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Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

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9 March 2023

Dear Councillors

Re: Meeting Notice for Council Meeting to be held on 16 March 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Council Meeting of the Longreach Regional Council will be held in the Council Boardroom, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach on Thursday 16 March 2023 commencing at 9:00am.

The Briefing Session for this meeting will be held in the Fairmount (East) room on Tuesday 14 March 2023 commencing at 9:00am as follows;

Your attendance at these meetings is requested.

Yours faithfully

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

Thursday 16 March 2023

Civic Centre, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach

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	Nil for this meeting	
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1. OPENING OF MEETING

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 – PRINCIPLES

Local government is required to adhere to the following high level principles contained in *section 4 of the Local Government Act*:

The *local government principles* are:

- (a) Transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest; and
- (b) Sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services; and
- (c) Democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement; and
- (d) Good governance of, and by, local government; and
- (e) Ethical and legal behaviour of councillors and local government employees.

DECISIONS, BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS, PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Recognise There is an issue and Council recognises that but usually can't do much about it.
Financial cost (no cost).

Advocate Council will take up the issue on behalf of the community and usually get someone else to do something about it (some cost/minimal cost).

Partner Council partners with another organisation/agency to jointly do something about the issue (half cost).

Deliver Council is the deliverer of the program/solution, usually funds it etc. This is normally a standard Council responsibility in service delivery (full cost).

Council's risk management processes are based around the following principles:

Risk Identification: Identify and prioritise reasonably foreseeable risks associated with activities, using the agreed risk methodology.

Risk Evaluation: Evaluate those risks using the agreed Council criteria.

Risk Treatment / Mitigation: Develop mitigation plans for risk areas where the residual risk is greater than our tolerable risk levels.

Risk Monitoring and Reporting: Report risk management activities and risk specific information in accordance with the risk protocols.

The Risk Matrix below is used to assess the likelihood and consequence of any risk to Council, to then identify any necessary treatment actions. This matrix will also be used to assess any risk identified in Council's reports:

	Consequence				
Likelihood	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
Almost Certain 5	Medium 5	High 10	High 15	Extreme 20	Extreme 25
Likely 4	Medium 4	Medium 8	High 12	High 16	Extreme 20
Possible 3	Low 3	Medium 6	Medium 9	High 12	High 15
Unlikely 2	Low 2	Low 4	Medium 6	Medium 8	High 10
Rare 1	Low 1	Low 2	Medium 3	Medium 4	Medium 5

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OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Vision:

The communities of the Longreach Region, with their individual identities and a proud heritage, will be characterised by their cohesive and inclusive nature, making the region a location of choice for business investment and outback living. The Longreach Region will be characterised by strong communities and a vibrant economy driven by skills and innovation in a diversity of traditional and new industries.

Mission:

Council's Mission is to deliver decisive leadership in making locally-responsive, informed and responsible decisions, providing the highest-quality services and facilities to all communities of the Longreach Region.

Values:

Our values govern the actions of Council and how it serves the communities of Ilfracombe, Isisford, Longreach and Yaraka. Our eight core values are:

1. A Safe and Healthy Work Environment
2. Inclusiveness and Respect
3. Consistency and Fairness
4. Teamwork and Staff Development
5. Performance and Value for Money
6. Leadership and Collaboration
7. Sustainability
8. Forward-looking

2. **PRAYER** – Reverend Donna Muston, Uniting Church

3. **CONSIDERATION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

4. **DECLARATION OF ANY PRESCRIBED / DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR COUNCIL OFFICERS**

4.1 **Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to section 150EG, 150EH, 150EI, 150EJ, 150EK, 150EL and 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the potential benefit or loss, and if applicable, provide the name of the related person and their relationship with them. They may not participate in a decision relating to the matter and must leave the meeting.

4.2 **Declaration of a Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

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The Councillor may voluntarily leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter or;

Other Councillors may vote on this matter and decide if;

- (a) the Councillor must leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter;
or
- (b) the Councillor may remain in the meeting and participate in a decision relating to the matter.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

5.1 Council - 16 February 2023

5.2 Councillors and Senior Officers Round Table - 23 February 2023

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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8.59AM

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and we acknowledge elders past, present and future."

2 Prayer

Reverend Jenny Coombes, Uniting Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Condolences

Council paid their respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community members Angus McLellan, Albert Johnson and Rooster Forster.

PRESENT

Councillors

Mayor	Cr AC Rayner
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr DJ Bignell
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr TM Hatch
	Cr TFB Smith

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Brett Walsh
Chief Financial Officer	Mr David Wilson
Acting Director of Community and Cultural Services	Mrs Kimberley Dillon
Director of Infrastructure Services	Mr Roger Naidoo
Human Resources and Workplace Health and Safety Manager	Grace Jones
Executive Officer, Economic Development and Public Affairs	Mr Simon Kuttner
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Councillors	Ms Elizabeth Neal

3 Consideration of Leave of Absence

Nil

4 DECLARATION OF ANY PRESCRIBED / DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Cr Tracy Hatch - Ilfracombe Post Office Tender Outcome - 17.2 – Closed Items – Due to her application for tender.

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Cr Tony Rayner - Information Report - Community & Cultural Services – 14.6 – due to one proposal relating to RESQ of which he is a Board Director. Cr Rayner will depart the meeting while the matter is discussed.

5 Confirmation of Minute

5.1 Council - Wednesday 25 January 2023

(Res-2023-02-028)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

6 Reception and Consideration of Mayoral Report

Mayoral Report

This report provides an update on a range of meetings that have occurred during the month of January 2023 for the Mayor.

(Res-2023-02-029)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Mayoral report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

7 Councillor Requests

Nil

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

10 Deputations

Nil

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Council resolved to amend standing orders to consider Item 17

17 Closed Matters

(Res-2023-02-030)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That pursuant to section 242J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 9:24am to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

17.1 Sale by tender - Lot 151 on SP259530

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the council for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the council.

17.2 Ilfracombe Post Office - Tender Outcome

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the council for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the council.

CARRIED 6/0

Moved out of closed session

Council Out of Closed Session

(Res-2023-02-031)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That Council move out of Closed session at 9:41am

CARRIED 5/0

Attendance: Councillor Hatch left the Meeting at 09:26am and was not present for the discussion on Item 17.2 due to a prescribed conflict of interest.

Attendance: Councillor Hatch returned to the Meeting at 09:42 am.

17.1 Sale by tender - Lot 151 on SP259530

Consideration of responses in the sale by tender of Lot 151 on SP259530.

Recommendation:

That Council, in accordance with Section 228(10) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender of Toby Stacey to purchase Lot 152 on SP259530 for the sum of \$105,000 (excluding GST) on the basis that it is the most advantageous tender having regard to the sound contracting principles.

LAPSED FOR WANT OF A MOVER

(Res-2023-02-032)

Mayoral Minute - Moved Cr Rayner

That Council, in accordance with section 228(9) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, does not accept any of the tenders received.

CARRIED 6/0

Attendance: Councillor Hatch left the Meeting at 09:47am and was not present for the voting on Item 17.2 due to a prescribed conflict of interest.

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17.2 Ilfracombe Post Office - Tender Outcome

Consideration of tender submissions in the sale of the Ilfracombe Post Office.

(Res-2023-02-033)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That Council:

- 1. receives the tender evaluation report, as presented*
- 2. in accordance with section 227 and 228(10) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, awards Jason Booth Plumbing Pty Ltd as the successful tenderer in the sale of the Ilfracombe Post Office, it being the most advantageous tender having regard to the sound contracting principles, subject to the negotiation and execution of a conditional sale contract in keeping with the tender specifications and,*
- 3. delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, power to do all things necessary to*
 - i. negotiate and execute a binding contract of sale with the successful tenderer in keeping with the tender specifications and*
 - ii. make the necessary arrangements to support the delivery of library and public internet services to the Ilfracombe community post-sale.*

CARRIED 5/0

Attendance: Councillor Hatch returned to the Meeting at 09:50 am.

11 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Standing Matters Councillor Information Correspondence

From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

The following correspondence has been received up to Monday 6 February 2023:

1. EMA-2023-Jan - Influence and transparency in Queensland's public sector
2. EMA-2023-Jan - Local Government Heritage Conference
3. EMA - 2023-01-27 ACEO Jimmy Scott - QLD Reconstruction Authority
4. EMA - 2023-01-31 ACEO Jimmy Scott - QLD Reconstruction Authority
5. EMA-2023-02-02 - Office of the State Librarian Vicki McDonald
6. EMA-2023-02-3 - Director General Mike Kaiser -Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

(Res-2023-02-034)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

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**11.2 Standing Matters: Calendar of Events
Upcoming Events, Meetings and Conferences**

Date & Time	Event	Location	Participants
February 2023			
4 Sat 10.00-11.00am	Community Master Plan Feedback Forum	Longreach Library	Public event
11 Sat 9.30-11.30am	Community Master Plan Feedback Forum	Longreach Skate Park	Public event
14 Tues 8.00am-5.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
16 Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Ilfracombe	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
18th Sat 8.00am– 10.00pm	Longreach 9's Rugby League Carnival	Longreach Showgrounds	Public event
23 Tue 9.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
March 2023			
13 Mon 5:30pm	Community Engagement Forum Longreach	Longreach Civic Centre	Public Event
14 Tues 8.00am-5.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
14 Tues 6:30pm	Community Engagement Forum Ilfracombe	Martin Forrest Recreation Centre, Ilfracombe	Public Event
15 Weds 1:00pm	Community Engagement Forum Yaraka	Yaraka Town Hall	Public Event
15 Weds 5:30pm	Community Engagement Forum Isisford	Isisford Town Hall	Public Event
16 Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
18 Sat	Longreach Races	Longreach Race Course	Public Event
27 Mon	Pre-budget Workshop	TBC	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
30 Thurs 11.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Rooms, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
April 2023			
18 Tues 8.00am-5.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
20 Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
22 Sat	Longreach Races	Longreach Race Course	Public Event
27 Thurs 11.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Rooms, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team

(Res-2023-02-035)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That Council receives the Calendar of Events report, as presented

CARRIED 6/0

11.3 Digital Signage Policy

Consideration of the Digital Signage Policy, a new policy, for adoption.

(Res-2023-02-036)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That the Policy be brought to a future meeting for consideration.

CARRIED 6/0

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11.4 Annual Operational Plan Review 2022-2023 - Review for Period Ending 31 December 2022

Consideration of the 2023 Annual Operational Plan quarterly review for the period ending 31 December 2022.

(Res-2023-02-037)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Chief Executive Officer's evaluation of the implementation of the 2023 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 31 December 2022.

CARRIED 6/0

11.5 State Emergency Services - Support Grant 2022/2023 - Project Variation

This report provides an update and action plan for the State Emergency Services Support Grant 2022/2023.

(Res-2023-02-038)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn

That Council:

- 1. authorises the Longreach Flood Boat Shed project to be undertaken at 16 Miner Road*
- 2. agrees to further investigate training room requirements and options for the Isisford SES Group and*
- 3. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to lodge a Variation Request application for the State Emergency Services – Support Grant 2022/2023 to complete the Longreach flood boat and storm damage trailer shed project.*

CARRIED 6/0

The Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:10am

Meeting resumed at 10:44am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

11.6 Disaster Ready Fund 2023/2024 - Grant Application

The report is to seek an in-principle co-contribution towards a 2023/2024 Disaster Ready Fund application for the construction and relocation of the Local Disaster Coordination Centre in Longreach.

(Res-2023-02-039)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Hatch

That Council:

- 1. endorses the Local Disaster Coordination Centre Relocation Project application in the Disaster Ready Fund 2023/2024 and*
- 2. agrees in-principle to allocate the 50% project co-contribution of \$410,000.00 in the 2023/2024 Budget.*

CARRIED 6/0

11.7 Ergon Energy - Corella Lane Access

Consideration of a request from Ergon Energy to seal part of Corella Lane in Longreach.

(Res-2023-02-040)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith

That Council consider the request to apply a 6 metre seal to part of Corella Lane and entrance to the Ergon Energy Pole Depot as part of its 2023-24 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED 6/0

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11.8 October 2022 Community Forum Actions Update

Consideration of updates on the Community Forum actions from the forums held throughout October 2022.

(Res-2023-02-041)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the October 2022 Community Forum action list update, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.9 Workplace Health & Safety Update Report - January 2023

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 31 January 2023, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2023-02-042)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Smith

That Council receives the Workplace Health & Safety Update Report for the period ending 31 January 2023.

CARRIED 6/0

11.10 Information Report - Governance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred during the month of January 2023 for the Governance Department.

(Res-2023-02-043)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

12. Financial Services Report

12.1 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 January 2023.

(Res-2023-02-044)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 January 2023, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

12.2 2022/2023 Financial Year - December Quarterly Budget Review Report

Consideration of a budget review for the quarter ending 31 December 2022.

(Res-2023-02-045)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the December 2022 Budget Review and adopts the amended budget, as presented, pursuant to section 170(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED 6/0

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12.3 Audit and Risk Committee - Minutes and Recommendations 14 December 2022

Consideration of the recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 14 December 2022.

(Res-2023-02-046)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the outcomes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 14 December 2022

CARRIED 6/0

12.4 Audit and Risk Committee Policy

Review of the Audit and Risk Committee Policy.

(Res-2023-02-047)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Hatch

Council adopts the Audit and Risk Committee Policy as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

12.5 Review Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference

Review of the Terms of Reference of the Audit and Risk Committee.

(Res-2023-02-048)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

12.6 Risk Management Policy

Review of the Risk Management Policy.

(Res-2023-02-049)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

Council adopts the Risk Management Policy as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

12.7 Risk Management Framework

Review and update of Council's Risk Management Framework.

(Res-2023-02-050)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

Council adopts the Risk Management Framework as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

12.8 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure - Phase 3 - Project Re-allocation

The report seeks direction from Council on the re-allocation of remaining funds for the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Fund – Phase 3.

(Res-2023-02-051)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Smith

That Council:

- 1. receives the Proposed Local Roads & Community Infrastructure – Phase 3 Works Schedule as presented and ammended; and*
- 2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the Proposed Work Schedule to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts for approval.*

CARRIED 6/0

Attendance: Councillor Smith left the Meeting at 12:10 pm.

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13 Reception and Consideration of Director Corporate Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Corporate Services Report

13.1 Information Report - Corporate Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of January 2023 for the Corporate Services Department.

(Res-2023-02-052)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Corporate Services information report as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

14 Reception and Consideration of Director Community and Cultural Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report

14.1 Community Donations - February 2023

Consideration of the Community Donations applications received in February in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

(Res-2023-02-053)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.07;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved	Conditions of approval/Payment
Yaraka Gymkhana Association Inc	Yaraka Horse and Bike Gymkhana	Financial \$5,000.00	Financial \$5,000.00	Nil
		Total \$5,000.00	Total \$5,000.00	
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00	

CARRIED 5/0

14.2 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting and Recommendations

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2023.

(Res-2023-02-054)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council:

- a) receives the Minutes of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee held on Tuesday 31 January 2023;*
- b) approves the application by Shelia Back for the 'Textile Workshop with Margaret Olive' project to the value of \$4,530;*
- c) keeps the RADF Committee updated with progress on the Longreach Water Tower Project*

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d) retrospectively endorses the opening of RADF Funding Round Four on Friday 03 February 2023; and,

e) advertises the RADF Round Four opening on Council's Facebook, Longreach Leader and the Mayor's column on 4LG.

CARRIED 5/0

14.3 Exemption Certificate for a Class 10a Shed at 77 Flinders Street, Ilfracombe

Consideration of an application for an Exemption Certificate for construction of a shed, on the basis that the effects of the development are minor or inconsequential.

(Res-2023-02-055)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council grants an Exemption Certificate, pursuant to Section 46 of the Planning Act 2016, for proposed building work assessable against the Planning Scheme, for a 168m² Class 10 Shed at 77 Flinders Street, Ilfracombe (Lot 13 on SP159876).

CARRIED 5/0

14.4 Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Central West Hospital and Health Service Extension to Hospital

Consideration of a development application lodged with Council on 20 December 2022 by QBuild Public Works Division for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Central West Hospital and Health Service C/- QBuild, Jabiru Street, Longreach.

Description:	Material Change of Use for an Extension to Hospital
Development:	Development Permit DA22/23-005
Applicant:	Central West Hospital and Health Service C/- QBuild
Owner:	Central West Hospital and Health Service
Current Use of Land:	Hospital
Address:	Jabiru Street, Longreach
Real Property Description:	Lot 20 on SP255345
Applicable Planning Scheme:	Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v2.1)
Zone:	Community Facilities Zone
Level of Assessment:	Code Assessment

(Res-2023-02-056)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council approves the development application for a Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Hospital at Jabiru Street, Longreach, formally described as Lot 20 on RP255345, subject to the following conditions:

1) PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

1.1 The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.

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1.3 *The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.*

1.4 *The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out associated with the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.*

1.5 *All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of use and to Council's satisfaction, unless otherwise stated.*

2. APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

2.1 *The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit:*

<i>Plan/Document Name</i>	<i>Plan/Document Number</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Proposed Site Plan</i>	<i>82036/T/10-12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9/11/22</i>
<i>Site Plan</i>	<i>82036/T/A10-10</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>21/10/22</i>
<i>Floor Plan – Whole Building</i>	<i>A-21-01</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>17/05/22</i>
<i>Building Elevations</i>	<i>82036/T/A30-00</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>21/10/22</i>

2.2 *Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.*

3. ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS

3.1 *All roof and allotment drainage must be discharged such that it does not restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water or cause a nuisance to adjoining properties or infrastructure from the pre to the post-development condition.*

3.2 *All stormwater must drain to the lawful point of discharge and must not adversely affect adjoining land or infrastructure in comparison to the pre-development condition by way of blocking, altering or diverting existing stormwater runoff patterns or have the potential to cause damage to other infrastructure.*

4. PARKING

4.1 *Provide and maintain a minimum of six (6) car parking spaces on-site. All car parking spaces must be clearly delineated by either line-marking or signage.*

4.2 *Construct and maintain the new car parking area associated with the approved development to a concrete or two coat bitumen seal standard.*

4.3 *Design, construct and maintain all car parking works generally in accordance with the approved plans, Australian Standard AS2890 "Parking Facilities" (Parts 1 to 6) and Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Queensland).*

5. LANDSCAPING

5.1 *Establish and retain landscaping in the area shown in green on Proposed Site Plan, with reference 82036/T/10-12, Issue 1 dated 9 November 2022. The landscaping must predominantly contain species that are endemic to the region due to their low water dependency.*

5.2 *Ensure the landscaped areas are subject to water and maintenance during the establishment phase, and ongoing maintenance and replanting as required.*

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6. SERVICES

- 6.1 *The proposed extension must be connected to Council's reticulated water and sewerage networks in accordance with the standards prescribed in Table SC5.1.2.6 (Water and Sewer Standards) of Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Works.*
- 6.2 *Electricity and telecommunication services must be provided to the proposed extension in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.*

7. AMENITY

- 7.1 *Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, odour, vibration, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, wastewater, waste products, grit, oil or otherwise.*
- 7.2 *Any proposed outdoor lighting must comply with AS4282 Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.*

8. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- 8.1 *Implement and maintain an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) on-site for the duration of the works, and until such time as all exposed soil areas are permanently stabilised (for example, turfed, hydro mulched, concreted, and landscaped). The ESCP must be available on-site for inspection by Council Officers during the works.*
- 8.2 *The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be prepared in accordance with the Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control document from the International Erosion Control Association, as updated from time to time.*

9. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- 9.1 *Construction activity and noise must be limited during earthworks and construction of the approved development to the hours of 06:30 to 18:30 Monday to Saturday, with no work to occur on Sundays or public holidays.*
- 9.2 *The construction of any works must be undertaken in accordance with good engineering practice and workmanship and generally in accordance with the relevant provisions of Planning Scheme Policies No. 1 – Works Planning Scheme policy under Schedule 5 of the Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v2.1).*
- 9.3 *All construction materials, waste, waste skips and machinery must be located and stored or parked within the development site, unless otherwise approved in writing by Council.*

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 10.1 *Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.*

ADVISORY NOTES

1. *Permits and approvals for building work, plumbing and any other related works should be obtained prior to commencement of the building works authorised by this permit.*
2. *Lodgement of documentation associated with an application for a development permit for Building work is to include a suitable method of fire separation as per the National Construction Code 2019.*

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3. *This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.*
4. *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.*
5. *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”).*

CARRIED 5/0

14.5 Queensland Government - Minor Infrastructure Program

Consideration of a project to be submitted to the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sports Minor Infrastructure Program.

(Res-2023-02-057)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That Council:

1. *applies for funding under the Minor Infrastructure Program for redevelopment of the Longreach Squash Courts; and,*
2. *agrees to co-contribute the required 10% of the total project costs, estimated at \$37,000, if the grant application is successful.*

CARRIED 5/0

14.6 Information Report - Community & Cultural Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of January for the Community & Cultural Services Department.

(Res-2023-02-058)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Community & Cultural Services information report, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

15 Reception and Consideration of Director Infrastructure Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Infrastructure Services Report

15.1 Plant Working Group Recommendations - 16 February 2023

Council to consider the Recommendations from the Plant Working Group meeting held on 8th February 2023.

(Res-2023-02-059)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council endorses the following recommendations made by the Plant Working Group:

1. *To purchase five Toyota Utilities from Longreach Toyota at a cost of \$ 327,659.01 (excl. GST);*
2. *To purchase one Kenworth Prime Mover from Brown & Hurley at a cost of \$468,860.00 (excl. GST);*

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3. *To purchase one Kenworth Single Cab Truck from Brown & Hurley at a cost of \$409,372.60 (excl. GST);*
4. *To purchase one Isuzu Dual Cab Truck from Central Isuzu at a cost of \$224,087.06 (excl. GST);*
5. *To purchase one Kubota Tractor and Slasher from Milne Bros. Truck and Tractor at cost of \$124,750.00 (excl. GST);*
6. *To purchase one Kubota Tractor and Slasher from Milne Bros. Truck and Tractor at cost of \$145,600.00 (excl. GST);*
7. *To purchase one Case Skidsteer from Milne Bros. Truck and Tractor at cost of \$117,540.00 (excl. GST);*
8. *To purchase one Komatsu Front-end Loader from Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd at cost of \$242,035.00 (excl. GST);*
9. *To purchase one Low Loader/Float from Midland Pty Ltd at cost of \$262,081.85 (excl. GST); and,*
10. *To purchase one Bogie Tandem Dolly from Midland Pty Ltd at cost of \$61,057.69 (excl. GST).*

CARRIED 5/0

15.2 Information Report - Infrastructure Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of January 2023 for the Infrastructure Department.

(Res-2023-02-060)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Infrastructure Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

16 Late Items

Nil

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12:47pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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6. MAYORAL REPORT

The Mayor attended the Longreach State High School Annual Investiture Ceremony where he handed out awards to the new student leadership team.

The Mayor attended the Ilfracombe Rural Fire Brigade Station and the presentation of a new 5,000 litre firefighting skid.

The Mayor attended the RESQ+ Board Meeting as a Director.

The Mayor met with new QFES Area Commander Greg Vincett.

The Mayor met with representatives of Blue Light Shearing to discuss the regional delivery of Certificate II in Rural Operations.

The Mayor chaired the RAPAD Board Meeting in Winton and attended associated meetings on Water and Sewerage, Roads, and Pest Management.

The Mayor has met with Richard Kinnon, he is awaiting final advice on options and working with the Insurance company. Richard will do his best to get the Pride of the Murray back up and running.

The Mayor chaired a Local Disaster Management Group meeting to discuss the Pride of the Murray and Thomson River.

The Mayor flew to Brisbane and to Canberra as a member of the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) leadership group. The group had meetings with various state and federal ministers and their staff over a number of days.

The Mayor undertook numerous media interviews with Channel 10 TV interview re bank closures at the Press Gallery in Parliament House, QLD country Life, 4LG, ABC, Channel 7, and LGAQ.

7. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

None received at time of agenda preparation.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

None received at time of agenda preparation.

9. PETITIONS

None received at time of agenda preparation.

10. DEPUTATIONS

None received at time of agenda preparation.

11. R&C OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.1 - Standing Matters Councillor Information Correspondence

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.1 Standing Matters Councillor Information Correspondence

From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

The following correspondence has been received up to Monday 6 March 2023:

1. Feb QSBM Regional Networker Grant Program Guide
2. Local Government of QLD -Advocacy Action Plan 2023
3. Local Government Election 2024
4. QDOG Meeting Communiqué
5. OQTA Conference and Muster Program
6. Review of the Public Records Act 2002
7. Tegan Nuttall - Inquiry Restoration Langenbaker house
8. Telstra Connected Communities Grant Program
9. Qantas Regional Grants
10. Longreach Swim Club - Sponsorship Recognition

Appendices

1. EMA - 2023 - Feb - QSBM Regional Networker Grant Program Guide [↓](#)
2. EMA - 2023 - Feb - Local Government of QLD -Advocacy Action Plan 2023 [↓](#)
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Recommendation:

That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.

QSBM2023 Regional Networker Grants

Program Guide

About the Program

The Regional Networker Grant Program is part of Queensland Small Business Month 2023 (QSBM2023) and seeks to ensure more Queensland small businesses have access to support, information relevant to their local industry, community and region.

The grant program will provide funding to eligible regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Small Business and Industry Associations and eligible local councils to run events and activations as a part of QSBM2023.

This funding is specifically focused on regional and remote areas of Queensland with the purpose of generating stronger networks of small businesses across regional Queensland.

Applications will be assessed based on the impact that the funded activity will have on the relevant local small business community.

The application process is competitive, meaning that all applications will be evaluated against assessment criteria and not all applications will be funded.

Applicants can only apply for funding for events that are held in May as part of QSBM2023.

Program outcomes

The expected outcome of the grants program is to generate stronger networks of small businesses across regional Queensland

What funding is available?

Upfront funding of up to \$2000 (excluding GST) will be made available for eligible organisations. Successful applicants do not have to co-contribute to this grant; however, successful applicants must pay for any related expenses more than the approved funding amount.

Who can apply and what are the eligibility criteria?

The Applicant must be based in Queensland and located in a regional or remote area, if the Applicant is not based in a regional or remote area the applicant must show evidence that the event is being held in an eligible area along with evidence that the event will benefit the



local small business community. Applications will not be accepted where the project delivery is in the following local government areas:

- Brisbane
- Logan
- Ipswich
- Gold Coast
- Redlands
- Sunshine Coast.

The Applicant must fall under the following categories:

- Small business association/groups
- Chamber of Commerce
- Industry Association
- Regional Council.

The organisation must meet the following criteria:

- event must be held in May 2023
- event must be advertised through the Business Queensland Event Calendar
- event must have a local impact (networking, creation of partnerships)
- applicant must hold a current ABN
- applicant must be authorised to apply (on behalf of the organisation)
- organisation must be able to pay the approved services in full prior the receipt of grant funds
- applicant (or any other owner and/or director must not be undischarged bankrupt)
- applicant must submit a report within a week of the funded event.

What can the grant funding be spent on?

DESBT will fund event costs such as venue hire, guest speakers, catering, entertainment.

What can't the grant be spent on?

DESBT will not fund the following activities:

- supply of alcohol
- travel
- purchase of stock

In addition, DESBT will not provide retrospective funding for activities delivered prior to the approval of the application.

What are the timeframes to deliver activities?

The grant funded activity must be complete by 31 May 2023.

What is the application process?

The link to the SmartyGrants Portal will be available from Friday 3 March 2023.



How will applications be assessed?

Step 1 – Submit application

Applicants should show the extent to which the grant funded activity will:

- have a regional impact that provides opportunities for regional small businesses to connect and grow their business and bring value to the small business community
- demonstrates value for money
- show evidence of ongoing links and networks that stretch past QSBM2023.

Not all applications will be funded.

Step 2 – Following assessment, assessors recommend applications to the DESBT decision-maker, who will approve funding allocations. DESBT will advise applicants of the outcome of their grant application by 30 March 2023 via the email address submitted with their application.

Successful applicants will receive a Letter of Approval outlining the funding agreement. The funding agreement is between the recipient and DESBT, not a third party. DESBT will only correspond with the grant recipient.

Applicants should ensure their email address is current and correct. They should also regularly check all their email folders including junk or spam folders to make sure communications from DESBT are not missed.

Step 3 - DESBT will make a single grant payment to successful grant recipients via Electronic Funds Transfer.

Step 4 - Recipients commence their grant funded activity immediately in time for their event in May. Approved recipients must advise DESBT of any proposed variations to the approved activity's scope or delivery timeframes for approval as soon as any variation is identified.

Step 5 - DESBT will survey recipients within 30 days after completion of the funded event. The survey will ask questions about how the grant funded activity has been of assistance to recipients. Recipients must complete and return the survey to DESBT.

Grant recipients may be asked to provide evidence of receipts of purchases for the events.

Privacy statement

DESBT collects your personal information for the purposes of:

- reviewing activities associated with QSBM
- promoting relevant issues and services to you
- researching and reporting on grant programs.



DESBT, including its employees, may use and disclose the personal information provided in the application to third parties for these purposes. Third parties include:

- Queensland Government departments and agencies
- Australian Government departments and agencies
- other state or territory government departments and agencies
- non-government organisations.

DESBT or the Minister responsible for the Small Business portfolio may publish grant recipient information on government websites or in media releases while publicising the outcomes of the program. Published information may include business name, funding amount, suburb/postcode, and outcome details. DESBT will only use your personal information for these purposes. DESBT will handle your personal information in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* and the Queensland Government information privacy policy. DESBT will not otherwise use or disclose the information unless authorised or required by law. You may view the Queensland Government's information privacy policy at <https://www.qld.gov.au/legal/privacy>

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Further information

For more information about the Regional Networker Grant Program, or your application, email events@desbt.qld.gov.au or call DESBT on 1300 654 687.



