the contractor be included on the preferred supplier panel.

**Financial Risks**

The establishment of a preferred supplier arrangement does not guarantee or commit Council to any minimum amount of work to any suppliers, therefore carries no financial risk.

**Environmental Risks**

Nil

**Social Risk**

Local and regional suppliers that have undertaken works for Council previously have provided submissions under this arrangement, have been assessed against the requirements of the tender specifications and compliant suppliers have been recommended to be included in the preferred supplier arrangement.

**Legal Risk**

The establishment of a preferred supplier arrangement is a valid and legal contracting method under section 233 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

**LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

- 2.4.1 Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****13.1 MURWEH BUSINESS ASSIST EXPO. MAY 2026**

**Author:** Director Economic Development

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorses a contribution of \$1,500 towards the Murweh Business Assist Expo to be held in Charleville on the 21<sup>st</sup>May 2026

**BACKGROUND****Purpose**

To promote local business capability, economic development, and access to support services by the organisation of a Business Assist Expo in Charleville on the 21<sup>st</sup>May 2026.

**Discussion**

In line with funding received from the Department of Customer Services, Open Data and Small & Family Business together with other financial contributions received from the local Neighbourhood Centre and from the Departments of Primary Industries and State Development for the promotion of Queensland's Small & Family Business month, the event aims to connect local businesses, entrepreneurs, and community members with government agencies, industry experts, and service providers offering advice, funding opportunities, and business development resources

**Consultation**

Event details confirmed through consultations with financial contributors (above), recommended speakers and Agforce.

**Financial Risks**

Mitigated through extra contributions received.

**Environmental Risks**

Nil. The event will be held at the RSL Club

**Social Risk**

Positive engagement with Council, Local businesses and Government departments.

**Legal Risk**

Minimal. Due care and attention will be given to the detail of the event, registration will be free, and the event will be held in the licensed and insured premises of the RSL club.

**LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. **Departmental Event Listing**

## Murweh Shire Business Assist Expo



You have acknowledged that the Queensland Government takes no responsibility for event promotion, accuracy, or delivery.

You can now view the event details.

Focusing on issues facing rural businesses and provide professional advice, contacts and provision of mentors through panel discussions and keynote speakers.

The Murweh Shire Business Assist Expo is designed to support local businesses in navigating the challenges of online shopping, high freight costs, and increasing competition in the digital marketing space. The event will also place a strong focus on encouraging and empowering women in business.

Key Objectives:

- **Building Capability and Sustainability:** Through expert presentations, panel discussions, and one-on-one mentoring, participants will gain valuable insights and practical strategies to strengthen their businesses.
- **Exploring Opportunities:** The expo will provide updates on new technologies, digital marketing trends, and opportunities for diversification and digital adaptation.
- **Networking and Ongoing Support:** Attendees will benefit from networking opportunities and gain access to resources and connections to support the long-term success of rural businesses. The expo aims to equip local businesses with the tools and knowledge to remain viable, sustainable, and ready for growth in today's competitive landscape.

**14 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE****14.1 RURAL BUSINESS AND PROPERTIES FOLLOW-UP SURVEY RESULTS AND 2026 FEDERAL BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

**Author:** Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the results of the Murweh Shire Council Rural Business and Properties Follow-Up Economic Survey conducted on 11 May 2026, as presented in Attachments A and B.
2. Notes the key findings that fuel and freight costs, declining visitor numbers, and drought conditions represent the principal economic pressures on Murweh Shire businesses and primary producers in the current period.
3. Notes the implications of the 2026 Federal Budget for Murweh Shire Council and the communities it serves, as outlined in this report.

**BACKGROUND**

In early 2026, Murweh Shire Council undertook a business impact survey of Charleville-area businesses to better understand the economic pressures arising from elevated fuel and freight costs in the region. The results of that initial survey informed Council's advocacy through SWROC and were used to support correspondence to State and Federal government representatives.

On 11 May 2026, a follow-up survey was distributed to rural businesses and properties across the Murweh Shire. The follow-up survey was designed to capture a broader cross-section of the local economy, including primary producers, retail and trade operators, accommodation and tourism businesses, and service providers. Sixteen businesses and properties responded.

Coinciding with the survey period, the Federal Government delivered its 2026–27 Federal Budget on or around 11 May 2026. The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has published its assessment of the Budget's implications for Queensland local governments. That assessment identifies both positive measures and significant unmet needs relevant to rural and regional councils including Murweh Shire.

This report presents the survey findings and the Budget implications for Council's information and notes a series of advocacy directions for Council's consideration.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the results of the Rural Business and Properties Follow-Up Economic Survey conducted on 11 May 2026, and to outline the implications of the 2026

## Discussion

### Survey Findings

Sixteen businesses and properties participated in the follow-up survey. Respondents represented four sectors: rural, grazing and primary production (6); retail and trade (4); accommodation and tourism (3); and services (3).

### Business Impact — Fuel and Freight Costs

Fuel and freight costs were identified as the dominant economic pressure across all sectors. Of 16 respondents:

- 2 (12.5%) reported a severe or critical business impact
- 6 (37.5%) reported a significant impact
- 6 (37.5%) reported a moderate impact
- 2 (12.5%) reported a minor impact

In aggregate, 50 per cent of responding businesses report significant or severe impact. Fuel and freight costs were nominated by 7 of 16 respondents as their single greatest challenge.

### Tourism and Visitor Economy

The impact on the tourism and visitor economy was assessed as the most acute area of concern across the survey. Of 16 respondents:

- 1 (6.25%) reported a severe or critical impact
- 8 (50%) reported a significant impact
- 6 (37.5%) reported a moderate impact
- 1 (6.25%) reported no impact

Accommodation and tourism operators — including Mulga Country Motor Inn, Cobb & Co Caravan Park, and The Faraway Tree Charleville — reported the most acute visitor economy impacts. A reduction in visitor numbers due to the elevated cost of outback travel was cited as the principal cause.

### Workforce Impact

Of 16 respondents, 4 (25%) reported significant workforce impact, 4 (25%) moderate, 3 (18.75%) minor, and 5 (31.25%) no impact. Casual and part-time employees are most at risk, with the majority of significant impacts concentrated in the accommodation and primary production sectors.

### Business Confidence

Business confidence across a 12-month horizon is low. Of 16 respondents:

- 5 (31%) reported no confidence at all
- 8 (50%) reported a neutral outlook
- 3 (19%) reported moderate confidence

No respondent recorded high or very high confidence. Combined, 81 per cent of businesses hold a neutral or negative outlook for the year ahead.

## **Diversification and Adaptation**

Three of 16 businesses (19%) reported active diversification or pivoting of their business model. Strategies cited include pursuit of corporate and work-stay accommodation bookings, reduction in crop intensity to reduce fuel-dependent inputs, and the introduction of customer travel rebates tied to purchase thresholds. The remaining 81 per cent reported no change to their business model, in several cases noting that the nature of their operations did not permit practical alternatives.

## **Support Needs**

Respondents identified the following support needs from Council and government:

- Regional and outback tourism marketing campaigns (5 respondents)
- Advocacy to State and Federal government (4 respondents)
- Lower or more stable fuel prices (3 respondents)
- Financial relief through rates extension or grants (2 respondents)
- Business development workshops and grants (2 respondents)
- Improved destination drawcards, including the Outback Museum of Australia (OMOA) (2 respondents)
- Drought preparedness workshops (1 respondent)
- Council-led local procurement (1 respondent)
- Grocery retail infrastructure support (1 respondent)
- Improved regional flight access and promotion (1 respondent)

Several respondents also acknowledged Council's fuel price tracker initiative as a valued and caring community touchpoint, and one respondent specifically congratulated Council on its development.

## **2026 Federal Budget — Implications for Murweh Shire Council**

The Federal Government's 2026–27 Budget was delivered in May 2026. The LGAQ has published its assessment of the Budget's implications for Queensland local governments. The following items are of direct relevance to Murweh Shire Council and the communities it serves.

### **Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs)**

The Federal Government will bring forward 80 per cent of the total 2026–27 Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) payment for early payment in 2025–26, with the remaining 20 per cent paid in 2026–27. This aligns with LGAQ Annual Conference resolutions calling for payment certainty and assists councils in building their annual budgets with greater confidence.

However, Financial Assistance Grants nationally have fallen to 0.49 per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue — a significant reduction from the historical benchmark of 1 per cent. The LGAQ's Federal Budget submission called on the Federal Government to restore FAGs to at least 1 per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue. This has not been achieved in the 2026–27 Budget. Murweh Shire Council, as a small, geographically isolated council with limited rate revenue, is directly and materially affected by the chronic underfunding of FAGs.

### **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP)**

The LRCIP will end on 30 June 2026 with no direct replacement. This is a significant loss for councils across Australia. The LRCIP has provided Murweh Shire Council with flexible funding for local roads

and community infrastructure, enabling works that would otherwise not be possible within existing budget parameters.

In partial mitigation, the Budget delivers \$750 million over four years for new rounds of the Growing Regions and Thriving Suburbs programmes, bringing total investment in these programmes since 2022 to over \$1.7

billion. The Growing Regions programme is competitive in nature, and Council should monitor application rounds as they open.

### **Roads to Recovery and Road Safety**

Positive road funding outcomes were achieved in this Budget. Roads to Recovery funding has been allocated at \$843 million in 2026–27, with the Federal Government on track to reach its commitment of \$1 billion per year by 2027–28. The Black Spot Program continues at \$157.4 million per year for four years nationally, with a Queensland allocation of \$30.4 million per year. The Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program has also received ongoing funding of \$1.02 billion over four years from 2026–27, with \$223.8 million allocated to Queensland over four years.

These programmes directly support regional road maintenance and safety outcomes across Queensland, including Murweh Shire.

### **Housing Infrastructure**

A \$2 billion funding package for critical housing infrastructure has been announced, designed to unlock 65,000 new homes nationally. Of this, \$500 million has been specifically reserved for regional Australia, in a manner analogous to Queensland's Residential Activation Fund (RAF). This funding is relevant to Council's long-term housing and population retention objectives.

### **Biosecurity**

An additional \$14.4 million has been allocated for Queensland under the Federal Government's Pest and Disease Preparedness programmes. This supports the Queensland Government's biosecurity eradication work and is of direct relevance to primary producers in the Murweh Shire, particularly given ongoing biosecurity pressures in the region.

### **Active Transport**

Ongoing funding of \$50 million per year for the Active Transport Fund will assist councils to deliver footpaths, shared paths, and cycleways. This programme is relevant to Council's long-term liveability and community wellbeing objectives.

### **What Remains Unresolved**

The LGAQ has indicated ongoing frustration that the 2026–27 Budget has not delivered significant progress on three critical requests: restoration of FAGs to 1 per cent of Commonwealth taxation; a replacement community infrastructure programme for the LRCIP; and increased housing investment in First Nations communities. For a council such as Murweh Shire, the cumulative effect of declining FAGs and the loss of LRCIP funding creates genuine financial pressure on Council's capacity to deliver and maintain community infrastructure.

Council's advocacy through SWROC and the LGAQ remains the most effective channel through which these systemic funding issues can be advanced at a State and Federal level.

### **Consultation**

The Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure designed and distributed the follow-up business survey. Sixteen businesses and properties across Murweh Shire participated voluntarily. The Federal Budget assessment is based on the LGAQ's published budget analysis, which reflects positions established through LGAQ Annual Conference resolutions. Internal consultation was undertaken with the Chief Executive Officer.

### **Financial Risks**

This report is presented for information and noting. No financial commitment is sought from Council in this report. However, the report identifies several material financial risks to Council's operating environment:

- The cessation of the LRCIP on 30 June 2026 removes a source of flexible community infrastructure funding. The quantum of LRCIP funding previously available to Murweh Shire Council should be noted in forward budget planning, as this will need to be addressed through alternative funding sources or reprioritisation.
- The continuation of FAGs at 0.49 per cent of Commonwealth taxation — well below the 1 per cent benchmark — represents an ongoing structural funding shortfall for small rural councils.
- The economic pressures reported by local businesses, including reduced tourism activity and reduced consumer spending, may translate into reduced local economic activity and indirectly, constrained rate revenue capacity over the medium term.

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### **Environmental Risks**

The survey results identify drought and El Niño conditions as an emerging compounding risk for rural producers in Murweh Shire. If drought conditions develop as some respondents anticipate, they may have flow-on effects on community wellbeing, employment and Council's service delivery obligations. The Federal Budget's \$14.4 million biosecurity allocation for Queensland provides some protection for primary producers against pest and disease threats.

### **Social Risk**

The survey findings indicate that business confidence across the Murweh Shire is at a critically low level, with no respondent recording high or very high confidence in the 12-month business outlook. The accommodation and tourism sector — a key employer and economic driver in the Shire — is experiencing significant visitor decline and workforce impacts. If these conditions persist without mitigation, there is a material social risk of business closure, employment loss, and population decline.

Receiving and noting the survey results at a public Council meeting demonstrates Council's awareness of, and commitment to, the economic wellbeing of the Shire's businesses and communities. It also strengthens Council's ability to advocate on an evidence-based basis at the regional, State and Federal levels.

**Legal Risk**

No direct legal risks arise from this report. Council's advocacy activities are conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), which recognises the role of local government in representing and advancing the interests of its communities. Continued engagement with SWROC and the LGAQ on funding and policy matters is consistent with Council's statutory functions.

**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. **May 2026 Business Survey**
2. **Business Survey - Full**

# Rural Businesses & Properties Follow-Up Economic Survey

Impact Assessment — Fuel Costs, Tourism & Business Conditions | South West Queensland

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## SURVEY OVERVIEW

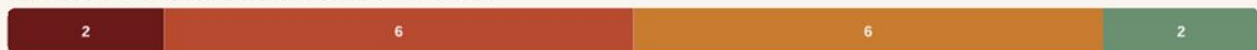


## RESPONDENTS BY BUSINESS SECTOR



## BUSINESS IMPACT — SCALE ASSESSMENT (N = 16 PER QUESTION)

### Current & Anticipated Business Impact from Rising Fuel Costs



### Impact on Tourism & Visitor Economy



### Workforce Impact — Casual & Part-Time Employees



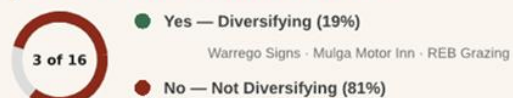
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## BUSINESS CONFIDENCE — 12-MONTH OUTLOOK



No respondent recorded high or very high confidence. 81% of businesses hold a neutral or negative outlook for the next 12 months.

## BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION & PIVOTING



Strategies cited: Corporate/work-stay bookings; reduced crop intensity; customer travel rebates on purchases above threshold.

## SUPPORT NEEDS — THEMES FROM RESPONDENT REQUESTS



# Key Challenges, Respondent Voice & Council Implications

## GREATEST SINGLE CHALLENGE OR OPPORTUNITY — THEMATIC COUNT

Challenge Themes (respondents, n=16)



## Key Survey Findings

- Fuel & freight** is the dominant pressure — cited by 7 of 16 respondents as their single greatest challenge, across both primary producers and tourism operators.
- Tourism confidence has collapsed** — 56% report significant or severe visitor economy impact. Accommodation operators are most severely affected.
- 81% of businesses are neutral or lacking confidence** in their 12-month outlook. No respondent recorded high or very high confidence.
- Workforce impact is moderate but real** — 44% report significant or moderate disruption, with casual and part-time roles most at risk.
- Drought is an emerging compounding risk** — multiple rural producers flagged El Nino conditions as an additional pressure ahead.
- Positive note:** MSC's fuel price tracker was specifically acknowledged. The survey itself was praised as a valued community touchpoint.

## RESPONDENT VOICE — SELECTED VERBATIM INSIGHTS

"We need a major amendment to the current 'every little bit counts' campaign and additional promotion of outback tourism to re-establish confidence."

Emma Menzies — Mulga Country Motor Inn

"To convert more visitors into multi-night stays, having a good product alone is not enough; we also need increased destination marketing and new drawcards such as OMOA."

Emma Menzies — Mulga Country Motor Inn

"Council needs to explore infrastructure support to attract another grocery store. Too many people are leaving town to shop elsewhere, which hurts local businesses and keeps money out of the community."

Anna — Charleville Betta

"It would be appreciated if the Shire could continue to advocate for greater availability of cheaper flights to Toowoomba and Brisbane."

Guy Newell — Biddenham Pastoral Co

"I think the council does an overall good job. We work for all Shires within a 600km radius and I see the same problems everywhere."

Christopher Jones — Warrego Signs

"Congratulations to the Murweh Council on the development of the fuel tracker."

Sandy Marsh — Cobb & Co Caravan Park

## IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL — PRIORITY ACTION AREAS

### ADVOCACY

Continue escalating fuel pricing concerns through SWROC and ministerial channels. Pursue State and Federal business development grant opportunities on behalf of Shire businesses and primary producers.

### TOURISM MARKETING

Develop targeted regional campaigns reaching Victoria (key source market). Promote fly-in options and multi-night itineraries. Accelerate OMOA development as a major new destination drawcard.

### BUSINESS SUPPORT

Explore drought preparedness workshops for rural producers. Review Council procurement to increase local spend. Investigate incentive structures to attract essential retail services including grocery.

**Information Paper Note:** This infographic summarises results from 16 voluntary follow-up survey responses collected 11 May 2026 from rural businesses and properties within the Murweh Shire. Results are indicative and represent the perspectives of participating businesses only. Full de-identified response data is available on request. | Prepared by Tony Martin, Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure · tony\_martin@murweh.qld.gov.au · 0429 476 450

# Rural Businesses & Properties Follow-Up Survey — Full Responses

All respondent answers, de-identified for contact details | South West Queensland

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Respondents  
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This document contains the full verbatim responses from all 16 businesses and properties that participated in the Murweh Shire Council Rural Business Follow-Up Economic Survey conducted on **11 May 2026**. Responses have been reproduced as submitted, with minor formatting only. Contact details are included as provided by respondents. This document is intended as an attachment to the accompanying survey infographic and is for **internal Council use**.

**Sue Collins**  
Charleville Hardware

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BUSINESS IMPACT	Significant
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Significant
WORKFORCE IMPACT	Moderate
DIVERSIFICATION	No
SUPPORT NEEDED	Regional marketing campaigns
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Neutral
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	Freight costs and lack of tourists
OTHER COMMENTS	It is uncertain times.

**B&W Bodyworks & Sommariva Station & Merrigang Station**

karen@bwbodyworks.net.au

<b>BUSINESS IMPACT</b>	<b>Significant</b>
<b>TOURISM &amp; VISITOR ECONOMY</b>	<b>Significant</b>
<b>WORKFORCE IMPACT</b>	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>DIVERSIFICATION</b>	No — "Have no answer for this. Unfortunately our business needs to keep going ahead regardless of fuel costs; this is just another cost we have to absorb."
<b>SUPPORT NEEDED</b>	Advocacy to State & Federal Government
<b>BUSINESS CONFIDENCE</b>	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY</b>	That a government department illegally took something from us without compensation and now refuse to even talk to us about it, which in turn has destroyed a locally grown and producing product within the shire.
<b>OTHER COMMENTS</b>	In light of the above I do not have any trust or faith in government departments.

