

# LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday 15 September 2022**

*Civic Centre, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach*

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File Ref:

Consideration of replacing the Irrigation Centre-line within the Longreach Showgrounds Oval.

**Council Action**

Deliver

**Applicable Legislation**

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Local Government Regulation 2012*

**Policy Considerations**

01 – 01 Procurement Policy

01 – 03 Asset and Services Management Policy

**Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations**

Corporate Plan 2017-2027	
1.1.1	Deliver highest-standard customer services to all communities of the Longreach Region.
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4.2.1	Maintain, replace and develop new Council infrastructure assets as needed in a fiscally-responsible manner.
4.2.2	Ensure all Council activities deliver value-for-money for the communities of the Longreach Region.

Annual Operational Plan 2022-2023			
Link to Corp. Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.2.2	Council operations managed within approved Annual Budget.	Revenues meet Budget. Operating expenses within Budget. Capital Expenditure within Budget. One off projects within Budget.	Quarterly review on progress against budget:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor and report on achievement of revenue, operating, capital and one-off projects are within budget and on time.</li> <li>• Prepare a quarterly report to Council on status, highlighting areas over budget and non-achievement.</li> </ul>
4.2.2	Responsible management of Stores/Procurement operations.	Procurement activity undertaken in line with legislative requirements to achieve best value for money for the community.  Monthly stocktakes	95% of procurement activities audited are compliant with Council's policy and management directives.  Annual Stores inventory

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		undertaken to effectively manage inventory.	write-off less than \$15,000
<b>Annual Operational Plan 2022-2023</b>			
Link to Corp. Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.2.1	Maintain and repair facilities in accordance with approved budget.	Achieve annual maintenance budget and program	Achievement of maintenance program and operational expenditure within >95% - <102%
4.2.1	Deliver the annual capital & one-off works program	Achieve annual capital & one-off works program.	Achievement of capital expenditure budget delivered on time and at or <100% of budgeted cost.

**Budget Considerations**

\$36,000 exc GST

**Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter**

Not Applicable

**Officer Comment**

**Responsible Officer/s:** *Brendon Harvey - Project Manager*  
*Lisa Young – Director, Community & Cultural Services*

**Background:**

In the 2021/2022 budget preparations, a project for Showgrounds Bar & Canteen Irrigation was tabled by the Public Facilities Manager, though this was not included in the final budget adoption. This project aimed to provide automated irrigation to the lawn section between the current bar/canteen building and the arena fence, to remove, or in part reduce the amount of hand watering that is completed in this area.

Through discussions on site with the Horticulture & Town Services Supervisor it was brought to light that Council Horticulture and Plumbing teams have repeatedly repaired the “centre line” that feeds pop-up sprinklers along the length of the oval. This is due to it being an old earthenware pipe, which, is prone to failure.

At an on-site meeting with a plumber and key staff members, the option was discussed to replace this earthenware pipe with new PVC, and extend the centre line to allow for additional pop-ups to service the Bar/Canteen lawn section. This was the preferable option due to it not only increasing the water availability and reducing staff impact, but also replaces a piece of known faulty infrastructure that will continue to deteriorate and require replacement anyway.

**Issue:**

In June 2022, the Longreach Cricket Association was successful in receiving \$60,000 funding towards the removal and replacement of the clay wicket block in the centre of the Longreach Showgrounds Oval.

This project will see a new wicket block (9mW x 25mL x 1mD) excavated in the centre of the oval to allow for new sub-soil drainage, various aggregate to encourage drainage and root growth, and a new clay base for rolling and compacting of the pitch itself.

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To achieve each of the above projects, there will need to be:

- Closure of the oval to allow works to occur;
- Excavation of the oval surface;
- Heavy machinery operating on the oval surface, which will require a period where the oval is left to “dry-out”

Officers agree that completing the Cricket Pitch Replacement and the Centreline Replacement at the same time will provide the best Value-for-Money and least impact to not only the surface of the oval but to the numerous community groups that utilise this space.

**Risk Management Factors:**

This matter has been assessed using Council’s Risk Matrix to decide the likelihood and consequence of any risk to Council:

Likelihood: Unlikely  
Consequence: Insignificant  
Rating: Low 2

Assessing the risk of any adverse response or reaction to completing this work during one single closure period of the oval.

**Environmental Management Factors:**

Nil

**Other Comments:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

*That Council:*

1. *authorise Council officers to engage relevant contractor to proceed with the works outlined in the report; and*
2. *provide in principle approval of \$36,000 and the amount be included for the Longreach Showgrounds Irrigation Centre-line replacement in the October Quarterly budget review.*