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Advocacy Action Plan 2023

Our plan to achieve the liveable
communities Queenslanders
deserve



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LGAQ Events 2023

Key Events	Location	Dates
LGW Workplace Health & Safety Conference	Brisbane Showgrounds	14-16 February
Qld Climate Resilient Councils Alliance Symposium	Brisbane Marriott Hotel	2 March
NRM Forum	Roma Croydon	9 March 14 March
Local Government Heritage Conference	Brolga Theatre, Maryborough	22-23 March
NRM Forum	Winton Kilcoy Cooktown	18 April 4 May 11 May
LGx	State Library of Qld – The Edge Auditorium	16-17 May
NRM Forum	Yeppoon	23 May
Qld Disaster Management Conference	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre	30 May – 1 June
Indigenous Leaders Forum	Rydges Esplanade, Cairns	8-9 June
Bush Councils Convention	Goondiwindi	25-27 July
LGAQ Annual Conference	Gladstone Convention Centre	16-18 October

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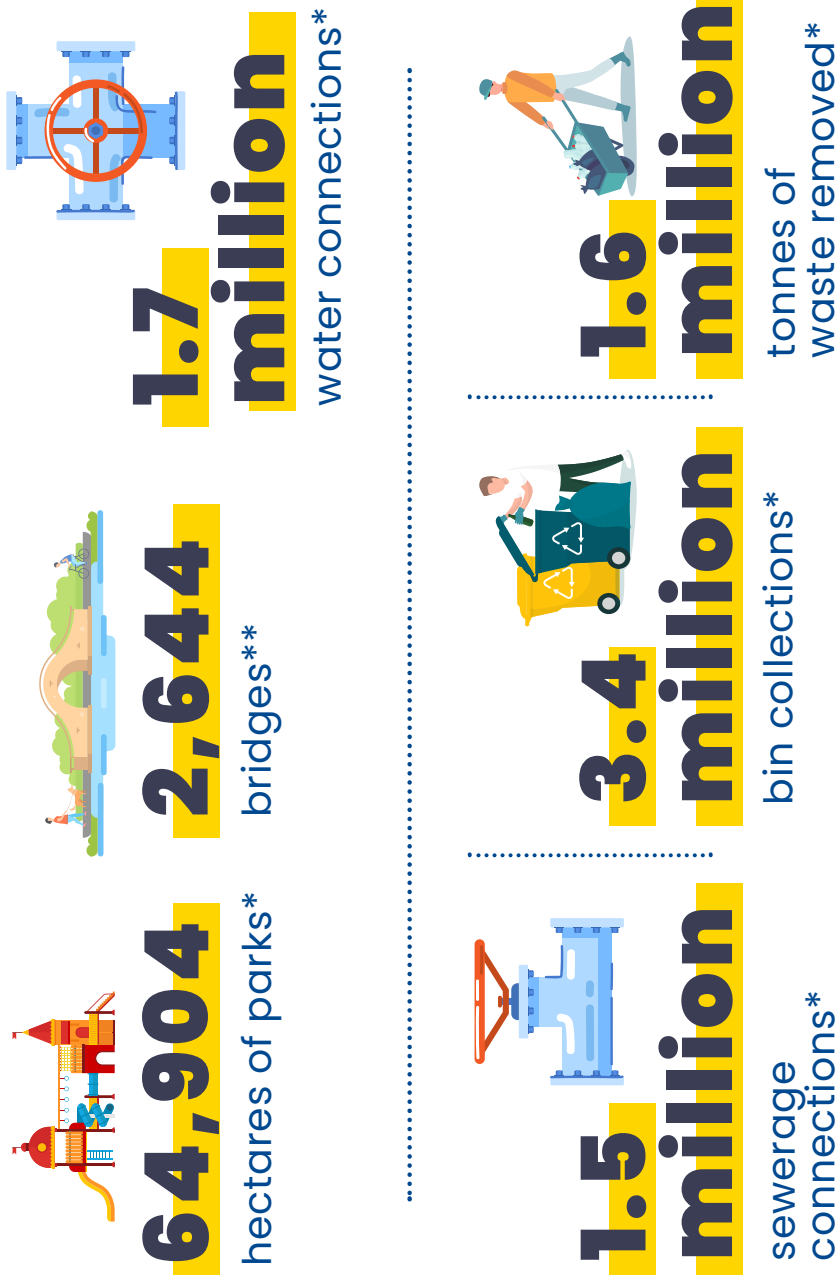
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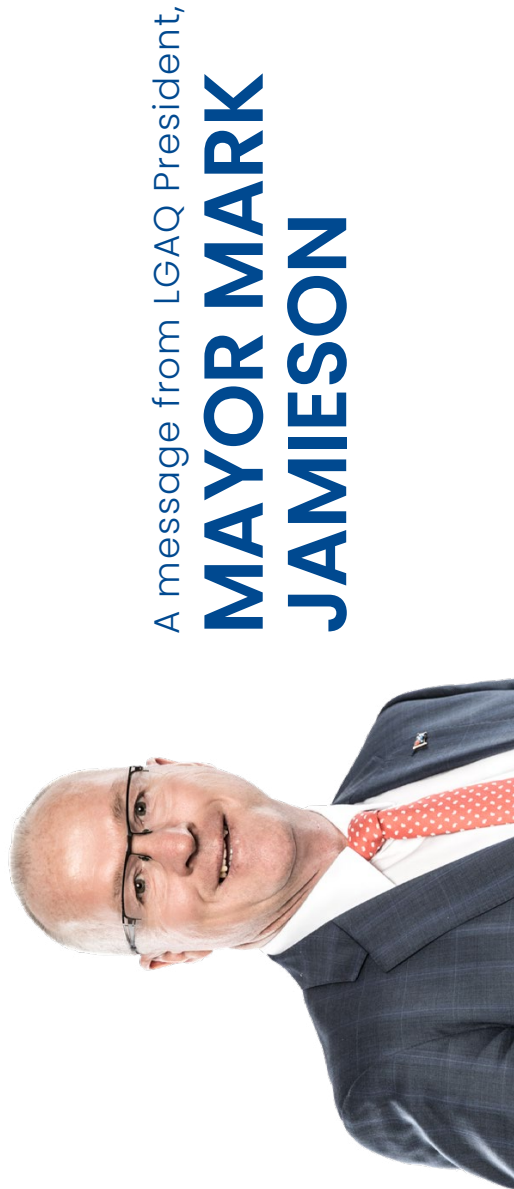
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Local government at a glance



*Source: 2020-2021 Local Government Comparative Reports published by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs.
 **Source: 2019-2020 Local Government Comparative Reports
^ASource: 2021 Workplace Census conducted by LGAQ.
 Note: Figures are approximate.



A message from LGAQ President,
MAYOR MARK JAMIESON

Every Queensland community deserves to be a liveable one and Queensland's 77 councils consistently strive to achieve better outcomes for the local communities they represent. The work of the more than **42,000** people employed by Queensland councils contributes to what makes each of those communities more liveable.

As the peak body for local government in Queensland, the LGAQ is proud to represent the voices of our member councils, their communities and their employees. The LGAQ continues to provide a strong and united voice on issues that matter most to local governments and their communities.

Our dedicated advocacy and policy experts are focused on securing outcomes for our members to ensure they are better able to do their jobs and create the kinds of communities people want to work, play and live in every day.

The LGAQ's **2023 Advocacy Action Plan** represents all 130 policy motions councils endorsed at our 2022 Annual Conference, targeted to the level of government most able to action them. The Plan maps out the current challenges and key opportunities for local government – working in partnership with the other tiers of government – to achieve a shared goal of creating liveable Queensland communities.

Most importantly, the 2023 Advocacy Action Plan will assist in our negotiations with the Federal and State governments, and demonstrates just how important local councils are to Queenslanders.

In good times and bad, Queensland's councils are doing so much more than roads, rates and rubbish – providing more than 280 unique services to improve the lives of their residents and managing public assets worth more than \$150 billion combined.

As the Australian state most susceptible to natural disasters, and given our highly decentralised population, Queensland residents know they can rely on their council, particularly in times of adversity, as the level of government most connected to their community. Our councils are front and centre in helping communities get back on their feet in these situations.

Queensland councils deliver for their communities each and every day. Our role at the LGAQ – as the representative of local governments in Queensland – is to provide a persuasive and powerful voice on behalf of our members to State and Federal governments.

For those who care about Queenslanders and the councils representing them, please take the time to review our **2023 Advocacy Action Plan**. Creating more liveable communities across our great state starts here.



Mayor Mark Jamieson
 President, Local Government Association of Queensland
 Mayor, Sunshine Coast Council



What do Queenslanders say a liveable community is to them?

“We can say that a community is liveable if every person in the community plays their part to build unity and support the other members of the society. No discrimination, no racism and no hate.”

“A community is a good place to live when it has good transport links (cars and public transport), has small businesses nearby (cafes, restaurants, retailers), holds regular events, has adequate green space and is safe and free from serious crime.”

“Decent roads, amenities, not overpriced, achievable house prices, well maintained parks and footpaths, good schools and universities, job opportunities.”

*These quotes have been taken verbatim from community members’ responses to the LGAQ’s 2022 Community Sentiment Survey.



ABOUT THE ADVOCACY ACTION PLAN

Image courtesy of Goondiwindi Regional Council

The LGAQ is committed to member-led advocacy. The 2023 Advocacy Action Plan (AAP) has been created from the 2022 Annual Conference motions proposed by, voted on and endorsed by Queensland’s 77 councils on those things that help create liveable communities.

The 2023 AAP includes all 130 of these resolutions, requests to be made to the State and/or Federal governments on behalf of our sector. These endorsed resolutions, in addition to agreed positions contained in our **2022 LGAQ Policy Statement**, demonstrate both the extent of our sector’s advocacy challenge and the critical role local government plays in every aspect of community life.

Throughout the year, the LGAQ’s Advocacy team will work with members to progress resolutions with the relevant level of government. We will do this through meetings, submissions, correspondence, working groups, forums, and, potentially, public campaigns.

You too can use the AAP to build awareness and understanding of the wide-ranging scope of your advocacy efforts, and to help support your own council’s, or region’s, independent advocacy on issues of importance to your community.

In order to drive the outcomes that will create the liveable communities Queenslanders deserve, the LGAQ will also produce biannual report cards, assessing the responses from the Federal and State governments against the requests the LGAQ puts to them on behalf of our members.

And, in response to our members’ feedback, we’re also going digital – with members able to use the below QR code to connect to the digital version of this AAP. The digital AAP is clickable, with members able to link directly to Congruent to see Resolutions, their backgrounds and their progress.

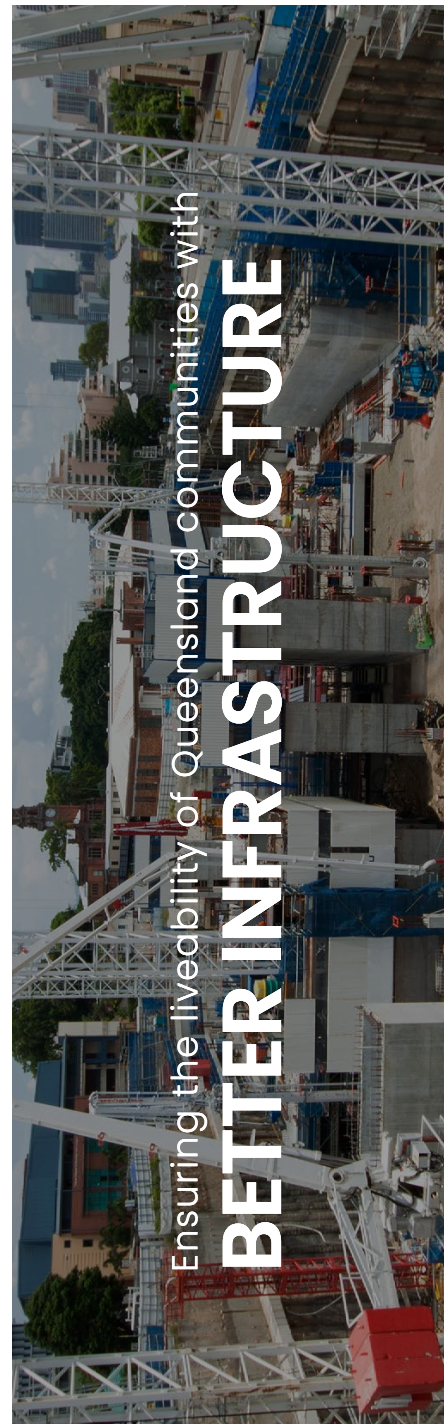
As the local government sector’s peak organisation, we are committed to continuous improvement and to working with our members to build stronger, more resilient local communities through focused and determined advocacy.

Should you wish to discuss any of the AAP points contained within this document, or have any further feedback, please contact:

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Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities with
BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE

On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The Federal Government to:

- ▶ Restore Financial Assistance Grants to at least 1 per cent of Federal Tax Revenue. **Resolution 5**
- ▶ Permanently fund the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program at \$500 million per year. **Resolution 9**
- ▶ Implement the recommendations of the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review. **Resolution 12**

The State Government to:

- ▶ Restore Works for Queensland funding to \$100 million per year. **Resolution 6**
- ▶ Increase funding to the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme, which has not had an increase since 2015, to manage the escalating costs of critical road projects. **Resolution 10**
- ▶ Fund the job-generating South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program at \$50 million a year for the next four years. **Resolution 11**

- ▶ Provide additional funding for pre-project planning, feasibility and design opportunities to restock shovel-ready projects. **Resolution 26**

- ▶ Develop and invest in core trunk infrastructure to assist with growth in housing in regional Queensland. **Resolution 39**

- ▶ Help regions become more resource independent through efficient use and re-use of wastewater by updating wastewater re-use and recycling markets and technologies. **Resolution 42**

- ▶ Ensure the adequate maintenance of targeted roads within National Park boundaries. **Resolution 61**

- ▶ Give councils right of first refusal for infrastructure projects in their regions. **Resolution 72**

- ▶ Provide additional resourcing to the Department of Transport and Main Roads to improve the administration of the Roads of Strategic Importance Initiative (ROSI). **Resolution 93**

- ▶ Develop a financial support program that responds to the social, demographic and economic challenges of Queensland communities on a 'needs basis', rather than a purely geographic basis that excludes some communities based on their location. **Resolution 104**

- ▶ Review infrastructure funding for local government and commit to investing a further \$500 million per annum for at least four years to support critical renewal and augmentation of water, sewerage, drainage and road assets. **Resolution 115**

- ▶ Ensure Regional Infrastructure Plans are developed in close consultation with local government, aligned with the relevant statutory regional plans and are recognised by all State agencies as the key driver for State infrastructure delivery in each region. **Resolution 116**

- ▶ Review the current cap placed on infrastructure charges to allow councils to secure greater developer contributions to fund the cost of infrastructure associated with private development. **Resolution 117**

- ▶ Reintroduce the Regional Recycling Transport Assistance Package (RRTAP) until viable local markets for secondary materials are developed. **Resolution 120**

- ▶ Increase Road Maintenance Performance Contracts funding annually to cover the significant number of unfunded defects that exist on the State-controlled network, to at least in line with inflation in real terms. **Resolution 125**

Both governments to:

- ▶ Consult with local government and conduct economic impact assessments to identify new bulk water sources that provide reliable and long-term water supply for industry and population growth in regional areas. **Resolution 43**

- ▶ Update the *Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012* (Qld) and *Heavy Vehicle National Law Regulation 2014* to ensure fees collected for access permits by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator include a component that is reimbursed to the Local Government Road Manager. **Resolution 60**

- ▶ Assist local government to diversify its service delivery to support financial sustainability by either working in partnership with local government or delegating additional responsibilities to local government. **Resolution 66**

- ▶ Provide grant funding support for budgeted regional projects that are under contract/commenced and impacted by increasing costs. **Resolution 71**

- ▶ Ensure there is meaningful engagement with the community regarding Mobile Black Spot Program projects. **Resolution 81**

- ▶ Consult with local governments and water authorities regarding changes to environmental legislation that impacts sewerage assets, and provide funding to assist councils meet evolving environmental legislation to protect the environment. **Resolution 90**

- ▶ Make the required legislative changes to recognise assets of community benefit (such as parks, gardens, playgrounds, sports facilities, fire trails and fire breaks and the rabbit-proof fence) as essential public assets, making them eligible for disaster recovery funding. **Resolution 108**

- ▶ Ensure long-term investment in operational and capital funding for water and sewerage networks to ensure water security by reintroducing an ongoing and dedicated subsidy program for maintenance of ageing water and sewerage infrastructure. **Resolution 118**

- ▶ Increase funding for connectivity in regional areas, in particular regions covering widespread agricultural land. **Resolution 135**

“A drain, a road or a water treatment plant may not be the most glamorous bit of kit councils deliver, but we know that better infrastructure makes more liveable communities, not just because of what they do, but because of the jobs they create too.”

Mayor Matt Burnett,
Gladstone Regional Council



Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by

ADDRESSING THE HOUSING CRISIS



On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The State Government to:

- ▶ Support Queensland councils wanting to undertake housing projects in their local government area by providing resourcing to work with councils to prepare business plans, and establishing an investment program to support local governments to construct new homes. **Resolution 31**
- ▶ Reform the eligibility criteria for the Queensland Housing Finance Loan to support Queenslanders in regional, remote and First Nations communities who can afford to buy or build a home but cannot get private finance from a bank or building society. **Resolution 33**
- ▶ Conduct a holistic review of all State property assets for their potential for short to medium term housing outcomes and work with councils to identify new opportunities for State Government housing investment across local government in Queensland. **Resolution 34**

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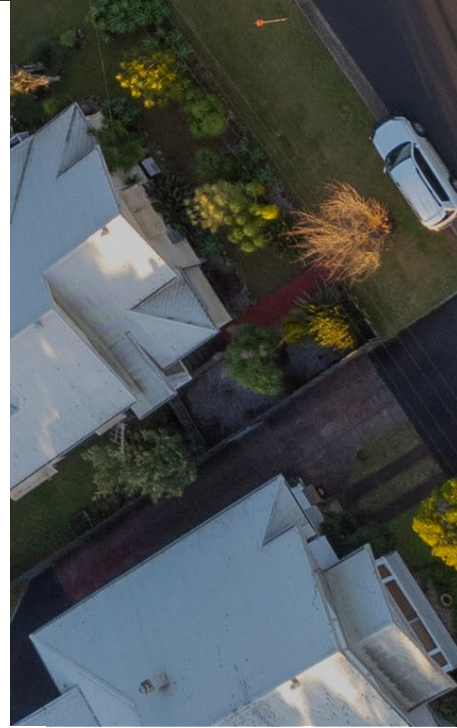
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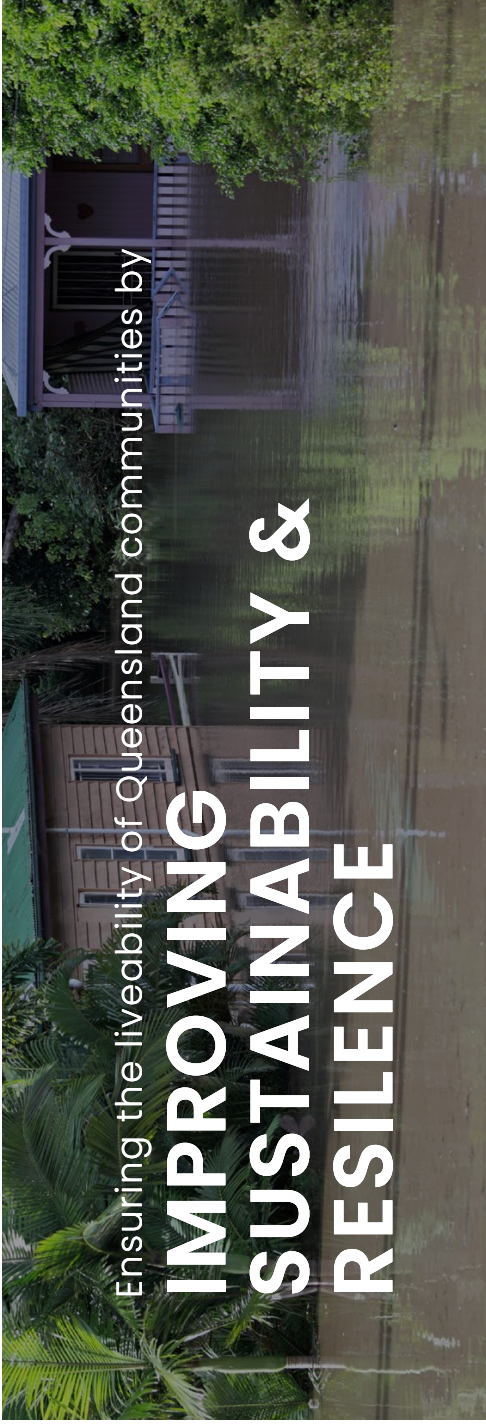
- ▶ Support the Local Government Housing Action Advocacy Plan. **Resolution 14**
- ▶ Fund support for regional and local housing studies, plans and strategies. **Resolution 32**

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“Housing affordability could be the greatest challenge of our time, and it’s not just a Moreton Bay or a Queensland issue, this is a national crisis.”

Mayor Peter Flannery,
Moreton Bay Regional Council





Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by

IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE



On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The State Government to:

- ▶ Introduce changes to legislation to allow councils to choose to prevent slab-on-ground development in areas where sufficiently detailed mapping exists to define areas as having a high flood risk. **Resolution 40**
- ▶ Include in the Queensland Government's Regional Resilience Strategies the need for greater housing resilience strategies to mitigate the impact of future potential rainfall and flooding disaster events, and establish a new Resilient Homes Fund to include regional communities that have experienced extraordinary levels of rainfall and flooding. **Resolution 41**
- ▶ Work collaboratively with the local government, property and finance sectors to implement policy and legislative measures to enable councils to offer Environmental Upgrade Agreements to owners of commercial and residential properties throughout Queensland. **Resolution 49**

- ▶ Provide additional funding for the implementation of Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategies and coordinate statewide investment in: LIDAR capture, installation and monitoring of additional wave buoys, and coastal monitoring. **Resolution 121**

Both governments to:

- ▶ Change existing planning and building legislation and plan-making processes to remove barriers to the achievement of locally responsive and sustainable design. **Resolution 36**
- ▶ Implement the Australian Building Codes Board's recommended updated energy provisions in the National Construction Code (NCC) 2022 for new homes. **Resolution 38**
- ▶ Provide local governments with resourcing to support communities in planning for transition to a lower carbon future, both on a local government area and regional basis. **Resolution 50**
- ▶ Directly support Queensland local governments' transition to net zero emissions through the provision of targeted operational and capital grants programs that address local emissions reduction priorities. **Resolution 51**



"With more people than ever flocking to our state, it's vital that all levels of government work together to plan for its sustainable growth. Collaboration is key to our ongoing resilience."

Mayor Peter Scott,
Cook Shire Council



Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by

DEVELOPING LOCAL WORKFORCES



On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The **Federal Government** to:

- ▶ Make councils eligible to be categorised as Fringe Benefits Tax-rateable (FBT) employers, to provide local government employees access to the FBT rebate concessions. **Resolution 68**
- ▶ Increase the Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA) for students who must leave home to complete compulsory education to more accurately reflect the cost of accessing a boarding school. **Resolution 105**
- ▶ Further expand its support for the Regional University Centres program to strengthen and expand the program, ensuring Centres can be established in key areas where there are fundamental needs. **Resolution 134**

The **State Government** to:

- ▶ Increase funding to programs ensuring that apprentices and trainees are an integral part of local government workforces. **Resolution 130**

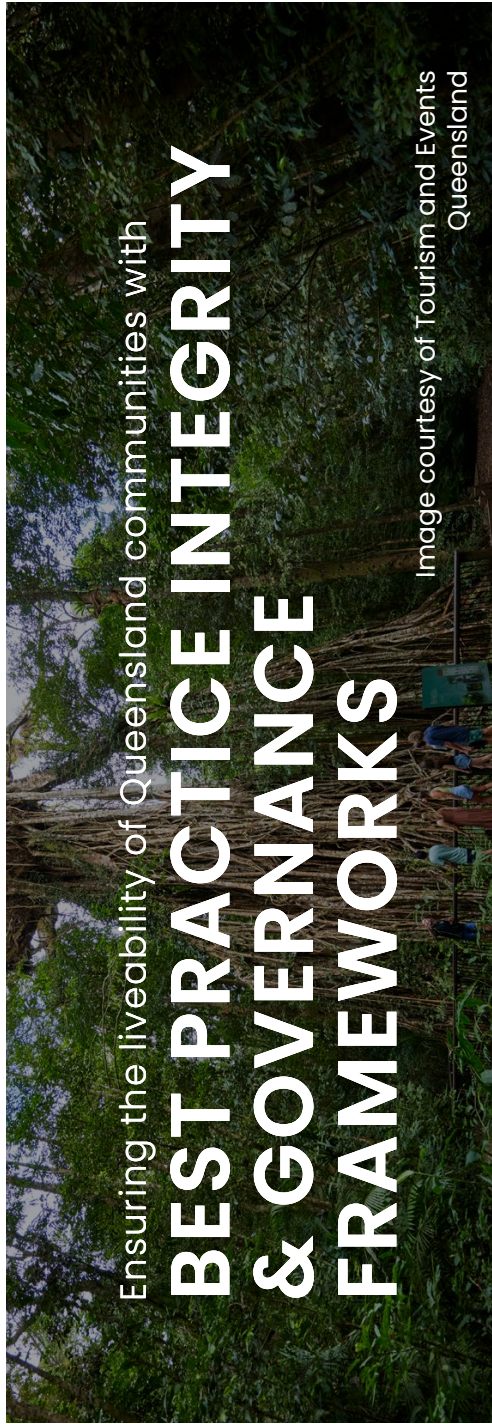
Both governments to:

- ▶ Work with the LGAQ and other peak bodies to investigate solutions to existing workforce challenges associated with developing, attracting and retaining a skilled water industry workforce in Queensland, building on the work undertaken under the Queensland Water Skills Partnership. **Resolution 44**
- ▶ Increase funding for each Commonwealth-supported university place in areas where tertiary participation is below the national average, and provide affordable and safe accommodation for regional university students. **Resolution 76**
- ▶ Provide fiscal, physical and mental support to assist apprentices, particularly rural and remote, to successfully complete their apprenticeship in a location of their choosing. **Resolution 102**
- ▶ Develop a strategy, including actions and incentives, to grow a qualified health workforce in regional Australia in order to improve primary health outcomes. **Resolution 129**
- ▶ Create incentives to attract and train qualified childcare staff to work in regional and remote areas in Australia, acknowledging the unique challenges these areas face in the provision of childcare services. **Resolution 131**



“The work of council is too important to leave to chance. That’s why we need to grow our workforce from within our community, to ensure we have the great jobs and great services that our communities deserve, and that are delivered by locals.”

Mayor Andrew Martin,
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council



On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The Federal Government to:

- ▶ Disclose the 2021 Financial Assistance Grants Funding Methodology. **Resolution 16**
- ▶ Restore the funding for the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme to assist councils with the legal costs of native title claims. **Resolution 28**
- ▶ Provide population and growth census results early to councils to ensure the most up-to-date information is used in planning and budgeting. **Resolution 65**
- ▶ Assist with water security by classifying water services as 'essential users' under the *Liquid Fuel Emergency Act 1984*. **Resolution 89**

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The State Government to:

- ▶ Retain the current voting system for local government elections, respecting the views of Queenslanders, Queensland councils and the recommendations of the State-commissioned report into local government elections. **Resolution 7**

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- ▶ Introduce a transfer duty exemption for local government when it purchases property/land, aligned with the exemptions available to the State Government, pursuant to sections 141 and 145 of the *Duties Act 2001* (Qld). **Resolution 15**

- ▶ Ensure alignment of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* (Qld), *Defamation Act 2005* (Qld), *Parliament of Queensland Act 2009* (Qld) and *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) to ensure councillors are protected against claims when responding in good faith to requests from integrity agencies to participate in councillor conduct complaints investigations. **Resolution 19**

- ▶ Allow National Parks to become rateable entities, should commercial activities with an aim to make a profit be undertaken by any group/individual associated with park management. **Resolution 21**

- ▶ Consider removing the new proposed ratios in the Financial Sustainability Framework for those councils that undertake an annual Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) credit review. **Resolution 22**

- ▶ Work with the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) to review and refine the way the auditing standard is applied – particularly the materiality threshold used by the QAO to determine significant deficiencies relating to delays in recognition of contributed assets. **Resolution 24**

- ▶ Partner with the Queensland Department of Local Government and Local Government Managers Australia to provide resources to identify and list policies that councils are required to have in place to achieve legislative compliance, with a view to potentially developing 'model policies' that could be adopted and/or form a base for councils to work from in the development of these statutory/core policies. **Resolution 25**

- ▶ Cease cost and responsibility shifting to local government of service delivery that is traditionally the responsibility of the State Government. **Resolution 63**

- ▶ Ensure the Queensland Grants Commission advises councils of grant allocations determined for local government for each of the next three years, by the end of March each year, to allow for confirmation in council budgeting for the upcoming financial years. **Resolution 64**

- ▶ Create the position of Queensland Cross Border Commissioner to provide an enhanced mechanism for Queensland councils and communities to address cross border issues associated with Queensland's three State and Territory borders. **Resolution 67**

- ▶ Legislate change to provide local governments with the ability to implement a visitor levy. **Resolution 77**

- ▶ Direct the Local Government Remuneration Commission to review the current remuneration structure, to provide for a permanent mechanism that allows for additional remuneration payments to councillors who are acting into the position of Mayor or Deputy Mayor during periods of prolonged vacancy or absence. **Resolution 82**

- ▶ Review the *Land Valuation Act 2010* and remove the ability to amalgamate non-contiguous parcels of land. **Resolution 83**

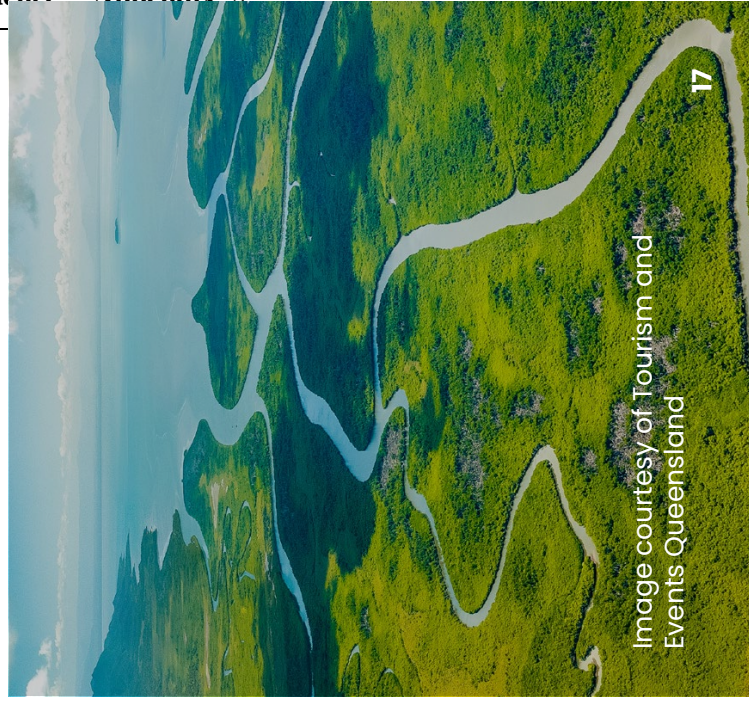
- ▶ Urgently amend the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the *City of Brisbane Regulation 2012* to increase the lower threshold of a large-sized contractual arrangement to recognise the inflationary effects since the commencement of the regulations. **Resolution 84**

- ▶ Amend the *Planning Regulation 2017* in consultation with local government to clarify the meaning of 'rooming accommodation' by including a new administrative definition of the broad term 'limited facilities'. **Resolution 85**

- ▶ Amend *Planning Regulation 2017* to include a new land use category and provide a suitable definition for 'Carbon Farming'. **Resolution 87**

- ▶ Rectify a drafting inconsistency within the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (Qld) to ensure that it is lawful for an authorised person of a local government to enter property and undertake remedial action to protect their infrastructure. **Resolution 88**

- ▶ Continue the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils (Q CRC) program and its initiatives for three years with increased funding. **Resolution 91**



- ▶ Amend the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* to allow local governments to regulate an off-street regulated parking area without the need to identify the location within a local law. **Resolution 92**
- ▶ Increase transparency regarding the funding (both direct and in-kind) of major events. **Resolution 97**
- ▶ Provide more certainty for councils and ratepayers by amending the *Land Valuation Act 2010* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to change the period of backdating of valuations to cap the period at three years and not three valuation periods. **Resolution 110**
- ▶ Amend the *Land Valuation Act 2010*, the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to reduce the maximum number of years between valuations of land for local governments to three years. **Resolution 111**
- ▶ Make the required legislative changes in order for the Valuer-General to bring forward the deadline for the release of land valuation notices to no later than the end of December in any valuation cycle. **Resolution 112**
- ▶ Commit to directly resolving the long-standing body corporate debt and sale of land issue, and require the Community Titles Legislation Working Group to give urgent and high priority to addressing the issue of debt recovery recommendations. **Resolution 113**
- ▶ Ensure any changes to the referral timeframes for the State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) are at each council's discretion, rather than legislatively mandated. **Resolution 127**
- ▶ Increase and annually index the Emergency Management Levy administration fee payable to local governments. **Resolution 137**



“The integrity of council decisions is critical for liveable communities – giving residents and visitors confidence in the work their local government does on their behalf. Strong governance frameworks are the way to ensure well considered decisions that the community can believe in.”

Mayor Paul McVeigh,
Western Downs Regional Council



On behalf of our members, the LGAQ wishes to make clear our support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart, an Indigenous Voice to Parliament and the Makarrata Truth Telling Commission.