**Jenny Swadling**

NG&JJ Swadling Partnership — Rural

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<b>BUSINESS IMPACT</b>	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>TOURISM &amp; VISITOR ECONOMY</b>	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>WORKFORCE IMPACT</b>	<b>No Impact</b>
<b>DIVERSIFICATION</b>	No
<b>SUPPORT NEEDED</b>	Advocacy; retaining rates at current prices
<b>BUSINESS CONFIDENCE</b>	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY</b>	Sufficient rain
<b>OTHER COMMENTS</b>	<i>None provided</i>

**Booka Grazing Co**

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<b>BUSINESS IMPACT</b>	Moderate
<b>TOURISM &amp; VISITOR ECONOMY</b>	Moderate
<b>WORKFORCE IMPACT</b>	Minor
<b>DIVERSIFICATION</b>	No
<b>SUPPORT NEEDED</b>	Advocacy to relevant government officials & departments
<b>BUSINESS CONFIDENCE</b>	Neutral
<b>GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY</b>	Weather conditions & fuel prices
<b>OTHER COMMENTS</b>	None provided

**Anna Baker** 05  
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<b>BUSINESS IMPACT</b>	Moderate
<b>TOURISM &amp; VISITOR ECONOMY</b>	No Impact
<b>WORKFORCE IMPACT</b>	Minor
<b>DIVERSIFICATION</b>	No
<b>SUPPORT NEEDED</b>	Council really needs to explore infrastructure support to attract another grocery store. Too many people are leaving town to shop elsewhere, which hurts local businesses and keeps money out of the community. Council could consider helping with suitable premises, permits, leasing arrangements, or incentives to encourage a grocery operator to establish locally. This would improve convenience for residents, create jobs, and help strengthen the local economy.
<b>BUSINESS CONFIDENCE</b>	Moderately Confident
<b>GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY</b>	Our single greatest challenge is the lack of local retail competition and limited essential services.
<b>OTHER COMMENTS</b>	None provided

Warrego Signs — 166 King Street, Charleville

0488 426 535

BUSINESS IMPACT

Minor

TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY

Moderate

WORKFORCE IMPACT

No Impact

DIVERSIFICATION

Yes — "We have emailed flyers and letters, offering reduced and free travel if purchases are made above a certain amount."

SUPPORT NEEDED

Council could shop local a little more. I do see some machinery, equipment, and signs purchased out of town on a regular basis.

BUSINESS CONFIDENCE

Neutral

GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY

Getting people to shop locally

OTHER COMMENTS

I think the council does an overall good job; people are very quick to be critical. We work for all Shires within a 600km radius, and I see the same problems everywhere. Though so much money is wasted on the Cosmos Centre — I have been witnessing it since it opened. It's overstaffed, the gardens are non-existent, and the consensus is it's completely underwhelming.

**Emma Menzies**  
Mulga Country Motor Inn

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BUSINESS IMPACT	Significant
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Severe / Critical
WORKFORCE IMPACT	Significant
DIVERSIFICATION	Yes — "I've contacted the Hospital, RoadTek and other significant work/corporate companies to try to strengthen our relationship and hopefully improve booking numbers. I've been working on itineraries for the town to encourage multiple night stays. I've created special deals on Booking.com and Expedia. Haven't seen any return on this and similar strategies yet."
SUPPORT NEEDED	Rate payment extension from Council; from government — a major amendment to the current 'every little bit counts' campaign and additional promotion and encouragement of outback tourism to re-establish confidence; if things don't change soon — short-term grants to assist with cash flow.
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Neutral
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	Our greatest opportunity is continuing to develop our product, while also strengthening our social media and online presence so we connect with guests earlier in their planning journey and inspire engagement before they arrive. However, to convert more visitors into multi-night stays, having a good product alone is not enough; we also need increased destination marketing and new drawcards such as the Outback Museum of Australia (OMOA).
OTHER COMMENTS	Our business confidence pre the Iranian War was 'moderately confident'. With the uncertainty of the war and lack of understanding of our current federal government, it is difficult to be confident in what the next 12 months looks like.

**Cameron Crozier**  
Ca Crozier and TF Rule

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BUSINESS IMPACT	Severe / Critical
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Significant
WORKFORCE IMPACT	Moderate
DIVERSIFICATION	No
SUPPORT NEEDED	Just need the fuel back to under \$2 a litre
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Not Confident at All
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	Fuel prices. Every piece of machinery and vehicle moved now costs twice as much. Also the new federal government EPBC laws.
OTHER COMMENTS	None provided

**Cobb & Co Caravan Park**

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BUSINESS IMPACT	Severe / Critical
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Significant
WORKFORCE IMPACT	Significant
DIVERSIFICATION	No
SUPPORT NEEDED	Regional marketing campaigns and campaigns that go out to Victoria, where we get a lot of our business from.
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Not Confident at All
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	To find a way to bring people out to Charleville and surrounding areas.
OTHER COMMENTS	Congratulations to the Murweh Council on the development of the fuel tracker.

**Michelle Ebsworth**

The Faraway Tree Charleville

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BUSINESS IMPACT	Significant
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Significant
WORKFORCE IMPACT	No Impact
DIVERSIFICATION	No
SUPPORT NEEDED	None provided
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Not Confident at All
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	Major reduction in visitor numbers, and cost of living pressures reducing local spending
OTHER COMMENTS	None provided

**Biddenham Pastoral Co Pty Ltd**

0427 285 540 · natandguy@bigpond.com

<b>BUSINESS IMPACT</b>	<b>Significant</b>
<b>TOURISM &amp; VISITOR ECONOMY</b>	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>WORKFORCE IMPACT</b>	<b>Significant</b>
<b>DIVERSIFICATION</b>	No — "Travel less. Sell more cattle through Auctions Plus on an 'on farm basis' so we don't have to pay the freight."
<b>SUPPORT NEEDED</b>	I think we will also be affected by drought conditions later this year as we head into an El Nino phase, so drought preparedness and planning workshops would be appreciated.
<b>BUSINESS CONFIDENCE</b>	<b>Not Confident at All</b>
<b>GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY</b>	Fuel and freight prices / availability
<b>OTHER COMMENTS</b>	It is also a difficult time for parents of boarding school kids. With high fuel prices it is a lot more difficult to get away and to see and support our kids. We will miss more sporting and cultural events that our kids participate in. It would be appreciated if the Shire could continue to advocate for greater availability of cheaper flights to Toowoomba and Brisbane.

**Gerry Thornton**

Primary Production

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BUSINESS IMPACT	Moderate
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Significant
WORKFORCE IMPACT	Minor
DIVERSIFICATION	No
SUPPORT NEEDED	None at this stage
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Moderately Confident
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	Drought
OTHER COMMENTS	None provided

**Ange**

Event Hire Company

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0409 053 653

BUSINESS IMPACT	Moderate
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Significant
WORKFORCE IMPACT	No Impact
DIVERSIFICATION	No
SUPPORT NEEDED	Unknown. It is the freight costs that we incur for line hire for our business so I am unsure how Council can help with this.
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Not Confident at All
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	Fuel expenses
OTHER COMMENTS	None provided

REB Grazing	
0419 776 249 · rebgrazing@gmail.com	
BUSINESS IMPACT	Significant
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Significant
WORKFORCE IMPACT	Significant
DIVERSIFICATION	Yes — "Reducing intensity of production via less crops grown."
SUPPORT NEEDED	Business development workshops; advocacy to State and Federal government for business development grants to bring to life ideas for growing business and jobs in our communities.
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Neutral
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	Fuel security
OTHER COMMENTS	None provided

David Marks		15
TAS Mini Motors		
spares@tasminimotors.com.au		
BUSINESS IMPACT	Severe / Critical	
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Moderate	
WORKFORCE IMPACT	Moderate	
DIVERSIFICATION	No	
SUPPORT NEEDED	Nothing, because you can't control the cost of fuel or the government's spending	
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Neutral	
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	Freight costs	
OTHER COMMENTS	None provided	

Charleville Real Estate	
07 4621 2888 · pm@charvillerealestate.com.au	
BUSINESS IMPACT	Minor
TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY	Moderate
WORKFORCE IMPACT	No Impact
DIVERSIFICATION	No
SUPPORT NEEDED	Adding flights to the tourism conversation — lots of people are unaware that you can fly in and hire a car. This is something that many people are shocked to learn when enquiring about the region.
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE	Moderately Confident
GREATEST CHALLENGE / OPPORTUNITY	Having enough product to sustain enquiry
OTHER COMMENTS	Great that you are checking in! Caring touch is nice and allows people to be heard.

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**14.2 CHARLEVILLE TOWN POOL REPORT - MAY 2026**

**Author:** Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure  
**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**  
 That Council receives and notes the Charleville Town Pool Report for May 2026, as presented in this report.

**BACKGROUND**

The Charleville Town Pool operates seasonally, typically opening in September and closing in April each year. Council receives monthly operational reports to maintain oversight of patron numbers, facility usage, maintenance activities, and programming across the season.

The 2025–26 pool season concluded on Friday 24 April 2026, following an extended swimming season that opened in September 2025. This report covers pool operations for April 2026, including the Easter holiday period, end-of-season community events, and the commencement of off-season shutdown and maintenance procedures.

**PURPOSE**

This report provides Council with an operational update on the Charleville Town Pool for April 2026, including patron attendance data, community programming, maintenance activities, and end-of season shutdown procedures.

**DISCUSSION**

The Charleville Town Pool experienced a significant reduction in patron numbers during April 2026, consistent with the seasonal decline as cooler autumn temperatures reduce community demand for aquatic recreation. A total of **604 patrons** attended the pool in April, compared to 2,453 in March 2026. The cumulative 2025–26 season total is **17,888 patrons**, reflecting a strong season from opening in September 2025 through to closure on 24 April 2026.

**Seasonal Patron Attendance — 2025–26 Season**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Patrons</b>
September 2025	656
October 2025	2,734
November 2025	3,587
December 2025	2,541
January 2026	2,645
February 2026	2,668
March 2026	2,453
April 2026	604
Season Total	17,888

**Season Passes Sold**

The following season passes were sold during 2025–26:

- Family Passes: 25
- Single Adult Passes: 40
- Pensioner Passes: 19
- Single Child Passes: 5
- Total Season Passes: 89

**Lessons and Community Programming**

On Thursday 23 April 2026, Vital Health concluded its Aqua Therapy classes for the 2025–26 season. Vital Health has indicated it will continue the programme when the pool reopens for the 2026–27 season. Attendance at the final two weeks of classes had declined due to colder weather conditions. The pool hosted the Charleville Swimming Club's end-of-season break-up on Thursday 23 April 2026, incorporating a dinner, presentations, and a free swim for members. One children's birthday party was also hosted during the month. One-on-one learn-to-swim lessons continued postschool holidays through April.

**Maintenance and Facility Condition**

Several maintenance matters were identified and progressed during April 2026:

- A water pipe is leaking from a pit on the Skate Park side fence. The surrounding ground has become boggy and requires attention. This matter is referred to the water maintenance crew for assessment and repair.
- A blown water pipe on the external wall of the male amenities block has been repaired.
- Bob Power Canvas inspected the damaged shade sails and has measured the area to provide a replacement quotation. This will be reported to Council once a quote is received.
- The heat exchanger continued to operate throughout April; however, with ambient temperatures declining, patron numbers reduced accordingly. Pool water temperature was maintained at approximately 26 degrees Celsius.

**Easter Holiday Operations**

The pool operated modified hours over the Easter long weekend:

- Good Friday — Closed
- Easter Saturday — Reduced hours: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Easter Sunday — Closed
- Easter Monday — Reduced hours: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The pool closed for the season on Friday 24 April 2026.

**End-of-Season Shutdown Procedures**

The following end-of-season shutdown procedures were completed:

- Chemical dosing pumps drained and flushed with fresh water.
- Phosphate reduction and algaecide treatment applied to the 50-metre pool (as per filter manufacturer's recommendation).
- Low-dose chlorination to continue throughout winter with filters backwashed every 14 days.
- Pool water levels in the 50-metre pool to be maintained at the correct height over winter.
- One robotic pool vacuum returned to Aquatic Elements for end-of-season servicing; the second vacuum retained on-site to manage duck droppings during the winter closure period.
- Lawn areas in high-traffic zones top-dressed and fertilised; watering and mowing to continue through closure months to maintain grounds to an acceptable standard.
- Ride-on mower to be delivered to the Shire workshop for maintenance and servicing.

- Automatic irrigation system adjusted to reduce water usage during winter.

### **Consultation**

This report was prepared by pool operational staff and reviewed by the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure. Internal consultation was undertaken with the Director of Engineering Services (Jacob Barton) in respect of the water pipe maintenance matter near the Skate Park. Vital Health (Aqua Therapy programme provider) and Charleville Swimming Club were engaged in relation to end-of-season programming activities.

### **Financial Risks**

No unbudgeted expenditure is sought through this report. The blown water pipe on the external wall of the male amenities block has been repaired and is expected to be captured within existing operational maintenance budgets. The leaking water pipe near the Skate Park side fence requires assessment by the water maintenance crew; if repair costs exceed operational delegation thresholds, a separate report will be brought to Council for approval. Replacement of the shade sails will be subject to a formal quotation from Bob Power Canvas; the financial implications will be reported to Council once the quotation is received and a funding source identified. Revenue from the 2025–26 season — including 89 season passes and event income — will be reconciled as part of the end-of-financial-year reporting process.

### **Legal Risks**

Council's operation of the Charleville Town Pool is subject to the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (Qld), and applicable pool safety standards under the *Building Act 1975* (Qld). End-of-season shutdown procedures have been completed in accordance with filter manufacturer recommendations to maintain water quality and reduce the risk of algal bloom or contamination during the winter closure. Shade sail defects are noted and are being addressed through quotation and replacement to reduce any liability arising from structural failure or injury. No legal risks beyond routine operational management are identified.

### **Environmental Risks**

Chemical handling and disposal during end-of-season shutdown has been completed in accordance with standard aquatic facility procedures. Water usage has been reduced through adjustment of the automatic irrigation system, consistent with responsible resource management. The retention of one robotic vacuum on-site to manage duck droppings during winter closure supports water quality and public health outcomes. No significant environmental risks are identified.

### **Social Risks**

The Charleville Town Pool is a key community wellbeing and recreation asset. The successful completion of the 2025–26 season with a total of 17,888 patrons reflects strong community engagement. Community programmes including the Vital Health Aqua Therapy classes and Charleville Swimming Club activities have been well received. Orderly end-of-season shutdown and winter maintenance will support a smooth reopening for the 2026–27 season. No adverse social impacts are identified.

### **REFERENCES**

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Qld)
- Building Act 1975 (Qld) — pool safety standards
- Murweh Shire Council Corporate Plan 2024–2028

### **LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

- 3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations
- 2.2.2 Town reserves and public lands are well maintained for community access and recreational use.

- 4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. **April 2026 Pool Report**

# Charleville Swimming Pool

## April 2026 Report

**Patron swimming Numbers April Total 604**

Monthly Totals Sep(656 ) Oct(2734) Nov(3587) Dec(2541) Jan(2645) Feb(2668) Mar(2453) Apr(604) Season  
**Total 17,888**

Total Season Passes purchased

Family Passes(25) Single Adult(40)Pensioner(19)Single Child(5)

Lessons & Bookings
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Vital Health wrapped their Aqua therapy classes for the season. Will continue and offer this program when the pool reopens. Last two weeks of classes numbers had dropped off due to cold conditions.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Charleville Swimming Club break up, Dinner presentations and free swim.
Pool hosted 1 children's birthday party.  Continued with one on one learn to swim lessons after the school holidays.

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 very boggy in the area. Needs to be repaired.
Blown water pipe on the external wall of the male toilets. This Has been repaired.
Bob power Canvas inspected damaged shade sails and measured up to give a quote on replacement sails.
Continued to run the Heat exchange. Due to the cooler weather patron numbers have dropped off in April. Water temp is hovering around 26degs.
<b>End of Season Shut Down</b> Drained and flushed chemical dosing pumps with fresh water. Completed phosphate reduction and algaecide treatment to 50meter pool water (as per filter manufacturers recommendation). Will continue to low dose water with chlorine over the winter period and backwash filters every14days. Keep the water levels in 50m pool to correct height. Returned 1 robot vacuum to Aquatic Elements for an end of season service. Keeping the second vacuum onsite to try and manage Duck droppings in the bottom of the pool. Top soiled and fertilised lawns in the high traffic areas, will continue to water and mow through the closure months to keep grounds to neat and tidy standard. Will deliver ride on mower to shire workshop for maintenance and service. Adjusted automatic sprinkler watering system to limit water usage.

Closures and Opening Times
Closed Good Friday Easter Saturday reduced hours open 12-4pm Closed Easter Sunday Easter Monday reduced hours open 12-4pm Season Closure Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April

**14.3 APRIL 2026 MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORTS - AUGATHELLA, MORVEN AND CHARLEVILLE**

**Author:** Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure  
**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the April 2026 Monthly Library Reports for Charleville, Augathella and Morven as presented in Attachment A. and subsequent State Library Reports

**BACKGROUND**

Council's public library service operates across three locations — Charleville, Augathella and Morven

— staffed by part-time library officers. Monthly library reports are a standing agenda item at Ordinary Council Meetings, providing Council with statistical and operational information on service usage and community programming activities.

Precedent resolutions confirm this reporting format, including Resolution 316/25 (November 2025), Resolution 283/25 (October 2025), Resolution 046/25 (February 2025), and Resolution 301/23 (December 2023), all of which resolved that Council receives and notes the relevant monthly library report.

**Purpose**

This report presents the monthly library reports for April 2026 for Council's information and notes statistical data, service highlights, and operational updates across all three library branches.

This report was prepared by Charleville Library officer Chayla Atkinson (Part-Time), with statistical contributions from Catherine McAulay (Part-Time) and library staff at the Augathella and Morven branches. No external consultation is required for the receipt of this monthly operational report.

**Financial Risks**

No financial implications arise from the receipt and noting of this report. Library operations across all three branches are funded through Council's adopted operational budget. No additional expenditure is requested.

**Legal Risks**

Council's library service is delivered in accordance with the *Libraries Act 1988* (Qld), which establishes the legislative framework for public library services in Queensland, and the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld). No legal risks are identified in relation to this report.

**Environmental Risks**

No environmental risks are identified in relation to this report.

**Social Risks**

The library service makes a material contribution to community wellbeing, early literacy outcomes, digital inclusion, and social cohesion across the Murweh Shire. Visitor numbers, active memberships, and program participation data indicate continued community engagement across all three branches. No adverse social risks are identified.

### **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
- 3.3.1 The education needs of the community are represented and pursued

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. April Monthly Library Reports**
- 2. Murweh Shire Council Letter**
- 3. First Five Forever**
- 4. Public Libraries outcomes report**



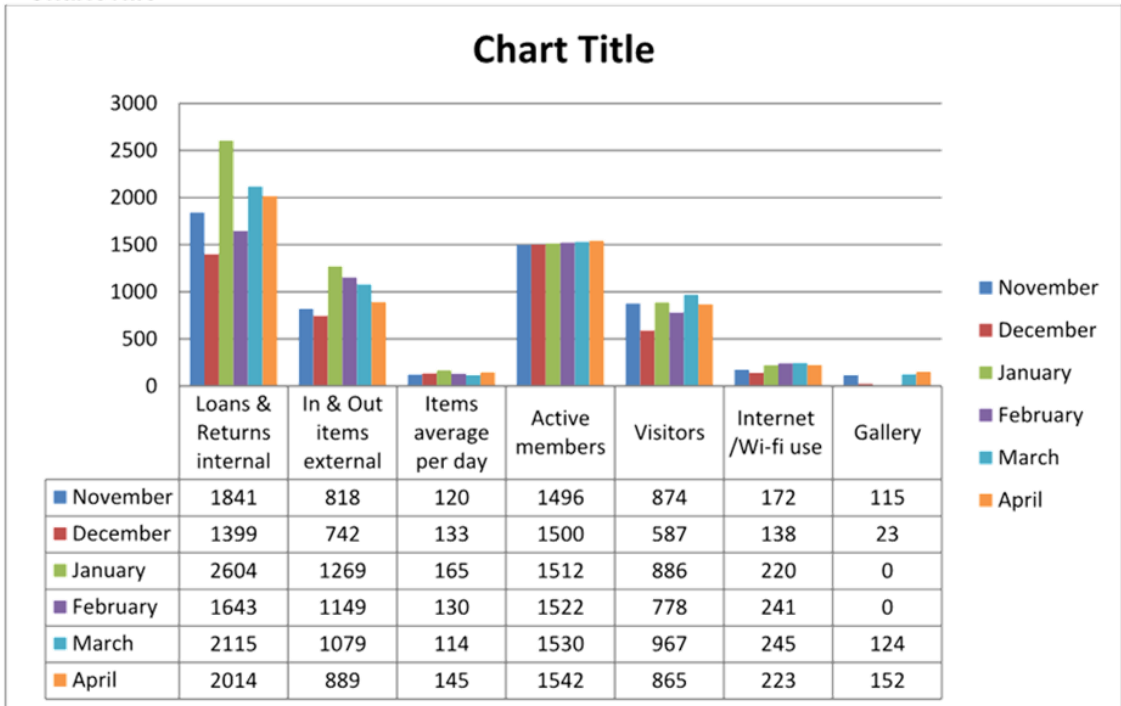
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## Murweh Shire Council Library Reports

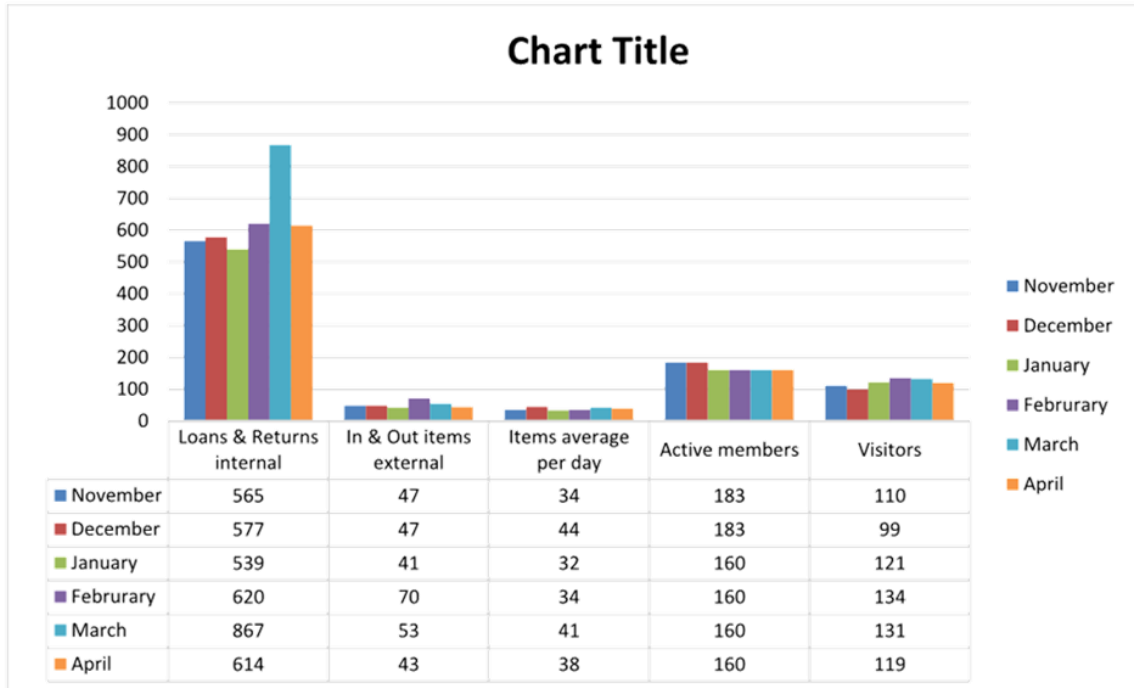
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**Report for April 2026 – Charleville / Augathella & Morven**

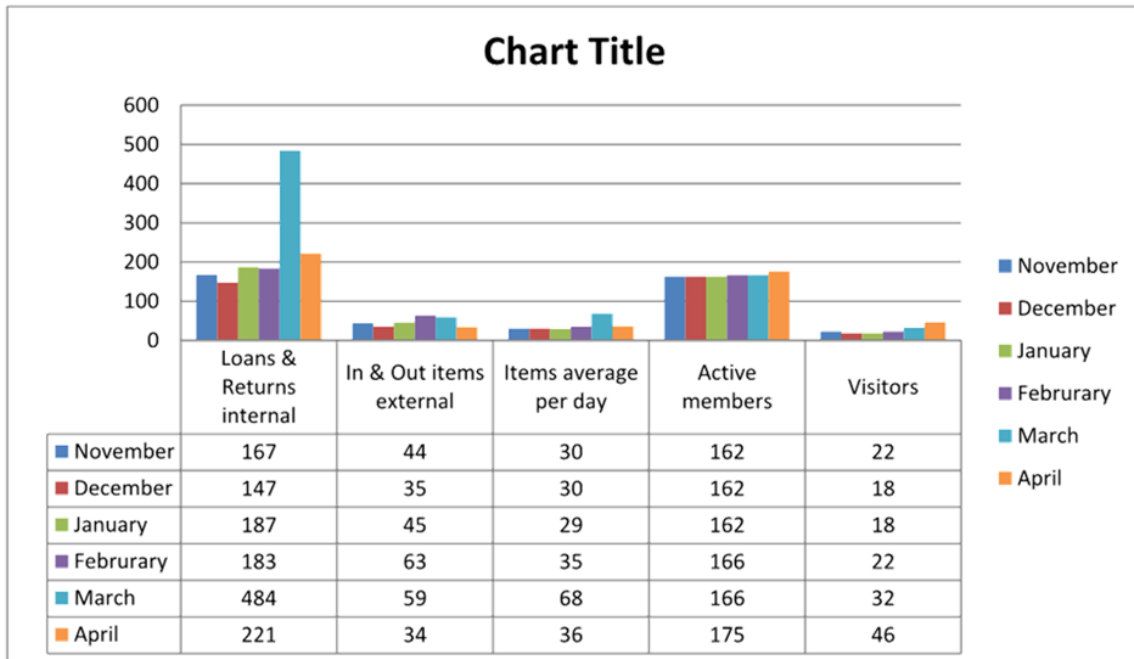
**Charleville**



**Augathella**



**Morven**



**Operational Information**

**Charleville Library**

- **Easter Crafts**  
The month began with a continuation of Easter craft activities, which saw strong engagement from many community members.
- **ANZAC Day Collaboration**  
The library once again collaborated with the WW2 Secret Base to display community-decorated poppies in recognition of ANZAC Day (pictured below). This initiative continued to encourage community participation and commemorative engagement.
- **LEGO Club**  
A total of 29 participants attended LEGO Club throughout the month. Participants have also begun creating builds to be entered into the LEGO free build category at this year's show.
- **Childcare Centre Collaboration**  
Discussions were held with the childcare centre regarding a change of plans for future collaboration. Joint programming has been postponed until the arrival of the new trainee. Following their commencement, staff availability and the frequency of early learning sessions will be reassessed.



- **Library visitors** – 865 visitors
- **Current Library Memberships Charleville** – 1542 (12 new members added in April)
- **Mulga Lands Gallery** – 152 (Julie Stone – My Journey So Far, opened on the 12<sup>th</sup> March.)

**First5 Forever –**

*A statewide program providing strong early literacy foundations for all Queensland children aged 0-5 years.*

**Charleville**

We had a total of 16 parents and children attend the Storytime programming in April.

**Morven Library**

*\*Statistics compiled by Morven library staff and sent to Charleville Library for monthly report for the graph. \**

New library opening hours began Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:

- Mondays 11:30am to 3:30pm (one hour past Morven State School closing time) – last week I stayed open a little later as the children were happy playing and reading.
- Thursdays 8:30am to 12:30pm.

I'm happy to see increased family visits with young children which I have been encouraging by selecting books for each child that I think will interest them. I believe my 8yo assistant has been providing some encouragement to her school friends which has accounted for our rise in new members – 2 of these were mothers, the rest children wishing to borrow with their very own card!

This month I have re-arranged all the books within their genres to show some covers and make our shelves appear fuller. I have created visual Dewey decimal signs in the children's non-fiction section to help families to easily find their interests. I have also ordered in a range of beginner reader books that are from the same group that our local school uses.

**Augathella Library**

*\*Statistics compiled by Augathella library staff and sent to Charleville Library for monthly report for the graph.*

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27 April 2026

Mr Bruce Scott  
Chief Executive Officer  
Murweh Shire Council  
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Dear Mr Scott

**Your library service annual obligations review and supporting resources**

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, and dedication to delivering valued library services for your community.

On behalf of State Library, I am pleased to share statewide outcome reports and data for 2024-25. These results confirm that public libraries remain valued cultural, community, and digital hubs, offering free and safe spaces and opportunities for recreation, social inclusion, connection, and learning.

Attached are the Public Libraries and First 5 Forever Outcomes Reports for 2024-25. They demonstrate the reach and impact of the library network, and I invite you to share these reports with your networks. Both reports are available online at: [plconnect.slq.qld.gov.au](http://plconnect.slq.qld.gov.au)

State Library acknowledges that these statewide results are only achieved through the work and contributions of individual local councils. Feedback on your council's annual reporting for 2024-25 is provided below for your information.

**State Library feedback re 2024-25 library service annual reporting**

State Library commends Murweh Shire Council's delivery of library services this past reporting period. Strong connections to the community are demonstrated through the engagement with collections, as well as the diversity and popularity of programming including the introduction of sensory and messy play as part of First 5 Forever, digital awareness programming, Tech Savvy Seniors programs and the very popular Battle of the Shires Lego challenge through the *How do you Library?* campaign. State Library will continue to offer support in addressing areas for improvement.

**Comparator Tool now available for benchmarking**

The Queensland Public Library Comparator tool is now updated with data from the latest Queensland Public Libraries Statistical Bulletin. Using this tool, your council staff can compare current results against the Queensland Public Library Standards, other councils delivering similar sized or located library services, or the statewide average for your library service type.

This is a useful tool for generating reports or sharing library achievements over time and is available now via the Public Libraries Connect webpage.

**Local Government Satisfaction survey results**

Each year councils are invited to provide feedback on their satisfaction with the key services and support provided by State Library as part of our obligations within the agreements in place with your council. In 2025-26, survey results have indicated an overall council satisfaction rate of 98% with State Library's service delivery. This significant satisfaction score is the highest received to date and is a result of the genuine and valued ongoing feedback provided by local government regarding our services and shared commitment to public libraries.

Thank you again for your support. State Library looks forward to continuing to work closely with local government to support the delivery of quality public libraries for all Queensland communities.

If you would like to discuss the feedback provided in this letter, I invite you to contact Louise Denoon, Executive Director, Community Partnerships on 07 3842 9057 or via email at [EDCommunityPartnerships@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:EDCommunityPartnerships@slq.qld.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



**Vicki McDonald AM FALIA**  
**State Librarian and CEO**



# Summary of Annual Reporting

1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025

In 2025, First 5 Forever proudly marked its 10th anniversary: A decade of talking, reading, singing and playing to support the growth and development of children under 5 years. Through free, playful and engaging programs delivered in libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs) across Queensland, First 5 Forever has built strong foundations for children's brains and bodies while empowering parents and caregivers to nurture their little one's health, development and wellbeing.

**Every interaction – no matter how big or small – contributes to a child's wellbeing and development. Public libraries remain at the heart of these interactions, offering safe, welcoming spaces where families can connect, learn and grow together. As First 5 Forever enters its second decade, it remains steadfast in its mission to support Queensland families and foster brighter futures for the youngest members of our communities.**



In the reporting year, **30,314 First 5 Forever programs were delivered**, representing a slight decrease of 2.9% (873 sessions) compared to the previous year. **Participation figures reached 874,932**, reflecting a 2.3% (20,300 attendances) decline. Despite these reductions, the program continues to make a significant impact, with thousands of families benefiting from the meaningful interactions and supportive environments provided by libraries and IKCs.

First 5 Forever achieved remarkable growth across State Library digital platforms in 2024–25, significantly expanding its reach and strengthening connections with families and professionals across Queensland by leveraging targeted engagement strategies including distributing First 5 Forever ambassador assets featuring Ash Barty AO. Key achievements include a **10% increase in Facebook followers**, now totalling 21,190, with an impressive **4.1 million user views** and a **170% rise in content engagement since last year**.

In 2024–25, State Library of Queensland delivered a diverse range of professional development opportunities, including webinars, regional workshops, and updated online training modules, attracting **1,650 participants – a 38% increase in attendance from the previous year**. These initiatives enhanced the skills and professional connections between library staff across Queensland, particularly in regional and remote areas, equipping staff to deliver high-quality, inclusive First 5 Forever programs that support families and young children.

Chinchilla, Western Downs





## Key highlights and trends from the 2024–25 data

### Strong family engagement

Play-based interactive sessions, such as chatter play, nature play and creative play programs, have seen high levels of participation and engagement from families, demonstrating the value of these activities in fostering early learning and family connection and wellbeing.

### High attendance at core early years programs

Traditional library programs, including Rhyme Time, Toddler Time and Storytime continue to have high attendance and receive positive feedback from families, highlighting the importance of these programs in supporting early literacy and language development.

### Effective outreach to underserved communities

Libraries have successfully expanded into remote and underserved communities through targeted outreach efforts and partnerships, providing access no matter where people live.

### Diverse and inclusive programming

The delivery of diverse programs has met the unique needs of families from many cultural and social backgrounds across Queensland.

### Community partnerships driving localisation


Collaborations with specialists and community organisations have brought local expertise into library programs, enriching content and ensuring the specific needs of each community are met.

### Success of offsite programs

Offsite programs and outreach initiatives have attracted higher attendance, meeting families in their own environments and making library services more accessible.

Despite these successes, libraries faced several challenges throughout the year. These included staff shortages, resource limitations and space constraints.

First 5 Forever continues to support early childhood development and foster strong community connections across Queensland. By addressing challenges and building on successful strategies, libraries remain at the forefront of creating inclusive, engaging, and impactful programs for young children and their families.





**Queensland libraries supporting early childhood development through First 5 Forever continue to play a critical role in fostering early childhood development.**

Libraries are creating strong foundations for young children and their families through providing programs and spaces for nurturing relationships, play-based learning opportunities, inclusive communities, cultural connections, and access to essential resources.



## Nurturing and secure relationships



Mt Isa New Baby Passports

**First 5 Forever fosters nurturing and secure relationships by encouraging caregivers, as the child's first teacher, to talk and share stories with their children helping to build caring relationships responsive relationships.**

First 5 Forever continues to support caregivers in their role as a child's first and most important teacher by encouraging them to talk, read, sing and play. These interactions build strong, caring and responsive relationships that are essential for a child's early development. Libraries across Queensland have implemented innovative programs to strengthen these connections and provide meaningful support to families.

In **Mount Isa**, the City Council introduced a passport system to encourage families to return to library programs regularly. Children received a free book after their 10<sup>th</sup> session and new families are welcomed with a pack containing information and resources.

**Longreach** Regional Council launched the Tea and Tots program in collaboration with Outback Futures. This initiative focuses on young mothers who may feel isolated and provides a supportive environment for mothers to connect and learn about early childhood development.

In **Richmond** the library partnered with the Me and My Mum Hub to deliver First 5 Forever programs. This partnership gave families access to resources and activities designed to support nurturing relationships and early learning.

First 5 Forever programs in public libraries foster secure and responsive relationships. Through creative initiatives and strategic partnerships libraries create supportive environments where families thrive and children build strong foundations for lifelong learning.

## Experiences and environments that promote health and wellbeing

**Libraries provide free access to spaces, information, books and resources to help parents, carers and communities learn more about children's health and wellbeing.**

Pop-up libraries and outdoor events have continued to thrive across Queensland, providing children and families with opportunities to enjoy nature while engaging in educational and recreational activities.



These programs have been successfully delivered in various locations, including **Cook, Livingstone, Rockhampton, Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, Fraser, Gladstone, Isaac, Mount Isa** and **Redlands**.

Libraries in many councils have maintained strong connections with Child Health Clinics, including partnerships with First Nations health providers, including **Fraser Coast, Cassowary Coast, Logan, Ipswich, Bundaberg, Mareeba, Noosa, Rockhampton, Scenic Rim, Tablelands, Western Downs, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Longreach, Maranoa, North Burnett, Paroo** and **Weipa**. These collaborations aim to support the health and wellbeing of children and families while fostering community engagement.

The Queensland Ballet has continued its successful partnership programs in **Brisbane, Cairns, Gold Coast, Mareeba, Mackay** and **Goondiwindi**. These initiatives have provided children and families with free access to ballet programs hosted in libraries, promoting cultural enrichment, and the arts in local communities.

**Noosa** libraries offered obstacle course activities, which were well-received by families. Meanwhile, the **Western Downs** region saw vibrant community participation at concerts held in parks in **Chinchilla, Dalby** and **Miles**.



## Opportunities for play and discovery



Libraries play a pivotal role in fostering childhood development by providing family-friendly, play-based programs and spaces where children can thrive. These programs not only encourage children to explore and learn through play but also create opportunities for meaningful interactions between children and the important adults in their lives.

Across Queensland, play programs have continued to expand, offering diverse and engaging experiences for families. **Bundaberg** Library introduced special *Playtime @ the Library* sessions. Messy play programs in **Charters Towers** and **North Burnett**, offered children hands-on, sensory-rich experiences to stimulate creativity and exploration. Similarly, sensory play sessions were introduced in **Cloncurry** and **Hinchinbrook**, catering to children’s developmental needs and encouraging interactive, multi-sensory learning.

The **Scenic Rim** region celebrated "Play May," marking 10 years of the First 5 Forever program in a month-long celebration underscored the importance of play in early childhood.

Libraries play a vital role in creating safe, inclusive and enriching environments where children can thrive through play and continue to champion childhood development and strengthen family bonds across Queensland.



## Participating positive and inclusive communities

Libraries are champions of childhood, connecting families in safe, child-focused spaces where they can explore and discover more about others and the world around them. Free and fun First 5 Forever sessions in safe, welcoming spaces – connecting to other families.



The **Bulloo** Shire Council launched "First 5 Forever on the Road" to bring library services to remote community members. Through hosting sessions at local sporting events, the program connected families in isolated areas with valuable resources and experiences.

In the **North Burnett** region, libraries partnered with community groups to integrate First 5 Forever activities into major local events, including the Mundubbera Blueberry Festival, Monto Centenary Festival and Gayndah Orange Festival.

In **Croydon**, libraries teamed up with a local daycare centre to deliver storytime sessions in the park for working families. This initiative supports parents and caregivers by offering accessible opportunities for family connection.

In a significant milestone, the **Douglas Shire** extended outreach to the Daintree (Diwan) area, making it the first council-led program in the region in nearly two decades. This outreach effort demonstrates the library's role in bringing enriching, child-focused experiences to the most remote communities.

These initiatives show how libraries continue to **champion childhood** by creating inclusive, safe, and engaging spaces for families to connect, learn and grow together.

## A sense of belonging through identity and culture



**Libraries are community hubs that encourage children to embrace and celebrate the diversity around them. Inclusive programming and welcoming spaces build curiosity and opportunities for discovery.**

Queensland libraries continue to serve as vital community hubs by creating inclusive spaces and programs where children and families explore and celebrate their communities. Through innovative programming and partnerships, libraries provide opportunities for children to be curious, discover new perspectives and connect with diverse cultures.

The **Rockhampton** Regional Council collaborated with Queensland Indigenous Health Clinics to distribute culturally appropriate resources to families and distributed book packs at the Rock NAIDOC Baby Show.

In **Brisbane**, the City Council continued to offer bilingual parent education programs to nurture language skills. Libraries incorporated local Indigenous stories and themes, enriching cultural experiences and strengthening ties with community.

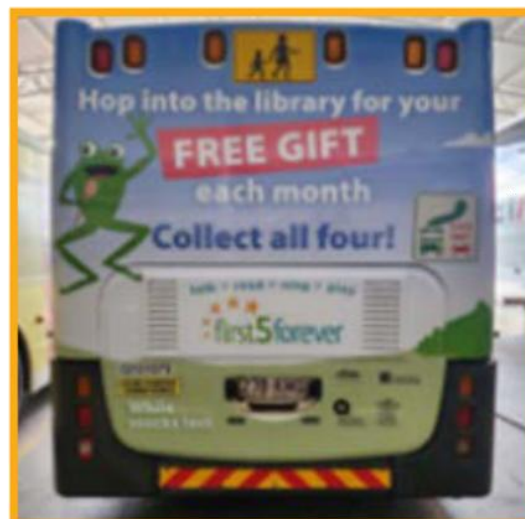
In **Cloncurry**, the inclusion of local Indigenous stories in library programming has created a welcoming space for cultural exchange and understanding.