On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The State Government to:

- ▶ Finalise its review of State Government Financial Aid and to provide an immediate increase in funding of 20 per cent to recognise significant increases in labour and other costs and assist First Nations councils in retaining workers. **Resolution 8**
- ▶ Direct the Office of the Independent Assessor to review the current conflict of interest laws in relation to the family and community obligations, complexity of community life and duties that councillors in First Nations councils conduct day to day. **Resolution 20**
- ▶ Better support the Indigenous Recruit Preparation Program to increase the numbers of fully sworn Indigenous police officers, and implement a community policing model in all First Nations council communities. **Resolution 30**



On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The Federal Government to:

- ▶ Commit to sustainable provision of Aged Care and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) services in remote and regional communities by supporting and encouraging innovation, and committing to underwrite services that are not viable in the new 'fee for service' model for aged care home support. **Resolution 99**

The State Government to:

- ▶ Establish comprehensive and full statutory immunity/indemnity for local governments in Queensland's legislative framework, in consultation with councils, relating to natural hazards and climate change decisions and actions made in 'good faith', and review the current minimum insurance requirements prescribed under section 214 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to ensure these are contemporary and fit-for-purpose. **Resolution 13**
- ▶ Develop and implement a Queensland Jellyfish Stinger Management Plan. **Resolution 55**
- ▶ Clarify the regulation of e-scooters regarding approved use, speed limits and enforcement provisions to ensure safety and greater uniformity across the state. **Resolution 59** – ALREADY ACHIEVED.



“Queensland’s First Nations communities are a crucial part of Queensland’s cultural, social and economic fabric. These communities must be supported to ensure they continue to grow and thrive.”

Mayor Wayne Butcher,
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council



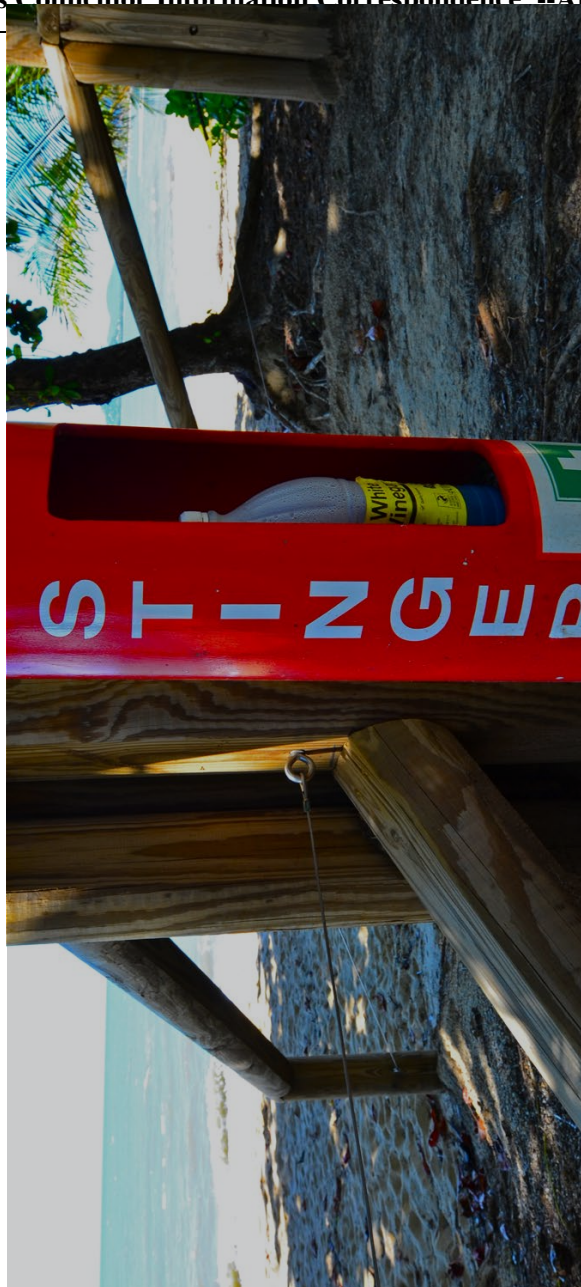
- ▶ Review planning and other instruments for their suitability to incorporate public health implications as a consideration for local government when determining a planning application. **Resolution 69**
- ▶ Undertake a full review of the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* and the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, together with their interaction with the *Planning Act 2016*, to achieve a more effective regulatory framework for the breeding and sale of cats and dogs. **Resolution 70**
- ▶ Establish a fund, equivalent to Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), to enable the delivery of coaching and sporting opportunities in communities. **Resolution 79**
- ▶ Introduce diversionary facilities on more remote State-owned properties across Queensland, where young people who have started falling foul of the law can be sent to gain both social and vocational skills to pursue employment opportunities, rather than be sent to youth detention facilities. **Resolution 80**
- ▶ Introduce mandatory disclosure of flood and other natural hazard risk information in all property transactions. **Resolution 86**
- ▶ Provide financial assistance to local governments to implement appropriate signage on shared paths and bicycle paths. **Resolution 94**

- ▶ Amend section 13 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* to allow the application of the exemptions in the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, including allowing acts that are reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of people at a place of work (s108), acts done in compliance with legislation (s106) and genuine occupational requirements. **Resolution 101**
- ▶ Change the legislative and policy environment to return to the common-sense arrangements whereby suitably experienced (but not necessarily qualified) traffic controllers could affect road closures for community events in areas deemed low risk by local authorities. **Resolution 107**
- ▶ Release the State Government-commissioned 2019 State Emergency Service (SES) review report. **Resolution 109** - ALREADY ACHIEVED
- ▶ Fund the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to enable it to install, maintain and operate CCTV Systems in communities that wish to have them. **Resolution 128**
- ▶ Undertake a full review of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* to provide stronger, contemporary regulation and, in discussion with councils, give local government additional enforcement provisions within their jurisdictions. **Resolution 132**

- ▶ Review the *Juvenile Justice Act 1992* (Qld) and the Youth Justice Framework to address the lack of support and compensation for victims of juvenile crime, limitations in police powers, level of supervision for offenders under restraint or community release, and consistency in the interpretation of the legislation by magistrates dealing with young offenders. **Resolution 133**
- ▶ Advocate for more funding to be directed to community support services in all local government areas that have high levels of need for assistance, and support to those who are experiencing or have lived experience of domestic and family violence. **Resolution 136**

Both governments to:

- ▶ Develop and resource an expert Security Operations Centre (SOC) for local government authorities as a shared services concept to improve cyber security management. **Resolution 27**
- ▶ Provide detailed information on the services that are funded in each local government authority on an annual basis. **Resolution 96**



- ▶ Release to the LGAQ, its members and the SES, the 2021 independent review of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services capability and funding model, respond to the recommendations in the review, assume ownership and responsibility for all operational and capital expenses of SES assets on and from 1 July 2022 and provide certainty in relation to the governance arrangements for the SES. **Resolution 138**

“A liveable community is a safe and welcoming one, where people have the greatest opportunity to live good lives and contribute. Local governments take their responsibility for their communities’ wellbeing very seriously, which is why we’re always striving for better.”

Mayor Jane McNamara,
Flinders Shire Council





Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by
**MANAGING NEW ENERGY
 & RESOURCE PROJECTS**

+ On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:



The State Government to:

- ▶ Adequately resource State Regulators of Major Resource and Renewable Projects to enable both upfront education and assessment processes, and understanding of social impacts, vital for achieving optimal outcomes for industry and communities. **Resolution 74**
- ▶ Establish a contemporary framework for resource, renewables and clean energy sectors. **Resolution 75**
- ▶ Introduce legislation and policy which requires proponents of renewable projects to make a 'local benefit' contribution to regional communities. **Resolution 78**
- ▶ Establish a sovereign wealth fund to provide long-term support for regions to transition to a net zero carbon economy. **Resolution 106**



Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by
**PROTECTING THE
 ENVIRONMENT**

+ On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The Federal Government to:

- ▶ Prepare a National Action Plan to coordinate the control of the European Rabbit. **Resolution 57**

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The State Government to:

- ▶ Provide sufficient funds through the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) to each council to invest in renewable energy technologies that would see them become net producers of energy by 2035. **Resolution 23**
- ▶ Commit to full public and auditable transparency on the 70 per cent hypothecation of revenue raised by the State waste levy. **Resolution 45**
- ▶ Streamline the process for accessing State land to remove and clean up illegal dumping and fund the cost of this removal. **Resolution 46**
- ▶ Amend relevant legislation under the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2019* to enable local government to recover costs involved in the management of illegal dumping offences. **Resolution 47**

Both governments to:

- ▶ Establish a Regional Transformation Authority with statutory powers inclusive of local governments to respond to changing supply and demand for fossil fuels, and develop regional plans and coordinate a sustainable transformation and diversification of the resources sectors. **Resolution 73**

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“Queensland’s resource councils know very well that maintaining and enhancing the liveability of our communities relies on managing the transition away from fossil fuels. **We want to make sure any plans for this transition bring our communities along with us, and don’t leave anyone behind** as we grow the new energy economy.”

Mayor Anne Baker,
 Isaac Regional Council

- ▶ Commit to a non-competitive funding program for local governments to facilitate harmonisation of kerbside bin collection services. **Resolution 48**
- ▶ Develop an ongoing biosecurity management plan for invasive plant and animal species located within State-controlled rivers, creeks and waterways. **Resolution 53**
- ▶ Include the Federal Government as a member on the Koala Advisory Committee so that funding and management activities are consolidated towards delivering the vision of the South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2020-2025. **Resolution 54**
- ▶ Undertake a review of the requirements for in-stream structures and fish passages under the *Fisheries Act 1994* for ephemeral streams and intermittent streams and a complete review and updating of the Queensland waterways spatial data layer. **Resolution 56**
- ▶ Amend the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* to include the option to mandate de-sexing and containment of cats in Queensland and provide financial assistance to councils to meet the legislative changes. **Resolution 103**

- ▶ Elevate the conservation status of the Platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*) from 'Special Least Concern' to 'Near Threatened'.

Resolution 58

- ▶ Commit to a roadmap and non-competitive funding program for local governments to implement actions from Regional Waste Plans.

Resolution 119

- ▶ Establish coordinated, integrated and streamlined processes to facilitate the rapid assessment and approval for restoration works in waterways following natural disasters.

Resolution 122

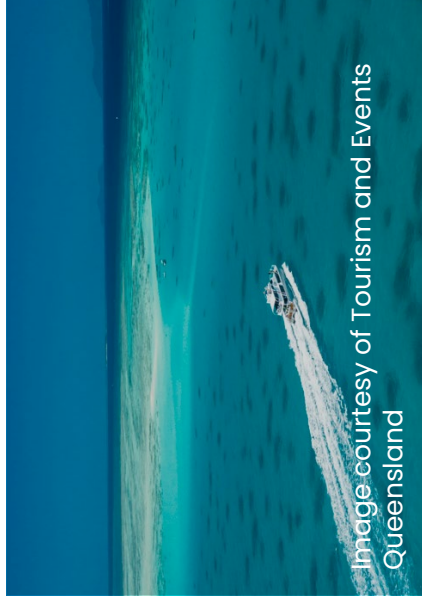


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“All levels of government have a critical role to play in ensuring Queensland’s natural assets are protected and can be enjoyed by today’s generation and by generations to come.”

Mayor Jenny Hill,
Townsville City Council



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Both governments to:

- ▶ Fund local government to deliver priority action in the Reef 2050 Plan and accelerate the reduction of impacts from land-based activities including road sediment run-off and nutrient enrichment of groundwater and subsoils. **Resolution 123**
- ▶ Provide long-term funding to deliver the National Feral Pig Action Plan 2021-2031 and update economic modelling to better manage invasive species. **Resolution 124**
- ▶ Fund and implement appropriate effluent disposal and washdown facilities to support our agricultural sector in regional areas to mitigate increasing biosecurity risks. **Resolution 126**



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THE POLICY EXECUTIVE



Cr Peter Matic
Brisbane City Council
District 1 – Brisbane City Council



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District 2 – SEQ (Southern)



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Bundaberg Regional Council
District 3 – Wide Bay Burnett



Cr Robyn Fuhrmeister
Balonne Shire Council
District 5 – South West



Mayor Anne Baker
Isaac Regional Council
District 7 – Whitsunday



Mayor Jenny Hill
Townsville City Council
District 9 – Northern



Mayor Jane McNamara
Flinders Shire Council
District 11 – North West



Mayor Wayne Butcher
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
District 12 – Aboriginal and Island Councils



Mayor Peter Flannery
Moreton Bay Regional Council
District 2 – SEQ (Northern)



Cr Paul Tully
Ipswich City Council
District 2 – SEQ (Western)



Mayor Paul McVeigh
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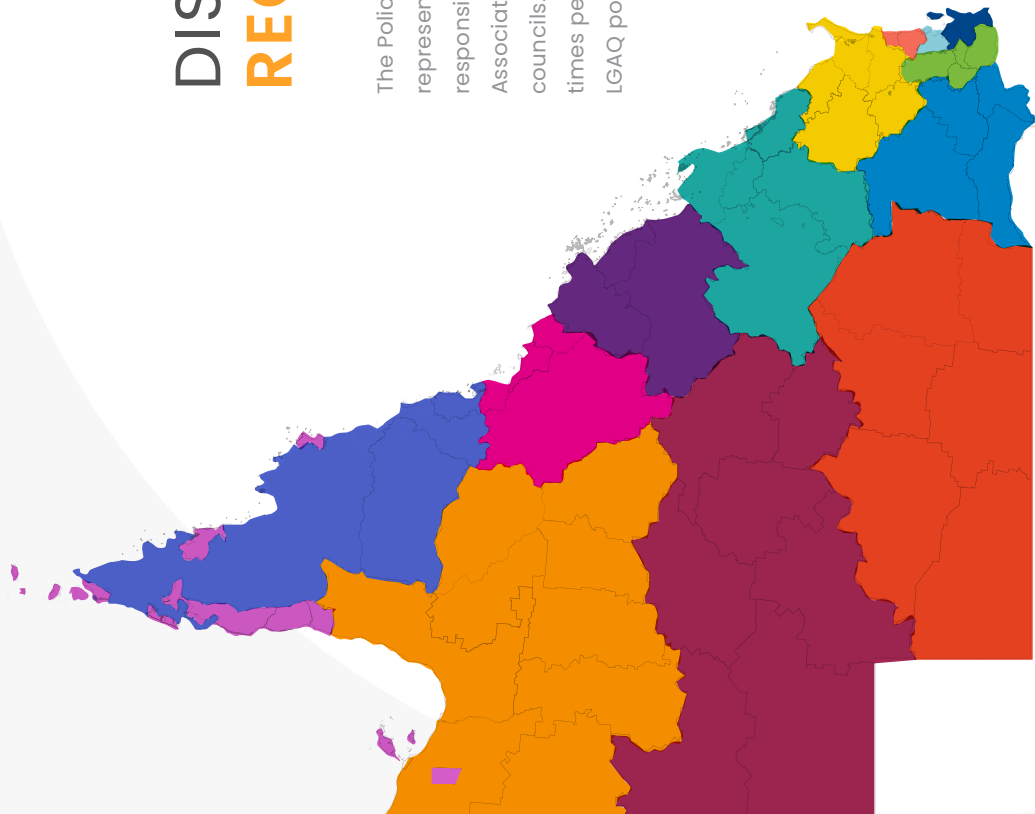


Mayor Jason Woibo
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
District 12 – Aboriginal and Island Councils



DISTRICT REGIONS

The Policy Executive consists of 15 district representatives and the President, and is responsible for the determination of the Association's policy on behalf of member councils. The Policy Executive meets six times per year to discuss and determine LGAQ policy.



LEGEND KEY:

- District 1
- District 3
- District 7
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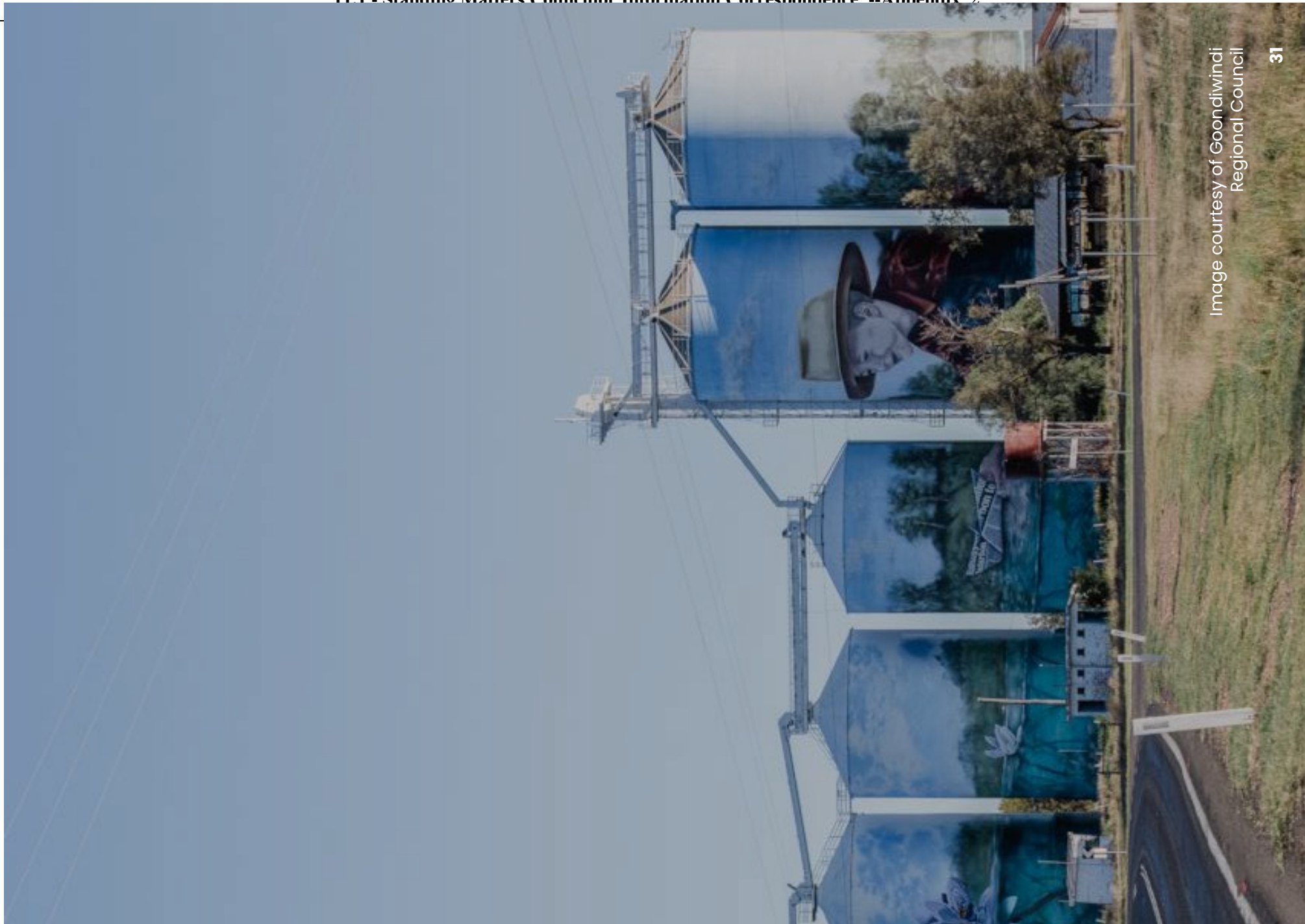


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Date and Timeframe Indicators

Local Government Election 2024

ECQ ACTIVITIES

The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) has commenced planning and preparation for the 2024 local government quadrennial elections. To assist councils with their own planning and preparation, the following information has been prepared to provide early awareness of the timing for some of the key activities leading up to March 2024. These timeframes are indicative only and are subject to change depending on circumstances.

Where possible, the ECQ will liaise with councils to discuss local operations and obtain relevant information that will assist the ECQ in its planning and preparation.

	Jan – Mar 2023	Apr – June 2023	July – Sept 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024
Indicative venue and staffing planning					
Local government engagement (operations)					
Returning Officer (RO) recruitment and appointment					
Electoral participant real-time disclosures					
Cost estimates provided to councils					
Council-provided venue bookings/confirmation					
RO training					
Privately leased venue sourcing					
Temporary election staff expressions of interest					
Distribution of equipment and materials to RO offices					



Date and Timeframe Indicators

Local Government Election 2024

STATUTORY DATES/TIMEFRAMES

Section 23(2) of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* (LGEA) states that a quadrennial election must be held on the last Saturday in March of the election year (2024), however, section 23(3) states that a regulation may fix a different day, which must be a Saturday, for a quadrennial election for a particular year. Due to Easter occurring on the weekend of the last Saturday in March 2024, it is reasonable to expect that this may result in a regulation to move the election date. Therefore, the following set out statutory timeframes for key election activities, however specific dates are unable to be advised at this time.

Review of divisions (divided councils only)	Councils must review whether each division has a reasonable proportion of electors and provide the results to the Minister for Local Government (the Minister) and ECQ by 1 March 2023 (divided councils).
Application for full postal election	Must be received by the Minister before 1 May 2023. Approval must be given by the Minister, following a recommendation from the ECQ, however there is no set timeframe for this decision to be made and advised.
Mandatory candidate training	Must be completed via the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning within 6 months of nominating to become a candidate.
Notice of Election	Date is not set, but this date will be the basis for many of the statutory dates below.
Candidate nominations	Open from Notice of Election, close not less than 8 and not more than 18 days after Notice and not less than 18 or more than 42 days before election day.
Ballot draw	The day after close of nominations (due to the volume of nominations across Queensland).
How-to-vote card lodgements	Commence from ballot draw, close 7 business days before election day.
Postal vote and electoral visitor applications	Open from Notice of Election, close Monday 7pm 12 days before election day.
Early voting, electronically assisted voting	Commences, 2 weeks before election day to the day before election day, however this may vary for some council areas, particularly remote areas.
Election day	Date to be confirmed in March 2024. Voting 8am to 6pm on election day.
Counting	Commences after 6pm on election day.
Cut-off date for return of postal votes	5pm 10 days after election day.
Election Summary Returns	Candidates, political parties and third parties must lodge an Election Summary Return within 15 weeks after election day.

Handbooks, fact sheets and forms for election participants of local government elections can be found on the ECQ's website [here](#). Queensland Parliament is currently considering amendments to the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*. The ECQ's publications are reflective of current law, not the proposed changes. Content will be updated once new laws, if any, take effect.

Queensland Dog Offensive Group

Meeting Communiqué 14 February 2023

The Queensland Dog Offensive Group (QDOG) met via Microsoft Teams on the 14 February 2023. Members discussed:

- **PAPP (para-aminopropiophenone) putty and its use as a toxin on leghold trap devices in replacement of strychnine.** The Centre for Invasive Species Solutions provided information on the product and expects it may be available for sale in 6 months.
- **The ability for Local Governments to obtain an Entity Level Approval from Queensland Health and develop a substance management plan.** This will support the coordination of baiting programs with appropriately approved persons being able to prepare and distribute 1080 baits.
- **Western Queensland DogWatch committee** – It was noted by QDOG that the WQ DogWatch committee plays an important part in supporting the coordination of wild dog control in Western Queensland. QDOG resolved to approach and write letters to all relevant Regional Organisation of Councils and NRM bodies to ask for continued support for the WQ DogWatch group and to seek to resolve the lack of support for the administration of the group going forward.
- **Wild Dog Barrier Fence Review** – an update was given on the Wild Dog Barrier Fence Review regarding the apportionment of payments by the Local Government Association of Queensland. The final report is expected to be available March 2023.
- **The status of the transition of local governments to commercial 1080 supplies** – Biosecurity Queensland provide information that all relevant local governments in Queensland have now transitioned to commercial supply 1080 as the last of the State Government supplied 1080 has been exhausted and could no longer be used past the 31 December 2022.
- **Review of the Terms of Reference for QDOG** - Biosecurity Queensland will lead a review of QDOG terms of reference and seek input from members.
- **QDOG subgroups and work tasks required to be undertaken by the –**
 - Communications subgroup which comprises 3 QDOG members that will meet in March 2023 to review communication planning.
 - Survey development subgroup which comprises 3 QDOG members that will meet in March 2023 to undertake preparation for the next survey.
- **QDOG members provided reports** on current wild dog management activities and events for their regional areas or industry.

Members agreed to meet again in Mid-2023.



Program

OQTA CONFERENCE 2023

DAY 1 - 07 MARCH - INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

MC - Victoria Carthew

TIME	TOPIC
8.30am - 9.00am	Networking and Registration
9.00am - 9.15am	Acknowledgement of Country Welcome to Conference Welcome from OQTA Chair Andrew Martin and OQTA CEO Denise Brown
9.15am - 10.00am	Panel Session - Future of Travel from a Trade Perspective ITO, Airline, Helloworld, Flight Centre
10.00am - 10.45am	Panel Session - Business Development for 2023 Year of Accessible Tourism, Best of Queensland Experiences, Transformational Experiences Program, QTIC
10.45am - 11.00am	Smoko
11.00am - 12.05pm	Breakout Round 1 Topic 1 - Packaging and Bundling Topic 2 - Data Insights Topic 3 - Storytelling Topic 4 - Grant Writing
12.05pm - 12.40pm	Lunch
12.40pm - 1.45pm	Breakout Round 2 Topic 1 - Packaging and Bundling Topic 2 - Data Insights Topic 3 - Storytelling Topic 4 - Grant Writing
1.45pm - 2.50pm	Breakout Round 3 Topic 1 - Packaging and Bundling Topic 2 - Data Insights Topic 3 - Storytelling Topic 4 - Grant Writing
2.50pm - 3.05pm	Smoko
3.05pm - 4.10pm	Breakout Round 4 Topic 1 - Packaging and Bundling Topic 2 - Data Insights Topic 3 - Storytelling Topic 4 - Grant Writing
4.10pm - 4.45pm	Guest Speaker
4.45pm - 5.00pm	Wrap up - Victoria Carthew

*There will be a photographer at this event, please be aware that your image may be taken.
Please reach out to OQTA if you do not wish this to happen. Program subject to change.*



OQTA CONFERENCE 2023

DAY 2 - 08 MARCH - CONTENT CREATION

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

MC - Victoria Carthew

TIME	TOPIC
8.00am - 10.00am	TDO's Only Session (by invitation only) Facilitators: Corey Richards and Erin Lee
10.00am - 10.15am	Commencement of Day 2 for all attendees Smoko
10.15am - 11.20pm	Breakout Round 1 Topic 1 - Video and Photo Creation Topic 2 - Creating a Sales Kit for Trade
11.20am - 12.25pm	Breakout Round 2 Topic 1 - Video and Photo Creation Topic 2 - Creating a Sales Kit for Trade
12.25pm - 1.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm - 1.45pm	Indigenous and Remote Area Tourism Development
1.45pm - 2.30pm	Working with OQTA, TEQ and TA
2.30pm - 3.15pm	Keynote Speaker - Seamus Evans
3.15pm - 3.30pm	Wrap up - Victoria Carthew

DAY 2 - 08 MARCH - MUSTER

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

TIME	TOPIC
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Muster Tables set up
4.30pm - 7.30pm	Muster Kickoff! The Outback Queensland Tourism Muster will include trade display sessions, presentations and networking opportunities for operators and leading travel agents and media. The Muster will also feature our awards, season campaign and Traveller's Guide launch. This is a fantastic opportunity to support Outback communities and businesses to continue to build their world-class tourism offering and grow the Outback as a destination of choice.
7.30pm - 8.30pm	Launch of the Season, Traveller's Guide and the OQTA Awards MC - Victoria Carthew, Denise Brown
8.30pm - 9.30pm	Celebration



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Good afternoon

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) is undertaking consultation with local government on proposed reforms to the *Public Records Act 2002*. This work will be led by officers of Queensland State Archives (QSA) and will be open until 20 March 2023.

We are now engaging with all local governments about the proposed reforms to ensure that local government views are heard and to understand potential impacts and options.

We warmly welcome you to the consultation stage for the *Public Records Act 2002*.

Background

On 31 August 2022, the Independent Panel chaired by retired Supreme Court Judge, the Honourable John Byrne AO RFD, delivered their final report to Government on the review of the *Public Records Act 2002* (the Report). The Independent Panel made 27 recommendations for legislative and operational reforms to modernise and strengthen recordkeeping practices for the Queensland Government and all public authorities under the Act.

Reforms being considered include:

- recognition of First Nations perspectives in the PR Act
- modernising the legislative framework for the information age through updated definitions and clarification of the roles and functions of the State Archivist
- strengthening the importance of public records with consideration of mandatory standards, a process for the transfer of at-risk permanent records and modernised sanctions
- providing for a contemporary approach to access public records in the Archival collection, including a potential appeal mechanism for decisions to refuse access to restricted records
- identifying options for more effective and efficient support for public authorities to improve recordkeeping practices for Queensland.

Of particular interest to local government will be recommendations that propose:

- amending the definition of 'public authority' in the *Public Records Act 2002* to recognise local government councillors
- adding a definition of 'record of a councillor' to the *Public Records Act 2002* that excludes a councillor's 'personal or party-political activities' from being a public record
- consequential amendments to the *Public Records Act 2002* to support that local government councillors are recognised as public authorities in the same way that Ministers and Assistant Ministers already are

The final report on the review, Government response to the recommendations of the review and a Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement have now been released and are available at www.qld.gov.au/public-records-review

Next steps

You will receive an invitation to an online discussion (through Teams) where we will discuss the proposed reforms and explore potential impacts.

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Currently, the online discussion is planned for the week beginning 6 March 2023 with further details to be provided.

The data gathered through consultation will inform options that will be taken back to Government for consideration before legislative amendments are drafted and finalised.

Actions

We encourage you to communicate with your local councillors about the proposed reforms. This will help us to establish the best options for delivery.

These options will be presented for Government consideration along with a Decision Regulatory Impact Statement in May 2023.

If you have any questions at all, you can reach the consultation team at praris@chde.qld.gov.au



Review of the *Public Records Act 2002*

Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy

E praris@chde.qld.gov.au

W <http://www.qld.gov.au/public-records-review>



I acknowledge the traditional custodians on the land on which I walk, I work, I live and I respect. I acknowledge all of their Elders past and present.

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Thank you.

Hi,

I am writing as a concerned member of the public as to the restoration of Langbecker house in Ilfracombe. I grew up in Ilfracombe and lived across the road from Burie Langbecker. He was a valued member of the community and our family friend.

Burnie was our neighbour for many years. He was my Grandfathers school friend and they were still friends when he passed in the later 1980's. Bernie used to come to our house for Christmas, Easter and special events. I remember my mum would tell me in his later years her was the man to go to for a hair cut, the old fashioned barber.

Burnie and his house are an important historical part of Ilfracombe. Since the amalgamation of councils, Ilfracombe has lost so many of its significant historical features, that in the big picture of the council are minor things, but to a unique, small community are big.

I fear if Langbecker house is condemned, then what is left of the "Old Town" I grew up in? The town I had the most amazing childhood and bring my own children to see.

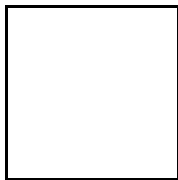
I believe the community has the right to know what is being done to restore Langbecker house.

Kind Regards

Tegan Nuttall

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Dear Brett,

Telstra has announced the Connected Communities Grant Program, supporting Australia's remote, rural, and regional communities with \$600,000 to foster inclusion and resilience over the next three years.

In partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, grants of up to \$10,000 are available to not-for-profits to help them build resilient, sustainable, and liveable communities. If you know of a community group or not-for-profit organisation that could use a hand – the Connected Communities Grant Program might be for them!

The program has three themes:

Resilient communities that are well prepared and socially connected, with the ability to renew and recover together when disaster strikes;

Sustainable communities that are diverse and inclusive, through planning for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of their people and planet;

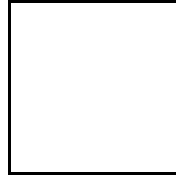
Liveable communities that have digital capability, helping to equip people with the skills to live, learn and work in a digital society.

Funds will be available for new or existing not-for-profit programs to help them scale their impact to help more Australians in rural and regional areas become better connected.

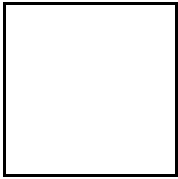
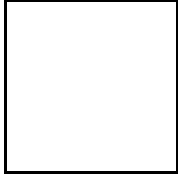
Applications for the **2023 Telstra Connected Communities grant round will open at 9am on Wednesday 1st of March 2023** and will close at 5pm on Thursday 30th of March 2023. This first round will make \$200,000 available for applications of up to \$10,000 each. Successful grants will be announced in June 2023 and successful applicants will have 12 months to complete funded projects.