**Mossman** Library in the Douglas Shire hosts bilingual storytime sessions in 5 languages, including Kuku Yalanj, the local Indigenous language. This initiative has provided children and families with an opportunity to engage with and celebrate the region's cultural heritage.

These activities show how libraries promote diversity and inclusion, and create safe and welcoming environments for everyone. By fostering curiosity and discovery, libraries continue to play a pivotal role in building stronger, more inclusive communities across Queensland.

## Material basics and access to services and support

**First 5 Forever is free in libraries and connects families with the services and support for children to thrive. First 5 Forever partnerships in libraries connect parents and carers to information and resources to support children and their families in the first 5 years.**



Partnerships, outreach and offsite programs ensure libraries meet families where they are, and are making a tangible difference in the lives of young children and their carers across Queensland

The **Fraser Coast** region has expanded outreach to connect with families, particularly those experiencing housing instability and isolation. The Fraser Coast team provided drop-in sessions at local temporary public housing where families received welcome packs containing information about library services, programs and resources. This proactive approach increased attendance at Maryborough Library.

In **Bundaberg**, the library engaged with over 900 families through a First 5 Forever giveaway campaign connecting families with resources to support early childhood development and encourage stronger community ties.

These activities highlight how First 5 Forever partnerships extend their reach and impact of libraries, linking families to the support and resources they need.

# Statewide Initiatives

## First 5 Forever Ambassador- Ashleigh Barty AO

**Ashleigh Barty AO** has continued her role as a passionate ambassador for First 5 Forever, promoting early childhood development and fostering community engagement across Queensland. Her involvement has enhanced the visibility and impact of the program through high-profile events, media coverage and the development of new promotional assets.

In November 2024, Ash Barty visited the **Cairns Regional Council Library** to participate in a special Grandparents Storytime session. The event received local media coverage from *The Cairns Post* and the *Today* show, where Ash discussed the importance of First 5 Forever in supporting families and early childhood development.

To coincide with the Summer of Tennis in January 2025, the “**Serve, Return, Rally and Learn**” promotional reel featuring Ash Barty was produced by State Library of Queensland and shared across social media platforms. This campaign leveraged Ash’s profile as a tennis champion to engage a wider audience and promote the program’s key messages about the importance of early literacy and caregiver involvement.



Cairns Regional Council library

## Reaching All Queensland Families

### Ambassador assets

In March 2025, State Library of Queensland developed a fresh suite of **First 5 Forever Ambassador assets** and distributed them to the public library network. This included new templates and photographs made available on the Public Libraries Connect platform.

### Nyurramba Garran

The distribution of **Nyurramba Garran community engagement resources** highlights the importance of a centrally coordinated approach to outreach across Queensland’s public library network. In providing high quality, inclusive materials, State Library of Queensland helps rural, regional and smaller libraries to access professional resources they may not be able to produce independently.

The Nyurramba Garran resources, including teardrop banners, tablecloths, temporary tattoos, postcards, A3 posters and calico bags, were designed to be visually engaging and culturally inclusive, reflecting Queensland’s diverse communities. Centralising design and production also enabled economies of scale and cost effective distribution across the state.



Cassowary Coast



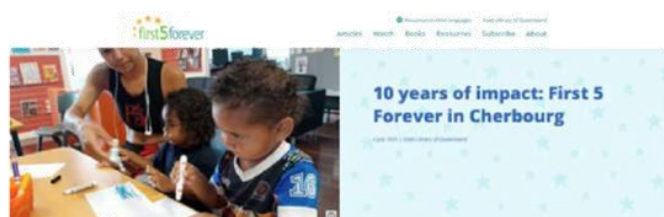
## Digital Engagement

First 5 Forever continues to achieve significant growth across digital platforms, driven by targeted engagement, and drawing on the Ash Barty ambassador assets.

On **Facebook**, the program has achieved a **10% increase** in followers, now **totalling 21,190**. User engagement has been particularly impressive, with **4,123,963 user views** and **5,113 content engagements** – a remarkable **170% rise**. The First 5 Forever Professional Network on Facebook also continues to thrive, with **525 members** actively participating and sharing insights.

**Instagram** has demonstrated steady growth, with **2,482 followers** generating **655,822 user views** and **2,037 content engagements**. This platform has proven to be an effective channel for reaching younger audiences and promoting the program’s key messages.

The First 5 Forever **website** remains a vital resource for families and professionals, attracting 155,647 page views during the 2024–25 period. This reflects the website’s ongoing relevance as a hub for information, resources, and program updates. In 2025 the website hosted a suite of **blogs** celebrating 10 years of First 5 Forever with families, showcasing First 5 Forever programming and public library staff contributions over the decade.



**Email Direct Marketing** (EDM) has also seen a surge in subscriptions, with a total of **37,672 subscribers** – a **40% increase** compared to the 2023–24 period. This growth highlights the program’s ability to maintain and expand its audience through consistent and engaging communication.

State Library produced a **social media campaign** led by **tennis champion and First 5 Forever Ambassador Ash Barty** to promote First 5 Forever key messages such as “serve, return, rally. learn”. This campaign leveraged Ash’s profile to engage a wider audience and promote the importance of caregiver involvement in early literacy.



## Building Capability

In 2024–25, State Library of Queensland delivered a comprehensive range of professional development and training opportunities to strengthen the capacity of the public library network in delivering the First 5 Forever program. These initiatives aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of library staff, ensuring they were well-equipped to support families and young children across Queensland.

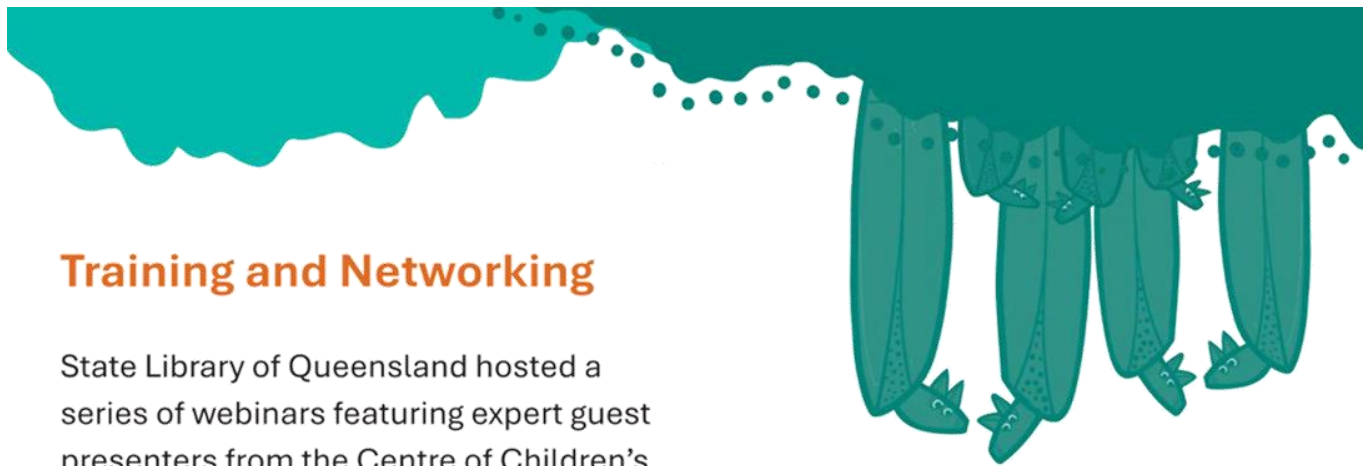


### Children's Voices Picture Book Statewide Toolkit

The **Children's Voices picture book project** captured the voices and stories of children and families attending a Brisbane playgroup. Supported by philanthropic funding from the **Ash Barty Foundation**, State Library staff collaborated with the playgroup to create artworks and document experiences through a series of **3 interactive, guided workshops**. Over the course of these sessions, participants worked closely with library staff, a First Nations facilitator and digital artist. The project culminated in the creation of **Jajum Bajara**, a unique **children's picture book**. The book was launched at a celebratory event at State Library of Queensland's kuril dhagun space.

This project served as a pilot model for a public library engagement with a **toolkit**, offering a replicable framework for libraries to engage with their communities in meaningful and culturally respectful ways. The toolkit was launched to the public library network through a webinar in **September 2025**.





## Training and Networking

State Library of Queensland hosted a series of webinars featuring expert guest presenters from the Centre of Children’s Health and Wellbeing, Toy Libraries Australia and the Queensland Brain Institute. These sessions provided valuable insights into early childhood development and innovative approaches to programming. Bimonthly First 5 Forever online networking meetings facilitated connections across the Queensland public library network, offering a platform for staff to discuss programming ideas, share resources, and exchange marketing strategies.



### Module 1 Part B

Introduction to First 5 Forever



On 1 November 2024, State Library updated First 5 Forever Professional Development offerings with **3 new online training modules: Introduction to First 5 Forever, Planning for Programs and Diverse Delivery** and **Facilitating Play in Libraries**. These interactive modules were designed to deepen the understanding of new and experienced family-facing library staff on the program’s objectives, the significance of the early years and the critical role libraries play in supporting families. The modules proved highly effective, with **1,131 completions** recorded during the year.



### Module 3

Facilitating play in libraries

### Module 2

Planning for programs and diverse delivery



### Module resources

Additional resources to complement online learning modules



## Regional Workshops and Community of Practice Sessions

To support regional and remote libraries, State Library of Queensland organised three-day regional workshops in **Central Highlands, Mount Isa, and Port Douglas**. These workshops provided opportunities for regional and independent libraries, and IKCs to connect in person, share experiences, and build expertise in early years programming.

The **First 5 Forever Network Group Community of Practice** meetings attracted 87 participants, further supporting professional development and the exchange of ideas across the library network.

State Library of Queensland's Senior Program Officer facilitated monthly **Yarn Up Community of Practice** sessions with staff from IKCs and the State Library Queensland First Nations team in Cairns. These sessions increased collaboration and cultural knowledge-sharing.

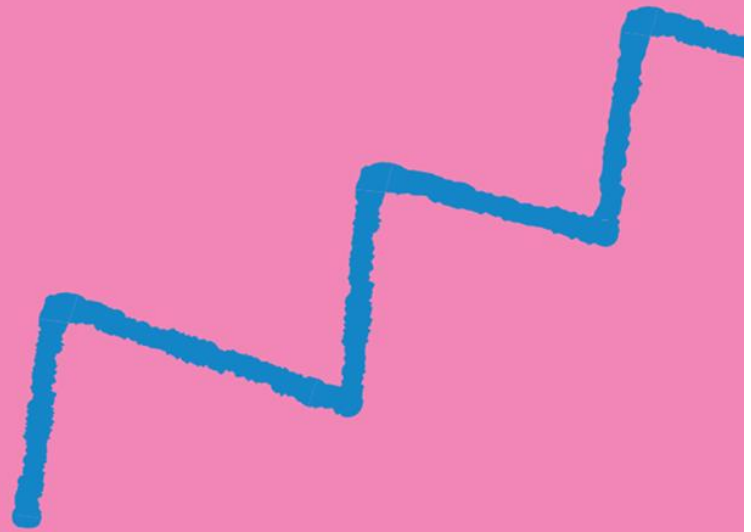


The First 5 Forever professional development program attracted **1,650 attendances** in 2024–25, representing a **38% increase** (462 additional participants) from the previous year.

Key participation highlights included:

- **Webinars – 3 sessions** with **185 participants**
- **Regional Workshops – 3 workshops** with **220 participants** from **28 councils**
- **Yarn Up Community of Practice Sessions – 27 participants** from IKCs
- **Online Training Modules – 1,131 completions** of the updated First 5 Forever training modules.

These professional development initiatives demonstrate State Library of Queensland's commitment to building the capacity of library staff to deliver high-quality, impactful programs for families and young children. By providing diverse training opportunities and fostering collaboration across the library network, First 5 Forever continues to strengthen its reach and impact across Queensland.



# **PUBLIC LIBRARIES ANNUAL OUTCOMES REPORT**

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**Queensland's 325 public libraries showed resilience and creativity in delivering programs and services throughout 2024-25. The statistical summary for the year reflects the impact of rising costs and changing consumer behaviours.**

After 2 post-pandemic years of growth, libraries delivered fewer programs, partnerships and outreach activities. Investment in libraries fell by 0.5%, and rising service delivery costs combined with staff reductions limited participation opportunities. Statistical returns indicate a decline in the number of programs delivered, and in-person program participation has now plateaued.

At the same time, the data highlights libraries' strong response to growing demand for digital collections. Digital items accounted for 4 in every 10 loans, and spending on electronic collections aligned with the continued steady growth in digital usage.

This report is segmented by the Public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKC) Roadmap (Roadmap) objectives and provides the related collective impacts of public libraries.

Note that Regional Libraries Queensland (RLQ) are councils that have populations of less than 15,000. Independent Libraries (IND) have populations of more than 15,000. See more information about service delivery models on page 16.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which library collections, spaces and services are based across Queensland. We pay our respect to Elders, past and present, who have handed down knowledge to each generation and who continue to inspire us to learn, share and celebrate.

## 2024-25 ANNUAL STATISTICS

1 in 3 Queenslanders

**MEMBERS**  
**1.7 million**



## **VISITS**

18.2 M online &  
16.9 M in person

**BORROWING**  
**41.6 million**

60% physical &  
40% digital



**PARTICIPATION**  
**1.5 million**

program attendances  
in 67,808 programs

**LIBRARY STAFF**  
**1,551**

**BRANCHES**  
**325**



## OBJECTIVE: PLACES AND PROGRAMS

**Libraries across Queensland are thriving, creative, relevant and welcoming spaces, and are embraced as local cultural and community hubs.**

Libraries provide and improve spaces for enjoying collections, gathering, making, reading and learning, and play. Welcoming, accessible and trusted – public libraries attracted 35.1 million visits in person and online, 3% overall growth. The proportion of visits has shifted to 52% online and 48% in-person in 2024-25 from 50/50 in 2023-24. This change represents 1.19 million more online visits. Further impacting services and programs, operating expenditure dropped by 0.47%, from \$235,104,950 to \$233,987,063.

Libraries design and deliver programs for community members to explore ideas and creativity, support wellbeing, become active citizens, and engage in the economy. Across Queensland, libraries delivered 67,808 programs, dropping 14% from the previous year. Programs attracted 1,508,343 participants, representing an 8% drop in participation. The majority of RLQs\* increased participation by making use of Public Libraries Funding Wage Subsidies, while 68% of INDs\* recorded decreased participation.



\* See information about RLQ and IND service delivery models on page 16.

**MACKAY’S MOBILE LIBRARY VENTURING TO NEW PLACES**

Mackay Regional Council's outreach events were tailored to reflect their diverse communities. In 2024-25, Mackay Libraries added 522 new members and reached 15 new communities through its outreach program. Coffee Mornings in rural communities encouraged creativity, reading, and social interaction, while introducing residents to library services. These pop-up events directly inspired a revamp of a larger mobile library, Parker the outreach van, to engage more communities further afield with the library.



**Strategy:**  
 Design programs including outreach that reflect community demographics and areas of need, to support lifelong wellbeing, learning and creativity

Parker at the township of Pinnacle, Mackay Regional Council

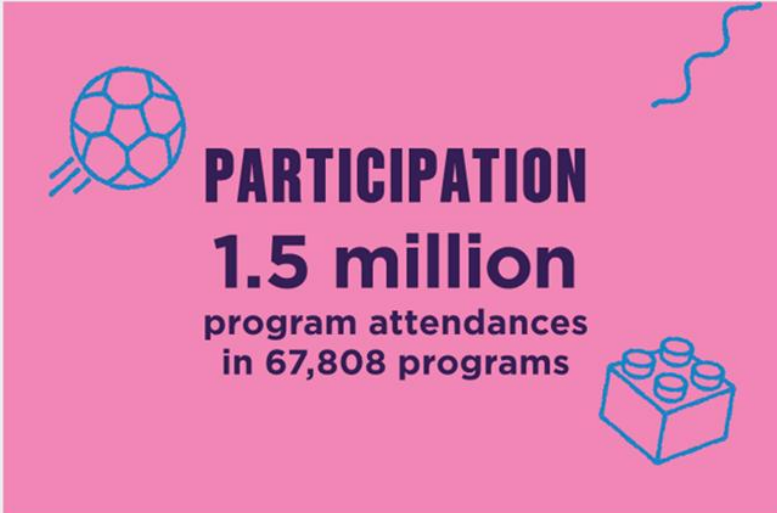
**COUNCILS UPGRADING LIBRARIES AND EXPANDING ACCESS**

Councils undertake regular library refurbishments and upgrades. Expanding hours also contributes to greater community access. City of Gold Coast Libraries refurbished Elanora Library, reordered the Southport Library collection by genres for ease of patron use, and extended opening hours at all libraries.

Branch relocations for improved services included Banana Shire Council's Moura Library, Longreach Regional Council's Ilfracombe Library, and Maranoa Regional Council's Wallumbilla Library.

Responding to the growth of Queensland's growing communities, Southern Downs Regional Council's Stanthorpe Library, Livingstone Shire Council's Maryborough Library, and Douglas Shire Council's Port Douglas library were also renovated and expanded.

**Strategy:**  
 Invest in sustainable development, maintenance and operation of diverse, welcoming, accessible and trusted library spaces and facilities



**PARTICIPATION**  
**1.5 million**  
program attendances  
in 67,808 programs

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER YOUTH BARBER TRAINING AT MAREEBA LIBRARY**

Mareeba Libraries demonstrate an ongoing commitment to First Nations communities through Mareeba Libraries' staff members Connected Beginnings, and Lives Lived Well Programs Coordinator who invested in innovative, engaging experiences to encourage future workforce participation. For example, Cairns-based barbers from the Fresh Start Academy attracted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to the library for barber training.



**Strategy:**  
Deliver experiences for people to explore ideas, become active citizens and connect and contribute to their local communities

Fresh Start training, Mareeba Library

**CITY OF MORETON BAY LIBRARIES**

The 6 City of Moreton Bay Libraries sitting on Kabi Kabi Country proudly display an artwork by Jason Douglas, an artist recommended by the Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners, in a collaborative grant project to create welcoming and culturally safe library spaces for First Nations people. Regular First Nations events include two weaving and yarning circles at Deception Bay and Bribie Island Libraries where women are welcome to chat with local First Nations Residents and Elders and learn the cultural practice of basket weaving; and the NAIDOC flag raising event in Caboolture which City of Moreton Bay Libraries supported in order to better connect with members of the local First Nations community.

**RURAL LIBRARIES DELIVERING EXPANDED PROGRAMS**

Focusing on broadening engagement, Maranoa Libraries delivered 464 programs, increasing attendance by 135%. Maranoa Wildlife Care and Education Centre drove the popular youth activities. Community partnerships enhanced engagement in First 5 Forever, take-home kits, Books for Bubs, cultural hubs, and youth-focused STEM workshops. Maranoa Libraries extended respectful engagement with First Nations peoples through NAIDOC Week Storytimes and activities celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in partnership with schools and community organisations.



**Strategy:**  
 Create opportunities for respectful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and people

**Strategy:**  
 Empower Queensland children and families, providing rich experiences that enable exploration, imagination, and build understanding of the world around them

STEM workshops for Youth Week, Maranoa Libraries

For information about First 5 Forever outcomes, visit the 2024-25 First 5 Forever Annual Reporting Summary report

## OBJECTIVE: COLLECTIONS AND RESOURCES

**All Queenslanders can engage in lifelong learning through access to contemporary collections and resources that reflect our diverse communities.**

Libraries demonstrated good collections management practices by reducing the size of the statewide collection by 19.6%, to 8,858,369 items, while not impacting usage. Of all memberships, 16% were new, indicating well-curated collections and resources met the interests of the local communities and encouraged readership. Membership also provides access to collections such as Libraries of Things, kitchen, tool or toy libraries, which reduce the cost of living and improve social inclusion.

Access and inclusion are reflected in volunteering programs that generate meaningful social connections, and in regular book deliveries to members with limited mobility. Providing Braille books, adult literacy books, Languages Other Than English collections for people whose first language is not English, eaudiobooks and sensory collections support people who otherwise might not access collections and library spaces, improving social inclusion.

Public libraries further demonstrate inclusivity by enhancing their roles as digital community hubs. Digital materials expenditure, up 7.1%, caught up with previous years' growth in usage. The proportion of digital loans shifted from 38% in 2023-24 to 40% in 2024-25, representing 16,483,687 items. As digital engagement rises, digital inclusion, such as providing wi-fi and computer access, tech help and hardware or software sessions, remain essential services, particularly in isolated communities.



**BORROWING**  
**41.6 million**

60% physical  
40% digital



**MEMBERS**  
**1.7 million**  
about 1 in 3 Queenslanders

**Strategy:**  
Actively build and share collections that recognise and value diversity of local community stories, knowledge, history and experiences over time

**Strategy:**  
Ensure that all people regardless of location, cultural and socioeconomic background can access library collections that support personal development, education, cultural enrichment, and economic activity

### GROWING THE WESTERNS COLLECTION IN LONGREACH

Longreach Libraries made a significant investment to meet the increased demand for Western novels popular with older male readers in the community, such as Alan. RLQ\* eresources with ebooks and eaudiobooks on all platforms also prove popular, supplemented by use of audiobooks from the collection.



### LIBRARIES VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In 2024-25, 854 volunteers gave 807 hours per week to IND\* libraries, enriching lives and strengthening communities. Gladstone Regional Libraries volunteers enjoy assisting at events, shelving books, and providing support while enjoying the experience and social connections. With an extraordinary 312 volunteers, Sunshine Coast Libraries offer choices such as seed library volunteering, family history volunteers who assist with patrons with research, and home library volunteers who select and deliver books to members who are unable to physically come to the library.



\* See information about RLQ and IND service delivery models on page 16.

Westerns fan Alan at Longreach Library

Volunteers celebrated at Gladstone Libraries

**VOLUNTEERS**  
**854**  
for Independent libraries

**Strategy:**  
 Enhance libraries to be digital hubs in their communities, enabling all Queenslanders access to build confidence and skills, and participate in the digital world

**Strategy:**  
 Prepare for change and innovation with plans for resilience, recovery and sustainability

**BARCALDINE’S PASSION FOR ANCESTRY**

Barcaldine Regional Council library staff are highly engaged in selecting collections that align with community interests, and drive e-resources and digital collections usage. With a population of 2,917, their community registered an exceptional 593 uses of the online family history research resource Ancestry. Barcaldine Libraries also made great use of RLQ\* e-resources in both eaudiobook and ebook formats.



**HINCHINBROOK LIBRARIES’ EBOOKS USAGE EXPANDED DUE TO CLOSURES**

Experiencing 17 weeks of flood-related closure, Hinchinbrook Libraries saw a 29% increase in electronic and digital loans, reflecting strong community adaptability and council commitment to equitable access. The community made active use of RLQ e-resources, statewide physical collections for audiobooks, and reservations for new titles, with some interlibrary loans. High use of eaudiobooks on BorrowBox and OverDrive, along with steady engagement with emagazines, highlights community demand for digital resources.



\* See information about RLQ and IND service delivery models on page 16.

Kylie using the e-resources and history information at Barcaldine Library

Hinchinbrook Regional Council celebrating the library reopening

## OBJECTIVE: PEOPLE AND PARTNERS

**Library staff are leaders in their community, skilled to meet local needs and aspirations. They partner and collaborate locally and globally to deliver services of impact.**

Library teams maintain exciting, deeply local library services, despite Queensland’s library staff decreasing by 3.4%. Library staff advance their own professional training to meet the emerging needs of their communities. Diverse library partnerships make essential contributions, enrich experiences, expand social connections and enhance learning opportunities.

State Library of Queensland and local governments challenged outdated perceptions of libraries by promoting all the offerings of public libraries. Through the *How do you library?* campaign, 73% of councils delivering public library services brought the campaign to life in branches and via outreach activities.



### COOK SHIRE WAGES SUBSIDY ENABLING STAFF, AND IMPROVED LIBRARY SERVICES

Cook Shire Council used the Public Library Funding Wage Subsidy to increase branch opening hours and increase staff. Lakeland branch is now opened one day a week by staff, having previously been opened by a volunteer. Staff also benefited from dedicated training and networking opportunities through the wage subsidy. Library team members were able to attend in person the Small Libraries Workshop and First 5 Forever workshops in Far North Queensland.

**Strategy:**  
Develop strong and effective statewide networks that support knowledge exchange, enhance services, address challenges, and celebrate achievements

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**State Library  
Capability Program**

**PARTICIPANTS  
3,175**

**156 events & sessions**

40 face-to-face

**1,427 self-paced  
module sessions**

**24 webinars**

1,103 attendees



**13 Library Leaders**  
program participants



**BUILDING LIBRARY LEADERS FOR TODAY AND FOR THE FUTURE**

The Library Leaders Program coordinated by State Library contributed to the growth and innovation of 13 library leaders from 12 councils. Participants worked with a mentor on projects and took part in State Library-facilitated conferences to share new ideas and identify cross-regional opportunities. Participants are now ready to take on additional responsibilities and become library leaders.

**Strategy:**  
Employ and enable  
a diverse and skilled  
workforce and invest  
in developing future  
leaders

**LIVINGSTONE SHIRE PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARTICIPATION**

Livingstone Shire Council trained staff in community engagement, developed a new market stall and added outreach activities for their *How do you library?* campaign. Council's ICare Community Project helps to support local men, women and families experiencing significant financial stress. The team sparked genuine excitement and connection, attracting 20% more members and significant growth in participation. These successes elevated the importance of outreach within council. For ICare Friday, library staff are given the chance to chat to isolated elderly people and families, or individuals experiencing homelessness and let them know what the library can offer them.



**Strategy:**  
 Develop and sustain the capacity of staff to meet the needs of local communities, including technological advancements

Livingstone Shire's library staff at ICare Friday

**LIBRARIES DIVERSIFYING PARTNERS**

Goondiwindi Council Library service collaborated with local businesses including, the dentist, firefighters, speech therapist, photography club and local authors, as well as Queensland Writers Centre, and Queensland Ballet. Maranoa Libraries worked towards shared community outcomes across health, education, culture, and community sectors in partnerships including local childcare centres, HeadSpace Roma, NBN, Queensland Museum, National Backyard Cricket, Good Things Foundation, QAGOMA and BlueLight Association. Regional libraries continue to build resilience and contribute to wellbeing and prosperity through these valuable collaborations.

**Strategy:**  
 Attract partners to achieve shared community outcomes, build resilience and contribute to wellbeing and prosperity

**DIGITAL INCLUSION**

**DIGITAL AND YOU**

**33**  
councils

**277**  
workshops  
(July 2024 -  
December  
2025)



ChatGPT workshop for 60s and Better program, Barcaldine Regional Library

**DIGITAL AND YOU**

The Digital and You program is a key initiative of the Queensland Government's Our Thriving Digital Future: Queensland's Digital Economy Strategy 2023-2026, and is funded through State Library and the Department of Customer Service, Open Data and Small and Family Business.

State Library's Digital and You program strengthens digital capability for Queenslanders experiencing the highest levels of digital exclusion, in particular, First Nations and regional and remote communities. Through the Regional Digital Development project, 33 councils collaborated with State Library Regional Digital Development Officers and key partners to identify priorities, expand digital literacy and improve access to technology and training.

Beginner friendly, in person and online Digital and You workshops shaped by community demand, covered AI for everyday and business use, small business and job ready skills, foundational digital literacy, support for older adults, and digital creativity and culture/history preservation.

Participating library staff developed the skills to advocate for digital inclusion and connect councils with shared learning and current practices. Staff also used the Digital and You app to enhance learning by tracking progress and accessing self-paced digital resources. Through Digital Starter Grants, 15 regional and remote councils improved connectivity through satellite services and procuring digital devices for libraries and community hubs. Together, these initiatives create a scalable model that supports Queenslanders to participate confidently in the digital world.



**Strategy:**  
 Enhance libraries to be digital hubs in their communities, enabling all Queenslanders access to build confidence and skills, and participate in the digital world



**DEVELOPING DIGITAL CONFIDENCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Digital and You training has helped regional Queenslanders build skills to start businesses, deliver community projects and gain job-ready capabilities. The flexible program blends online and face-to-face learning, including popular ‘Munch & Learn’ sessions in Mareeba and Kuranda, plus live online options for remote communities. Participants develop practical digital skills including marketing, social media, AI productivity tools, Canva, podcasting and online presence. By sharing ideas, participants benefit from group experiences in smaller regional centres.

**CAPTURING HISTORY AND CULTURE DIGITALLY**

Regional Queensland communities preserved stories and memories through beginner-friendly digital workshops. Participants learned to scan photos, digitise documents, record interviews, design layouts, and create videos using accessible tools like Canva, Photopea, Google PhotoScan, and simple editing apps. A mobile Preservation Station equipment loan program enables libraries to offer their own community digitisation events. These initiatives build digital skills while ensuring regional stories are saved, shared, and celebrated.

**DEEPLY LOCAL DIGITAL SUPPORT**

Regional councils partnered with State Library to strengthen digital inclusion for older Queenslanders through the Digital and You program. Workshops help participants access and use devices, grow confidence using online services, and understand how to stay safe online. Furthering support, the Digital Mentors program at Burdekin Shire Council’s Ayr Library paired high school students with older community members for personalised, one-on-one support in libraries. Older participants gained independence with digital tasks, while young mentors developed communication skills and a deeper understanding of community service.

South-West Queensland Digital and You workshop

## PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE MODELS

There are three categories of governance for public library collections in Queensland: Independent Libraries, Rural Libraries Queensland and Indigenous Knowledge Centres.

Independent Libraries (IND) are library services operated in councils with populations over 15,000. These library services are controlled by the local council, subject to the terms of the Service Level Agreement with the Library Board of Queensland. State Library provides an annual Public Library Grant directly to the council to support the development of its library collection.

Rural Libraries Queensland (RLQ) represents a collaboration between local governments and State Library to provide high quality public library services to rural Queensland. Regional councils with populations under 15,000 are eligible to join RLQ. These library services are controlled by the local council, subject to the terms of the Service Level Agreement with the Library Board of Queensland. In lieu of a cash grant, local governments operating RLQ services receive a notional allocation which funds the centralised purchase of library materials and resources.

Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKC) represent a collaboration between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils and State Library to provide high quality public library services and cultural keeping places in these communities. Councils are responsible for the physical infrastructure, staffing and day to day operations of their IKCs. State Library contributes financial support to councils to assist with operational costs including staffing, library collections and professional development. State Library also collaborates closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils to provide guidance and assistance on programs, activities and events delivered through IKCs to sustain ongoing knowledge transfer.

**COMPARATOR TOOL**

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**14.4 SUPPORT OF NAIDOC WEEK 2026 - CLOSING CEREMONY AND STREET MARCH**

**Author:** Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Affirm its continued support of NAIDOC Week 2026 in Charleville, in recognition of the national theme 50 Years Deadly and Council's longstanding commitment to celebrating and preserving the traditions and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
2. Authorise the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure to allocate funding of up to \$1,000.00 (exclusive of GST), funded from the Community Assistance budget, to procure catering supplies for the barbeque at the NAIDOC Week Closing Ceremony on 25 July 2026.

Approve the temporary closure of Alfred Street and Wills Street, Charleville, from 8:30 am on Friday 24 July 2026 for the NAIDOC Street March, with the march expected to conclude by approximately 9:30 am, subject to appropriate traffic management arrangements being coordinated by the Director of Engineering Services in consultation with Queensland Police Service.

**BACKGROUND**

NAIDOC Week is a nationally recognised celebration held annually in July to honour the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In Charleville, NAIDOC Week events are coordinated through the local NAIDOC committee, with support from the Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service (FWIFVS), operating under the Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health.

Murweh Shire Council has a well-established history of supporting NAIDOC Week celebrations in Charleville, spanning more than two decades. Council's support has taken a range of forms, including street closures to facilitate the annual Street March, facility hire fee waivers, and the provision of catering supplies for the Closing Ceremony barbeque.

The most directly relevant precedent is Resolution 137/25, passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 May 2025:

- That Council continue its support of NAIDOC week with provision of catering supplies for the barbeque at the closing ceremony on the 25th of July 2025.

Other relevant Council resolutions include:

- 2021 (15 July 2021): Council endorsed the action to provide the FWIFVS with assistance for NAIDOC Week 2021 by ordering food on behalf of the group for 19 July 2021.
- 2016 (9 June 2016): Council endorsed the Chief Executive Officer's actions in agreeing to the use of the Charleville Showground or Town Hall and waiving hire fees for NAIDOC Week celebrations on 17 July 2016.
- 2015 (9 July 2015): Council approved the closure of Alfred and Galatea Streets on 24 July 2015 from approximately 9:30 am to 11:30 am for the annual NAIDOC Street March, and waived hire fees for FWIFVS' NAIDOC events.
- 2001 (19 July 2001): Council resolved to provide workers to assist with street closures across Wills Street, Edward Street, Galatea Street, and Alfred Street for the NAIDOC Week Street March.

- This report brings the 2026 request formally before Council to seek advance authorisation, ensuring timely planning and budget allocation.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's authorisation to support NAIDOC Week 2026 celebrations in Charleville, including the provision of catering supplies for the Closing Ceremony barbeque up to a value of \$1,000.00, and to approve the temporary road closure of Alfred Street and Wills Street on Friday 24 July 2026 to facilitate the annual NAIDOC Street March.

### **Discussion**

Correspondence was received from Ms Donna Mitchell, Charleville Support Worker with the Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service (FWIFVS) and Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health, requesting Council's continued support of NAIDOC Week 2026. The request was received on two occasions:

- Initial request (received April 2026): Ms Mitchell advised that NAIDOC Week 2026 will be held from 18 to 26 July 2026 under the national theme 50 Years Deadly, and requested that Murweh Shire Council again provide resources for the sausage sizzle at the Closing Ceremony, consistent with support provided in prior years.
- Street March request (received April 2026): Ms Mitchell requested a temporary road closure of Alfred Street and Wills Street from 8:30 am on Friday 24 July 2026 to accommodate the Closing Ceremony Street March. The march is proposed to commence from the Charleville Council Chambers, proceed along Alfred Street, turn into Wills Street, and conclude at St Mary's School in Watson Street. The march is expected to commence at approximately 9:00 am and conclude by approximately 9:30 am. Queensland Police Service is noted to assist with the march via a patrol vehicle.

In response to a follow-up enquiry from the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure, Ms Mitchell confirmed that the 2025 Closing Ceremony barbeque required the following supplies: 25 loaves of bread, 400 sausages, BBQ sauce, tomato sauce, and serviettes. The full cost of these supplies is not yet known; however, a cap of \$1,000.00 is considered prudent and consistent with Council's recent community event support approvals.

A delegation of authority to the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure to allocate up to \$1,000.00 for catering procurement enables timely ordering and logistical planning without requiring a further Council resolution.

### **Consultation**

Internal consultation was undertaken between the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure (Tony Martin) and the Chief Executive Officer (Bruce Scott OAM), both of whom received the initial request from Ms Donna Mitchell, FWIFVS. The Director of Engineering Services (Jacob Barton) will be consulted regarding the traffic management arrangements for the temporary road closure. The local Queensland Police Service will be engaged in accordance with standard practice for the NAIDOC Street March.

### **Financial Risks**

Council is requested to authorise expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 (exclusive of GST) for the procurement of catering supplies for the NAIDOC Week 2026 Closing Ceremony barbeque. This funding is to be drawn from the Community Assistance operational budget. Based on the 2025 supplies provided (25 loaves of bread, 400 sausages, sauces, and serviettes), the actual expenditure is expected to be materially below the authorised cap. The financial risk is considered low and the amount is within delegation parameters for community assistance matters. No additional costs are anticipated in relation to the street closure, as traffic management will be coordinated utilising existing Council resources and Queensland Police Service support.

### **Environmental Risks**

No environmental risks are associated with this matter. The event is a short-duration community street march and outdoor barbeque. Any waste generated will be managed in accordance with Council's standard requirements. The temporary road closure is of short duration (approximately one hour) and does not involve any works to road infrastructure.

### **Social Risk**

Council's continued support of NAIDOC Week carries significant positive social value. The celebration of the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is an important element of community cohesion and reconciliation within the Murweh Shire. Failure to continue Council's well-established support may be perceived negatively by the local Indigenous community and the broader community and would be inconsistent with Council's Corporate Plan commitments regarding cultural recognition and community wellbeing. The temporary street closure may cause minor inconvenience to road users; however, the brief duration and advance notice to be provided are expected to mitigate any adverse impact.

### **Legal Risk**

Council has authority to temporarily close roads under the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) and associated local laws. The temporary road closure of Alfred Street and Wills Street on 24 July 2026 must be managed in accordance with applicable traffic management requirements, including the engagement of Queensland Police Service. Council's support of NAIDOC Week events is consistent with its obligations under the Local Government Act 2009 to serve the needs and interests of the local community. No identified legal risks are associated with this matter, provided standard traffic management protocols are followed.

### **REFERENCES**

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Community Grants Policy (FIN-012)
- Murweh Shire Council Corporate Plan 2024–2028
- Resolution 137/25 — Ordinary Council Meeting, 21 May 2025
- Resolution 029/25 — Ordinary Council Meeting, 23 January 2025
- Resolution 042/24 — Ordinary Council Meeting, 14 March 2024
- Correspondence from Donna Mitchell, FWIFVS / Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health (April 2026)

### **LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

- 3.4.1 Preservation and recognition of the traditions and cultures of Aboriginal people and their ongoing custodianship of country.
- 3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations
- 1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**14.5 ANDRE MOORE "BIG FEAT" BASKETBALL, HEALTH AND WELBEING PROGRAMME - REQUEST FOR FUNDING****Author:** Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Note the request received from Andre Moore for funding of \$16,000 to deliver the 'Big Feat' Basketball, Health and Wellbeing school holiday programme in Charleville and surrounding communities from 29 June to 3 July 2026.
2. Not approve the funding request as submitted, on the basis that the proposal is a whole-of-region delivery spanning multiple local government areas and does not align with Council's Community Grants Policy (FIN-012) process.
3. Authorise the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure to advise Mr Moore in writing that Council encourages him to: (a) resubmit a Charleville-specific component through the Community Grants Policy (FIN-012) process; and (b) approach Rainbow Gateway, Charleville schools, Paroo Shire Council, and Quilpie Shire Council as potential co-funding partners for the broader regional delivery.

**BACKGROUND**

On 29 April 2026, Murweh Shire Council received a funding request from Mr Andre Moore of 'Big Feat Experience', Forest Lake, Queensland, seeking a contribution of \$16,000 to deliver a basketball, health and wellbeing school holiday programme across Charleville, Cunnamulla, and Quilpie from 29 June to 3 July 2026.

Mr Moore is a former professional basketball player with a career spanning the NBA (Denver Nuggets and Milwaukee Bucks), European leagues, and the National Basketball League in Australia, including four seasons with the Brisbane Bullets during which he was a three-time NBL All Star and recipient of the 'Vince Hockey Memorial Award' for community involvement. In 2018, Mr Moore was inducted into the Loyola University Chicago Sports Hall of Fame.

The proposal states that Mr Moore has previously delivered the 'Big Feat' programme to schools and communities across Australia and has most recently delivered the programme in Cunnamulla, Quilpie, and Charleville during Easter 2026, where it was reportedly well received. Testimonial support for the programme has been provided by the Chief Executive Officer of Longreach Regional Council (September 2017) and the Deputy Principal of Cooktown P-12 State School (July 2019).