[Learn more about the 2023 Connected Communities grant round here.](#)

Rachel Cliffe
Regional General Manager - Northern QLD
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Qantas Regional Grants 2023

The Qantas Regional Grants program is back, offering \$10 million in support over five years to Australian-based communities and projects that are looking to benefit our country's regional areas.

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About the program

Since 1920 when Qantas was founded in outback Queensland, we've looked to strengthen Australia's regional communities, drive local economic activity, and support jobs.

In 2019, we launched the Qantas Regional Grants program to help these communities sustain brighter futures by providing financial, flight and marketing support to charities, organisations, causes, projects and individuals over a five-year period.

Applications

Applications open 21 February and close 10 May 2023.

2023 timings



21 February 2023

Applications open



10 May 2023

Applications close



May - June

Qantas Regional
Grant Panel assess
entries



July

Successful
applicants
announced

Who can apply

Entry is open to Australian based individuals, not-for-profit community groups and organisations of any size, who are seeking funding to help enhance the lives of people in regional communities.

Charitable organisations must also be:

- registered in Australia, and
- endorsed as income tax exempt.

How to apply

We recommend that you take the time to thoughtfully complete your application and ensure all required sections are submitted.

Note:

- Applications must be completed in full, as you won't have the ability to save a draft copy, and return later to edit your answers and complete the submission.
- You may wish to save a copy of your submission, as we're unable to send a copy of your application via email once it's been submitted.

If you experience any issues with applying, email the [Qantas Regional Grants team](#).

Apply Now

* = required field

Contact details

Community group or organisation name

Contact person*

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Contact email*

Contact phone number*

Role within community group or organisation.*

Street address*

Town*

Postcode*

Charity registration number or ABN (if applicable)

Website

State*

NSW

VIC

ACT

QLD

TAS

SA

WA

NT

Enter your closest Qantas regional airport*

The detailed questions

Tell us about your community group or organisation. [150 words]*

How does your community group or organisation currently fundraise? [150 words]*

What's your community group or organisation's goal or mission? (100 words)*

Choose the category that best aligns to your community group or organisation:*

Agriculture and Farming

Arts and Screen Industry

Children and Family

Health and Wellbeing

Human Services

First Nations Programs

Natural disaster recovery

Research

School and Education

Sports and Recreation

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Sustainability

Tourism and Heritage

Youth Program

Other

I am applying for*

Cash

Flight contra

Cash and flight contra

Value of cash applied for*

Under \$5,000

\$5,000 - \$9,999

\$10,000 - \$14,999

\$15,000 - \$19,999

\$20,000+

Not applicable

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Detail the amount of cash funding you're applying for and describe how you would use the cash component of the grant. [150 words] If this is not applicable please enter N/A*

Value of flight contra applied for:

Under \$5,000

\$5,000 - \$9,999

\$10,000 - \$14,999

\$15,000 - \$19,999

\$20,000+

Not applicable

Detail the amount of flight contra you're applying for and how you would use the flight contra if successful. [150 words] If this is not applicable please enter N/A*

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Qantas can also provide marketing placements across channels owned by Qantas, such as inflight entertainment commercials and inclusions in Qantas emails. Indicate if your community group or organisation would also like to apply for marketing placements in Qantas' owned channels.

Yes

No

Find out more information on [Qantas marketing contra](#).

Provide details of the marketing campaign you envisage bringing to life across Qantas channels, including how the national exposure will further your organisation's mission. (100 words) If this is not applicable please enter N/A*

How would a Qantas Regional Grant positively impact the wider regional community? (150 words)*

Provide information on timings for the projects and activities a Qantas Regional Grant would assist with. Note: it's expected that successful grant applicants will receive the funding in August 2023. Select all that apply.

Q3 2023: July -September

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Q4 2023: October - December

Q1 2024: January - March

Q2 2024: April - June

Is there any other information you'd like to provide in support of your application? (100 words)

I am a representative of the above community group or organisation and I am authorised to submit this entry on their behalf.*

The community group and/or organisation has obtained the consent of all individuals (or their legal guardians) to submit any personal information to Qantas for use as per the promotion [Terms and Conditions](#)*

By submitting your Personal Information via this form, you acknowledge that Qantas will use your Personal Information to contact you regarding the Qantas Regional Grants program. For more information on how we handle your Personal Information, refer to our [Privacy Policy](#).

I have read and understood the promotion [Terms and Conditions](#).

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SUBMIT APPLICATION

Grant inclusions

The Qantas Regional Grants program will offer recipients a combination of:



Cash grants



Flights in kind



Marketing support

When submitting an application, applicants must nominate the value of each grant component required for their work and clearly outline how it would be used to further their regional cause.

Judging criteria

The Qantas Regional Grants judging panel will determine the successful applicants each year. Judges will examine all eligible entries and select applicants that they determine best meet the below criteria.

1. The extent to which the applicant directly services a regional community need and demonstrates a measurable socioeconomic impact.
2. The extent to which the applicant can maximise local community benefits in regional Australia with the Qantas Regional Grants Program funding.
3. The extent to which the project or activity will celebrate and highlight the work of the applicant and help boost the profile and strength of the applicant for the future; and
4. The ability of the applicant to demonstrate innovation in their project strategy, goals and mission, and how these align to improving their service offering and increasing regional impact.

Previous recipients

2019 Qantas Regional Grants Recipients.



Country to Canberra - C2C is empowering young women to reach their leadership potential by providing advocacy and education communities.

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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

Once again, I just wanted to express on behalf of the Longreach Amateur Swimming Club how incredibly grateful we are to each and every one of you for your interest, support and generous sponsorship of the 2023 Kim Anderson Memorial Swim Carnival.

Our carnival on Saturday was a wonderful success. We hosted 95 swimmers from 7 clubs – as far afield as Springsure and Rockhampton. There were some fantastic results and 19 new Pool Records were set on the day. We were honoured to have Kim’s husband Bluey at the Carnival to present awards to the age champions and the winning club- Longreach Stingrays!

It was wonderful to see all the kids having such fun getting involved in swimming. There were some very positive comments about another great Longreach Carnival - and we could not have achieved that without your generosity and support. So THANK YOU!

Kind regards,
Erika Marsh
Race Secretary



11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.4 - Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025: Local Housing Action Plan

11.2 Standing Matters: Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events, Meetings and Conferences

The calendar provides an update on Council and community events occurring over the next three months.

March 2023			
13 Monday 5:30pm	Community Engagement Forum Longreach	Longreach Civic Centre	Public Event
14 Tuesday 8.00am-5.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
14 Tuesday 6:30pm	Community Engagement Forum Ilfracombe	Martin Forrest Recreation Centre, Ilfracombe	Public Event
15 Wednesday 1:00pm	Community Engagement Forum Yaraka	Yaraka Town Hall	Public Event
15 Wednesday 5:30pm	Community Engagement Forum Isisford	Isisford Town Hall	Public Event
16 Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
18 Saturday	Longreach Races	Longreach Race Course	Public Event
27 Monday 9.00am-5.00pm	Pre-budget Workshop	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
27 Monday 5.00pm	Rates due	On line Council offices	
30 Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
April 2023			
1 Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt & Markets	Wool Pavilion – Longreach Showgrounds	Public Event
18 Tuesday 8.00am-5.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
20 Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
22 Saturday	Longreach Races	Longreach Race Course	Public Event
25 Tuesday 5.45am	ANZAC Day Dawn Service	Edkins Park	Public Event
25 Tuesday 8.20am	ANZAC Parade	RSL Memorial Club	Public Event
27 Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
May 2023			
6 Saturday	Longreach Races	Longreach Race Course	Public Event
8 Monday 9:00am -5:00pm	Pre-budget Workshop 2	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
12-13 Friday- Saturday	Longreach Show	Longreach Showground	Public Event
16 Tuesday 8:00am – 5:00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
18 Thursday 9:00am -5:00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	Town Hall, Isisford	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
21 Saturday 6.00pm	Festival of Outback Opera: Singing in the Night	Camden Park Station	Public Event
22 Sunday 11.30am 5.00pm	Festival of Outback Opera: Sing Sing Sing Opera Ball	The Branch Smithy's Camp	Public Event Public Event
23 Monday 6.30pm	Festival of Outback Opera: Lady Sings the Maroons	TBC	Public Event
27 Saturday All Day	Isisford Sheep & Wool Show	Isisford	Public Event

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.4 - Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025: Local Housing Action Plan

31 Wednesday 9.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
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Recommendation:

That Council receives the report, as presented

11.3 Council Meeting Date Change Request - June 2023

Consideration to change the Council Ordinary Meeting date in June 2023 currently scheduled for Thursday 15 June 2023.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 254B

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

GOVERNANCE: GOVERNANCE SERVICES			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.1.1 4.3.2	Ensure effective and responsible policy development and decision making.	Maintain Council's policy register in line with policy review dates and legislative requirements.	90% of policies are reviewed and adopted in line with review dates.

Budget Considerations

The budget for the holding of meetings is covered through the Governance Councillor Meeting Expenses item. This incorporates room hire and catering expenses. There is no additional cost to the budget through changing the meeting date.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officers: Brett Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

Background:

Council meeting dates were set in November 2022 for the 2023 calendar year. Consideration was given to upcoming events that may impact the meeting schedule, however, some events had not been confirmed at the time.

Issue:

The 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is being held in Canberra from 13 – 16 June which is generally represented by the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and at times other Councillors. The NGA event date is the same as the current Ordinary Council Meeting for June 2023.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.4 - Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025: Local Housing Action Plan

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 (2/25)

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Below is the recommended date change for Council consideration.

Recommendation:

That Council changes the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled on Thursday 15 June 2023 to Thursday 22 June 2023.

11.4 Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025: Local Housing Action Plan

Consideration of the Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 Longreach Regional Council Local Housing Action Plan.

Council Action

Recognise
 Advocate
 Partner

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2001
Local Government Regulations 2012

Policy Considerations

11-05 Council Housing Policy
 06-01 Removal of a Dwelling Policy

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

GOVERNANCE: PUBLIC AFFAIRS			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.4.1	Develop and maintain collaborative partnerships with regional agencies and government organisations.	Provide support to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in coordinating advocacy and regional representation with external corporate and intergovernmental stakeholders.	100% of requests for support are completed within a timely manner resulting in no missed deadlines. Provide assistance and advice in coordinating regular Council delegations to Canberra and Brisbane as required.

GOVERNANCE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
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Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
2.1.11	Respond effectively to inquiries that present opportunities for commercialisation.	Opportunities are acted on in a timely manner that aligns with Council's desired outcomes.	Monthly reporting to Council of commercialisation activities.

Budget Considerations

The development of this plan has been funded by the Queensland Government in an arrangement with the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils. No Council resources have been allocated towards its implementation at this stage.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s:

Simon Kuttner – Executive Officer, Economic Development & Public Affairs

Background:

The Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 Longreach Regional Council Local Housing Action Plan has been developed through a joint initiative involving the Queensland Government, and the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) to respond to a range of immediate, emerging, and longer-term housing challenges in the Longreach Region.

The development of Local Housing Action Plans for the 22 WQAC local government areas is an iterative process that seeks to identify opportunities, consider an agreed response, develop targeted actions on key priorities and enable ongoing review of effort to adapt and respond to changing need.

The plan provides an overview of key community and housing characteristics, and emerging issues related to housing in the community and identifies a targeted initial set of priority actions to respond to housing need. It has been developed through a review of a range of supporting documentation including:

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- Statistical data via the Queensland Government Statisticians Office, including Census and other data sets such as building approvals, rental market data, housing approvals
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- The Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027 and the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025.
- Other local data and information such as RAI reports

In addition, emerging issues and opportunities, key challenges, and potential responses have been developed from the review of a range of data sets, anecdotal feedback, and preceding engagement opportunities with Council and other stakeholders.

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The broad areas for response are identified as follows:

1. Land
2. Planning
3. Optimisation
4. Master Planning
5. Supports
6. People in need
7. Construction
8. Capital Solutions

Issue:

WQAC have indicated that their deadline for delivery of the Local Housing Action Plans is 31 March. Council is now asked to consider the plan and receive it for endorsement.

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: Possible
Consequence: Moderate
Rating: Medium (9/25)

Risk has been calculated based on proceeding as recommended.

Environmental Management Factors:

Consideration of this plan in future land use, planning and development matters will be expected.

Other Comments:

Council should consider any amendments it would like to make to the draft plan before receiving it for endorsement.

Appendices

1. WQAC - Housing - LHAP - Longreach - DRAFT 3 - February 2023.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council receives and endorses the Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 Longreach Regional Council Local Housing Action Plan, as presented.



Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 Local Housing Action Plan (Draft 3)

Longreach Regional Council

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Introduction

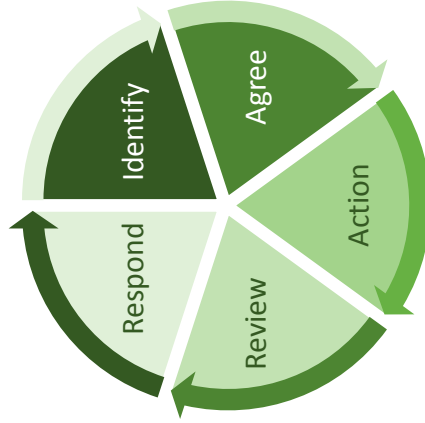
Introduction

This Local Housing Action Plan (the Plan) is developed through a joint initiative involving the Queensland Government*, Longreach Regional Council (Council) and the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) to respond to a range of immediate, emerging, and longer-term housing challenges in the Longreach Region.

This is an iterative process that does not intend to duplicate existing actions of Council or the actions under The Queensland Housing Strategy Action Plan 2021-2025. It seeks to identify opportunities, consider an agreed response, develop targeted actions on key priorities and enable ongoing review of effort to adapt and respond to changing need.

The Plan aims to:

1. **develop agreed priority actions** to respond to housing need,
2. **establish strong foundations for longer-term housing responses** to assist housing and homelessness outcomes in the region into the future.
3. **incorporate existing information and plans** that assist with developing responses to housing need and acknowledge work already completed by the Council, State Agencies, private and not-for-profit organisations.
4. **facilitate targeted interaction between all parties through agreed actions** to ensure a focus on deliverables and projects that can improve housing responses in the short and longer-term.



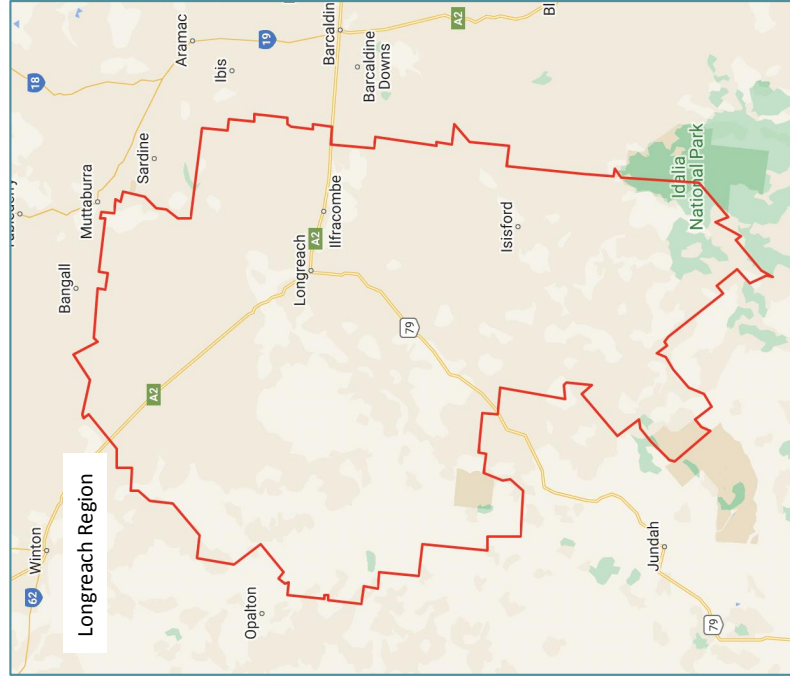
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* The Queensland Housing Strategy Action Plan 2021-2025



Longreach Regional Council key details

- Longreach Local Government Area (LGA) has a total land area of 40,572 km².
- Longreach is the main population centre and is located approximately 1,177km, or 14-hours' drive, north-west of Brisbane. Rockhampton is 686km to the east, a 7-hour drive.
- Ilfracombe, Isisford, and Yaraka are the region's other townships.
- The community supports a mix of industries with agriculture being a primary focus through beef and sheep production.
- The region also has a growing tourism sector, with visitors drawn to the region's history, scenic landscapes, cultural experiences, and famous tourist attractions including the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Qantas Founders Museum.

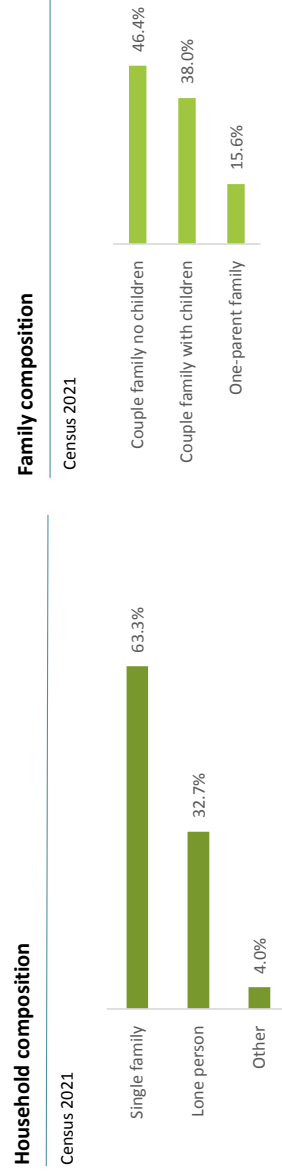
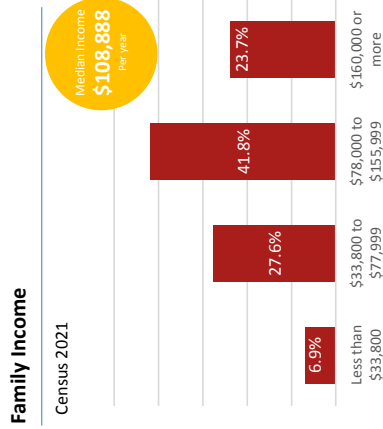


Key Community Characteristics

Key Demographic Characteristics



Estimated resident population is **3647** and is projected to reduce to **3321** by 2041 (-9.4%)



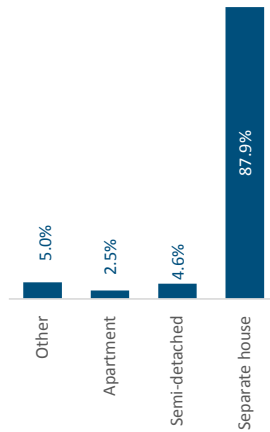
Key Housing Characteristics



Total Occupied dwellings (2021) 1342

Dwellings by Structure

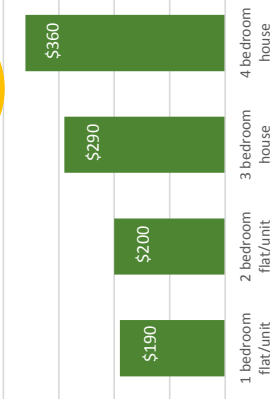
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Median rent

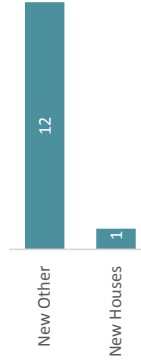
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Median rent
\$200
Per week



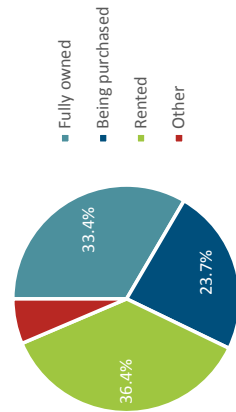
Building approvals

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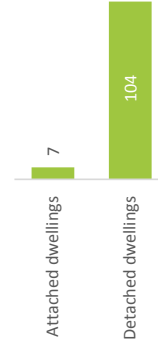
Dwellings by Tenure

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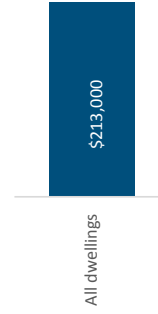
Number of sales

12 months to 30/06/22 - QHPW



Median Sales Price

12 months to 30/06/22 - QHPW





Key focus areas identified

Areas of emerging concern have been determined through a review of existing data and engagement with stakeholders as identified in the methodology. These concerns will be considered when identifying and prioritising shared actions.

1. Housing Availability

Housing demand in the Longreach Regional Council region is based on growth of government, industry, and Council employees as well as social and affordable housing with 55.6% of these private occupied dwellings (ABS) being owned compared to 63.5% in Queensland. Of these properties 23.1% are owned with a mortgage.

Occupied dwellings according to the 2021 census represented 81.4% of the region's housing stock while unoccupied dwellings were 18.7% (ABS). The breakdown of housing statistics collected in 2021 for ABS was as follows:

- Households with families represented 63.6% of the households.
- Single-person households made up 32.9%.
- Detached houses made up 88.2% of the dwellings.
- Semi-detached made up 4.6%.
- Units were less than 2.5%.
- The average number of bedrooms per dwelling was 3.2.
- The average number of people per household was 2.3.

The ratio of availability of beds to persons, per dwelling, indicates sufficient capacity if dwelling mix met demand structure. This situation would indicate a focus on the provision for a higher proportion of two-bedroom semi-detached dwellings and units in future housing stock supply.

The number of dwellings for sale in Longreach region is not as limited as other western local government regions and currently there is in the order of 68 properties publicly advertised available for sale (as advertised on the Domain Real Estate website). House sales over the past decade have been between 20 and 60 houses annually with median sale prices between \$100,000 and \$210,000 (RAI). The current median market prices vary between \$169,000 for three-bed dwellings and \$275,000 for a 4-bedroom house (Domain Real Estate). These figures represent the activity in Longreach which has 58 dwellings for sale. Isisford's house sale asking prices vary between \$115,000 and \$170,000 and Ilfracombe's prices vary from \$155,000 and \$200,000 (Domain Real Estate).

Longreach and Isisford residential land prices are in the order of \$50,000, while land prices in Ilfracombe are between \$17,000 and \$50,000 (Domain Real Estate). The cost to develop residential land in Longreach well exceeds this value. Council has a considerable land stock available for housing development.

Difficulties in increasing housing stock numbers can be attributed to substantial costs of construction due to material supply and logistics, and lack of availability of local house construction contractors across the region.

Quality of some housing stock liveability has gradually decreased over decades and a small portion of housing stock may already not meet current liveable-standard expectations. This is due to:

- A lack of availability in building trades
- Excessive costs of renovations and value capital improvements
- The risk of asbestos presence in the aged buildings which may add significant costs given the lack of trained asbestos removal specialists and local disposal locations.

These costs could well exceed sale prices of properties and would therefore not represent a viable financial investment.

The removal of any buildings which are unable to economically restored to liveable standards from town allotments, would free up lots for replacement with more sustainable dwellings. Options to encourage existing owners to enter arrangements such as new-dwelling-for-old (if a multi-unit development was the preferred replacement option), may provide savings in developing expensive green field residential developments by using current infrastructure.

Housing affordability is still one of the major concerns even if market competition was healthy. There are concerns regarding financial institutions' security requirements which include finance applications of up to 50% deposits and large mortgage insurances. Cashed up retirees entering the market from eastern towns can purchase lower cost dwellings with funds remaining. They compete with local purchasers who rely on financial institution loans. Regional financial arrangements to remove these barriers would assist in overcoming the situation.

Response opportunities

- Focus on immediate housing responses to the current housing shortage through:
 - Identification and repurposing of underutilised properties for accommodation
 - Construction of temporary accommodation
 - Leasing properties as they become available, while developing longer-term resilient and sustainable housing options that can underpin the economic development of the region.
- State and Federal Government review of financial support to provide financial options that are more attractive to home buyers and local house investors.
- Infrastructure planning is required to undertake greenfield development to add additional lots for housing and development of a business case for funding support.
- Provision of a higher proportion of two (2) bedroom semi-detached and units in the housing supply mix for singles and single parent families.

2. Rental Market

Many Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Queensland considered to have 'tight' rental markets are characterised by a vacancy rate of under 2.5%. Over three-quarters of Queensland LGAs (77%) have vacancy rates under 1% as at December 2021. The current vacancy rate (as of August 2022) in Longreach is 0.01% estimated from Council's data collection.

Longreach's rental listings over the past decade have been a mix of availability from 30 to 90 dwellings measured over a three (3) month period. Currently there are only five (5) private rentals advertised in Longreach. There are no rental properties available in Ilfracombe or Isisford.

The current median rental price (as advertised on Domain Real Estate) in Longreach is around \$300 per week for a three-bedroom house, with prices ranging from \$210 to \$430 per week. The regional median rental price in 2021 was \$200 per week (ABS).

New construction for private rental to increase the market is unlikely to be financially viable in the immediate future. Local investors are concerned about whether there is sufficient incentive to enter the rental market including the ability to manage the property effectively over the life of the rental lease.

Renovation of existing rental stock to improve standards is costly and financially unappealing for private investors looking for reasonable returns. Excessive costs of renovation to meet tenancy requirements and the lack of capital gain on sales making it difficult to break even, has caused some property owners to exit the rental market and take advantage of the rising sale market.

A “hidden” market has resulted in which local knowledge and word-of-mouth are the only ways to source additional rental housing. These arrangements have secured higher rental prices and longer-term rentals, however those “not in the know” and who try to relocate for employment, may be forced to turn down employment opportunities due to lack of housing.

There may also be opportunities to repurpose vacant disused commercial buildings into managed shared single-bed facilities. There is a limited number of these buildings available across the region.

As the demand for rentals increases due to single transient employees and permanent staff on fixed short-term contracts, local community members have difficulty competing. Anecdotally, this situation has resulted in increased rental prices for houses with reasonable liveability quality. Given much of this demand is for single occupancy, employers may consider opportunities for promoting shared accommodation, thereby freeing up multi-bedroom houses for families.

Response opportunities

- Consideration towards bringing forward any proposed social housing projects to increase rental stock and free up lower cost rentals for market availability.
- Investigate the current rental supply market and the current unoccupied dwellings to identify opportunities to bring additional “hidden” rental supply into the market.
- Investigation of vacant disused commercial buildings to repurpose for single bed facilities to reduce single renters’ use of multi-bed dwellings.
- Explore shared accommodation arrangements for single occupants of multi bedroom dwellings to open opportunities for family household access.

3. Social Housing Supply

There is a high demand for social housing across Queensland and allocations focus on supporting households with the highest needs. The median household income in Longreach region is \$1,561 per week compared to the Queensland median of \$1,675 per week (ABS). The total income for 18.4% of households was less than \$650 per week compared to the Queensland figure of 16.4% (ABS). Consequently, this combination of lower median income overall and higher proportion of lower income households, may be reflected in the demand for increased social housing stock.

Low income and supported individuals and families find it difficult to enter the private rental market when the minimum weekly rent exceeds the target of 30% of their household income to avoid financial stress. Details from ABS (2021 census) recorded that 73.3% of households have rental charges of less than 30% of their total income, while 12.4% have rental costs greater than the 30% indicator of rental stress.

Social housing in Longreach region is mainly managed through the State Government, which has a total stock of 79 mixed dwelling types and the Longreach Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Corporation has a total of 13 dwellings. The current registered demand for social housing is eight (8) households.

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) propose to construct six (6) 2-bedroom dwellings at 10-14 Wompoo Road with potential to develop more dwellings on the site as a future stage.

Given that demand will continue to rise, increasing supply as well as reducing vacancy time is one of the principal areas of focus to address the social housing shortfall. The number and types of dwellings will also impact on the ability to house as many people as possible. Suggestions including the provision of more single and double-bedroom units or combinations may avoid tying up larger numbers of three-bedroom dwellings to house sole occupants and increase availability for families.

It was suggested that opportunities for long-term tenants who are aging and wish to remain in their current rental residences be given access to housing rent-to-buy options. It is thought that this proposal may also reduce damage to dwellings if there was ownership involved.

Response opportunities

- Investigate options to urgently address the housing short fall such as:
 - Provision of temporary single/double units
 - Consideration of alternatives to tenancy management
 - Engaging viable local management partnerships with focus on tenancy performance to minimising costs of repairs
 - Promote Housing Buy Back schemes to reduce the financial burden of renovating aging housing infrastructure.

4. Aged Housing and Care

Bolton Clarke provides an aged-care facility with 59 residential age care places. They also have independent living units made up of two (2) three-bedroom units and four (4) two-bedroom units. These are fully utilised, and they have a waiting list of two (2) persons.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that government home care packages are providing extended home living for the aged which reduces the demand for special aged-care facilities. Inclusion of the outcome of home care on aged-care housing demand could be part of a local review if not already completed.

Response opportunities

- Review aged housing and care provision in the region and the linkage to the effectiveness of the stay-at-home strategy delivered through home care packages.

5. Employee Housing

To engage worthy employee candidates in rural and remote areas, employers prioritise attraction and retention incentives such as housing. However, housing stock is limited in these regions, and the standards do not match accommodation expectations from where potential employees are relocating. Relocating employee families away from more populated areas creates stress within the family unit, therefore availability of a good standard of housing assists in the transition and performance of employees.

Council supplies eight (8) dwellings for employees, as well as four (4) dwellings for its contractors. Council is currently considering adding another executive dwelling to its housing stock for employees.

State Government supplies housing for its employees under two (2) schemes. The Government Employee Housing arrangement (GEH) provide a range of housing types for government employees in government owned dwellings. The majority are provided to police, health, and education in the western regions. In addition, these departments provide “Operational Housing” for staff located on operational sites e.g., police stations, hospitals, and schools but they also rent houses from local government or the private market.

GEH has provided housing details in each of the towns, and relevant data is included in Table 1 below:

Table 1: GEH Housing Supply and Demand in the Longreach Region

Town	GEH Housing Supplied	GEH Housing Demand
Longreach	102	14
Isisford	0	0
Ilfracombe	0	0

Employment housing policy practice varies across departments. Queensland Police do not have a policy obligation to house their employees, but they do have dwellings attached to police stations which they provide to employees. Queensland Health have a policy for housing employees as there are specific work health and safety requirements on housing standards. Where there are limited dwellings that meet these requirements, it forces Queensland Health to consider alternative means to secure appropriate housing such as entering long-term leasing agreements with premium rental payments above market prices as well as providing employee housing assistance.

Instances of sole occupants using multi-bedroom dwellings was raised in interviews. There is an option, therefore, to consolidate current employee accommodation for more shared arrangements, thereby freeing up three-bedroom houses for families.

Response opportunities

- Investigate the supply and demand of government employee housing and consider opportunities for additional rental housing being made available if more local government and State Government employee housing is supplied.
- Provision of additional government housing in locations of high demand to return higher end rentals to the rental market for stabilising longer term community demand.
- Consideration of employee housing for single accommodation in managed shared arrangements to allow general access for families accessing three or more-bedroom houses.

6. Cohort Specific Housing

The following cohort-specific housing has been identified as an issue to be addressed in housing configurations within towns of the region:

- Domestic and family violence
- Disability
- Youth homelessness
- Family homelessness
- Sleeping rough.

Regional crisis housing is located at Longreach and is managed by Anglicare. They have five (5) crisis houses and six (6) community houses in the Longreach township.

No evidence of disability housing demand was identified but this requires specific assessment to predict cohort housing need demand.

While there is no open evidence of homelessness, smaller communities generally provide connected support which can result in an increase overcrowding and couch surfing occurrence in the community.

The Australian Homelessness Monitor 2022 Report has identified the average monthly number of people using homelessness services increased by 8% nationally in the four (4) years to FY 2021-22, which is double the national population increase over that period. The report recommends the following:

“The role of local government authorities (LGAs) responding to homelessness in Australia remains largely unrecognised and undefined. To contribute towards national efforts to end homelessness, the role and opportunities for LGAs need to be made explicit and more coherently integrated within national and jurisdiction-specific strategies.”