Council has no prior resolution in relation to this programme or this presenter.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to present the funding request from Mr Andre Moore for the 'Big Feat' Basketball, Health and Wellbeing programme to Council, outline the merits and limitations of the proposal, and recommend an appropriate course of action consistent with Council's existing policies and governance obligations.

**Discussion**

The 'Big Feat' programme, as presented, is a structured school holiday activity for young people combining motivational speaking with basketball skills and conditioning clinics. The programme is delivered by Mr Moore personally in a classroom or library setting, followed by outdoor court sessions. Mr Moore proposes to travel from Melbourne, hire a vehicle, and spend one week

delivering daily sessions across Cunnamulla, Quilpie, and Charleville, with the final two days in Charleville. All participants would attend at no cost under the proposed model.

### **Strengths of the Programme**

The programme demonstrates a number of genuine merits that Council should weigh:

- Credentialed presenter. Mr Moore's professional career and community involvement record are substantive and verifiable. His NBL All Star recognition and community award through the Brisbane Bullets provide evidence of a sustained commitment to community engagement beyond the sporting arena.
- Positive testimonials. Testimonials from Longreach Regional Council and Cooktown P-12 State School are supportive and specific, noting that the programme was inclusive, engaging, and emotionally impactful for participants including vulnerable young people. The Longreach CEO described the programme as leaving 'an indelible impression' across schools, community groups, and individuals.
- Relevant programme content. The curriculum covers communication, teamwork, goal setting, conflict resolution, confidence building, and healthy lifestyles — all areas of recognised need for young people in regional Queensland. These themes align with the social and educational development priorities relevant to Murweh Shire's young population.
- Free access for participants. The proposal provides for all children to participate at no cost, removing financial barriers to attendance for families in the shire.
- Recent regional delivery. Mr Moore has already delivered the programme in the region at Easter 2026, providing local evidence of programme quality and community appetite beyond historical testimonials.

### **Limitations and Concerns**

Notwithstanding its merits, the proposal raises a number of concerns that Council must consider before approving the full funding request:

- Full regional cost attributed to MSC alone. The proposed \$16,000 is presented as a total programme cost covering delivery in Cunnamulla (Paroo Shire), Quilpie (Quilpie Shire), and Charleville (Murweh Shire). It is not reasonable for Murweh Shire ratepayers to carry the full cost of programme delivery across three local government areas. No evidence is provided that Paroo or Quilpie Shire Councils have been approached to co-fund the visits to their communities.
- Absence of a competitive or needs-based process. The request has been made directly to Council without going through the Community Grants Policy (FIN-012) process. Council's adopted grants policy exists specifically to provide a fair, transparent, and accountable mechanism for evaluating community funding requests. Approving this request outside that framework would create an inconsistent precedent.
- No child safety or safeguarding documentation. The proposal does not include any evidence of working with children checks, child safety policies, public liability insurance, or risk management frameworks applicable to the delivery of youth programmes. These are standard requirements for programmes delivered to minors.
- Testimonial currency. The two supporting testimonials are dated 2017 and 2019 respectively — seven to nine years prior to this proposal. More recent references or evidence from the Easter 2026 delivery in Charleville would provide stronger assurance of current programme quality.
- One-off nature with no legacy. As proposed, the programme is a single one-week activity with no planned ongoing delivery, structural community connection, or local capacity-building component. The long-term community benefit is therefore limited.

Short notice. A programme proposed to commence 29 June 2026 affords Council limited time for due diligence, partner engagement, and logistical coordination.

## Alternative Partnership Pathways

Officers consider that the most appropriate pathway for this proposal — should Council wish to support it — is through a co-funded, partnership-based model. Several potential partners are well-suited:

**Rainbow Gateway** is the regional organisation best positioned to lead or co-fund this type of youth health and wellbeing initiative in the Charleville area. Rainbow Gateway operates across South West Queensland with a remit encompassing community wellbeing, youth, and family support services. Historically, organisations such as RESQ previously supported this type of activity in the region; Rainbow Gateway is the successor service and would be the appropriate contemporary referral.

**Charleville schools** — including Charleville State School, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, and the Charleville School of Distance Education — are the direct beneficiaries of the programme's school holiday delivery model. A cost-sharing arrangement where each school contributes a proportional amount towards the Charleville component of delivery would distribute the financial burden equitably and strengthen the programme's integration with local educational institutions.

**Paroo Shire Council** and **Quilpie Shire Council** are the relevant local governments for the Cunnamulla and Quilpie components of the proposed delivery respectively. Their participation in funding those legs of Mr Moore's visit would produce a more equitable and regionally appropriate model.

If a co-funded model is pursued and the Charleville-specific component is clearly scoped, Council could consider a contribution towards that component through the Community Grants Policy (FIN-012) process in a future grants round, subject to the programme meeting all relevant safeguarding and insurance requirements.

## Consultation

Internal consultation has been undertaken by the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure in preparing this report. No external consultation with partner organisations has been undertaken at this stage, as the matter is being brought to Council for direction before any commitments are made to the applicant or potential partners.

## Financial Risks

The proposal requests \$16,000 from Council in full, with \$8,000 payable as a deposit prior to programme delivery and \$8,000 payable upon completion. This funding is not currently budgeted for in the 2025–26 financial year. Approving the request as submitted would represent an unbudgeted expenditure of \$16,000 drawn from discretionary funds.

If Council instead directs the applicant to the Community Grants Policy (FIN-012) process and encourages a co-funded model, MSC's financial exposure would be proportionally reduced and subject to the standard grants assessment criteria. A Council contribution limited to the Charleville delivery component — if supported through grants — would represent a more defensible use of public funds.

No financial commitment is required by the recommendation of this report.

## Legal Risks

Council's obligations under the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) include the requirement to ensure that expenditure of public funds is in the interests of the local community and is consistent with adopted policies. Approving a request outside the Community Grants Policy process without clear justification could expose Council to criticism of inconsistency in its grant-making decisions.

Council should also be aware that the delivery of any programme involving minors under its auspice or financial support requires evidence of appropriate child safeguarding practices, working with children checks, and adequate public liability insurance coverage. These requirements arise under the *Child Protection Act 1999* (Qld) and Council's own duty of care obligations. The current proposal does not address these requirements.

## Environmental Risks

No environmental risks are identified in relation to this proposal.

## Social Risks

A well-delivered programme of this nature carries positive social outcomes, including improved youth engagement, confidence, and community connectedness in a region where youth services are limited. However, if the programme does not proceed due to insufficient co-funding, or if the applicant's expectations are not managed clearly, there is a reputational risk to Council.

Conversely, funding the programme in full from Council without appropriate due diligence, safeguarding assurances, or equitable cost-sharing with partner LGAs may draw criticism from within the community or from neighbouring councils. Council should also be mindful that an unsupported precedent for direct, out-of-policy funding of visiting programmes could attract further unsolicited requests.

## REFERENCES

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Child Protection Act 1999 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Community Grants Policy (FIN-012)

## LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services and facilities 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.

## LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

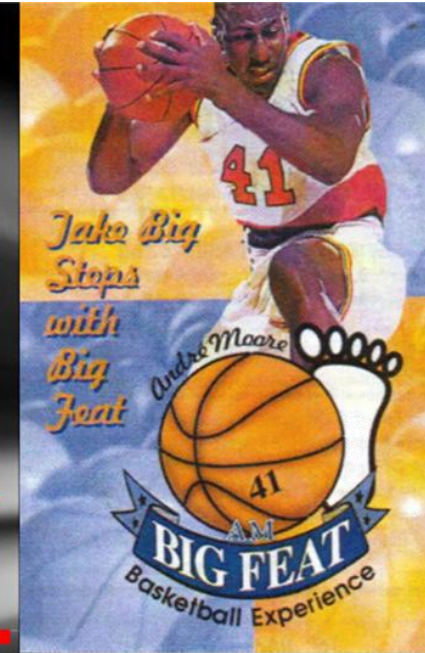
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## ATTACHMENTS

1. **Andre Moore - Big Feat Proposal**
2. **Cooktown Testimonial**
3. **Longreach Testimonial**

# Andre Moore's

**"Big Feat" Basketball  
Health and Wellbeing  
school holiday program for  
Murweh Shire regions from:  
June 29-July 3, 2026.**



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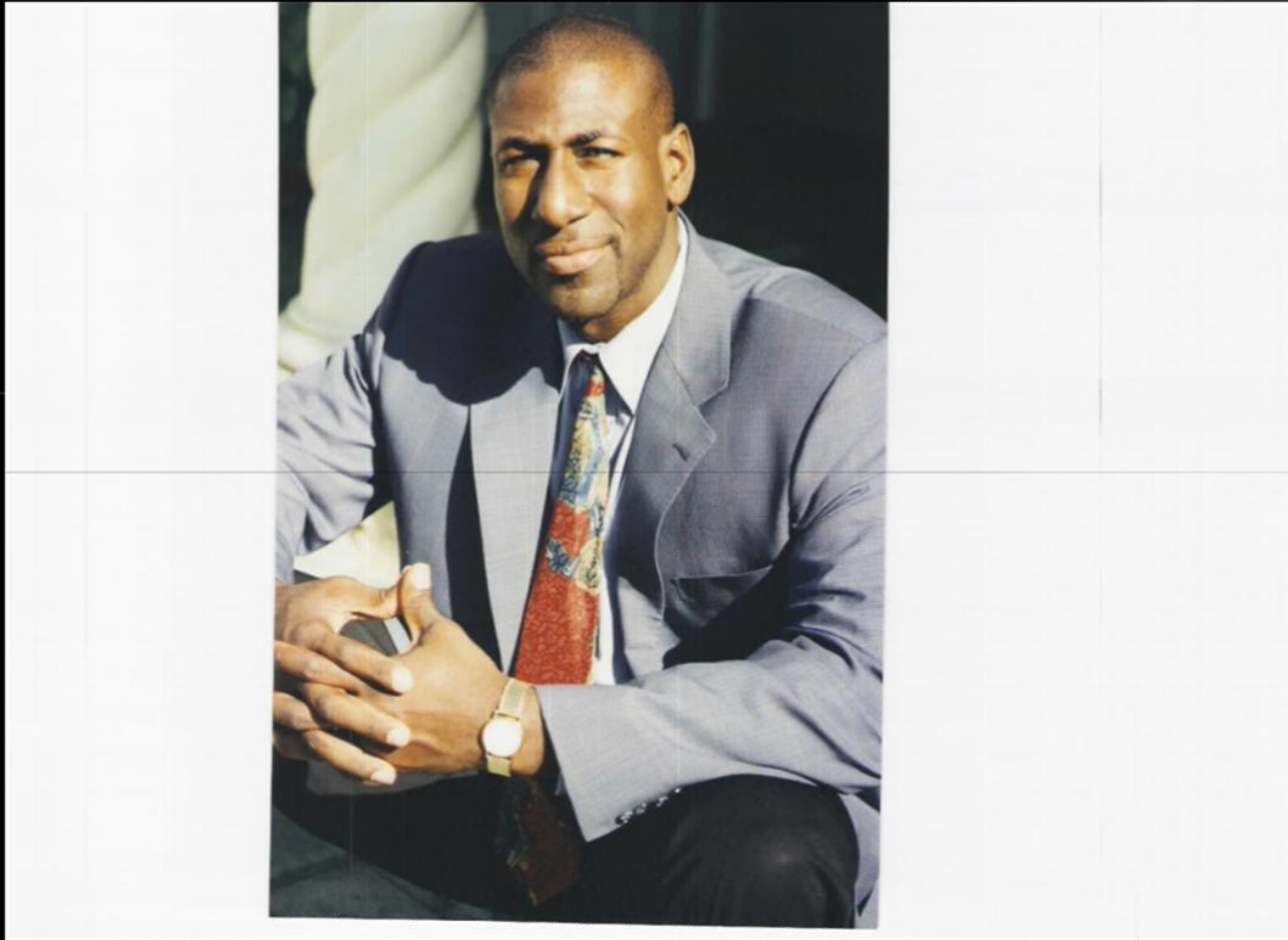
*Mr. Tony Martin-Director of  
Communities, Community Services  
and Community Infrastructure.*

# TAKE BIG "STEPS" WITH BIG FEAT!



# Andre Moore

International Basketballer/Lecturer/Trainer/Mentor



# “Big Feat” Proposal

Thank you for taking the time to consider my Proposal. I would like to return to the region to deliver my program to the youth in Charleville, as well as other communities within the shire. This past Easter I ran my program for young people in Cunnamulla, Quilpie and Charleville and it was very well received by everyone! My interactive course is designed to motivate both young and mature age people to be more efficient and productive in their environment. I focus in on the importance of :

Communicating effectively.

Teamwork.

Maintaining a healthy body and mind.

Dealing with conflict at school and home.

Controlling your own destiny.

Confidence building.

Basketball skills and conditioning training.

# Representing my adopted country in Argentina in 2023!!!



# Andre Moore

## "BIG FEAT" Experience Objective

"BIG FEAT" also emphasises the benefits of team work and discipline.

My main objective is to help young people define individual goals and find ways to achieve them by sharing and encouraging with each other through:

- ✓ Positive choices
- ✓ Promoting high self esteem
- ✓ Long and Short term goalsetting
- ✓ Role modelling in schools
- ✓ Develop self esteem, confidence and a sense of commitment to increase social interaction and networks
- ✓ Encourage behaviour responsibility with respect for ourselves, our classmates and authoritarian individuals

# KEEP RISIN TO THE TOP!!!



# Andre Moore – Background

## Professional Basketball

I am a professional basketball player who has been living in Australia since 1990.

In 2018 I was inducted into my universities (Loyola Uni of Chicago), sports Hall of Fame!

My career spans from 1987 as a Professional Basketball Player for the Denver Nuggets and Milwaukee Bucks in the USA, through to a season playing in Valencia, Spain, followed by a season with the French Pro League in Tours, France.

During 1990 I played basketball with Tulsa Fast Breakers, Oklahoma USA before moving to Australia to represent the Brisbane Bullets for four years. During my career with the Brisbane Bullets I was selected three times as the National Basketball League All Star and was the recipient of the "Vince Hockey Memorial Award", which is the most prestigious perpetual award given out by the Brisbane Bullets Club for Community Involvement.

From 1995 until 2001 I played basketball for Hobart Tassie Devils and Cairns Taipans and various other basketball leagues throughout Brisbane, Toowoomba and Cairns.

Dre' on the move!



# "Big Feat holiday program details:

Just like the recent Easter visits, I will fly up to Brisbane from Melbourne and then fly out to Charleville, hire a vehicle and then deliver my program daily at Cunamulla, Quilpie and then spend the final 2 days in Charleville!

The program features a combination talk and demonstration via PowerPoint, in a classroom or library setting'. This is followed by a basketball skills and conditioning clinics on the sporting grounds!

Andre has delivered workshops and lectures to 100s of schools and communities here in Australia, as well as, overseas! He has been able to reinvent himself time after time over the years. He shares stories from his playing days. He talks about how things were not always rosy, behind the scenes, He had to overcome adversity on many occasions. And this is what helped him to succeed in life!

# Big Feat is about teaching the children!



# Andre Moore Basketball, Health and Wellbeing Program remuneration:

I am requesting that the Murweh Shire Council contribute \$16,000 to cover the cost of my visit to the communities during the week of June 29-July 3, 2026. This will allow all participants to attend the program at no cost.

A deposit of \$8000 is to be made prior to my visit, and then the final payment of \$8000 is to be made once I have completed the program at the end of the week.

Cost will include:

Return travel from Melbourne to Charleville.

Accommodation/meals.

Daily delivery of lectures, followed by basketball skills and conditioning drills.

Games and competitions with prizes to be won!

Each child will receive a certificate of participation at the conclusion of the program!

Administration.

# The last quarter!

I am committed to delivering a high quality basketball, health and wellbeing program in every community that I visit! I look forward to discussing the details further!

Thank you for your time Rachel!

Kind regards,

Andre Moore

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# Cooktown P-12



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26 July 2019

Andre Moore visited Cooktown P-12 State School in late June as part of a week long visit to the Cook Shire. Andre ran the Big Feat program at P-12 Cooktown State School with Primary and Junior Secondary students. This consisted of a talk about Andre and dreaming big in pursuing your goals, followed by a basketball skills and games session.

As Deputy Principal of the Junior Secondary School, I can attest that the sessions were exceptional, and that Andre has a gift for working with students. Student and teacher feedback was that the messages that Andre provided were insightful and powerful, and applied to their everyday life. Watching sixty kids lining up, ready to run back and forth as part of their warm-up for basketball, with smiles on every face, was priceless! Andre spent time with every student cajoling and encouraging, pushing a positive attitude towards every student. Andre gave out medals for students who displayed the best attitude, or tried their hardest, and some of these students were still wearing their medals days later. During a game called Titanic where students had to save their fellow 'passengers' by scoring a goal, one girl saved her passengers with three possible 'savers' out of sixty left remaining. Andre congratulated and praised the girl, the rest of the students cheered, and you could tell she felt like a million dollars! What Andre didn't know is that one of this girl's parents passed away recently, and that Andre's praise and celebration would have made the girls's day, and week, and month! Andre's program is inclusive and engaging; *every kid* was involved.

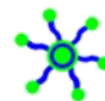
I wholeheartedly endorse and recommend Andre Moore's Big Feat program as a wonderful addition to any school Personal and Social Capability Program, and invite you to contact me personally on 4082 0222 or at [david.lang@eq.edu.au](mailto:david.lang@eq.edu.au) if you require any further information. This program is a winner, and I look forward to Andre's next visit to Cooktown P-12 State School.

Yours sincerely

**DAVID LANG**  
**Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary**  
**Cooktown State School P-12**



"SUCCESS FROM ENDEAVOUR"



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19 September 2017

To whom it may concern

Re: Mr. Andre Moore

I would like to commend Andre Moore on his recent visit to our region.

I have received extremely positive feedback from our community about the impact his program has made.

Andre engages with all sections of the community regardless of age and has left an indelible impression on many schools, community groups and individuals that he met.

We would have no hesitation in recommending the "Big Feat" Program to any organisation seeking to promote a positive attitude and healthy choices within their communities.

I am happy to expand further if required and can be contacted on 0419917162 or [ceo@longreach.qld.gov.au](mailto:ceo@longreach.qld.gov.au)

Sincerely

Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer  
Longreach Regional Council

*Incorporating the towns of Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yaraka*



**14.6 CRABS RUNNING FESTIVAL 2026 - APPROVAL OF ROAD USE AND AUTHORISATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**Author:** Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- 1) Approve the use of local roads within the Murweh Shire Council area for the Charleville Runners and Bikes (CRABS) Running Festival on Sunday, 19 July 2026, with the course commencing at the Charleville Showgrounds and proceeding along Wellwater Road, subject to:
  - a) the provision of an approved Murweh Shire Council Application for Holding an Event within the Murweh Shire,
  - b) locate appropriate public safety signage on the day of the event as directed by Murweh Shire Council; and
  - c) the provision of a current AusTriathlon Race Permit and Certificate of Currency being provided to Council prior to the event.
- 2) Authorise the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure to issue a letter of support to Charleville Runners and Bikes confirming Council's approval of the road use for the 2026 CRABS Running Festival.
- 3) Note that a separate application by Charleville Runners and Bikes under Council's Community Grants Policy (FIN-012) is to be assessed in accordance with that policy.

**BACKGROUND**

Charleville Runners and Bikes (CRABS) is a community sport and recreation group based in Charleville. The group has previously received Council approval to use local roads for running events. Most recently, at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 16 July 2025, Council resolved (Resolution 204/25) to approve the CRABS Half Marathon route commencing at the Charleville Showgrounds, proceeding along Partridge Street, Diversion Road, and Wellwater Road to a 10.5 kilometre turnaround point and returning to the Showgrounds.