Rural and remote local governments have already committed to a role by default; however, with limited resources any future role will need to be financially supported by State and Federal Government programs. Opportunities in the National Housing and Homelessness Plan may assist in addressing this situation.

Response opportunities

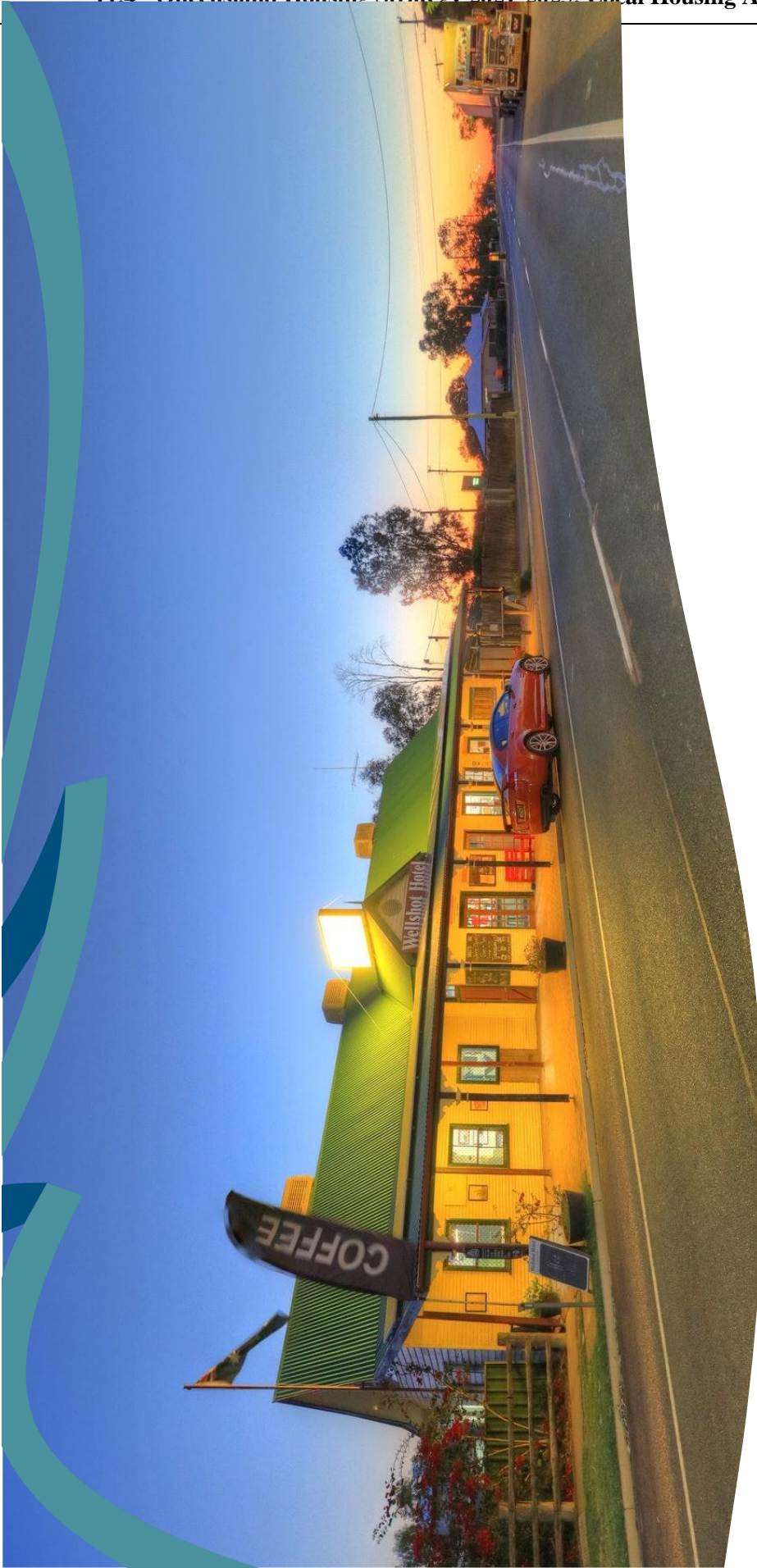
- Investigation to be conducted into crisis housing for the cohorts of domestic and family violence and homeless persons to identify the need for such housing.
- The evidence of the extent of family and youth homelessness that results in couch surfing and overcrowding should be qualified to assess social housing demand estimates.
- Supply needs for disability housing be addressed through detailed assessment demand.
- Council to investigate opportunities in the Federal Government National Housing and Homelessness Plan.

7. Future Housing Demand

The tourism industry continues to grow in the region and demand for additional associated services will continue to place demand on housing. Council's economic development strategies will provide input to future housing needs through the ongoing assessment of the proposed actions in this plan.

Response Opportunities:

- Council's housing and development plans to be linked to its economic development strategies.

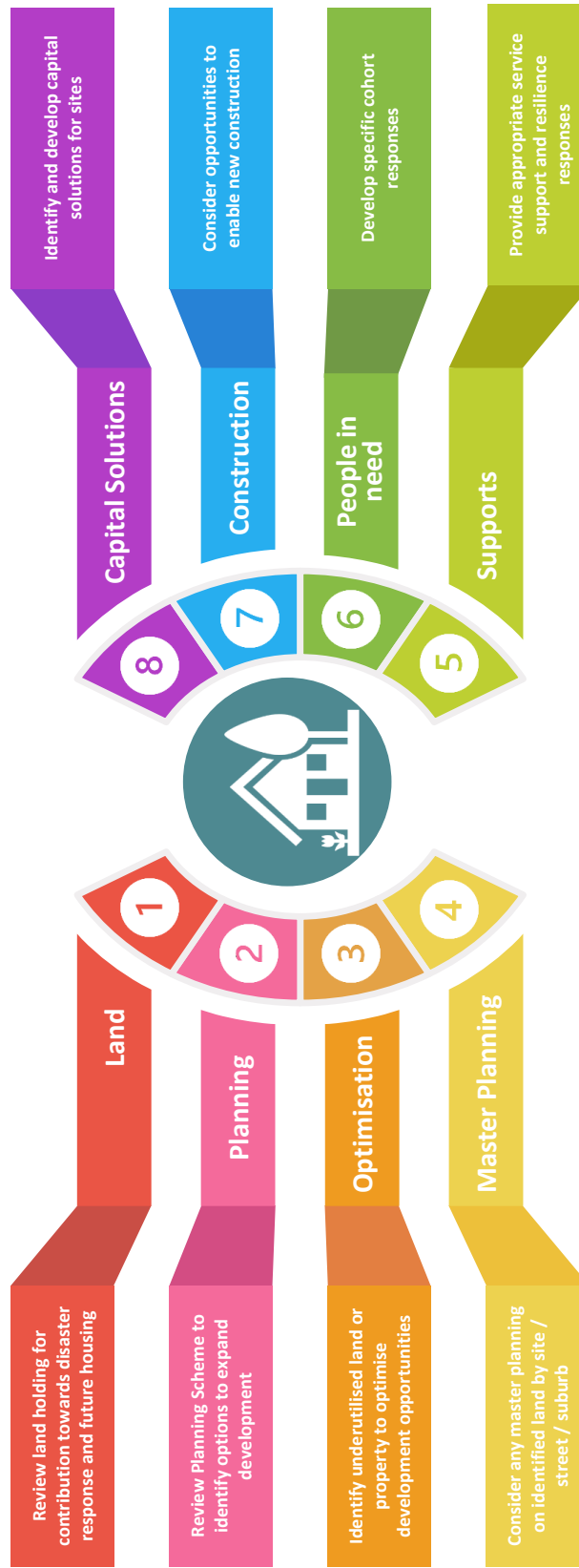


Response Opportunities

Response opportunities

A local housing action plan enables engagement across all levels of government, and benefits from partnerships between private and not-for-profit organisations.

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Actions

The Longreach Regional Council with the support of the Queensland Government through the Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025 is committed to engaging in the delivery of its initial Local Housing Action Plan through this set of actions, developed to target immediate to longer term housing responses. This is an iterative process, and these actions and target outcomes will seek to either create immediate benefit or to establish foundations that help respond to ongoing housing needs.

1 Land and Development		Timeline <small>Starting in March 2023 (months)</small>
1.1	Conduct a detailed assessment of current residential land and buildings to support immediate development of temporary housing provision including repurposing of existing buildings to address the present housing crisis.	12
1.2	Review other land holdings (vacant or disused buildings) to identify lots that would be suitable for permanent development and/or redevelopment/repurposing to support short and longer-term housing outcomes.	12
1.3	Develop a Property Management Strategy and incorporate into Council's ten-year financial plan for investment.	12
2 Planning		
2.1	Undertake a regional housing needs assessment (HNA) to inform planning work for housing provision demands across the region for all housing sectors.	12-24
2.2	Review regional and local planning schemes to meet housing needs objectives while acknowledging the town character, through review of local density aspirations, opportunities for secondary dwellings on existing blocks, mixed use development options, repurposing unused commercial space, types of construction permitted, and any other specific initiatives to address future housing needs.	24
2.3	Prepare a draft Regional Council Housing Strategy with targeted action for the next 10 years in consultation with the community, informed by other policy settings such as environmental management, infrastructure and servicing, transport, and economic development and social outcomes.	12
2.4	Council's housing and development plans to be linked to its economic development strategies.	Ongoing



3 Optimisation		
3.1	Based on assessment of underutilised land, buildings and housing needs assessment, Council and State Government to investigate and coordinate options for development of under-utilised sites in partnership with the not-for-profit sector, private sector (including employer housing providers), and Federal Government assistance.	12
3.2	Assess use of land sale/purchase involving long-term lease exchange, new for old land exchange, redevelopment, change of use or renovation of existing buildings to optimise community outcomes that support housing needs that will maximise the use of existing infrastructure.	12
3.3	Investigate the current rental supply market and current unoccupied dwellings for identification of opportunities to bring additional "hidden" rental supply into the market.	6
4 Master planning		
4.1	Consider master planning of identified options to ensure resilient development meets community expectation of how town development acknowledges its heritage. Planning may be at allotment, street, or locality level.	12
4.2	Investigate master planning of the provision of future residential housing development sites, particularly addressing the provision of infrastructure.	12-24
5 Supports		
5.1	State Government and Council consider additional actions to support and address age pensioner housing needs for the local community in regional towns.	12
5.2	Investigate what Federal Government programs/funding/incentives are available that encourage and assist local youth to take on trades in the local building industry.	12
5.3	Jointly promote with other local governments, State and Federal Governments' provision of financial assistance for rural and remote LGA's to support delivery of employee housing to reduce the financial burden on communities in funding these additional costs of service delivery by obtaining equitable access to essential services.	24
5.4	State Government to ensure there is sufficient housing of an acceptable standard in rural and remote LGA's for State Government agency and service staff to minimise the impact to general housing markets.	5 years
5.5	State Government to assist housing providers in addressing outstanding rental debts and consider the impacts of contingent liability where applicable on the ability to financially undertake refurbishment and stock renewal.	12
5.6	Lobby State and Federal Governments to consider financial options to remove inequity in both rural and remote areas for access to finance for house ownership.	24



6 People in need		
6.1	Consider how Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) can be incorporated into existing properties where required, and for future developments.	12-24
6.2	Undertake a detailed needs assessment to determine necessary actions in response to domestic and family violence situations for any specific identified cohorts such as young people, rough sleepers, individuals, and households; with the view to providing immediate support regarding crisis housing on a temporary or more permanent basis.	12
6.3	Undertake an assessment of aged housing demand and resolve institutional roles of aged pensioner housing delivery in addition to accessing local social housing priority.	12
6.4	State Government to review the allocation of social housing applications for rural and remote areas with limited health and transport access to ensure that priorities for local community needs are addressed.	6
7 Construction		
7.1	Identify opportunities to enable housing construction in private market and social housing including the use of non-traditional housing options in response to emergent need. However, in the longer-term the built form needs to be reflective of the traditional housing character in the towns, while using more sustainable and resilient materials.	12
7.2	Encourage housing development which may repurpose existing commercial properties for specific cohorts to address emerging needs.	12
8 Capital solutions		
8.1	Develop capital solutions in partnership with State and Federal Governments through land provision and funding partnerships to construct and manage delivery of current and future housing needs.	12-24
8.2	Investigate options for developing low deposit and interest free periods for house construction to encourage housing investment on existing local government residential land.	6-12
8.3	Develop funding partnerships with not-for-profit social housing providers to deliver short term outcomes for specific cohorts in the interim with longer term plans being incorporated in the arrangements.	12-24
8.4	Engage with private landowners and developers with land opportunities to maximise use of existing underutilised serviced land without having to develop high-cost green field sites thus promoting a gradual improvement of the housing stock quality.	12-24



Next steps

Establish a Local Housing Action Plan (LHAP) working group of key representatives from Council, selected State Government agencies, and community representatives to oversee and progress actions, review findings, report quarterly and develop and test next steps in an open partnership to resolve the housing crisis and progress towards sustainable and resilient communities.



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11.5 - Workplace Health & Safety Update Report - February 2023

11.5 Workplace Health & Safety Update Report - February 2023

This report provides a summary of Council’s health and safety performance as at 28 February 2023, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

Council Action

Recognise

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012
Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011
Workplace Health and Safety Regulations 2011

Policy Considerations

Workplace Health and Safety Policy No 10.2

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

GOVERNANCE: WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.3.1	Provide a safety management system that minimises the risk to all people and property.	Successful implementation of the identified KPI’s in the Longreach Regional Council Safety Management System 2021-22.	90% of KPI’s achieved and completed by 30 June 2022

Budget Considerations

Operational Expenses YTD for Workplace Health and Safety are within current budget parameters.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Grace Jones, Human Resources & Workplace Health & Safety Manager

Background:

The HR/WHS Manager provides a monthly update report, which provides a summary of Council’s health and safety performance.

Issue:

Workplace Health and Safety Reporting – Period Ending 28 February 2023

In total, 11 incidents were reported in the month, 3 of which resulted in personal injuries. Of the injuries for the reporting period, two required medical treatment after initial first aid, with 2 out of 3 resulting in a lost time injury.

One of the 11 incidents reported in the month was a notifiable incident, due to live electrical conduit being left exposed following a rain event, which caused a dam wall to fail due to corrosion of the soil and being washed out due to the rain event. The line was immediately disconnected and made safe. Due to the wet and boggy conditions at the incident location, rectification works have not been undertaken to date but are scheduled to commence the week commencing 6 March 2023. The incident was reported to WHSQ as a notifiable incident and they have confirmed that no further action will be taken at this time as Council has put control measures in place to ensure it is safe and have planned rectification works.

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There were 6 reported incidents of property damage, 5 of the 6 incidents were glass or minor panel damage due to rocks from passing vehicles or panel damage from striking wildlife. The remaining property damage incident involved a light vehicle coming into contact with a grader causing minor damage to a toolbox under the tray of the plant, whilst the light vehicle was being reversed into position beside the grader for refuelling from the fuel pod.

The remaining incident for the month was a near miss report of a snake within the work area, the employee observed the location of the snake and monitored it while packing up the worksite.

The below graphs depicts the Incident to Injury Ratio and Location of injuries for all incidents reported YTD.



Summary of LGW Workcare and Claims Statistics for 21/22 Year

The below info graphics provides insight into the common causes to injuries resulting in claims, which has been gathered by LGW from member Council data.

Most Common Causes by claims, cost, and days lost per claims



Most Common Causes by claims, cost, and days lost per claims



WHS Updates/Consultation

- The WHS Team undertook a planning session in relation to the next 12-18 months of priorities and to discuss the WHS Strategy that is being developed. The planning sessions focused primarily on ensuring current targets and objectives of both the operational and strategic plans for Council Safety Management System will be met and prioritised actions from recent third party audits.
- WHSA the undertook the Q2 review of the SMS Operations and Strategy Plans, with updates provided in the attachments on current status and progress.
- The WHS Policy has been reviewed with minor amendments made and will be presented to the March Council meeting for adoption.

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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: Possible
Consequence: Minor
Rating: M6

Risk assessments continue to be applied to find suitable controls for hazards in the workplace.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. LRC-SMS Operational Plan - Q2 Review [↓](#)
2. LRC-SMS Strategy Plan - Q2 Review [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Workplace Health & Safety Update Report for the period ending 28 February 2023.

2022 - 2023 WHS Operational Strategy Plan					
Objectives	Operational Target	Key Performance Indicators	Timeframe	Responsibility	Quarter 2 (01 Oct 22 - 31 Dec 22)
Implement or participate in programs to assess the effectiveness of managing health and safety risk.	Conduct a minimum of 3 surveillance audits within the organisation.	Summary of findings to be provided to the Executive Leadership Team and Safety Committee Meeting for action and/ or implementation.	30-Jun-23	WHS Team Executive Leaders	<p>The WHSA in consultation with relevant work teams will complete the following internal audits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excavation Work - to be completed in Q3 Work-related dust and airborne contaminants - to completed Q3 Harmonised temporary traffic management - to be completed Q4
	Participate in third party audit aligned to ISO 45001 requirements.				
	Routinely conduct facility inspections to highlight risks and ensure facilities are maintained to current standards	90% completion of hazard inspections as scheduled.	30/06/2023 (As per schedule)	Executive Leaders Council Officers	<p>In Q2 an onsite surveillance audit was conducted by third party auditor CACS. This audit was aligned to the international standard (ISO45001) and audited both the compliance of Council Quality Assurance and Safety Management System specific to our Civil Construction and Maintenance operations. The audit findings were 3 minor non-conformances and 4 observations. The Audit Report recommenced continued certification which is vital for Council funded TMR works.</p> <p>There were 133 hazard inspections due in Q2 with 53 remaining outstanding - This is a 59.39% completion rate. Of the 53 outstanding 38 of these hazard inspections were rolled over and remain outstanding from Q1.</p> <p>There have been a number of contributing factors identified with regard to the higher than normal outstanding inspections, such as system errors, weather events, staff vacancies and changes to inspection frequency. It has also been identified that data collected for hazard inspections is accumulative which has changed the dynamics of the way we report our data.</p>

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<p>Procedures and work practices reflect the requirements of current health and safety legislation, standards, codes of practice, agreements and guidelines.</p>	<p>Conduct reviews of work procedures and practices based on updated legislation and system gaps.</p>	<p>Findings and recommendations from relevant reviews and site inspections to be provided to Executive Leadership Team and Safety Committee Meeting for action and/or implementation.</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>WHS Team Executive Leaders Council Officers</p>	<p>In Q2 the WHS Team met with Adam Stevenson (LGW) to complete part one of the SMS Discovery. Another part of this discovery will occur in Q3 where an audit of Council's training matrix will be completed and compared to LGW training recommendations to identify potential gaps in Council's training matrix.</p>
<p>On-site inspections are to be completed by a WHSA to ensure work procedures match work practices.</p>	<p>10 or more site inspections and involvement in pre-start talks to be completed by a WHSA on a monthly basis with an inspection report provided with recommendations/ findings.</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>WHS Team Executive Leaders</p>	<p>More than 10 inspections have been completed in Q2. Re-occurring trends identified included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage being unmaintained; • Signage not being at the required distance; and • Gaps within the pre-start documentation. <p>These areas are being addressed while the WHSA is on site and further reported to the respective supervisor to complete ongoing monitoring.</p>	<p>WHS Team met with Adam Stevenson (LGW) to complete part one of the SMS Discovery. Another part of this discovery will occur in Q3 where an audit of Council's training matrix will be completed and compared to LGW training recommendations to identify potential gaps in Council's training matrix.</p>
<p>Safety Actions are addressed in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Completion of scheduled actions, assigned to officer is achieved within designated timeframes.</p>	<p>90% of Actions addressed by allocated timeframe.</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>Executive Leaders Council Officers</p>	<p>In Q2 only 21.79% of allocated actions have been addressed in-line with the allocated timeframe. There were 78 actions due for Q2 with 61 actions remaining outstanding.</p> <p>There have been a number of contributing factors identified with regard to the higher than normal outstanding, with the primary factor being that timeframes are not being extended, as well as a delay in the approval of actions being completed due to lack of evidence being attached. Further since moving from physical MAP books to Actions within SkyTrust has help identify actions that should be a role responsibility and not an action within the SMS, which also contributes to the higher level of overdue actions.</p>

<p>Q2 reflected a low completion percentage of actions and through consultation with the identified impacts above, the WHS team will continue to work with staff to improve the completion of actions and removing ones that do not need to be in the system. This will be further assisted by the development of an overarching procedure that outlines key processes for raising, actioning and addressing overdue actions which will provide guidance to staff.</p>	<p>In Q2, the KPI is reflective of an 85.71% completion rate as there have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 new staff members inducted with 3 non-conformances; • 57 new contractors inducted with 6 non-conformance. <p>The non-conformance are the result of either staff or contractors commencing duties prior to the completion of their induction.</p>	<p>Executive Leaders Council Officers</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>90% of overdue actions from previous reporting cycle closed within 10 days or mitigation strategy has been implemented.</p>	<p>Completion of corrective actions raised from audits and hazard inspections completed by their due date.</p>	<p>Workers and contractors are inducted into Council's SMS</p>
<p>95% of all employees and third parties to receive the appropriate induction prior to commencement of work.</p>	<p>Human Resources WHS Team</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>80% attendance by Health and Safety Representatives (HSR) and advisory members at each scheduled Safety Committee Meeting.</p>	<p>All employees and third parties are inducted in LRC-SMS prior to commencing works.</p>	<p>Workers or their representatives are involved in the decision making process where there is an impact on workplace health and safety.</p>
<p>WHS team to establish the following: ~ Culture Surveys (annual) ~ Safety Workshops (annual) ~ Safety Updates included in Team Talk (monthly) ~ Monthly Report to Councillors</p>	<p>WHS Team Executive Leaders Council Officers</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>WHS team to utilise various levels of communication strategies to ensure effective distribution of information to all workers.</p>	<p>Workplace Health and Safety Committee meetings held on a quarterly basis, with HSR's provided sufficient notice to propose any agenda items for meetings.</p>	<p>Establish effective communication channels for the distribution of health and safety information to the workplace.</p>
<p>A number of Council Supervisors and ELT members attended a Safety Leadership Workshop called 'Switch On' facilitated by Actual over the course of 2 days. This workshop challenged both our Supervisors and Executive Leadership Team to look at Safety through a different lens. The HR & WHS Manager will engage with the ELT on the possibility to extend this workshop to more Managers, Supervisors and Leading Hands with the potential to have a reduced version delivered to all staff over a period of time.</p>	<p>Safety Committee</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>80% attendance by Health and Safety Representatives (HSR) and advisory members at each scheduled Safety Committee Meeting.</p>	<p>Workplace Health and Safety Committee meetings held on a quarterly basis, with HSR's provided sufficient notice to propose any agenda items for meetings.</p>	<p>Workers or their representatives are involved in the decision making process where there is an impact on workplace health and safety.</p>
<p>In Q2, the SCM had 70% attendance (Oct 2022). This rate was effected due to staff being on leave and vacancies of both staff positions and HSR roles. The SCM meeting was still able to be held as there was a quorum.</p>	<p>Safety Committee</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>30-Jun-23</p>	<p>80% attendance by Health and Safety Representatives (HSR) and advisory members at each scheduled Safety Committee Meeting.</p>	<p>Workplace Health and Safety Committee meetings held on a quarterly basis, with HSR's provided sufficient notice to propose any agenda items for meetings.</p>	<p>Workers or their representatives are involved in the decision making process where there is an impact on workplace health and safety.</p>

2022 - 2023 WHS System Strategy Plan						
Objectives	Strategic Target	Performance Indicators	Timeframe	Responsibility	Quarter 2 (01 Oct 22 - 31 Dec 22)	
1. Update Councils current safety management system in line with NAT self- insurer and ISO 45001 requirements.	Participate in LGW safety management discovery workshops to identify gaps and opportunities to improve Council's Safety System.	Summary of findings to be provided to the Executive Leadership Team and Safety Committee Meeting for implementation.	20-Dec-22	WHS Team	In Q2, the WHS Team met with Adam Stevenson (LGW) to complete part one of the SMS Discovery. This stage included a review of Councils business activities and resources, as well as a review of the Safety Management System access, functions and goals. This discovery session identified a number of challenges and opportunities for Council. A meeting is planned for WHS and LGW to present finding to ELT.	
	Develop a new Safety Management System (SMS) Architect aligned to self-insurer and ISO 45001 Requirements.	New SMS architect to be provided to the Executive Leadership Team and Safety Committee Meeting for implementation.	15-Mar-23	WHS Team	The WHS Team will commence the planning phase for the proposed SMS architect following the occurrence of 2 external audits and the LGW discovery in Q2. The proposed structure will first be presented to the ELT in Q3 and then further consultation will occur with Safety Committee, Managers and Supervisors. This objective is on target with meet information to be presented to Council by the end of March 2023.	
	Establish a safety documentation review and customisation program for the ongoing development of Councils SMS.	Summary of documents that require review and further customisation to be provided to the Executive Leadership Team and Safety Committee Meeting for implementation.	30-Jun-23	WHS Team	As part of strategic target above a rough time frame for implementation will be included in the initial presentation in relation to the development/customisation of documents to be included in the architect. A final implementation plan and timeframe will be developed in Q4 following consultation and feedback on the SMS architect.	
2. Develop an internal safety management	Provide lead auditor training for the WHS Team.	WHS Team receives qualifications as a SMS lead auditor.	30-Dec-22	HR Team	Council WHSA successfully completed lead auditor training in Q2. A further 2 staff will be identified to undertake the same the training within the next 12 months to ensure that there are staff outside the Safety Team that can undertake audits of Council's SMS for impartial findings.	

system audit program.	Develop an internal Safety audit calendar 2023 – 2024.	2023 -2024 audit calendar to be presented at Executive Leadership Team and Safety Committee Meeting in preparation for implementation.	30-Jun-23	WHS Team	Throughout Q3-Q4 the WHS Team will use a risk based approach to create an audit schedule, where High Risk operations/areas of Council will be identified and audited using the National Audit Tool. This will support the team in identifying an areas of risk and opportunities.
	Develop internal audit tools to reflect 2023-2024 audit calendar.	2023-2024 audit tools uploaded into safety management system platform SkyTrust in preparation for implementation.	30-Jun-23	WHS Team	This objective is progressing on target with work to commence on the development of Audit Tools in Q3 to then be finalised in Q4.
3. Review LGW WHS training menu as part of the LGW Resource suite and update any additional training needs.	Update Council training register to reflect organisational training needs.	Summary of training need to be presented to Executive Leadership Team and Safety Committee for implementation.	30-Dec-22	HR Team	The Q2 meeting between the WHS Team and Training Coordinator has been pushed back to Q3 due the LGW discovery workshop being held in late November. Findings will be put in a summarised report for ELT and Safety Committee.
	Training needs analysis is undertaken for all employees to assess training and development gaps within their roles.	Internal Audit Assessments to be undertaken annually to ensure implementation of and adherence to developed Training Plans for all relevant staff.	30-Jun-23	HR Team	In Q2 HR commenced a project to cleanse system data relating to training records, to ensure there are accurate and up to date records for all employees to be able to identify gaps in training needs. This is further supported by the discovery workshop done with LGW. It is proposed the project will be finalised in Q3, allowing an full audit to be undertaken in Q4.

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11.6 Workplace Health and Safety Policy

Consideration of the Workplace Health and Safety Policy, following a biennial review.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012
Work Health and Safety Act 2011
Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
ISO 45001:2018

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

GOVERNANCE: GOVERNANCE SERVICES			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.1.1 4.3.2	Ensure effective and responsible policy development and decision making.	Maintain Council's policy register in line with policy review dates and legislative requirements.	90% of policies are reviewed and adopted in line with review dates.

GOVERNANCE: WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.3.1	Provide a safety management system that minimises the risk to all people and property.	Successful implementation of the identified KPI's in the Longreach Regional Council Safety Management System 2021-22.	90% of KPI's achieved and completed by 30 June 2022

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s:

Grace Jones, Human Resources & Workplace Health & Safety Manager
Morgan Bell, Workplace Health and Safety Advisor

Background:

The Workplace Health and Safety Policy was due for its biennial review and minor amendments have been made to ensure there are appropriate inclusions around Council's commitment to addressing psychological health and safety in the workplace. Council aims to develop and adopt proactive strategies, including a risk management approach to safety, in order to provide an injury and illness free workplace.

Issues:

Pursuant to good governance and decision-making, policies should be subject to ongoing review and be evaluated for their effectiveness during implementation. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009*, policy development is specifically referred to as follows:

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Section 12(3)(c) All Councillors have the following responsibilities – “...participating in council meetings, policy development, and decision-making, for the benefit of the local government area;...”

In general terms, policies require review due to either legislative change, changes to policy itself, or because of differing circumstances requiring a change to policy.

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: Possible

Consequence: Minor

Rating: M6

Environmental Management Factors:


Nil

Appendices

1. DRAFT - Workplace Health and Safety Policy ↓

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Workplace Health and Safety Policy No 10.2, as presented.

Workplace Health and Safety Policy		 Longreach Regional Council
Policy Number:	10.2	
Policy Category:	Quality and Safety	
Authorised by:	Res-2021-01-005	
Date approved:	28 January 2021	
Review Date:	28 January 2023	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline and demonstrate Council’s commitment to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all people who work or visit any of our workplaces or have the potential to be affected by our activities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Council workplaces, locations of work, employees, contractors and other performing council work or visiting council locations.

LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 2009*
- Local Government Regulation 2012*
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011*
- Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011*
- [*Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*](#)

DEFINITIONS

Council – refers to Longreach Regional Council.

Executive Leadership Team – refers to the Chief Executive Officer and Department Directors.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to providing safe and healthy working conditions, for employees, contractors, volunteers and visitors of the workplace. Further, Council recognises that a mentally healthy and safe workplace is a key driver for organisational success and sustainability. Council is committed to developing and implementing proactive strategies for the prevention, early identification and management of risks that safeguard our employees’ health and wellbeing.

Through the successful implementation of Council’s Safety Management System, Council aims to:

- Build and maintain a positive environment that protects workers from psychological injury, discrimination and stigma;
- Develop and encourage proactive hazard identification, risk management and injury prevention strategies;
- Develop a suite of documents and processes that will eliminate or reduce risks to employees in the workplace;
- Focus on continuous improvement of the Safety Management System; and
- Encourage employee participation through open consultation and communication of Council’s Safety Management System.

Council's Leadership Commitment to Workplace Health and Safety

The Executive Leadership Team accepts overall responsibility and accountability for the prevention of work-related injury and ill health, as well as the provision of both safe and health workplace and activities for employee. Council aims to meet this commitment by:

- Promoting a culture in the workplace that supports the Safety Management System Objectives;
- Promoting a culture in the workplace where employees are free from reprisal when reporting incidents, hazards, risks and providing feedback on opportunities for improvement;
- Promoting a culture where importance will be placed on employee participation and consultation about Council's Safety Management System;
- Ensuring that the appropriate resources required to maintain and improve Council's Safety Management System are made available;
- Ensuring staff are adequately trained and receive sufficient information to work safely and are supported to grow through learning;
- Providing adequate resources and support of psychological health and safety needs including the return to work program;
- Ensuring effective emergency planning, incident reporting, management and investigation measures are in place for psychosocial risks;
- Adopt and monitor the objectives of the Safety Management System through consultation with employees, to ensure intended outcomes are achieved;
- Support the establishment and functioning of the Workplace Health and Safety Committee and attend committee meetings; and
- Supporting Management and Supervisors in encouraging and implementing effective Safety Management processes within their individual work groups.

Breaches of Policy or Safety Management System

Council is committed to ensure all employee and relevant parties are aware of their responsibilities and obligations in the workplace relation to workplace Health and Safety matters. There is an expectation that all relevant parties will follow safe work practices as prescribed under applicable legislation, Council's Safety Management System and related Council polices and management directives.

Council may take disciplinary action in circumstances where an employee fails to follow safe work practices or does not:

- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety;
- Cooperate with any reasonable policy, management directive or procedure of Council relating to health and safety at the workplace that have been notified to employees.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Longreach Regional Council Safety Management System ([LRC-SMS](#))

Authorised by resolution as at 28 January 2021:

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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11.7 - Information Report - Governance

11.7 Information Report - Governance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Governance Department.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Strategy area: 3.2 Our Economy and 3.4 Governance

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: Brett Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

Background:

Officers provide an information update to Council on a monthly basis to outline achievements, challenges and statistical information for the various functional areas of Council.