On 7 May 2026, Council received correspondence from Jenny Peacock on behalf of CRABS advising that planning has commenced for the **CRABS Running Festival**, scheduled for Sunday, 19 July 2026. The correspondence advises that:

- The course will commence at the Charleville Showgrounds and proceed along Wellwater Road, consistent with previous events;
- The event will be sanctioned by AusTriathlon, and the organisation requires written confirmation from Council approving the use of the road to issue a Race Permit and Certificate of Currency;
- No road closures are anticipated — appropriate signage will be in place to ensure public awareness and participant safety;
- The Charleville Showgrounds have been booked for the event; and
- A separate application has been submitted under Council's Community Grants Programme (FIN-012) for financial assistance.

The event is described as an expansion of the previous running programme, with additional race options to be offered.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for CRABS to use local roads within the Murweh Shire Council area for the CRABS Running Festival on 19 July 2026, and to authorise the issue of a letter of support confirming that approval for the purposes of AusTriathlon's sanctioning process.

## **DISCUSSION**

The CRABS Running Festival is an established community sporting event that has received Council support in previous years. The course route — commencing at the Charleville Showgrounds and heading along Wellwater Road — follows the same alignment approved under Resolution 204/25 (July 2025). Council is therefore familiar with the route and the event format.

The sanction of the event by AusTriathlon provides a structural safety and governance framework for the event, including whole-of-sport insurance cover under AusTriathlon's scheme. The provision of a Certificate of Currency and Race Permit prior to the event provides Council with assurance that the organiser has met AusTriathlon's safety and operational standards.

The request is for road use with appropriate signage only — no road closures are proposed. This is consistent with the approach taken for the 2025 event. The Director of Engineering Services should be consulted with respect to signage requirements and any traffic management considerations prior to the event.

The applicant has also submitted a separate application under the Community Grants Policy (FIN-012). That application is to be assessed on its merits in accordance with that policy and is not the subject of this report.

## **Consultation**

This report has been prepared following receipt of written correspondence from Jenny Peacock on behalf of Charleville Runners and Bikes. Internal consultation has previously been undertaken with the Director of Engineering Services (Jacob Barton) in relation to road use and signage requirements. No further external consultation is required prior to Council's consideration of this matter.

## **Financial Risks**

No direct financial implication arises from the approval of road use for this event. The applicant has confirmed that the event will be covered by AusTriathlon's whole-of-sport insurance scheme, and a Certificate of Currency is required to be provided to Council prior to the event. This mitigates Council's exposure to liability arising from the road use. Any financial assistance sought by CRABS via the Community Grants Policy (FIN-012) will be assessed separately.

## **Legal Risks**

Under section 60 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), Council has control of all roads in its local government area, including the power to permit and regulate their use. Approval of road use by Council is therefore within Council's lawful authority. The requirement that a current AusTriathlon Race Permit and Certificate of Currency be provided to Council prior to the event provides a reasonable assurance of insurance coverage and reduces Council's legal exposure. No road closures are proposed, which limits any requirement for additional regulatory approvals under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* (Qld).

## **Environmental Risks**

No environmental risks are identified in connection with the proposed event. The event is a foot-based running festival proceeding along existing roads. No environmental permits or approvals are required.

## **Social Risks**

The CRABS Running Festival is a community sporting event that contributes positively to the health, wellbeing, and social cohesion of Charleville and the broader Murweh Shire community. Appropriate signage along Wellwater Road will ensure public awareness of the event and minimise inconvenience to road users. No adverse social impacts are anticipated.

## **REFERENCES**

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld), section 60 — Control of Roads
- Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 (Qld)
- Murweh Shire Council Community Grants Policy (FIN-012)
- Resolution 204/25 — Ordinary Council Meeting, 16 July 2025: Approval of CRABS Half Marathon Route

## **LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

- 3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.
- 4.1.1 Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.
- 1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole-of-community communication and engagement strategies.

## **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. **Correspondence from Jenny Peacock, Charleville Runners and Bikes, dated 7 May 2026**
2. **Correspondence from CRABS**
3. **Notification - 2026 CRABS Running Festival**
4. **event-application\_ CRABS Running Festival 2026**
5. **course description and map**

06/05/2026

Hi Tony,

We have commenced planning for the CRABS Running Festival, scheduled for 19 July 2026.

Following the success of last year's event, we are looking to expand the program with a few additional race options. The course will remain the same, starting at the Showgrounds and heading out along Wellwater Road.

As the event will be sanctioned by AusTriathlon, we require written confirmation from Council approving the use of the road for the event. At this stage, we do not anticipate any road closures—only appropriate signage to ensure public awareness and participant safety.

Subject to approval, the event will be covered under AusTriathlon's whole-of-sport insurance scheme, and we will be issued with a Race Permit and Certificate of Currency.

I can confirm that the Showgrounds have been booked for the event. I have also applied for the Council Grants Program for assistance with the event.

Please let me know if you require any further information or documentation to support this request.

Kind regards,  
Jenny Peacock



**From:** Charleville Crabs <[secretary.crabs@outlook.com.au](mailto:secretary.crabs@outlook.com.au)>  
**Sent:** 13 May 2026 15:22  
**To:** Tony Martin <[Tony\\_Martin@murweh.qld.gov.au](mailto:Tony_Martin@murweh.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: CRABS Running Festival

Hi Tony,

Further to the upcoming CRABS Running Festival, please see the following event requirements and updates.

Please find attached notification to Emergency Services regarding the event. In addition, an application for a permit will be submitted to the Charleville Police Station.

An application for the Community Assistance Grant has been submitted to support delivery of the event.

AusTriathlon will provide the Certificate of Currency once approval from Murweh Shire Council and Charleville Police has been confirmed.

Volunteers and participants will be briefed on road safety requirements prior to and during the event. Event volunteers will also manage the placement and collection of event signage along the course.

Could you please advise whether a formal Risk Assessment and Event Management Plan will be required for this event?

Additionally, apologies for the late notice, however the organising committee has identified that a portable toilet on the course would be beneficial for participants. If possible, we would appreciate consideration for placement of a portaloos along the course route.

Please let me know if any further information is required.

Kind regards,

Jenny



**From:** [Charleville Crabs](#)  
**To:** [QAS DDR OIC Charleville](#); [Caine Warburton](#); [sandra.currie@qfes.qld.gov.au](mailto:sandra.currie@qfes.qld.gov.au); [Jones.NoelP@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Jones.NoelP@police.qld.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Notification - 2026 CRABS Running Festival  
**Date:** Wednesday, 13 May 2026 2:57:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to advise emergency services of the upcoming 2026 CRABS Running Festival, to be held on Sunday 19 July 2026 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The event will be based at the Charleville Showgrounds and will involve running activities on roads within the Charleville township and surrounding areas.

Relevant approvals are currently being sought and confirmed with Murweh Shire Council.

Please let me know if you require any further information, course maps, traffic management details, or an event briefing closer to the date.

Kind regards,  
Jenny





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**APPLICATION FOR HOLDING AN EVENT WITHIN THE MURWEH SHIRE**

APPLICANT DETAILS				
The applicant is person responsible for making the application.				
Organisation Name	CRABS Charleville Runners & Bikers			
ABN				
Applicant Name	Jennifer Peacock			
Postal Address	Charleville Swimming Pool			
Contact Phone Number/s	0429637137			
Email Address	secretary.crabs@outlook.com.au			
EVENT INFORMATION				
Name of the Event	CRABS Running Festival			
Location of the Event	Charleville Show Grounds			
Name of the Landowner	Murweh Shire			
Landowner's Postal Address	95-101 Alfred St Charleville			
Property Description (Park, Hall, Showgrounds, etc)	Show Grounds			
Date of Event	Start Date	19 July	End Date	19 July
	Time of Event (Including setup time if applicable)	Start Time	7am am/pm	End Time
Bump-in & Bump-out dates	19 July			
Description of the Event / Entertainment	<b>Running events</b>			
Current public liability insurance of \$20 million must be provided and a copy of the policy or Certificate of Currency must be submitted to Council. Murweh Shire Council <b>MUST</b> be listed as an interested party.				

Is the event open to the public?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Are more than 100 people attending the event?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Number of staff on site during the event	volunteers - 12	
Estimated number of customers that will visit the event per performance?	100	
Number of toilets provided		
Male	Number of hand wash basins	1
Female	Number of toilets	3
Male	Number of hand wash basins	1
Female	Number of toilets	3
Is access provided for emergency vehicles? (If yes, detail on map)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

<b>Number of bins provided</b>	6		
<b>Do you require any road closures?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
<b>If yes, please complete necessary applications and attach</b>			
<b>List all fire safety precautions</b> (i.e. fire exits, evacuation plan, smoke alarms, fire hoses, fire extinguishers, etc.)			
<b>Will you be requesting any in-kind /waiving of fees assistance?</b>			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
<b>If yes, please give details and attach supporting evidence</b>	Use of Show Grounds		
<b>Will there be BYO food at the event?</b> <small>(If yes, please provide details)</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Details: Participants can provide own food	
<b>Will food be sold at the event?</b> <small>(If yes, please provide details – registered kitchen / vehicle / food stalls / types of food, business licence numbers, etc)</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Details: <b>BBQ and food stalls</b>	
<b>NOTE:</b> Any persons intending to sell food at this event must hold a Food Licence or contact Council to discuss food hygiene requirements at least 14 days prior to the event.			
<b>Will alcohol be served?</b> <small>(If yes, please provide a copy of the liquor licence)</small>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
<b>Will there be a fireworks display?</b> <small>(If yes, provide a copy of notification)</small>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
<b>Will there be inflatable entertainment / amusement rides?</b> <small>(e.g. jumping castle)</small>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<small>Size</small>	
		<small>Details</small>	
		<small>No. Pegged</small>	<small>No. Unpegged</small>
<b>Will there be live music / entertainment / amplification equipment?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
<b>Will there be any animal activity?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
<b>Will there be Marquees / Tents / Stalls</b> <small>(Only portable, self-supporting marquees / shelters are permitted)</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<small>Size</small>	3x3
		<small>No. Pegged</small>	yes
<b>Will there be a stage?</b> <small>(Please specify size)</small>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<small>Size</small>	
<b>Will there be any signage installed?</b> <small>(All signage is to be free standing and not on road reserves)</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
<b>Will there be tables and chairs?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<small>No. of tables</small>	6
		<small>No. of chairs</small>	0
<b>Cross Country or fun run?</b> <small>(If yes, you must supply a map of the route)</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
<b>Has an Event Management Plan been developed for the event?</b> <small>(If yes, copy to be provided)</small>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
<p>The following information should be addressed in the event management plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community consultation plan</li> <li>• Event operational plan</li> <li>• Security services plan</li> <li>• Emergency management plan</li> <li>• Alcohol management plan</li> <li>• Noise management plan</li> <li>• Traffic management plan</li> <li>• Waste management plan</li> <li>• Risk management strategy</li> <li>• Public safety plan</li> <li>• Details of the quality and condition of equipment to be used in the activity.</li> <li>• Details of compliance with the requirements of the State and Commonwealth legislation and government agencies (if applicable).</li> </ul>			

<b>Has the applicant notified surrounding properties of the proposed event?</b> (please provide a copy of the notification to the surrounding properties)	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>Has the applicant submitted a site plan of the event?</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
The site plan must include the following:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency access routes</li> <li>• Parking including disable parking</li> <li>• Fire suppression measures</li> <li>• Spectator areas</li> <li>• Security, crowd control and/or police locations</li> <li>• First aid post/stations</li> <li>• Approved liquor consumption areas and bars</li> <li>• Site entrance/exits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency exits</li> <li>• Litter/refuse locations</li> <li>• Structure locations, including buildings.</li> <li>• Food vendor locations</li> <li>• Fireworks location</li> <li>• Camping areas (if approved)</li> <li>• Location and direction of speakers/PA system</li> <li>• Fencing locations</li> </ul>	
<b>Has the applicant notified the following emergency services of the event?</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
The following Emergency Services must be notified of the event and copies of their confirmation must be attached to this application:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queensland Police Service</li> <li>• Queensland Ambulance Service</li> <li>• Queensland Fire and Emergency Rescue Service</li> </ul>		

<b>CHECKLIST AND APPLICANT DECLARATION</b>		
Have you attached the mandatory supporting document identified as required on this form?		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Current Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency (\$20 million) nominating Murweh Shire Council as an interested party.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Management Plan	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supporting evidence for waiver of fees or in-kind support (if applicable)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Event Management Plan (if applicable)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Liquor Licence (if applicable)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fireworks notification (if applicable)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notification to surrounding properties (if applicable)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Service confirmation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Site Plan (if applicable)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map of the route (if applicable)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Road Closure permits (if applicable)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I declare that the information provided by me in this application is true and correct.</li> <li>• I understand that any approval that may be issued as a consequence of this application will be issued to me the applicant.</li> <li>• I acknowledge that the event organisers are responsible for cleaning the venue and leaving it in the same condition as it was found.</li> </ul>		
<b>Name &amp; Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>
		13/05/2026

**Privacy Notice:** Murweh Shire Council is collecting your personal information for the purpose of processing your application. If you choose not to provide your personal information, the application may not be approved. Your personal information will only be accessed by authorised Council employees. Your personal information will not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any other person or entity unless you have given us permission, or we are required by law.

# CRABS HALF MARATHON & TEAM RUN



## 📍 Course Description

A 21.1 km out-and-back course starting at the Charleville Showgrounds:

- ➡ Head east along Partridge Street
- ➡ Turn left onto Diversion Road
- ➡ Right onto Wellwater Road
- ➡ Continue to the 10.5 km turnaround, then retrace your steps back to the Showgrounds!

## 👟 Team Relay Format

- ◆ Teams of 3
- ◆ Each runner covers 7 km (3.5 km out and back)
- ◆ Final runner joins their teammates for a 100 m team sprint to the finish!

## 💧 On-Course Support

- ✔ Drink stations at 3.5 km, 7 km & 10.5 km turnarounds
- ✔ Toilets at the Showgrounds only
- ✔ Toilet paper available at drink stations
- 🚗 Please stay alert and move aside if vehicles are approaching—parts of the course are on open roads.

Let's run, tag, and sprint our way to the finish line!r text



**14.7 HOPE PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICE - REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF HALL HIRE FEE - DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AWARENESS EVENT**

**Author:** Director Community, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure  
**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Waive the applicable hall hire fee for the use of a Council hall facility in Charleville for a free community self-defence session and Police information session to be held on Thursday, 21 May 2026, as requested by Jennifer Peacock, Health Promotion Officer, HOPE (Preventative Health Service), South West Hospital and Health Service.
2. Note that the event is being delivered in partnership with Charleville Police and the Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service (FWIFVS) in recognition of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.
3. Note that approval of the fee waiver is subject to confirmation of the specific venue with the applicant and compliance with Council's standard conditions of hall hire, including leaving the facility in a clean and tidy condition.

**BACKGROUND**

On 13 May 2026, Council received a request from Jennifer Peacock, Health Promotion Officer, HOPE (Preventative Health Service), South West Hospital and Health Service (SWHHS), for the waiver of hall hire fees for a free community self-defence and Police information session scheduled for the morning of Thursday, 21 May 2026.

The event is being delivered in partnership with Charleville Police and the Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service (FWIFVS) as part of Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month. It is offered free of charge to the community and is focused on community safety education and DFV awareness.

Council holds a well-established practice of waiving hire fees for community events of this nature. Most directly relevant is a precedent from the May 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting, at which the Chief Executive Officer's actions in providing the use of the Warrego Room Raceview Complex and the Charleville Town Hall free of charge to FWIFVS for DFV community awareness activities were formally endorsed by Council. Subsequent precedents include Resolution 296/25 (November 2025), in which Council waived the hire fee for the Augathella Hall for Care Outreach's community Christmas event, and Resolution 354/25 (December 2025), in which Council waived facility hire fees for the Warrego Open Shears community event at the Charleville Showgrounds.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the waiver of the applicable hall hire fee for the HOPE Preventative Health Service community event on 21 May 2026, consistent with Council's established practice of supporting free community health, safety, and wellbeing events.

**DISCUSSION****Consultation**

The request was received directly from Jennifer Peacock, Health Promotion Officer, HOPE (Preventative Health Service), South West Hospital and Health Service, via written correspondence dated 13 May 2026. Internal consultation has been undertaken by the Director of Community,

Community Services & Community Infrastructure in preparing this report. No further internal consultation is required for a matter of this nature.

### **Financial Risks**

Approval of the fee waiver will result in a minor foregone revenue impact equivalent to the applicable hall hire rate as per Council's current Schedule of Fees and Charges. As the event is a half-day morning session, the financial impact is expected to be minimal. Council regularly absorbs comparable foregone revenue in support of community health and safety events, consistent with its Community Service Obligation framework. No additional costs are anticipated. All utilities and consumables costs associated with the session will be the responsibility of the applicant, subject to Council's standard hire conditions.

### **Legal Risks**

Council has broad powers under the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) to provide concessions and in-kind support for community purposes. The decision to waive hire fees falls within Council's discretion and is consistent with its established practice and revenue policy. No legal risks are identified. Standard insurance and indemnity conditions applicable to hall hirers should be confirmed with the applicant prior to the event.

### **Environmental Risks**

No environmental risks are identified. The event is an indoor session of limited duration and is not expected to have any environmental impact.

### **Social Risks**

The social benefit of this event is significant. Domestic and family violence is a serious community safety issue affecting families across regional Queensland, including the Murweh Shire. The event directly supports DFV Prevention Month, a nationally recognised awareness campaign. Delivery in partnership with Charleville Police and FWIFVS — an established regional service provider — lends credibility and reach to the programme. Council's in-kind support strengthens its relationships with key health and safety partners and demonstrates its commitment to community wellbeing. Declining the request carries a reputational risk in the context of a sensitive and high-profile community issue. No adverse social risks are identified in approving the waiver.

### **REFERENCES**

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), section 36 — Cost of community service obligations
- Murweh Shire Council Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025–26
- Ordinary Council Meeting Resolution, May 2015 — FWIFVS DFV Awareness Activities, Warrego Room and Charleville Town Hall
- Resolution 296/25 — Care Outreach, Augathella Hall Hire Fee Waiver, 18 November 2025
- Resolution 354/25 — Warrego Open Shears Facility Hire Fee Waiver, 16 December 2025

### **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
- 3.2.1 Safety and protection strategies meet community needs and expectations

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Email from HOPE

**Email sent 13/05/2026**

Hi Tony,

Apologies for the short notice, but we are planning to hold a free community self-defence session and Police information session next Thursday morning, 21 May.

The event is being delivered in partnership with Charleville Police and Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service to help raise awareness for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

As this is a free community event focused on community safety and education, I was wondering if it may be possible to have the hall hire fees waived for the session.

Thank you for considering our request, and please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards,  
Jenny

**Jennifer Peacock**

Health Promotion Officer

HOPE (*Preventative Health Service*)

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**14.8 TOURISM 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 May 2026.

**BACKGROUND****Visitor Information Centres in the Shire**

Charleville Visitor Information Centre recorded a 128.40% increase in visitation during April compared with March - a strong indication that visitor confidence is rebounding despite recent challenges caused by the fuel crisis. While visitation remained 11.37% lower than the same period last year, the month-on-month growth is an encouraging sign for the region's tourism recovery. Also noteworthy, cancellations are trending downward, providing some stability and strengthening the booking forecast for the rest of the season.

The Matilda Way signage audit is currently underway.

The new Visitor Guides have arrived and are already being distributed throughout Charleville and across Queensland, showcasing the very best of the region through fresh imagery and updated visitor information designed to encourage travellers to stay longer and explore more.

The Outback Warrior Pass campaign remains active, with staff continuing to promote and upsell the offering.

Preparation is well underway for the Visitor Information Centre accreditation audit submission in May, with all recommendations from the 2025 audit now successfully addressed. This includes the installation of additional directional signage ahead of the centre car park entry, further improving visitor wayfinding and arrival experience.

The Charleville Bilby Experience is now fully operational, with tours running twice-daily from Monday to Saturday, along with one Sunday tour.

Morven Visitor Information Centre: opened on 1 April and saw 413 guests through the door for the month.

Augathella Visitor Centre had 28 visitors through the doors during the month of April.

**Transport**

Queensland Rail Tickets: Charleville Visitor Information Centre booked for 9 people.

Greyhound Tickets: Charleville Visitor Information Centre booked for 6 passengers.

Rex Airline: Charleville Visitor Information Centre had 2 enquiries about air travel.

**Charleville Cosmos Centre**

This April saw a decrease in visitors enjoying the Outback Stargazing and Sun Viewing, but an increase in visitors joining the Planetarium Films and Premium Stargazing, compared to April 2025.

The drop in visitors was expected, however not as significant as predicted. The large increase in Premium Stargazing tours is mostly a result of having more tour days available as qualified staffing has increased through upskilling and hiring outside the Murweh region. The increase in Planetarium Films could be a result of local families enjoying our new, award-winning Planetarium Films that are now showing.

The condition of the Sun Viewing observatory has been significantly improved with new epoxy floor coatings and repaint. This was done efficiently utilising the building crew who were in the process of recoating the floors in the renovated admin building with the same product. We also repainted the interior walls using leftover paint from the renovations to the Cosmos Centre last year. This will now prevent mould from developing and allow easier cleanup on rainy days when water does get in. See images below. See Appendix A for before, mid and after photos.



### WWII Secret Base

April 2026 proved to be a surprisingly strong month for the WWII Secret Base, with a steady visitation figure maintained throughout, despite ongoing concerns about fuel shortages.

A new tourism trainee commenced at the site during April, a welcome addition to operations that will also benefit the broader tourism precinct going forward.

The Base received national exposure through a feature on 9News during April, as well as a live weather cross from within the Base. The coverage provided valuable promotion for Murweh Shire and further reinforced the importance of the WWII Secret Base as a key visitor attraction in Outback Queensland. It was also a good punt for the recently developed Fuel Tracker.

ANZAC Day recorded 76 visitors through a free entry day, with strong support from local accommodation providers delivering group bookings to the site. A mention at the Dawn Service contributed notably to visitation numbers this year.

The ANZAC Day free entry initiative continues to be an effective means of engaging the local community on a significant commemorative occasion.

*\*ANZAC Day visitors are recorded separately and excluded from monthly totals as all entries were free.*

### Events

The Queensland Music Trail’s “Saddle Up” event, held at the Charleville Racecourse Complex in April, was once again a strong success for Murweh, attracting approximately 1,200 ticket sales. The event continues to cement its place as a signature experience for Charleville, delivering significant visitation and positive economic benefit for local businesses. Feedback from attendees and organisers was overwhelmingly positive, with the event recognised as professionally delivered, well attended and an important contributor to the region’s growing events calendar. A full post-event analysis from QMF is expected in the coming weeks.

### Campaigns

#### Fun Over 50s “Backing the Outback”

Experience Charleville was pleased to support and participate in the “Backing the Outback” recovery initiative delivered by Fun Over 50 Holidays, designed to encourage visitation and provide practical economic support to Outback Queensland communities impacted by recent flooding, fuel concerns and reduced traveller confidence.

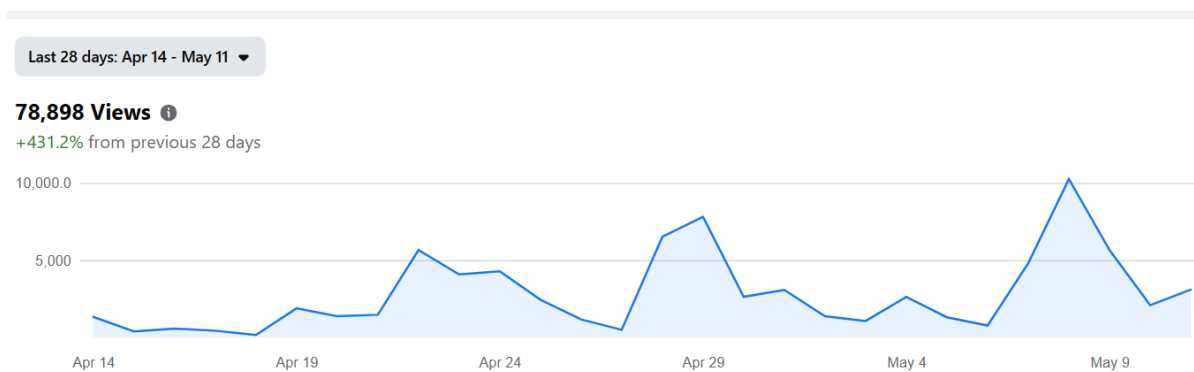
The tour included Charleville as a key overnight destination, featuring our key local experiences on the itineraries of the travellers, which they had to self-book. The initiative has generated strong interest from the over-50s travel market, with all available seats selling quickly following release.

Due to overwhelming demand and strong uptake, two additional June departures have now been added to the touring program, providing further opportunity to drive visitation, overnight stays and local spending through Charleville.

#### Murweh. One Day Away.

The “Murweh. One Day Away.” destination campaign continues to gain strong traction across social media platforms, generating positive engagement and increasing awareness, with Meta reporting 78,898 views over the past 28 days - up 431.2% on the previous period. The results show strong engagement with campaign content and early campaign performance indicates growing audience reach. (It must be noted that this data is not only limited to the campaign).

As part of the broader campaign rollout, production is currently underway for the official television commercial (TVC), which will further enhance the campaign.



**LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **April Visitor Statistics**
2. **Fun Over 50s Campaign**

**APRIL 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	1512									3431

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	404									1060

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	4									21

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	22	12	24	21									79

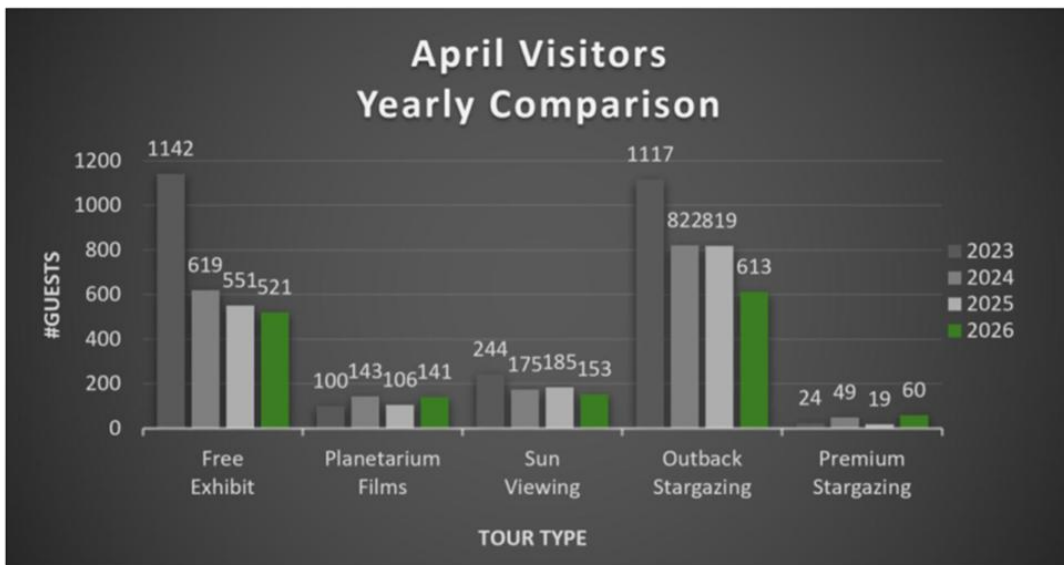
  

Bilby Experience Pax													
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
2023	76	105	288	1159	1442	2454	2144	1656	1730	543	180	0	11777
2024	10	51	342	845	1054	1832	2221	1838	1717	545	66	0	10521
2025	0	0	0	682	1040	1635	2304	1556	1898	807	88	0	10010
2026	0	0	75	609									684

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	50									64

**Charleville Cosmos Centre**

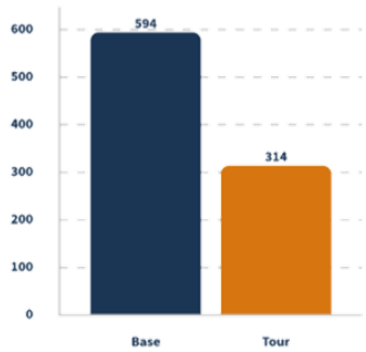


"Free Exhibit" is Astronomy by Day; our free interactive exhibit | "Planetarium Films" are the Planetarium movies played daily | "Outback Stargazing" is our main night tour formerly known as "Big Sky Observatory" | "Premium Stargazing" is the premium stargazing experience formerly known as "Small and Personal" using the 30" telescope on moonless nights.

**WWII Secret Base**

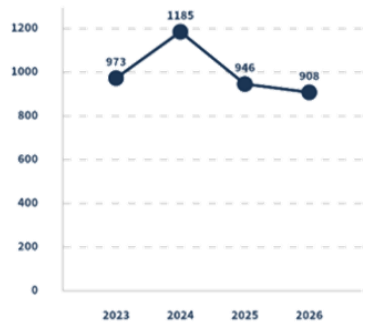
# WWII SECRET BASE END OF MONTH REPORT APRIL 2026

### PRODUCT ATTENDANCE



594 guests visited the Base and 314 completed the tour, a large and encouraging increase across both products following a challenging start to the year.

### YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON



908 guests visited the Base across all products in April 2026, a 4% decrease on the same period last year, though considering the fuel disruptions experienced this year, it remains an encouraging result.

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# BACKING THE OUTBACK

GOLDEN OUTBACK JOURNEY ON OUR DONATED GOLD CLASS COACH




Kyra Sandhills at sunset at Toogunna Plains Farmstay

**SUPPORTING FLOOD RECOVERY, FUEL RESPONSIBILITY, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES.**

Join Fun Over 50 Holidays on a fully hosted journey for the over 50s with our dedicated Coach Captain and Tour Host. created to bring business back to Outback Queensland communities.

### WHY THIS JOURNEY MATTERS

Many Outback communities have been affected by flood impacts, cancellations and reduced visitation. This special journey is our way of helping in a practical and meaningful way – bringing visitors back into the region and **supporting local businesses** through overnight stays, dining, shopping and experiences.

### ONE COACH. REAL SUPPORT.

- Travelling together on one coach helps reduce the number of cars on the road and supports a more fuel-responsible, thoughtful way to travel through remote communities.
- Our coach has the fuel capacity to complete the journey if needed.
- Refuelling can be planned in larger centres to support responsible fuel use.

### HOW IT WORKS

Created with care, this special journey gives guests the opportunity to travel meaningfully while supporting the communities we visit. Guests pay-as-they-go for meals, attractions, shopping and personal purchases, while accommodation options and pricing are provided in advance and prepaid to Fun Over 50 Holidays for ease and peace of mind. Guests can enjoy each town at their own pace, with time to support local cafés, shops, attractions and small businesses.

### TRAVELLER COMMITMENT

This is a purpose-led recovery journey, not a low-cost transport-only option. Guests joining this special departure are expected to support local communities through local experiences, meals, shopping and personal spending throughout the route.



**PHYSICAL RATING**  
**3**  
ACTIVE/MODERATE

**A RATING OF 3 (ACTIVE/MODERATE)**

Passengers must be able to: Participate in walking tours without having to stop or sit down to rest for up to 20 minutes; walk up an incline equal to a flight of stairs without stopping; stand for 30 minutes without needing to sit down; walk over uneven ground; walk through soft sand; get on and off transportation multiple times unaided; and manage your own luggage.

Legend:  
■ Start/Finish  
● Overnight Stop  
● Towns en-route

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## ACCOMMODATION + EXPERIENCES

### DAY 1: WED 27 MAY – BRISBANE TO ROMA

- Roma Explorer's Inn

#### Recommended Experiences:

#### THE BIG RIG ROMA (Pre-book)

##### The Big Rig Night Show

- Time: 5.30pm | Duration 1 hr
- Price: \$18pp | QUOTE promo code BTO26
- Bookings contact: (07) 4624 0204
- Booking link: <https://www.bigrigroma.com.au/#tickets>



### DAY 2: THU 28 MAY – ROMA & CHARLEVILLE

- Mulga Country Motor Inn or The Rocks Motel

#### Recommended Experiences:

#### BOOBOOK EXPLORE (Pre-book)

##### Roma Revelation Tour

- Time: 9.00am | Duration 3 hrs
- Price: \$75pp (includes morning tea) | QUOTE promo code BTO26
- Bookings contact: (07) 4622 2646
- Booking link: <https://www.boobookexplore.com.au/tours/roma-revelation/>

#### THE BIG RIG ROMA

##### Big Rig Self Guided Tour

- Time: 8.30am to 5.00pm
  - Price: \$18pp | QUOTE promo code BTO26
  - Bookings contact: (07) 4624 0204
- Booking link: <https://www.bigrigroma.com.au/#tickets>

#### WESTERN QUEENSLAND SPIRIT (Pre-book)

##### A Taste of the Outback

- Time: 10.00am | Duration 1.5 hrs
- Price: \$45pp (includes cheese board, distillery tour & tasting) | QUOTE promo code BTO26
- Bookings contact: 0486 028 193

### DAY 3: FRI 29 MAY – CHARLEVILLE

- Mulga Country Motor Inn or The Rocks Motel

#### Recommended Experiences:

#### HOTEL CORONES

##### Hotel Coronas History & Story Tour

- Time: 3.00pm | Duration 2 hrs
- Price: \$30pp (includes 1 drink) | QUOTE promo code BTO26
- Bookings contact: (07) 4656 8359
- Booking link: <https://www.experiencecharleville.com.au/experience/experiences/charleville/hotel-corones-history-stories-tour#/tours/95116>

#### CHARLEVILLE COSMOS CENTRE

##### Outback Stargazing Experience

- Time: 6.30pm | Duration 1 hr
- Price: \$38.50pp | QUOTE promo code BTO26
- Bookings contact: (07) 4656 8359
- Booking Link: <https://www.experiencecharleville.com.au/experience/experiences/charleville/charleville-cosmos-centre-details#/tours/100505>

#### CHARLEVILLE BILBY EXPERIENCE

##### Bilby Experience Tour

- Time: 9.00am or 3.00pm | Duration 1 hr
- Price: \$26pp | QUOTE promo code BTO26
- Bookings contact: (07) 4656 8359
- Booking Link: <https://www.experiencecharleville.com.au/experience/experiences/charleville/charleville-bilby-experience-details#/tours/95105>



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## CHARLEVILLE HISTORIC HOUSE

### General Entry

- Time: 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Price: \$10pp
- Bookings contact: **(07) 4656 8359**
- Booking link: <https://www.experiencecharleville.com.au/experience/experiences/charleville/charleville-historic-house-museum-details#/tours/95110>

## WWII SECRET BASE

### General Entry

- Time: 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Price: \$16pp | QUOTE promo code BTO26
- Bookings contact: **(07) 4656 8359**
- Booking link: <https://www.experiencecharleville.com.au/experience/experiences/charleville/wwii-secret-base#/tours/140066>

## DAY 4: SAT 30 MAY - QUILPIE & TOOGUNNA PLAINS FARMSTAY

- Toogunna Plains Farmstay

### Recommended Experiences:

#### QUILPIE TOWN TOUR (No booking required)

##### Hop-on Guided Tour

- Time: 10.00am (approx.) | Duration 1 hr
- Price: No payment required
- Details: This tour is run by the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre and includes St Finbarrs Opal Altar and Baldy Top Lookout.

## TOOGUNNA PLAINS FARMSTAY

### Station Tour (No booking required)

- Time: 2.00pm (approx.) | Duration 1 hr
- Price: No payment required
- Details: Join grazier Adam on a guided tour visiting property landmarks which may include abandoned homesteads, oil fields, shearing sheds and geological formations.



## DAY 5: SUN 31 MAY - EROMANGA & THARGOMINDAH

- Time: 4.30pm (approx.) | Duration 2 hr
- Price: No payment required
- Details: Join this exclusive sunset tour to nearby rolling red sandhills, located 20 mins drive away. Includes sunset drink.

## DAY 5: SUN 31 MAY - EROMANGA & THARGOMINDAH

- Oasis Motel or Explorers Caravan Park (ensuite cabin)

### Recommended Experiences:

#### EROMANGA NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

##### Australian Dinosaur Giants Tour

- Time: 8.30am | Duration 1 hr
- Price: \$35pp
- Bookings contact: **(07) 4656 3084**
- Note: Our journey will be making a scheduled stop at Eromanga Natural History Museum enroute to Thargomindah. Please ensure you book in for the Australian Dinosaur Tour - highly recommended. There is also a café on site.

#### THARGOMINDAH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

##### Sunset Drinks at the Artesian Bore (No booking required)

- Time: 5.30pm | Duration 1 hr
- Price: \$16pp
- Note: This is an included group activity. Pay direct to the Visitor Information Centre on the day. Includes nibbles to enjoy at sunset plus BYO drinks.

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## DAY 6: MON 1 JUN - THARGOMINDAH TO CUNNAMULLA

- Club Boutique Hotel or Warrego Hotel

### Recommended Experiences:

#### THARGOMINDAH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

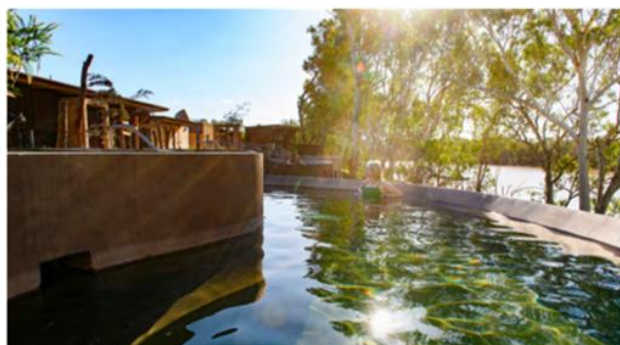
##### Guided Town Tour (No booking required)

- Time: 8.30am | Duration 2 hrs
- Price: \$7pp
- Note: This is an included group activity. Pay direct to the Visitor Information Centre on the day.

#### CUNNAMULLA HOT SPRINGS

##### Entry

- Time: 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- Price: \$35pp | QUOTE promo code BTO26
- Bookings contact: **(07) 4655 8470**
- Note: Bookings will be made through the Cunnamulla Fella Centre. Towel is provided with entry.



## DAY 7: TUE 2 JUN - CUNNAMULLA TO ST GEORGE

- Riverland Motor Inn

### Recommended Experiences:

#### CUNNAMULLA FELLA CENTRE

##### Artesian Time Tunnel (Self-guided)

- Time: 8.45am | Duration 1 - 1.5 hr approx.
- Price: \$10pp - pay on entry
- Bookings: Not required
- Note: Bookings will be made through the Cunnamulla Fella Centre.

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## SANDYTOWN RIVER CRUISES, ST GEORGE

### Balonne River Cruise (Includes sunset)

- Time: 4.00pm
- Price: \$38pp | QUOTE promo code BTO26
- Bookings contact: Brett **0400 219 379**
- Note: Be at boat ramp 10 mins before cruise time. BYO drinks and nibbles.

## DAY 8: WED 3 JUN - ST GEORGE TO BRISBANE

Stops in Moonie & Plainland to support local businesses.

### DEPARTURE + PRICING

**27 MAY 2026 | Departing Brisbane**

TWIN SHARE

**\$819pp**

SOLE USE

**\$1,488pp**

This amount is payable to Fun Over 50 Holidays prior to departure and secures your room-only accommodation across all overnight stays on this purpose-led journey.

### BOOKING & PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ✓ This hosted journey operates on a pay-as-you-go basis. Accommodation is included in your upfront payment. Meals, tours, attractions, entry fees and personal purchases are paid directly by guests while travelling.
- ✓ Once you have registered your expression of interest, a full day-by-day accommodation and activities program will be forwarded to you. Our team will provide links and contact details for recommended experiences so guests can pre-book activities directly at their own convenience.

**Please note:** At Toogunna Plains Farmstay, accommodation, meals and included experiences are pre-paid as part of your stay.

**IMPORTANT TO KNOW:** Open to guests over 50 years who can meet our **Level 3 (Active/Moderate) fitness requirements**. Please call our office for suitability guidance.

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**15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil

**16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**17 CLOSURE**