Issue:

Chief Executive Officer Update

Following is a summary of activities undertaken for the period to 7 March 2023:

Strategic Leadership

- Take the declaration of office made by new Councillor David Paterson
- Attend the RAPAD Board, Outback Regional Road Group, Regional Water and Sewerage Group and Central West Pest Management Group meetings in Winton
- Attend the Local Disaster Management Group meetings to guide the response to the sinking of the Pride of the Murray in the Thomson River
- Attend workshops to develop a new five-year Corporate Plan
- Attend a review of the Regional Arts Development Fund by Arts Qld

Operational Management

- Meet with representatives from Localbuy and Next Gen regarding procurement arrangements
- Meet with IT consultants regarding future computer software upgrades
- Attend training on changes to the Public Records Act including inclusion of Councillors and definition of a record
- Plan upgrades for Eagle Street Longreach

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Financial Management

- Attend budget workshops in preparation for 2024 budget
- Lodge a funding application for the upgrade of the Longreach Library
- Lodge a funding application for the Longreach Squash Courts

Workforce Capability

- Continue the enterprise bargaining negotiation process
- Advertise key management positions

Stakeholder Engagement

- Approve the monthly community newsletter to be sent to households
- Meet with Lake Eyre Basin Rangers to discuss minor works at the Keeping Place at the Longreach Cemetery and Iningai Park walking trails
- Meet with Outback Independent Living to discuss the possible gifting of land by Council for a village
- Meet with consultants conducting a disability survey for the Qld Government
- Meet with NDIS to discuss a holistic model for disability services in Longreach
- Meet with the CEO of RFDS to discuss key issues
- Meet with Council's town planners to review the Major Amendment to the Planning Scheme
- Meet with Ergon Energy representatives to discuss key issues
- Meet with Telstra representatives to discuss key issues including the upgrade to 5G
- Meet with Longreach Show Society representatives to discuss upgrades to the showground

Quality, Risk and Compliance

- Participate in the waste audit as part of the development of a Regional Waste Management Plan
- Meet with Council's insurance company representatives to discuss major insurance risks

Economic/Consumer Spending Data

Spendmapp

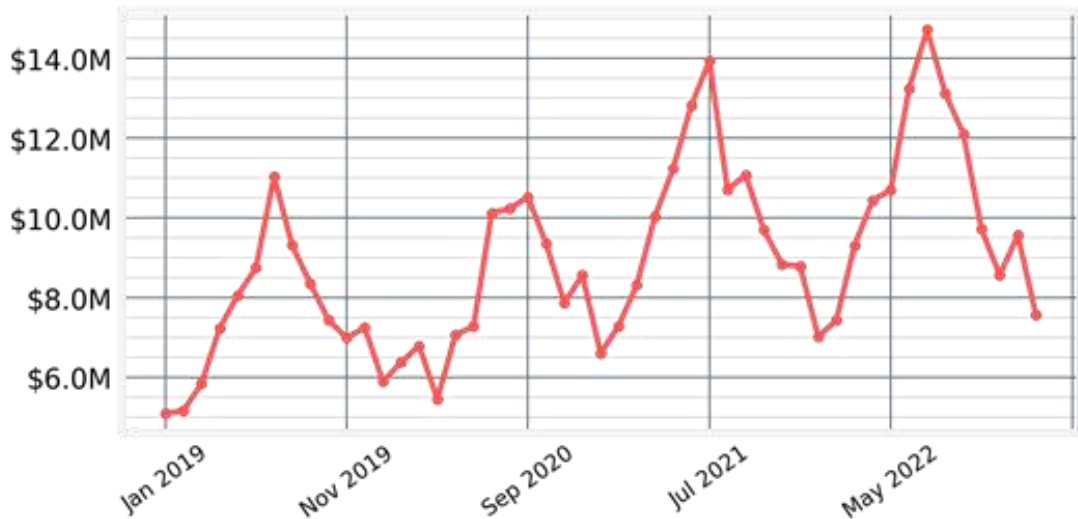
January data is available from Spendmapp. At the time of writing, February data had not been released. For the month of January 2023:

Total Local Spend was \$7.6M. This is a 7.85% increase from the same time last year.
Resident Local Spend was \$5.4M. This is an 8.14% increase from the same time last year.
Visitor Local Spend was \$2.1M. This is a 7.11% increase from the same time last year.
Resident Escape Spend was \$5.6M. This is a 42.79% increase from the same time last year.
Resident Online Spend was \$3.7M. This is an 11.97% increase from the same time last year.

Total Local Spend

The total amount spent with merchants within the Longreach Regional Council LGA.

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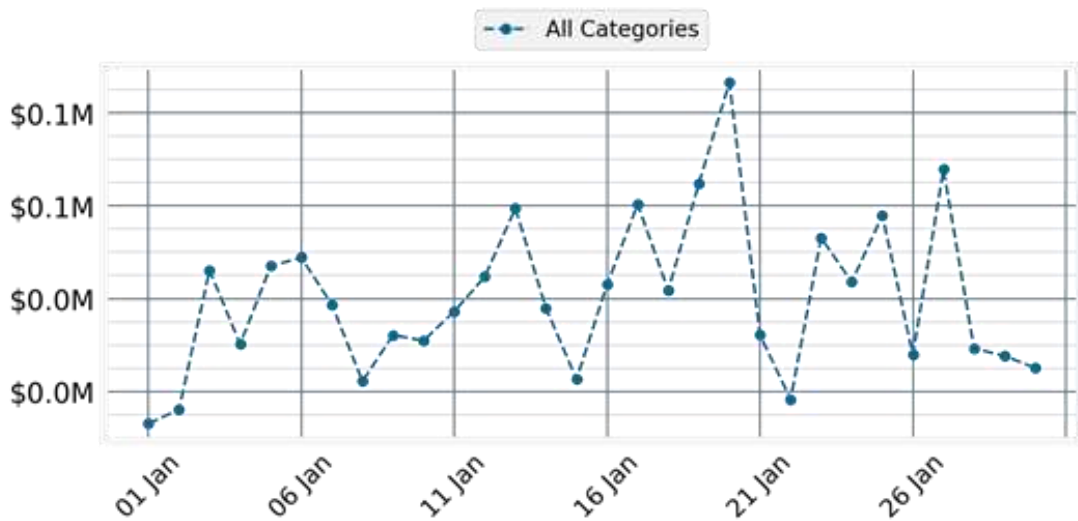
The Top 3 Suburbs by Resident Escape Spend for January 2023

Resident Escape Spend by destination Suburbs (i.e. where the spending goes).

- Emerald: \$350k
- Rockhampton: \$240k
- Toowoomba: \$180k

Night Time Economy for January 2023

The biggest spending night of the month of January 2023 was Friday 20 January which could coincide with residents returning after school holidays.



Resident Internal Escape Spend

This metric refers to residents in one locality and the amount they spend outside the locality, but within the LGA.

- Longreach: \$530k
- Ilfracombe: \$4.74m
- Isisford/Yaraka: \$1.19m

These figures give some indication of the degree to which these communities are reliant on the other communities within our region for their consumer goods.

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Tourism Update

Longreach Explore Centre (Visitor Information):

February saw the launch of the 2023 Longreach Region Visitor Guide when Michelle and Tanya attended the Moreton Bay Caravan and Camping Expo in February. The number of Visitors to our stand was encouraging with 1500 people scanning through to win our prize kindly donated by local operators and 850 Longreach Region Guides distributed.

The Longreach Archival Group have been instrumental in freshening up displays and cleaning at the Powerhouse and Historical Museum ready for opening in mid-March. Council has also collaborated with Lake Eyre Basin Rangers to assist with cleaning up the grounds around Nogo Cottage.

	February 2022	February 2023
Phone Calls Received	86	118
Emails Received	28	29
Over the Counter Enquires	236	181
Total Enquiries	350	328

Longreach Explore Centre (Visitor Information) Statistics (financial year) 2022-2023:

Jul 2022	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023
5089	3813	2955	1678	1223	142	236	181				
July 2021– June 2022				February 2023				2022 – 2023 YTD			
24,882				181				13683			

Longreach Regional Council Approved Camping Areas (financial year) 2022-2023:

Location	February 2023 Campers	2022 -2023 YTD Campers
Apex Park	6	6049
Emergency Camping Passes	0	0
Barcoo Weir/Oma Waterhole	0	646
Yaraka	0	N/A

Longreach Powerhouse and Historical Museum Statistics (financial year) 2022-2023:

Jul 2022	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023
924	713	569	230	0	0	2	1				

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Disaster Management Update

A volunteer from Australian Red Cross will be delivering the Pillowcase Program to all the school children at Isisford State School and Ilfracombe State School and to the children in years 3 and 4 at Longreach State School and Our Lady's Catholic School next week. The Pillowcase Program is a disaster resilience education program designed to help children prepare psychologically and practically for an emergency or disaster event.

The interactive one-hour workshop is conducted in the classroom and encourages students to be active participants in their own emergency preparedness. This program will reinforce disaster preparedness learnings which were provided by the Get Ready Queensland team when they visited these schools in 2021. This program has been developed with links to the Australian curriculum with children receiving resources including a pillowcase to decorate and take home to start their own personal emergency kit. The cost of the resources will be met by Get Ready Queensland funding.

The Disaster Management Coordinator has liaised with the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and the Pillowcase Program will also be delivered to year 3 and 4 students at the schools in Blackall and Tambo at the beginning of next week. The cost of flights, accommodation and meals for the volunteer presenter are not met by Get Ready Queensland as this does not fall within their guidelines. These costs are being equally met by Longreach Regional Council and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

The Disaster Management Coordinator has made all the necessary arrangements with the schools and Red Cross and will accompany the Red Cross volunteer with these schools visits across both Council areas.

Human Resources

Staffing Levels 28 February 2023

Longreach Based FTE	Operational	Admin/ Supervisors	Contract	Total
Full Time	54.0	40.0	9.0	103.0
Permanent Part Time	1.1	3.8		4.8
Contracted Staff				-
Total Permanent Employees	55.1	43.8	9.0	107.8
Temporary Full Time	1.0	3.0	1.0	5.0
Temporary Part Time				-
Apprentices - Trades	1.0			1.0
Traineeships				-
Casual Staff	0.8	1.0		1.8
Total Temporary Employees	2.8	4.0	1.0	7.8
Total Current Employees FTE	57.9	47.7	10.0	115.6
Current Vacant Positions	9.0	4.0	4.0	17.0

Ilfracombe Based	Operational	Admin/	Contract	Total
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FTE	Supervisors			
Full Time	15.0	5.0		20.0
Permanent Part Time	-		0.8	0.8
Contracted Staff				-
Total Permanent Employees	15.0	5.0	0.8	20.8
Temporary Full Time				-
Temporary Part Time				-
Apprentices - Trades				-
Traineeships				-
Casual Staff	0.7			0.7
Total Temporary Employees	0.7	-	-	0.7
Total Current Employees FTE	15.7	5.0	0.8	21.6
Current Vacant Positions	4.0		1.0	5.0

Isisford Based FTE	Operational	Admin/ Supervisors	Contract	Total
Full Time	10.0	5.0		15.0
Permanent Part Time		1.2		1.2
Contracted Staff				-
Total Permanent Employees	10.0	6.2	-	16.2
Temporary Full Time				-
Temporary Part Time				-
Apprentices - Trades				-
Traineeships				-
Casual Staff	0.8	0.0		0.8
Total Temporary Employees	0.8	0.0	-	0.8
Total Current Employees FTE	10.8	6.2	-	17.0
Current Vacant Positions	2.0			2.0

Yaraka Based FTE	Operational	Admin/Super visors	Contract	Total
Full Time				-
Permanent Part Time	0.9			0.9
Contracted Staff				-
Total Permanent Employees	0.9			0.9
Temporary Full Time				
Temporary Part Time				
Apprentices - Trades				
Traineeships				-

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Casual Staff	-
Total Temporary Employees	-
Total Current Employees FTE	0.9
Current Vacant Positions	-

ALL Employees FTE	Operational	Admin/ Supervisors	Contract	Total	Last Month	30/06/2022
Full Time	79.0	50.0	9.0	138.0	132.0	138.0
Permanent Part Time	1.9	5.0	0.8	7.7	6.9	8.3
Contracted Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Permanent Employees	80.9	55.0	9.8	145.7	138.9	146.3
Temporary Full Time	1.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	8.0	5.0
Temporary Part Time	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apprentices - Trades	1.0	-	-	1.0	1.0	3.0
Traineeships	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0
Casual Staff	2.3	1.0	-	3.3	4.2	5.0
Total Temporary Employees	4.3	4.0	1.0	9.3	14.2	14.0
Total Current Employees FTE	85.2	59.0	10.8	155.0	153.1	160.3
Current Vacant Positions	15.0	4.0	5.0	24.0	26.0	17.0
Complement FTE				179.0	179.1	177.3

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: Rare
 Consequence: Insignificant
 Rating: Low (1/25)

Low risk, informational report only.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the report, as presented.

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12. FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

12.1 Nomination of Audit and Risk Committee Member

The resignation of Councillor Martin has created a vacancy on the Audit and Risk Committee that needs to be filled by a nominated Councillor.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Section 210, *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Policy Considerations

Audit and Risk Committee Policy

Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

4.2.2 Council identifies and manages its risks effectively

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

This matter was raised at the November 2022 Council meeting. Councillors let the matter lapse until the election of the new Councillor.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

The resignation of Councillor Martin has created a vacancy in the Audit and Risk Committee that needs to be filled by a nominated Councillor. With Cr Martin's resignation, the Committee comprises:

- Bill Ringrose: Independent Chairperson
- Cr L. Nunn: Committee member

In the November 2022 Council meeting, Council decided to let this matter lapse until the election of the new Councillor. Cr David Patterson was sworn in on the 2 February and so management have represented this report.

Issue:

- 1) Under section 210 (1), *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the audit committee of a local government must-
 - a. Consist of at least 3 and no more than 6 members; and
 - b. Include –
 - i. 2 but no more than 2, councillors appointed by the local government
- 2) Under section 7 of Longreach Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference, in the event of a Councillor resigning their position on the Committee, the full Council will nominate a councillor to fill the vacant position.
- 3) Currently the Committee comprises 2 members, including 1 councillor. To comply with the Regulation and the Committee's Term of Reference, Council is required to nominate 1 more councillor to become a member of the Committee.

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Risk Management Factors:

No material risks are associated with this issue.

Environmental Management Factors:

Not applicable

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council appoints Cr xxx as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee to comply with section 210, Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Committee's Term of Reference.

12.2 Request for concession from Longreach Bowls Club Inc.

Council has received a request from the Longreach Bowls Club for a concession on their water charges.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Regulation 2012 s119 to s124 (attached to this document)

Policy Considerations

Revenue Policy 2022-2023

Revenue Statement 2022-2023

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Corporate plan strategy 4.2.3 – Actively manage the long term financial plan in a fiscally-responsible manner

Budget Considerations

Approving the concession will reduce Council's rate income by \$3,390.40 for the 2022/23 financial year.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Not applicable.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

Council has received a written request from the committee of the Longreach Bowls Club Inc to provide them with a concession for the 20 units of water allocation for the Bowls Club Green, charged by Council for the 2022/23 financial year and for future years. The concession has been requested on the basis that the club's annual water consumption is consistently less than the total water allocation used to assess their charges.

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Issue:

Council's Revenue Statement states that the water allocation for the Longreach Bowls Club plus the Bowls Club Green is 60 units, equating to a water allocation of 9,000 kl per annum (illustrated below).

TABLE 5 LONGREACH - WATER CHARGING UNITS			
Description	Charge Per Unit Per Annum	Number of Units	Annual Allowance
Hotel, Motel, Tavern and Licensed Clubs (Birdcage Hotel, RSL Club, Bowls Club)	\$169.52	40	6,000 kl
PLUS For each motel unit/room		2	300 kl
PLUS For Bowls Club Greens		20	3,000 kl
PLUS For an additional facility e.g. Restaurant/Café		12	1,800 kl

The actual water consumption of the club in the previous four financial years has consistently been below 6,000 kl, less than the base water allocation of 40 units.

Financial year	Water consumption (kl)	Number of kl under base allocation of 6,000 kl
2017/18	5,800	200
2018/19	4,600	1,400
2019/20	5,400	600
2020/21	4,400	1,600

Based on the historical consumption it seems reasonable to assume that the extra water allocation of 20 units for the bowls club green is not necessary. The club's committee has also expressed it is experiencing financial hardship and is seeking reasonable ways to reduce its expenses.

Consideration under Revenue Policy

Under Council's Revenue Policy, in considering the application of concessions, Council will be guided by the principles of:

1. equity by reference to the value or quality of land within the local community;
2. transparency by making clear the requirements necessary to receive concessions;
3. equality by providing the same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances;
4. flexibility to allow Council to respond to the local economic issues; and
5. responsiveness to community expectations of what activities should attract assistance from Council.

Removing the extra 20 units of water allocation would appear to provide a more equitable outcome for the ratepayer and more closely align the total water allocation with their actual usage.

Consideration under Local Government Regulations 2012 s119 to s124

Council is able to grant a concession under Local Government Regulations 2012 s120(b)(i):

The local government may grant a concession only if it is satisfied-

(b) the land is owned by—

(i) an entity whose objects do not include making a profit;

The Longreach Bowls Club is an Incorporated Association (registration IA08512) and a not for profit organisation. Council is able to grant a concession under the regulations in this instance. Council may rebate the charges under *Local Government Regulations 2012 s121 (a)*.

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121 Types of concession

The concession may only be of the following types—

(a) a rebate of all or part of the rates or charges;

Council may grant the concession under *Local Government Regulations 2012* s122:

122 Resolutions for granting concession

(1) The local government may grant the concession only by—

(a) a resolution granting the concession to a stated ratepayer; or

(b) if the concession is of a type mentioned in section 121(a) or (b)—a resolution granting the concession to a ratepayer who is a member of a stated class of ratepayers.

Summary

In summary, Council may grant by resolution, a concession for the Longreach Bowls Club (a not for profit organisation) for the water allocation of 20 units for the Lawn Club Greens under the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

The reasons for considering this concession is that:

- 1) The ratepayer is a not for profit organisation;
- 2) The ratepayer has expressed financial hardship;
- 3) The charge is a unique charge for this specific ratepayer, that is not charged to other ratepayers.
- 4) Based on the evidence, the unique charge for an excess water allocation is above the ratepayer's water consumption and not required to cover the cost of providing the service.

Council may grant the concession by way of a rebate for the 20 units of water allocated during the 2022/23 financial year, for a total of \$3,390.40. If the club does exceed the 40 units of water allocation, it will be charged an excess water fee based on its consumption. The concession should be made on the condition that all rates and charges have been paid and there are no overdue amounts.

Council officers will review and amend the Revenue Statement for the 2023/24 financial year to address this issue for future years.

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: Possible
Consequence: Insignificant
Rating: Low

There is a risk that other ratepayers may view this concession as inequitable, however the requirements of the Local Government Regulations are quite specific. The reasons for considering this concession have been laid out.

Environmental Management Factors:

Not applicable

Other Comments:

Not applicable

Appendices

1. Letter received from Longreach Bowls Club [↓](#)
2. Local Government Regulations extract [↓](#)

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Recommendation:

That Council grants a concession to the Longreach Bowls Club (a not for profit organisation) for the 20 units of water allocated in the Revenue Statement 2022/23 for the Bowls Club Green and provides a rebate of \$3,390.40 for this allocation charged for the 2022/23 financial year on the condition that all rates and charges have been paid up-to-date.



Longreach Bowls Club Inc.



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Longreach Regional Council
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Dear Longreach Regional Councillors,

I am writing to you today in regards the Longreach Bowls Club water allocations.

We are a small Not for Profit Club and are finding it hard to keep up with the ever-growing expenses associated with the club and I have been looking for ways in which we might be able to reduce them in order to help keep these cost down and keep our club open.

The Longreach Bowls Club holds a number of events and tournaments throughout the year that bring travelers from all over Qld - Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Rockhampton, Brisbane, Mackay, just to name a few. The Bowlers that come to these tournament's usually travel with family and friends and stay in Longreach before and after the event. With these competitors staying in accommodation, dinning out and visiting the sites of Longreach, these events and tournaments not only help our club but also help boost the Longreach economy. If our club keeps struggling with these expenses, closure of the club might be something that could happen in the foreseeable future.

The Longreach Bowls Club is currently being allocated 60 number of units per rates. According to Table 5 page 44 of the Longreach Regional Council 2022/2023 Budget the break down is 40 number of units = 6000kl for Hotel, Motel, Tavern, and Licensed Clubs. For the Bowls Club Green an additional 20 units = 3000kl has been allocated. This equals to 60 units or 9000kl.

Since 2017 and please keep in mind that the following years below were through drought times - we have only used the following amounts:

2017/2018 = 5800kl
2018/2019 = 4600kl
2019/2020 = 5400kl
2020/2021 = 4400kl

Therefore, we are not even using the number of units allocated to our club on this budget, let alone the additional allocation.

My request is for the Longreach Regional Council to reduce our water allocation from 60 number of units (9000kl) to 40 number of units (6000kl)

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If the council were to reduce our rates, the money our club could save here could be used to help keep our club opened.

I thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Anthony Barbeler
President



Gail Butt
Treasurer



Michelle McKewen
Secretary

Extract from the *Local Government Regulations 2012*

Part 10 Concessions

119 Concession for rates or charges

A local government may grant a ratepayer a concession for rates or charges for land only under this part.

120 Criteria for granting concession

(1) The local government may grant the concession only if it is satisfied—

(a) the land is owned or occupied by a pensioner; or

(b) the land is owned by—

(i) an entity whose objects do not include making a profit; or

(ii) an entity that provides assistance or encouragement for arts or cultural development; or

(c) the payment of the rates or charges will cause hardship to the land owner; or

(d) the concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government area;

or

(e) the concession will encourage land that is of cultural, environmental, historic, heritage or scientific significance to the local government area to be preserved, restored or maintained; or

(f) the land is used exclusively for the purpose of a single dwelling house or farming and could be used for another purpose, including, for example, a commercial or industrial purpose; or

(g) the land is subject to a GHG tenure, mining tenement or petroleum tenure; or

(h) the land is part of a parcel of land (a *parcel*) that has been subdivided and—

(i) the person who subdivided the parcel is the owner of the land; and

(ii) the land is not developed land.

(2) In this section—

GHG tenure see the *Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2009*, section 18(2).

mining tenement see the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, schedule 2.

petroleum tenure means—

(a) a petroleum tenure under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*, section 18(3); or

(b) an authority to prospect or lease under the *Petroleum Act 1923*.

121 Types of concession

The concession may only be of the following types—

- (a) a rebate of all or part of the rates or charges;
- (b) an agreement to defer payment of the rates or charges;
- (c) an agreement to accept a transfer of unencumbered land in full or part payment of the rates or charges.

122 Resolutions for granting concession

(1) The local government may grant the concession only by—

- (a) a resolution granting the concession to a stated ratepayer; or
- (b) if the concession is of a type mentioned in section

121(a) or (b)—a resolution granting the concession to a ratepayer who is a member of a stated class of ratepayers.

(2) The local government may make the resolution before the local government levies the rates or charges.

(3) The local government may make a resolution under subsection (1)(a) only if the ratepayer has applied for the concession in a way accepted by the local government.

(4) If the local government grants a concession by making a resolution under subsection (1)(b), the concession may be granted only to the ratepayers whom the local government is satisfied are eligible for the concession.

(5) The resolution may include conditions for granting the concession to the ratepayer.

(6) Without limiting subsection (5), the conditions may include the following—

- (a) a condition requiring the ratepayer to show the local government particular information or documents or follow a procedure to be eligible for the concession;

Examples—

- a condition requiring the ratepayer to produce a health care card or pensioner concession card to show the ratepayer's eligibility for the concession for the rates or charges
- a condition requiring the ratepayer to enter an agreement to defer payment of rates or charges in a form required by the local government

(b) a condition limiting the period for which the ratepayer is granted the concession.

Example—

for a concession on the basis of the ratepayer's receipt of a disability support pension, a condition limiting the concession to the period for which the ratepayer receives the pension

123 Special provision for rebate for land occupied by pensioners

(1) The local government may grant a rebate of rates or charges for land occupied only by pensioners only if the land owner agrees to pass the benefit of the rebate on to the pensioners.

(2) The local government may grant a rebate of rates or charges for land that is occupied by pensioners and other persons,

only—

(a) for that part of the rates or charges that the local government considers is fairly attributable to the part of the land where pensioners have a right to exclusive occupancy; and

(b) if the land owner agrees to pass the benefit of the rebate on to the pensioners.

124 Refund of rebated rates or charges already paid

(1) This section applies if—

(a) the local government grants a rebate of rates or charges to a ratepayer or a ratepayer who is a member of a class of ratepayers; and

(b) the ratepayer has already paid the rates or charges.

(2) The local government must refund the amount of the rebated rates or charges to the ratepayer.

125 Special provision for agreement to defer rates or charges

(1) This section applies if a concession to a ratepayer for rates or charges includes an agreement to defer the payment of the rates or charges.

(2) The agreement must state either—

(a) for an agreement under which the rates or charges become payable on a particular day—the due date for payment of the rates or charges; or

(b) for an agreement under which the rates or charges become payable when an event happens—a description of the event and the due date for payment of the rates or charges in reference to the event.

Example—

An agreement provides for general rates for land to be paid at the end of a stated period after the land is transmitted to the ratepayer's personal representative or sold.

(3) The agreement may also include a condition that the ratepayer must pay an additional charge in return for the local government agreeing to defer payment of the rates or charges.

126 Special provision for agreement to accept land transfer

(1) This section applies if a concession to a ratepayer for rates or charges includes an agreement to accept a transfer of unencumbered land in full or part payment of the rates or charges.

(2) The agreement must state the due date for payment of the rates or charges.

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12.3 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 28 February 2023:

CFO report for the month February 2023

Financial overview

Rates for the second half of the financial year were issued on the 24th of February, boosting Council’s revenue by \$6.6 million. The discount period for rates ends on the 27th of March. As ratepayers take up the discount on offer, the rates revenue will decrease next month.

Expenses in most programs remain within budget with a few exceptions noted in more detail later in the report. Wages remains well under budget due to vacancies and while awaiting the final outcome of the EBA negotiations.

Council’s cash position has been restored now that the TMR payment has been received. The 13-month rolling forecast indicates that Council may end the financial year with a cash balance of around \$25 million, depending on a few risk factors.

Overall Council’s financial performance, position and cash flows are satisfactory.

Financial performance

Statement of financial performance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Last YTD	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total revenue	33,020	34,408	29,309	52,821
Total expenses	31,515	35,570	27,520	52,757
Net surplus or (deficit)	1,504	(1,162)	1,789	64

Council’s financial performance to the end of February has been close to expectations in most respects with the main variances to budget caused by:

Item	Income	Expenditure	Net result
2021 flood damage	(\$973k)	(\$1,740k)	\$767k
TMR works	(\$1,037k)	(\$406k)	(\$631k)
Capital grant income	(\$759k)	-	(\$759k)
Other programs	\$1,381k	(\$1,909k)	\$3,290k
Net	(\$1,388k)	(\$4,055k)	\$2,667k

The recognition of rates revenue and flood damage grants has improved Council’s net result. Year to date (YTD) revenues are 5% under budget with most variances expected to be a timing issue. YTD expenses are 12% under budget with wages remaining low to budget due to ongoing vacancies and the EBA still undergoing negotiations. Materials and services are lower with timing differences in the flood works being the main contributor.








Council’s net result for the YTD to February is a surplus of \$1.28 million, a better result than the budgeted net deficit of \$1.16 million and close to last YTD’s surplus of \$1.79 million.

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Program performance

Overall programs have been operating within or under budget and the detailed program report is attached. There were seven programs where YTD expenses were over budget. Most of these are likely to be timing differences except for:

- Cemeteries – extra costs have been incurred in maintaining the cemeteries. Most of these costs have been Council labour and plant costs that were redeployed from parks and gardens.
- Swimming pools – higher energy costs and the cost of chemicals to maintain the pools are higher than budget and are likely to create a permanent budget variance.
- Rates – permanent difference due to write offs.

Program	Expenses		
	YTD	Budget YTD	
Depot and airstrips	(263)	(226)	
2020 NDRA event	(1,112)	(1,000)	
Development services	(147)	(127)	
Showgrounds and sporting facilities	(535)	(492)	
Cemeteries	(283)	(207)	
Swimming pools	(736)	(653)	
Rates	(245)	(84)	

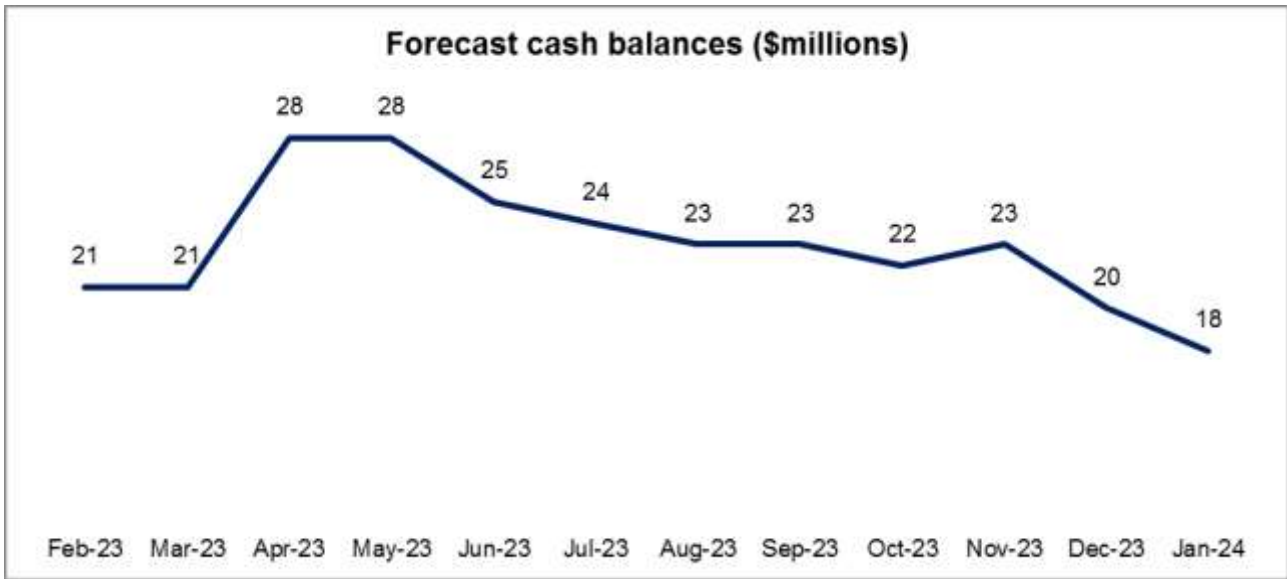
Cash

Statement of cash flows	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(9,200)	(1,924)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(1,974)	(7,551)
Net cash outflows from financing activities	(2,193)	(1,244)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(13,367)	(10,719)
Opening cash balance	34,074	34,074
Closing cash balance	20,707	23,355

At the end of February, Council had a cash balance of \$20.71 million (unrestricted \$19.61 million). The increase from February's balance is due to the receipt of the TMR claim, a quarterly FAG payment and a flood damage grant. Council's unrestricted cash balance is sufficient to cover 6.0 months of cash expenses. The proposed new financial sustainability target for cash cover is 4 months.

The 13-month rolling forecast indicates that Council will be able to maintain a cash balance of at least \$21 million in the short term and is likely to end the financial year with a cash balance of around \$25 million. The lower cash balances at the end of the forecast are due to the timing of rates and FAG receipts. Once the FY24 budget has been completed, the later cash flows can be firmed up.

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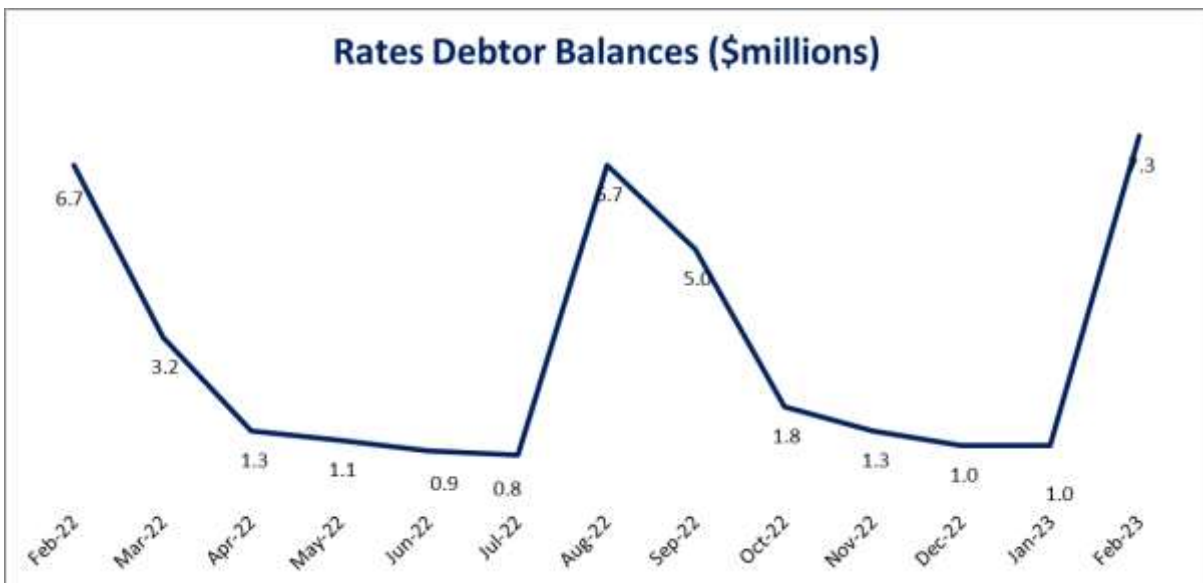


Financial position

Statement of financial position	YTD Actual	Actual June	Full year
	\$'000	2022	budget
		\$'000	\$'000
Total assets	383,843	391,345	385,190
Total liabilities	24,218	33,309	27,172
Net community assets	359,625	358,036	358,018
Community equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	150,151	150,094	150,095
Retained surplus	209,474	207,941	207,923
Total community equity	359,625	358,036	358,018

Council maintains a sound financial position and maintaining good working capital with current assets exceeding current liabilities by 5.7 times.

With the issue of rates notices in February, the rates debtor balance has increased to \$7.29 million.

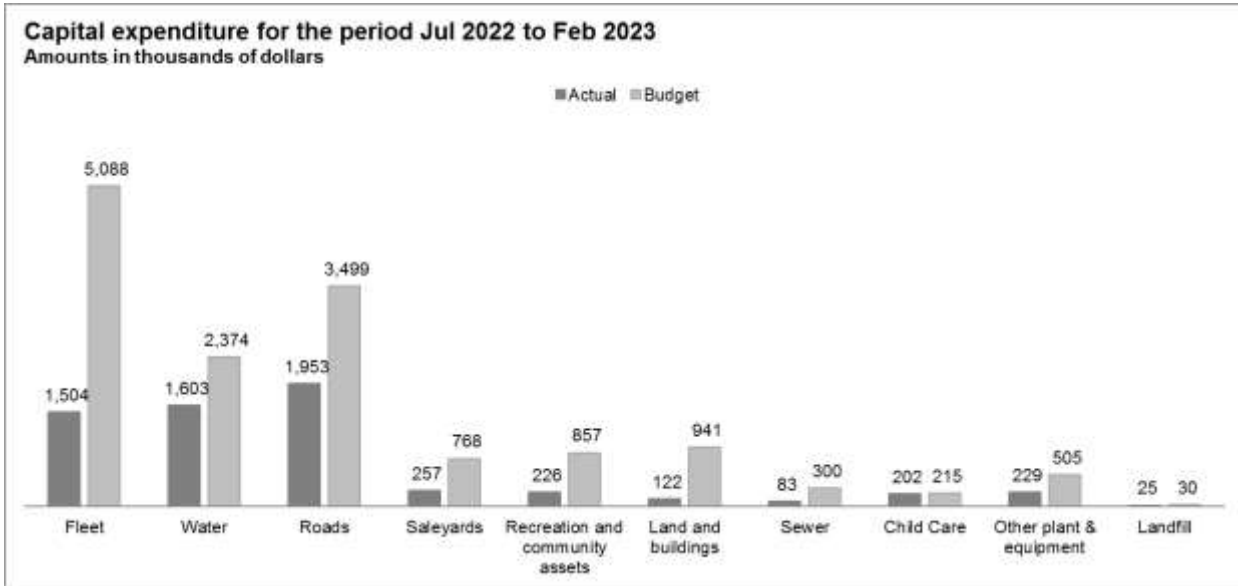


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The balance of overdue rates had decreased prior to the new notices issued to \$891k. The aging of the outstanding rates is illustrated below. There is \$426k of unpaid rates that are over 1-year old. Council officers will be compiling a schedule of ratepayers where legal action is recommended in March.

	Current	1 year	2 years	3 years
Outstanding rates	\$465,258	\$216,381	\$115,526	\$94,492
Number of assessments	75	69	39	21

The property, plant and equipment balance remains low with 43% of budgeted capital expenditure being spent YTD



Liabilities mainly comprise QTC loan balances as illustrated below.

Loan	Rate	Expiry date	Book value	Market value	Unrealised gain/(loss)
Saleyard land purchase	2.950%	15/12/2026	296	289	7
Water project 15/16	2.939%	15/06/2036	558	507	51
Sewer infrastructure	6.565%	15/09/2026	585	610	(25)
ACC land purchase	5.244%	15/03/2032	599	624	(25)
Water project	5.282%	15/06/2029	2,825	2,921	(96)
LWDEFS loan 1	3.693%	15/12/2036	10,929	10,359	570
Total borrowings			15,792	15,310	482

Council's gearing level (percentage of assets funded by long-term debt) is 4.1%.

Council's loan serviceability (operating result add depreciation and finance costs divided by annual loan repayments) is 0.001 times.

The new proposed sustainability ratio is the Leverage Ratio (book value of debt divided by operating revenue less operating expenditure add depreciation). Council's ratio is 77.5 times compared with a target of 0-3 times.

While Council's gearing level is very low, the serviceability and leverage ratios indicate that Council does not have the capacity to take on any new debt without improving financial performance.

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Risks

The main risks to Council’s short term financial performance, position and cash flow are:

Risk	Description	Treatment	Rating
Change in timing and amount of Financial Assistance Grant.	There is a change to the methodology used by the Commonwealth to prepay the Financial Assistance Grants. If the prepayment is discontinued or the amount changes, it will impact the financial result and cash position for FY23.	Maintain a cash balance large enough that Council will be able to continue providing services until the FY24 grant payments are received. Maintain forecasting and prepare to be flexible in how Council operates.	Likelihood – Possible Consequence – Major (a significant but temporary negative impact to financial results and cash balances) Rating - High
Project related grant income is not realized. Reputational damage with funding bodies.	If projects are not completed according to the timeframes according to the grant conditions, grant income may not be realized in FY23. The main risk is project delays due to wet weather.	Improve project reporting and risk assessments. Improve cross-functional communications across project teams, grant administration and procurement.	Likelihood – Possible Consequence – Major (capital grant income is a significant part of Council’s ability to fund capex) Rating – High
Costs continue to increase rapidly placing pressure on Council’s ability to sustainably provide services.	The cost of wages, goods and services, particularly construction materials continue to increase at a higher rate than previously experienced, increasing the cost of providing services and maintaining assets.	Prioritise services and projects to allocate limited resources to the most important community areas. Maintain reporting and forecasting to identify issues and where necessary, revise budgets.	Likelihood – Almost certain Consequence – Moderate Rating - High

Appendices

1. Financials 28.02.23.pdf [↓](#)
2. Directorate reports 28.02.23.pdf [↓](#)
3. Capital 22.23 .pdf [↓](#)
4. Grants report 28.02.23.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 28 February 2023, as presented.

12.3 - Monthly Financial Statements --Appendix 1

Statement of financial performance	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Budget \$'000	Last YTD \$'000	Full year budget \$'000
Revenue				
Rates, levies and charges	12,122	11,890	11,519	11,890
Fees and charges	1,342	1,759	1,261	2,638
Recoverable works income	4,069	5,091	3,780	7,626
Other revenue	908	370	648	467
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	10,596	11,057	9,398	21,844
Capital grants, subsidies and income	3,482	4,241	2,672	7,716
Profit on sale of assets	501	-	29	640
Total revenue	33,020	34,408	29,309	52,821
Expenses				
Employee expenses	9,103	10,956	8,928	16,606
Materials and services	16,555	18,379	12,989	26,798
Finance expenses	511	572	496	858
Depreciation	5,347	5,663	5,107	8,495
Other expenses	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	31,515	35,570	27,520	52,757
Net surplus or (deficit)	1,504	(1,162)	1,789	64
Operating deficit				
Net surplus/(deficit)	1,504	(1,162)	1,789	64
less capital grants and income	(3,983)	(4,241)	(2,701)	(8,356)
Operating deficit	(2,479)	(5,403)	(912)	(8,292)

Statement of financial position	YTD Actual \$'000	Actual June 2022 \$'000	Full year budget \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	20,707	34,074	23,355
Current trade and other receivables	11,931	5,646	979
Inventories	968	1,418	650
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	11,075	11,689	10,460
Property, plant and equipment	339,163	338,518	349,746
Other non-current assets	-	-	-
Total assets	383,843	391,345	385,190
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	1,617	8,283	5,395
Current borrowings	1,244	1,241	1,382
Current provisions	2,800	3,027	1,500
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	14,548	16,744	15,329
Provisions	4,009	4,014	3,566
Total liabilities	24,218	33,309	27,172
Net community assets	359,625	358,036	358,018
Community equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	150,151	150,094	150,095
Retained surplus	209,474	207,941	207,923
Total community equity	359,625	358,036	358,018

Statement of cash flows	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from ratepayers and customers	12,771	23,343
Receipts from grants	7,969	21,955
Payments to employees	(9,335)	(16,746)
Payments to suppliers	(20,094)	(29,750)
Interest paid	(511)	(726)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(9,200)	(1,924)
Cash flows from Investing activities		
Receipts from capital grants	3,482	7,594
Receipts from sale of assets	610	-
Payments for capital expenditure	(6,066)	(15,145)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(1,974)	(7,551)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Loan repayments	(2,193)	(1,244)
Net cash outflows from financing activities	(2,193)	(1,244)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(13,367)	(10,719)
Opening cash balance	34,074	34,074
Closing cash balance	20,707	23,355

Statement of changes in equity	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Accumulated surplus		
Opening balance	207,941	207,941
Recognise land sold in prior years	28	-
Net profit or (loss)	1,504	(18)
Closing accumulated surplus	209,474	207,923
Asset revaluation reserve		
Opening balance	150,094	150,094
Other comprehensive income	57	-
Closing asset revaluation reserve	150,151	150,094
Total community equity	359,625	358,017

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Program Report
for the YTD February 2023**

Program	Revenue		Expenses		Net result	
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget full year
Office of the CEO						
Human resources	42	-	(734)	(854)	(691)	(854)
Governance	-	-	(566)	(555)	(566)	(555)
Elected member expenses	-	-	(325)	(363)	(325)	(363)
Disaster management and regional coordination	74	56	(166)	(169)	(93)	(112)
Economic development	-	-	(86)	(119)	(86)	(119)
Tourism, museums and VIC	102	87	(505)	(529)	(403)	(442)
Total Office of the CEO	218	143	(2,382)	(2,588)	(2,164)	(2,445)
Infrastructure Services						
Infrastructure administration	-	-	(344)	(566)	(344)	(566)
Depot and airstrips	-	-	(263)	(226)	(263)	(339)
Roads, streets and stormwater	10	-	(4,132)	(4,099)	(4,122)	(6,148)
2019 NDRA event	63	-	(3)	-	61	-
2020 NDRA event	1,103	1,000	(1,112)	(1,000)	(9)	-
2021 NDRA event	5,936	6,909	(5,936)	(7,676)	-	(768)
Contract works	4,011	5,048	(4,169)	(4,575)	(158)	709
Fleet management	257	90	(55)	357	203	447
Sewerage	1,776	1,780	(485)	(531)	1,290	1,249
Waste management	1,077	1,043	(521)	(528)	555	515
Water	3,310	2,975	(1,754)	(2,179)	1,555	796
Total Infrastructure Services	17,542	18,844	(18,773)	(21,024)	(1,231)	(2,179)
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12.3 - Monthly Financial Statements --Appendix 2

Program	Revenue		Expenses		Net result	
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget full year
Community Services						
Health and environmental services	15	9	(42)	(68)	(27)	(89)
Child Care	1,536	1,851	(1,463)	(1,802)	73	73
Community development and events	53	-	(212)	(259)	(159)	(389)
Donations and sponsorship	-	-	(93)	(108)	(93)	(162)
RADF	68	18	(14)	(25)	54	(10)
Community administration	9	-	(405)	(557)	(397)	(836)
Libraries	13	3	(120)	(158)	(106)	(233)
Community centres and halls	88	27	(220)	(347)	(132)	(480)
Public conveniences	11	5	(81)	(270)	(70)	(265)
Development services	49	40	(147)	(127)	(98)	(130)
Council housing	48	67	(136)	(217)	(89)	(226)
Showgrounds and sporting facilities	68	57	(535)	(492)	(467)	(588)
Cemeteries	115	87	(283)	(207)	(169)	(181)
Parks and gardens	25	-	(1,138)	(1,234)	(1,113)	(1,836)
Swimming pools	6	5	(736)	(653)	(730)	(971)
Total Community Services	2,103	2,168	(5,626)	(6,524)	(3,523)	(6,455)
Financial Services						
Insurance	5	17	(632)	(629)	(628)	(604)
Finance	2,893	2,719	(561)	(967)	2,332	7,982
Asset management	-	-	(55)	(212)	(55)	(318)
Rates	5,447	5,747	(245)	(84)	5,202	5,270
LWDEFS	508	330	(286)	(319)	222	17
Internal recharges	37	23	(392)	3	(355)	40
Total Financial Services	8,890	8,836	(2,172)	(2,208)	6,718	6,628
Corporate Services						
Corporate administration	4	-	(1,019)	(1,059)	(1,015)	(1,589)
IT	-	-	(686)	(799)	(686)	(799)
Land, leased out assets and commercial businesses	102	45	(299)	(349)	(197)	(304)
Saleyards	44	31	(6)	(371)	37	(340)
Local laws	133	101	(551)	(650)	(417)	(549)
Total Corporate Services	283	176	(2,561)	(3,227)	(2,278)	(3,051)
Total Council Operating Result	29,037	30,167	(31,515)	(35,570)	(2,478)	(8,292)

Notes to the program report

- 1 - Depot operations are higher for the YTD and appear to be a timing issue. Full year budget should be maintained.
- 2 - The variances in the flood works and contract works are due to differences in total work completed to estimated work at project inception. Revenues and expenses mostly offset each other in these programs so the net impact is nil.
- 3 - Sewerage and waste revenues are higher as due to lower discounts being applied to these charges in the first half of the year. Revenues expected to drop in March as discounts are applied when ratepayers pay their rates.
- 4 - Child care revenues are significantly lower than budget due to fewer children attending. The drop in revenue is largely offset by lower salary and wage expenses. The ability to generate higher revenue at the centre is dependant on being able to adequately staff the centre to safely and legally supervise children. The ratios are defined by regulation. If the ratios cannot be maintained due to availability of staff then both expenses and revenues drop. There is a risk that the financial performance of Child Care deteriorate to a small loss.
- 5 - Development services expenses are higher due to the timing of the planning scheme review to budget.
- 6 - Council housing rental income is lower than expected.
- 7 - Cemetery costs remain above budget. Apart from a higher number of funerals in the first half of the year, the wet weather has meant that people and plant that would have spent time in other open spaces have been redeployed to the cemeteries to maintain them to community expectations.
- 8 - The costs of maintaining the pools remains challenging as the higher volume of rain has an impact on the volume of chemicals required to maintain the pools' water quality. Energy costs to run the pools have also reached the annual budget amount.
- 9 - Insurance claims remain low, particularly the number of vehicle damage claims from windscreen damage and roo strikes. A couple of larger claims are still being progressed.
- 10- Rates revenue is lower to budget due to the higher amount of discounts recognised in the first half of the financial year. Budgeted revenue will be lower in March reports as the discounts have been budgeted for when payments were expected.

Capital as at 28.02.23

Infrastructure	Amended Budget.	YTD Actual.	
22.23 Longreach Town Weirs Capping	150,000.00	-	0%
22.23 Murray Dam Ilfracombe Pump / Isisford Dam Pump Refurbishments	25,000.00	-	0%
Bailey Street - Ilfracombe	96,000.00	-	0%
DCP Security Fencing - Isisford Waste Facility	30,000.00	25,000.00	83%
Dsdilgp Grant 21-22 Isisford Weir Replacement	278,918.00	200,719.09	72%
FLEET MANAGEMENT- Capital Works Plant & Equipment	5,138,968.00	1,504,107.37	29%
Ilfracombe - Car Park Opposite Caravan Park	30,000.00	10,184.03	34%
Ilfracombe / Drainage Upgrade	50,000.00	-	0%
Ilfracombe WTP Upgrade and Automation	97,000.00	-	0%
Isisford Footpath - Golden West Hotel To St Catherine Street	47,300.00	51,336.09	109%
Isisford WTP Clarifier	265,000.00	267,745.50	101%
LGGSP Longreach Sewer Relining	300,000.00	-	0%
LGGSP Longreach Water Mains Replacement	700,000.00	-	0%
Lrci P3 Eagle Street Road Upgrade	975,000.00	768,315.04	79%
Lrci P3 Isisford / Pave And Seal New Road To Airport Including New Alignment	285,000.00	21,820.34	8%
Lrci P3 Isisford Footpath	50,000.00	52,232.51	104%
Lrci P3 Longreach Footpath	98,000.00	89,215.66	91%
Ptiip 22.23 Ilfracombe (East) Bus Stop	50,000.00	16,200.00	32%
Ptiip 22.23 Ilfracombe (West) Bus Stop	50,000.00	8,600.00	17%
Ptiip 22.23 Longreach Bus Stop	50,000.00	8,600.00	17%
R2R 21/22 - Wellshot St - Ilf Streets Reseal	197,640.00	1,263.33	1%
R2R 22/23 - Glenloch Road / Install Concrete Floodway/ Ch Tbc	40,000.00	120.96	0%
R2R 22/23 - Gride Renewal (All Areas)	150,000.00	115,556.01	77%
R2R 22/23 - Isisford/ Reseal Bimerah Road Ch 0 Ch.450	29,700.00	-	0%
R2R 22/23 - Isisford/ Reseal Racecourse Road	92,400.00	74,189.49	80%
R2R 22/23 - Longreach - Silsoe Road / Repair Downstream Batter / Ch 26.660	84,075.00	45,800.17	54%
R2R 22/23 - Longreach / Kite Street / Pave And Seal	120,000.00	45,550.63	38%
R2R 22/23 - Longreach/Cranse Street/ Pave & Seal Centre Section/ Between S	90,000.00	75,107.48	83%
R2R 22/23 - Morella - Silsoe Road / Reseal And Prep Ch 45.767 To Ch 52.726	282,425.00	233,168.26	83%
R2R 22/23 - Silsoe - Vergemont Road / Install Concrete Floodway / Ch 4.150	100,000.00	-	0%
R2R 22/23 - Town Street Reseals (All Areas)	450,000.00	117,639.16	26%
R2R 22/23 - Westlands - Gaza Road / Install Concrete Floodway/ Ch 20.430	40,000.00	37,679.82	94%
ST003 - SPS upgrade/SCADA and Electrical	95,000.00	52,739.00	56%
Tids 22.23 - Longreach - Tocal Road / Reinstate Concrete Floodway (Tocal Cre	100,000.00	3,563.33	4%
Tids 22.23 - Morella Silsoe Rd Reseal	200,000.00	162,305.77	81%
Tids 22.23 - Morella - Silsoe Road / Reseal And Prep Ch 0 - Ch .600 / Ch 15.350	100,000.00	12,642.09	13%
W4Q 21- 24 - Water Mains Highway And Railway Crossings Longreach	250,000.00	-	0%
W4Q 21-24 Water Mains Replacement Stage 2 Isisford	970,000.00	873,600.35	90%
W4Q COVID Ilfracombe SP1 Upgrade	48,000.00	30,469.37	63%
W4Q COVID Isisford WTP Upgrade	389,000.00	128,214.16	33%
Grand Total	12,594,426.00	5,170,512.52	41%

Communities and Project Management	Amended Budget.	YTD Actual.	
22/23 Isisford Ses Fit Out	75,000.00	-	0%
24 Mitchell/15Flinders Street - Fence Replacement	25,000.00	-	0%
Child Care Expansion Cabinetry	50,000.00	42,600.00	85%
Civic Centre Storage	6,000.00	-	0%
Councillor CAPEX to allow for community Projects	100,000.00	-	0%
Eagle Street Beautification	122,500.00	-	0%
Edkins Park Shade Structure	140,000.00	167,026.00	119%
Executive House	650,000.00	-	0%
House Restumping x 2	80,000.00	-	0%
Ilfracombe Rec Centre Toilet Refit	-	9,300.00	0%
Iningai Reserve Refurbishment	-	37,739.97	0%
Jarley Street - Fencing Replacement	20,000.00	-	0%
Library Roof Longreach	80,000.00	-	0%
LRCI P1 Isisford Ablution Block Landscaping and Footpaths	-	22,881.84	0%
Lrci P1 Isisford Community Hall Renovations	-	28,974.11	0%
LRCI P2 Electronic Signboards	85,000.00	55,594.00	65%
Lrci P3 Childcare Playground (New)	165,000.00	159,534.63	97%
Lrci P3 Edkins Park Ablutions Block	330,000.00	1,200.00	0%
Lrci P3 Ilfracombe Rec Centre Capital Aircons	65,000.00	-	0%
Lrci P3 Ilfracombe Rec Centre Maintenance Flooring	-	12,022.73	0%
Lrci P3 Isisford Park Renovations	50,000.00	44,930.00	90%
Lrci P3 Rec Centre Stairs/Landing Replacement	15,000.00	-	0%
Lrci P3 Showgrounds Audio Upgrade	45,000.00	-	0%
Lrcip2 Thomson River Masterplan Stage 2	69,463.00	40,356.02	58%
Showgrounds Irrigation Replacement	36,000.00	-	0%
22.23 Variable message boards	85,000.00	84,199.99	99%
2023 Cemetery Plinth	15,500.00	15,500.00	100%
Cemetery Planter Boxes	19,000.00	19,000.00	100%
Grand Total	2,328,463.00	1,155,024.29	50%

Corporate Services	Amended Budget.	YTD Actual.	
22.23 Vic Printer	10,000.00	-	0%
BBR4 21- Saleyards Transit and spelling	131,583.00	257,393.51	196%
Bor521 Wqlx Redevelopment Stage 2	305,930.00	-	0%
Hvspp21 - Saleyards Heavy Vehicle Turning	330,462.00	-	0%
Isisford Depot Concrete Slab	20,000.00	-	0%
Longreach Admin Building Aircons	350,000.00	-	0%
Lrcip2 - Isisford Town And Dam Exclusion Fence	-	83,764.34	0%
Storage Container Isisford Store	-	17,799.25	0%
Yaraka Fuel Depot	-	22,883.99	0%
Grand Total	1,147,975.00	381,841.09	33%

Grant/s Information

(current as of Monday, 06 March 2023)

Completed Grants

The below table outlines those Grants that were active as at 01 July 2022, and have since been finalised.

Grant #	Name	Title	Grant Subsidy Amount	Income Received to Date	Income yet to Receive	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2022164	DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND SCIENCE	PAC Grant - Purchase Of Four Variable Message Signboards Mounted On Trailers project	\$ 65,099	\$ 65,099	\$ -	01/05/2022	23/01/2023
GC2020080	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	BoR R05L0NG 0038 - WQLX - Stage 2	\$ 874,120	\$ 874,120	\$ -	25/08/2020	03/10/2022
GC2021115	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	ECEC 2021/2023 - Longreach & District Child Care Services	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	\$ -	07/06/2021	30/06/2023
GC2022165	DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE	LIDSigns40 - Keep QLD Clean Road Signage	\$ 7,700	\$ 7,700	\$ -	01/05/2022	31/12/2022
GC2021138	Dept. OF EMPLOYMENT, SMALL BUSINESS & TRAINING	Skilling QLD for Work First Start Program 2021-22	\$ 49,500	\$ 49,500	\$ -	01/07/2021	23/02/2023
GC2021136	FOUNDATION FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL RENEWAL	FRRR Round 1 - Future Drought's Fund's Network to Build Drought Resilience	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500	\$ -	17/10/2021	29/08/2022
GC2021123	QUEENSLAND HEALTH	LMHI 2021/2022	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -	01/06/2021	30/11/2022
GC2020096	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA NDRRA 2019/20 - LRC.0017.1920.EREC	\$ 10,611,393	\$ 10,611,393	\$ -	19/11/2020	30/06/2023
		Total	\$ 11,825,312	\$ 11,825,312	\$ -		

Lodged Grants

The below table provides a list of Grant opportunities that have been applied for. At time of writing, the outcome of these Grants has not been determined.

Grant #	Name	Title	Grant Subsidy Amount	Income Received to Date	Income yet to Receive	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2023179	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	STIP - Our Lady's Primary School - Turn around facility	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ 230,000	12/09/2022	30/06/2024
GC2023180	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	STIP - Longreach State High School - Parking & Drop-off Area	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ 450,000	12/09/2022	30/06/2024
GC2023181	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	Walking Local Government Grant 2022/2023	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	30/06/2023	30/06/2024
GC2022174	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES Support - Driving safely for Longreach	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	01/07/2023	30/06/2024
GC2022176	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES Support - Upgrade Storm Damage Trailer Carport	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	01/01/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023182	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	Disaster Ready Fund 23/24 - Cross-functional Disaster Response and Recovery Facilities for Longreach	\$ 410,000	\$ -	\$ 410,000	01/07/2023	30/06/2026
GC2023185	DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, INNOVATION & SPORT	MIP1 - Longreach Squash Courts Upgrade	\$ 328,692	\$ -	\$ 328,692	01/07/2023	31/12/2024
GC2023186	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	FAG's - Financial Assistance Grant's 2023/2024 FY	\$ 9,993,312	\$ -	\$ 9,993,312	01/04/2023	30/06/2024
		Total	\$ 11,496,004	\$ -	\$ 11,496,004		

Approved Grants

Outlined below are all Grants that are currently active in the SynergySoft system. The below includes multi-year funding rounds, where income will be received at agreed milestones and/or scheduled dates until the completion dates.

Grant #	Name	Title	Grant Subsidy Amount	Income Received to Date	Income yet to Receive	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC202119	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCC Round 3 2021/2024 - Sustainability Support - 4-G9703A3/4-G8ODYQ6/4-G8XYQBB	\$ 870,000	\$ 630,000	\$ 240,000	01/07/2021	30/06/2024
GC2020081	DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND SCIENCE	BBR Round 4 - BBRF IIV000466 - WQLX Transit and Spelling Facility Upgrade	\$ 719,584	\$ 506,666	\$ 212,918	25/08/2020	30/06/2023
GC2021102	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P2 - 1. LRCH Airport Walking Path	\$ 276,500	\$ 248,850	\$ 27,650	29/01/2021	28/02/2023
GC2021103	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P2 - 2. LRCH Thomson River Redevelopment - Stage 2	\$ 200,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 20,000	29/01/2021	28/02/2023
GC2021104	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P2 - 3. ISISFORD Town and Dam Exclusion Fence	\$ 155,000	\$ 139,500	\$ 15,500	29/01/2021	28/02/2023
GC2021105	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P2 - 4. LRCH Pedestrian Infrastructure Maintenance at Inningai Park	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 5,000	29/01/2021	28/02/2023
GC2021106	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P2 - 8. LRCH Lioness Park Footpath Replacement	\$ 35,000	\$ 31,500	\$ 3,500	29/01/2021	28/02/2023
GC2021107	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P2 - 6. LRCH Aquatic Centre BBQ and Playground Upgrade	\$ 100,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 10,000	01/02/2021	28/02/2023
GC2021109	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P2 - 7. Electronic Roadside Signboards	\$ 72,165	\$ 64,949	\$ 7,216	01/02/2021	28/02/2023
GC2021142	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 1 LRCH Childcare Playground Replacement	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	01/01/2021	30/06/2023
GC2022146	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 2 Yaraka Tree Line	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022147	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 3 Isisford MPC Kiosk Repair	\$ 25,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022148	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 4 Isisford Park Renovations	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022149	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 6 ILF Rec Centre Maintenance	\$ 65,000	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022150	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 8 LRCH Showgrounds landscaping	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022151	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 9 LRCH Showground Audio Upgrade	\$ 45,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,500	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022152	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 10 ILF Rec Centre Decking and Stairs replace	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022153	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 11 Painting of LRCH Civic Centre	\$ 126,850	\$ 63,425	\$ 63,425	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022154	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 12 LRCH Edkins Park Ablution Block	\$ 330,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022155	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 13 LRCH Eagle St Beautification	\$ 522,500	\$ 261,250	\$ 261,250	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022156	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 14 LRCH Eagle St Landsborough HWY and Pelican St	\$ 575,000	\$ 287,500	\$ 287,500	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022157	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 15 Isisford Footpaths	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022160	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 16 Isisford Airport Road	\$ 285,000	\$ 142,500	\$ 142,500	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022159	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 17 Longreach Footpaths	\$ 98,000	\$ 49,000	\$ 49,000	01/01/2022	30/06/2023
GC2019011	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	Roads 2 Recovery 2019/24	\$ 7,177,052	\$ 4,128,165	\$ 3,048,887	30/06/2019	30/06/2024
GC2019036	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	BoR R4 Long 0056 - Railway Siding Extension	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	12/12/2019	01/05/2024
GC2020093	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	HVSPP Round 7 - Saleyards Heavy Vehicle Upgrades	\$ 550,770	\$ 220,308	\$ 330,462	29/11/2020	30/06/2023
GC2021135	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	MWPC CN 16460 - Muttiburra Cramsie Rd	\$ 4,069,363	\$ 3,935,201	\$ 134,161	01/07/2021	30/06/2023
GC2022175	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	MWPC - 95B Longreach - Jundah Road	\$ 4,540,094	\$ 770,587	\$ 3,769,506	30/06/2022	30/06/2023

Grant #	Name	Title	Grant Subsidy Amount	Income Received to Date	Income yet to Receive	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2020066	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 1/8 ISISFORD Major repairs to OBIC	\$ 250,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 25,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020067	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 2/8 ISISFORD Ablutions Block	\$ 45,000	\$ 40,500	\$ 4,500	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020068	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 3/8 LRCH Renovations to GA waiting room	\$ 40,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 4,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020069	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 4/8 LRCH Sewer Pump Station upgrade	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 5,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020070	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 4/8 LRCH Sewer Pump Remote Telemetry and Electrical	\$ 75,000	\$ 67,500	\$ 7,500	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020071	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 5/8 ISISFORD Weir Pump Replacement	\$ 60,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 6,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020072	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 5/8 ISISFORD WTP Upgrade and Electrical Upgrade	\$ 210,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 21,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020073	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 6/8 Ilfracombe WTP upgrade and Automation	\$ 70,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 7,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020074	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 7/8 LRCH Valve installation	\$ 30,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 3,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020075	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 8/8 LRCH Water Re Lift Pumps	\$ 80,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 8,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020076	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 4/8 LRCH Pump Station 2 Genset	\$ 30,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 3,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020077	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 6/8 ILF Sewer Pump Station 1 Upgrade	\$ 30,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 3,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2020078	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q COVID 20/21 - 8/8 LRCH Elevated Reservoir Repairs	\$ 150,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 15,000	30/07/2020	30/06/2023
GC2021122	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	Special Purpose Grant - Isisford Weir Repairs	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 840,000	\$ 360,000	16/06/2021	30/06/2023
GC2022162	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	FAGs 2022/2023 - General	\$ 7,715,196	\$ 7,114,653	\$ 600,543	07/04/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022163	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	FAGs 2022/2023 - Roads	\$ 2,278,116	\$ 2,069,414	\$ 208,702	07/04/2022	30/06/2023
GC2021116	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q 2021/2024 - 1/2 ISISFORD Water Mains Replacement - Stage 2	\$ 870,000	\$ 317,673	\$ 552,327	01/07/2021	30/06/2024
GC2021117	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q 2021/2024 - 2/2 LRCH Water Mains Replacement (Highway & Railway) - Stage 2	\$ 250,000	\$ 89,600	\$ 160,400	01/07/2021	30/06/2024
GC2022169	DEPT. OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	LGSP 2022/2024 - Water and Sewerage Replacement	\$ 600,000	\$ 163,636	\$ 436,364	01/07/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022177	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL LIMITED	NADC 2023- Australia Day COVID Safe Grant 2023	\$ 22,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 6,000	31/12/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022167	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES Support Grant 2022/2023 - Isisford Facility Upgrade and Fit out	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 70,000	01/07/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022170	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	State Emergency Services - Local Government Subsidy 2022/2023	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	\$ -	27/09/2022	30/06/2023
GC2023183	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES Support Grant 2022/2023 - Isisford SES Driveway	\$ 10,362	\$ -	\$ 10,362	01/07/2022	30/06/2023
GC2020079	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA 2018/19 - LRC.0015.1819E.FWIN	\$ 155,000	\$ 109,918	\$ 45,082	30/06/2020	06/02/2023
GC2022168	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	GRQ 2022/2023 - LRC.0021.2223A.QGR - Get Ready Queensland	\$ 9,700	\$ 8,730	\$ 970	01/07/2022	30/06/2023
GC2023178	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA - LRC.0022.2122B.EWK - 10 Nov - 3 Dec 2021 Event	\$ 104,550	\$ 104,550	\$ -	11/01/2023	30/06/2023
GC2021129	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA NDRRA 2021/2023 - LRC.0019.2021F.REC	\$ 11,547,221	\$ 3,745,981	\$ 7,801,240	12/08/2021	30/06/2024
GC2022173	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	QRRRF - 2022-2023 Regional Disaster Management Coordinator	\$ 207,500	\$ 62,250	\$ 145,250	01/01/2023	30/06/2026
GC2022171	STATE LIBRARY OF QLD	First 5 Forever Subsidy (2022/2023)	\$ 4,607	\$ 4,607	\$ -	17/10/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022172	STATE LIBRARY OF QLD	Service Development Subsidy 2022-2023	\$ 8,775	\$ 8,775	\$ -	05/10/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022166	Translink Division- Transport Dept	PTIIP - Long Distance Coach Stops Grant	\$ 75,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	01/06/2022	30/06/2024
		Total	\$ 70,686,310	\$ 50,868,593	\$ 19,817,718		

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13.1 - Longreach Regional Council - Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee

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Consideration of the appointment of members to the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee.

Council Action

Partner

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Advisory Committee Policy No 2.31

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Strategy Area 3.3: Sustainable Pest and Weed Management

Strategies		Status
3.3.1	Continue to advocate for pest fencing needs in each community of the Longreach Region.	Current (Jan – 2020)
3.3.2	Continue to manage pest and weeds on stock routes and reserves	Current (Jan – 2020)

Budget Considerations

Costs related to the Land and Pest Committee are met from the existing Budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2023-01-021)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council adopts the amended Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, as presented and amended.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Sharon Calligaro, Corporate Services Support Officer

Background:

The Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee was formed in December 2018 following endorsing the merger of the Wild Dogs Advisory Committee (WDAC) and Rural Lands Advisory Committees (RLAC).

The committee has been active in providing advice to Council regarding a wide range of rural land issues including rural road maintenance, pest and weed management and pest animal baiting programs.

The current Committee was appointed in 2020 with the term expiring in March 2022.

The Committee met three times in 2022 with meetings scheduled for this year to occur in May, August and November.

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The new Terms of Reference (updated in January 2023) covers a similar scope to the previous Terms with some minor changes to the composition, responsibilities and duties of the Committee. The Terms of Reference state that up to three Councillors are appointed as Committee Members for the duration of their Council term and up to 12 rural representatives (made up of 3 representatives from each pest control division in the Longreach Regional Council area).

Issue:

As the current Committee lapsed in March 2022, a new Committee is to be appointed by Council. Advertising commenced in February 2023 for new Committee members with seven (7) applications received at the end of the advertising period.

The seven applications are attached.

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: Possible
Consequence: Moderate
Rating: Medium (9/25)

Risk of negative impact on Council should the Committee be discontinued.

Environmental Management Factors:

The Land and Pest Committee play a significant role in assisting Council to manage environmental risks in the region related to land use, weeds and feral pests.

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. Nominations for Committee Member 1 [↓](#)
2. Nominations for Committee Member 2
3. Nominations for Committee Member 3 [↓](#)
4. Nominations for Committee Member 4 [↓](#)
5. Nominations for Committee Member 5 [↓](#)
6. Nominations for Committee Member 6 [↓](#)
7. Nominations for Committee Member 7 [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council in accordance with section 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, appoints the following committee members to the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee with the term expiring on 31 March 2025:

- (a) *Division 1: <insert name>*
- (b) *Division 2: <insert name>*
- (c) *Division 3: <insert name>*
- (d) *Division 4: <insert name>*

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13.2 Information Report - Corporate Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of February 2023 for the Corporate Services Department.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Corporate Plan Strategy Area: 3.4 Sustainable Natural Resource Management, 4.1: Community Engagement and Customer Service

Budget Considerations

As per approved 2022/23 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Chief Executive Officer

Background:

Officers are requested to provide an information update to Council on a monthly basis to outline achievements, challenges and statistical information for the various functional areas in Council.

Issue:

CUSTOMER SERVICE

After Hours Message Centre January 2023

No. Calls Received	No. of Hang Ups	Total
21	69	90

During the month of February 2023 there were 21 after hours calls received. The calls were related into the following sections of Council:

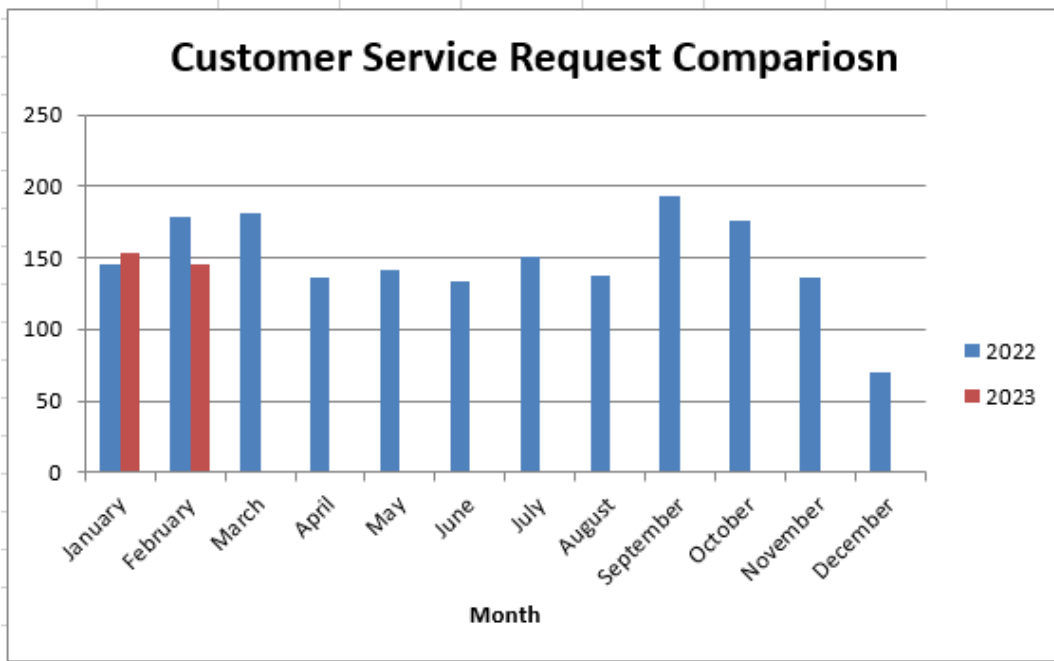
SECTION	NUMBER OF CALLS
Water and Sewerage	6
Waste	0
Local Laws/Animal Management	8
Facilities	0
Funeral/ Undertaker Services	1
Tourism/VIC	1
Parks and Gardens	1
Roads	2
Other / Events	2

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Customer Service Requests

A total of **146 Requests** were received for the month of February 2023. Of these requests **110** were **completed** in February 2023.

Table below is a comparison of requests from January 2022 to December 2023.



The following Customer Service Requests present in the system as **outstanding, in progress** or **responded to** as at 30 December 2022.

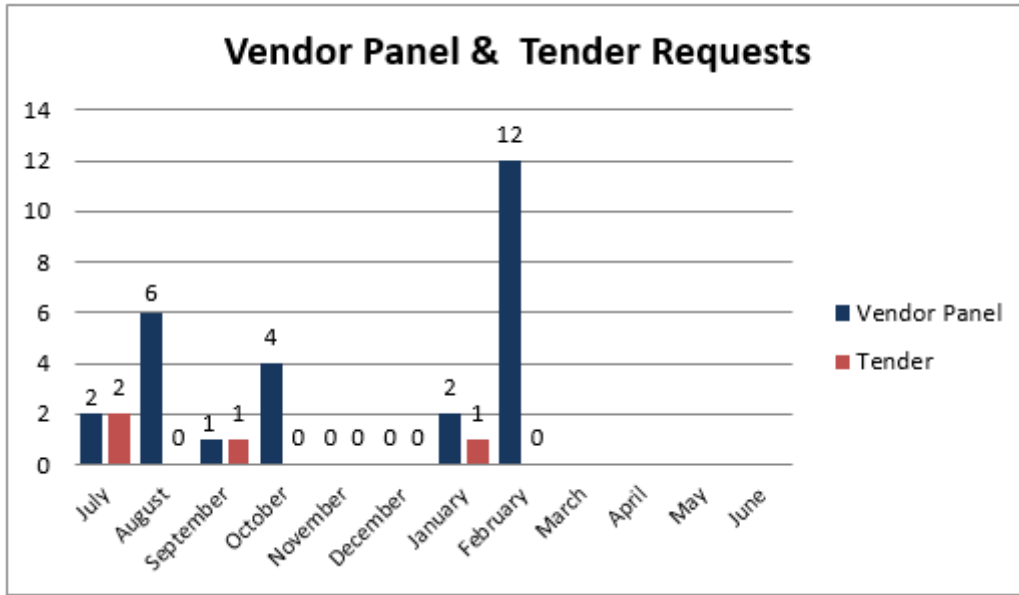
Outstanding	In Progress	Responded to	Total
16	20	0	36

Procurement

Purchasing Thresholds for Purchase Orders YTD			
Order Value	Amount	Order Value	Value Invoiced
Under \$100	241	\$11,484.43	\$16,581.86
\$100 - \$5,000	1648	\$1,360,827.51	\$1,162,848.79
\$5,001 – Under \$15,000	357	\$2,422,022.50	\$2,024,805.18
\$15,000+	168	\$8,350,891.64	\$6,199,110.32
\$200,000+	17	\$7,848,881.37	\$6,407,565.38
Total	2431	\$19,994,107.45	\$15,810,911.53

The table above shows the number of payments made by purchasing threshold outlined in the procurement policy for 2022/23 financial year and the total amount spent in each threshold.
2022/2023

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Total, Q Tender and Vendor Panel requests broken down by work request category for 2022/2023 financial year.

Invoice Amount Exceeding Order Amount

There are currently one Invoice amounts exceeding 10% of the order amount.

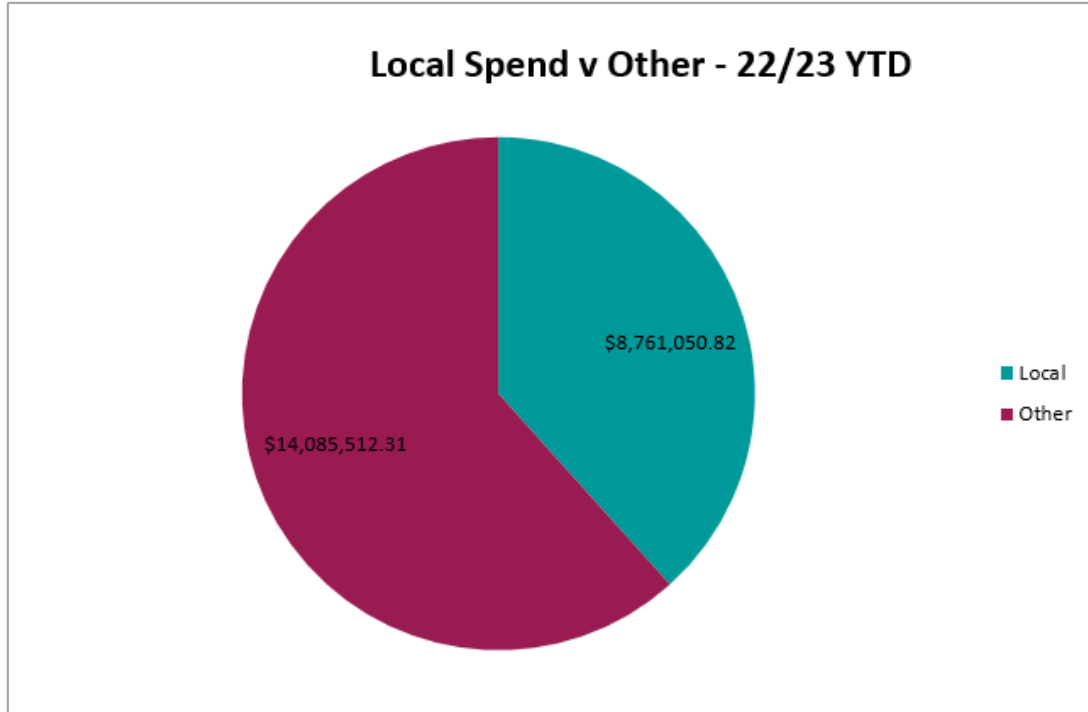
The main implications of the invoice amount exceeding the order amount is there is no audit trail to demonstrate an approval process was undertaken for the additional expenditure which is not complying with Councils Procurement Policy.

Suppliers over \$200,000 YTD 22/23

Creditor Name	Invoice Amount
RAYNERS CRANE HIRE PTY LTD AS TTE	\$3,690,296.50
FULTON HOGAN INDUSTRIES PTY LTD	\$1,041,768.15
MOORE CIVIL & PLANT HIRE PTY LTD	\$980,527.99
TROPIC PETROLEUM	\$875,388.09
CAPRICORN PLUMBING & DRAINAGE PTY LTD	\$827,832.74
JT COX CONCRETE & LANDSCAPE PTY LTD	\$768,945.70
GEORGE BOURNE & ASSOCIATES	\$642,696.07
OMA CONTRACTING	\$570,200.00
BORAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS GROUP	\$475,346.23
RDO EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	\$467,484.03
ERGON ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED	\$465,540.14
LGM QUEENSLAND (Queensland Local Government Mutual)	\$456,103.15
HASTINGS DEERING (AUSTRALIA) LTD	\$438,646.55
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AUTO PTY LTD	\$411,079.39
TRAILER SALES PTY LTD	\$379,996.53
PROTERRA GROUP	\$317,507.97
WESTERN QUEENSLAND LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE PTY LTD	\$257,393.51

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SORT IT WATER TREATMENT SERVICES PTY LTD	\$247,222.95
ABYSS DEMOLITION PTY LTD	\$238,913.00
WIDELAND TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT	\$221,860.78



The graph outlined above depicts the spend year to date for 2022/2023 financial year, broken down by local v other expenditure.

The definition of a 'local' in the finance system to generate this report was any businesses that have an address of Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford or Yaraka compared to other businesses in the finance system.

Tenders and Quotes

Request for Quote/Tender	Number of Businesses Request Sent	Pre-Qualified Panel used or Open Tender?	Responses	Awarded Locally
JULY				
LRC172022 – Construction of Executive Housing	Open Tender	QTender	1	Yes
SEPTEMBER				
VP328669 – Isisford Water Treatment Plant Supply & Install UV System	132	Local Buy Panel	2	No
JANUARY				
VP316472 – Supply and Delivery of 9 x Heavy Plant 22-23	103	Local Buy Panels	14	No

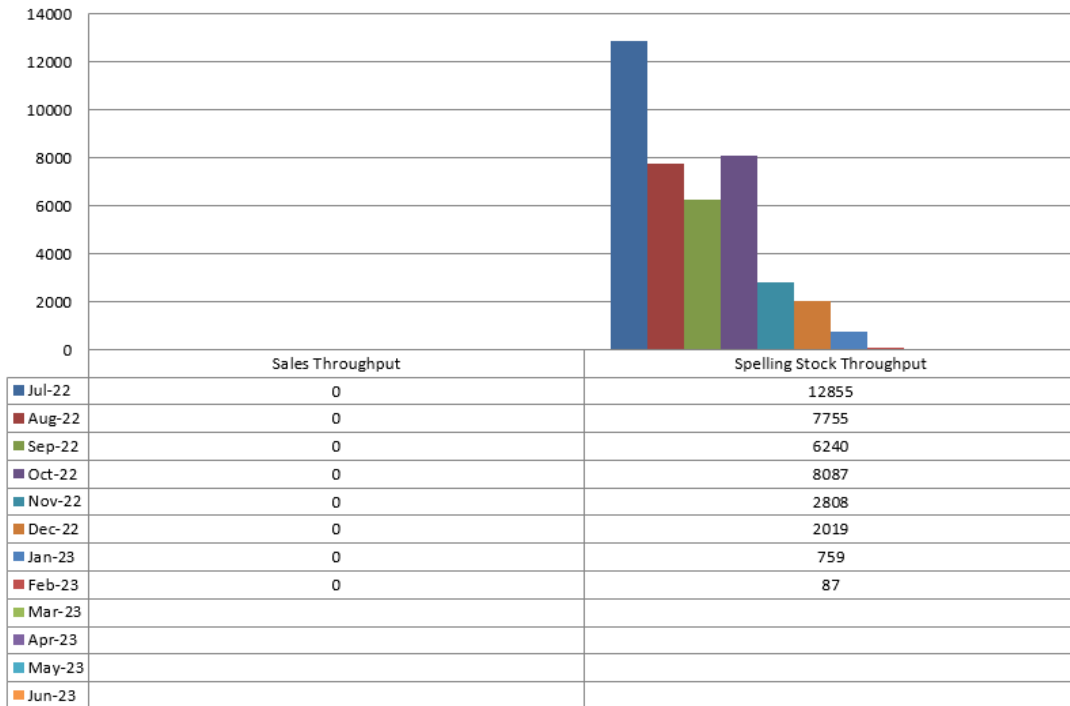
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VP316474 – Supply and Delivery of 5 x Commercial Plant 22-23	33	Local Buy Panels	1	Yes
LRC212023 – Sale by Tender Lot 151 on SP259530	Open Tender	Open Tender	3	All Offers Declined by Council
FEBRUARY				
VP345787 – Hire of Padfoot Roller	21	Pre Qualified Panel	10	Yes
VP347022 - 2022-2023 Stock Route Water Facility Capital Works – 12 Mile	14	Pre Qualified Panels	14	Yes
VP347248 – Supply Aggregate	5	Pre Qualified Panel	2	Yes
VP347269 – Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bitumen	48	Local Buy Panel	3	No
VP347833 – Supply and Delivery Concrete Box Culverts	15	Local Buy Panel Pre Qual Supplier	4	Not Yet Awarded
VP348054 – Supply Pre-Coated Aggregate (X Bin)	5	Pre Qualified Panel	Current	
VP348060 – Supply Pre-Coated Aggregate (X Bin)	5	Pre Qualified Panel	Current	
VP348065 – Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bitumen	48	Local Buy Panel	Current	
VP348072 – Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bitumen	48	Local Buy Panel	Current	
VP349663 – Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bitumen	48	Local Buy Panel	Current	
VP349671 – Supply Pre-Coated Aggregate (X Bin)	5	Pre Qualified Panel	Current	
VP347557 – Pre-Coated Aggregate	3	Pre Qualified Panel	2	No Yet Awarded

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Council Land

Sale of Council Land

Outlined below are the land sales due to be completed early March 2023:

Address	Sale Price	Settlement Date
67 Mitchell Street, Ilfracombe	\$15,000	8 March 2023
74 Flinders Street, Ilfracombe	\$15,000	10 March 2023

After settlement, this will then be all 14 lots located within the Ilfracombe subdivision sold.

Apex Park

Council is in the process of completing 3 applications at the Apex Park precinct:

- Provide formal access to Lot 107/PD47 (Outback Watersports/Ski Club) and open an existing formed road of River Farms Road extension through to Crossmoor Road/Eagle Street North. Application was lodged with Department of Resources on 24/02/23.
- Excise a portion of land around Apex Park (including the caravan parking areas) from Town Common to a Recreation Reserve and complete a simultaneous road open and closure on River Farms Road as part of the excision.
- Provide formal access to private residence (part of Lot 35/CM95) on the Western side of the Thomson River off the Old Winton Highway.

Leasing

Council is in the process of renewing the following agreement:

- Whitman’s Café – Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre (Isisford)

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Regulatory services – Compliance (Local Laws)

Throughout February, Regulatory Services Compliance Officers continued with routine tasks, including town patrols, monitoring illegal water use, overgrown vegetation, feral animal control, pest weed spraying and various animal related non-compliances. All Longreach Regional Council townships are currently on Level 1 Water Restrictions. Sprinkler use is limited to 6:00am-9:00am and 5:00pm-8:00pm daily.

The main points of interest for February were:

1. The total number of animals impounded during February was 11 dogs, no domestic cats were impounded. 10 dogs were impounded for wandering at large, and one dog was seized due to a dog attack and subsequent investigation. One dog was impounded on 3 separate occasions during the course of the month.

2. Overgrown and unsightly properties are a continuing issue due to repeated rain events. Officers are patrolling for overgrown vegetation that could present a fire risk, harbour vermin and reptiles, and affect amenity.

3. To end February, the following statistics were determined:
 - Registration renewal rate: ~71.2% (previous registration period ended 15/08/2022)
 - Total dogs registered across Region for 2022/2023 rego period: 604 dogs
 - Dogs with registration expired 15/08/2022, not renewed or updated: 186
 - New registrations for dogs within current rego period (since 15/08/2022): 86 dogs
 - Microchipping rate across Region: ~79.35% (reduced from last month due to half of new regos in the last month not having PPID details)
 - Total animals impounded YTD 2023: 26.

Local Laws Tasks Completed – February 2023			
Animals	84	Water	33
Dogs Impounded	11	Watering / Sprinkler Patrols	29
Domestic Cats Impounded	0	Illegal Water Usage – Residential	2
Pound Releases	11	Illegal Water Usage – Business/Public	0
Animals Euthanised – unclaimed*	1	Water Leaks Reported/Observed	0
Animals Euthanised – surrendered	0	Water Exemption Applications/Permits	0
Animals Rehomed via Agency	0	Notices / Fines Issued	2
Feral Cats Trapped and Euthanised	10	Property	119
Dog Attacks / Investigations	1	Town Common Patrols	4
Dogs Involved in Attacks	1	Common Gates Open / Damaged	1
Dog Traps Issued	0	Town Patrols - Longreach	26
Cat Traps Issued	5	Town Patrols - Ilfracombe	17
Wandering Dogs (not impounded)	8	Town Patrols - Isisford	1
Wandering Animals Reported (other than dogs)	0	Town Patrols - Yaraka	0

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Wandering Animal Posts on FB – not reported to Council (minimum)	19	Camping / Apex Park / River Patrols	4
Barking Dogs Reported	3	Overgrown / Unsightly Reports (initial + follow up) (private + LRC-controlled)	47
Animal Inspections – Extra dogs/cats, adequate housing, insecure enclosure, compliance checks	3	Overgrown / Unsightly Notices Issued (unattended, falling within follow-up timeframes)	19
Assist with Animal Welfare	0	Notices / Fines Issued	0
Notices / Fines Issued	11	Other	64
Vehicles	2	Customer Service Requests	34
Abandoned Vehicles	1	Equipment Maintenance	3
Vehicles Impounded / Processed	1	After Hours Call Out	1
Impounded Vehicle Release	0	Impound Facility Maintenance	19
		Illegal Dumping / Littering	0
		Pest Weed Spraying by LLO	7
* One dog impounded during January was unclaimed and euthanised in February.			Total
			302

Regulatory Service (Rural Lands)

Town Commons

There was one application received for Town Common Agistment during the month, being a horse for agistment on Longreach Common.

No pasture assessments have been conducted as new staff require training in this skill.

Ongoing Town Common Issues:

- Poor quality or lack of boundary fences between Landholders and Town Commons, including flood-damaged sections of fencing
- Infrastructure being damaged by vehicles, particularly gates being run over
- Gates being left open, causing a safety issue for the horses being agisted on the Commons
- Illegal dumping of rubbish
- Pest weeds –
 - Longreach Common; Jumping Cholla, Parkinsonia, Prickly Acacia, Rubber Vine, Sticky Florestina.
 - Ilfracombe Common: Prickly Acacia, Parthenium, Sticky Florestina, Parkinsonia
 - Isisford Common: Rubber Vine, Prickly Acacia, Parthenium, Parkinsonia, Sticky Florestina, Tiger Pear
 - Yaraka Common: Parkinsonia

Stock Routes & Reserves

Council continues to await a response from DoR regarding the Stock Route Act amendments.

Ongoing Reserve Issues:

- Poor quality or lack of boundary fences between Landholders and Reserves
- Illegal dumping of rubbish
- Pest weeds

Permit to Occupy (PTO)

There was one PTO submitted to Council this month.

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Water Facilities (WF)

No water facility inspections were completed due to prioritised pest weed spraying and wet weather impacts.

Pest Weeds

Ongoing Pest Weed Issues:

- Lack of awareness, support and obligations within the Community in regards to Pest Weeds i.e. Parthenium, Sticky Florestina, Cacti
- Continual rains, which will delay/slow down pest weed spraying programs, as well as increase the spread and density of pest weeds
- New and emerging Pest Weeds

Pest Animals

Wild Dog / Feral Cat Bounties – Year to Date

Division	Scalp Bounty - Dog 22/23 YTD	Contract Dog Trapper 22/23 YTD	Scalp Bounty – Cat 22/23 YTD
1	-	4	-
2	3	22	-
3	115	-	1
4	12	-	65
Total	130	26	66

Meetings

The Central West Regional Pest Partnership Group met on Friday 24th February 2023, attended by Rural Lands Officers across RAPAD region, as well as additional stakeholders. The meeting addressed multiple topics, including the potential priority projects for the group during 2023.



Summary of main tasks / issues completed by 2 x Rural Lands Officers during the month:

- Approximately 35,000 litres of mixed chemical was distributed on pest weeds, mainly Triclopyr and water, with small quantities of Access and Diesel being used.
- 16 specified separate areas were sprayed, covering stock routes, reserves and road corridors.
- Approximately 6,500 kilometres were travelled, searching for and spraying pest weeds.

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- Two Customer Service Requests were received.

* It is difficult to accurately report total tasks completed due to many factors:

- IT issues, resulting in inability to record each plant sprayed and accurate recording of spraying activities on pest weed mapping software.
- Some spraying activities may be across a small area, but many plants sprayed.
- Spraying contractors are not required to log each plant sprayed, only a total number of hours/weeks
- Roadside spraying is conducted over many hundreds of kilometres, often whilst travelling to other tasks.

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: Rare
 Consequence: Insignificant
 Rating: Low (1/25)

Low risk, informational report only.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the report, as presented.

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14.1 Community Donations - March 2023

Consideration of the Community Donations applications received in March in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

Council Action

Partner
 Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Community Donations Policy No. 11.06

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.2.2	Provide community sponsorship for various activities.	Administer Mayoral and Community donations along with sponsorships in accordance with the guidelines and budget.	Deliver program within budget allocated by June 2023.

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14.1 - Community Donations - March 2023

Budget Considerations

\$112,000.00 committed and allocated to Community and Mayoral Donations YTD.

Category	Total Budget	Budget Committed (not yet paid)	Budget Remaining	Budget required to meet Community Donations for March 2023	Budget remaining for future applications (Including Mayoral Donations)
Community Donations	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$48,851.36	\$20,402.66	\$26,698.70

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter
 Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: Abby Lewis - Community Development Coordinator

Background:

Longreach Regional Council Community Donations program:

- Enhances the community’s resilience, wellbeing, sustainability and liveability
- Contributes to vibrant and engaged communities
- Provides community organisations with financial support to meet identified community need and provides benefit to the broader Longreach region communities
- Achieves Council’s strategic objectives, as identified in the Corporate Plan.

Community Donations (financial and in-kind support) are offered each financial year. Each Community Group is eligible to apply for a maximum of \$5,000 per financial year. All applications will be assessed against eligibility and assessment criteria as stated in this Policy and the Program Guidelines.

Issue:

Longreach Regional Council has received five (5) applications for Community Donations:

1. Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association Inc

Isisford Fishing Competition	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Has the event/ project been previously funded by Council?</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The Isisford Fishing Competition is an annual event that is held each year in July. The event will take place at Oma Waterhole on 28 - 30 July 2023. The event attracts locals and visitors from across the Region far and wide, with well over 500 participants including individuals and their families attending. There are several sponsors that provide prizes for all ages and categories over the course of the weekend. There are local food stalls and a bar operating during the event as well as market stalls, games and much more. This is a great event for everyone and the Isisford Fishing Comp committee encourage you to come along and enjoy a weekend of fishing, camping and socialising with friends and family.

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The total grant recommended of \$5,000.00 financial will go towards the cost of a mobile toilet and shower truck.

The application was reviewed by a panel and scored against the criteria of the Longreach Regional Council's Community Donations Assessment Guidelines. The result was to support the Isisford Fishing Competition to the value of 100%. All supporting documentation was supplied with their application.

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>
<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>

2. Isisford Golf Club Inc

Isisford Golf Club	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Has the event/ project been previously funded by Council?</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The Isisford Golf Club are seeking support from Council to assist with financial support for their Insurance and Annual Land Rent. The Isisford Golf Club is a small volunteer based not-for-profit community group with a small dedicated committee. The golf club hosts yearly golf tournaments as well as functions throughout the year for both locals and tourists. The committee work hard to ensure the club remains operational each year. With the support from Council the committee can continue to hold events and welcome new members throughout the year.

The total grant recommended of \$4,352.66 will go towards the cost of the Golf Club's Insurance (\$4201.48) and Annual Land Rent (\$151.26).

The application was reviewed by a panel and scored against the criteria of the Longreach Regional Council's Community Donations Assessment Guidelines. The result was to support the Isisford Golf Club to the value of 100%. All supporting documentation was supplied with their application.

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Financial \$4,352.66</i>	<i>Financial \$4,352.66</i>
<i>Total \$4,352.66</i>	<i>Total \$4,352.66</i>

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3. Isisford Sheep and Wool Show Association Inc

Isisford Sheep and Wool Show	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Has the event/ project been previously funded by Council?</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The Isisford Sheep and Wool Show is an annual event that is held each year in May. This family event takes place at the Isisford Race Course and will be held on Saturday 27 May 2023. The Show attracts around 600 locals and visitors from across the Region. This event provides an opportunity to show off their individual hobbies such as sewing, patchwork, photography, art, metal work and slice making. It also allows local producers to showcase their wool, sheep, goats and cattle. There are also market stalls, food vendors, operational bar and much more.

The total grant recommended of \$3,850.00 financial will go towards the cost of printing, event prizes and for the QLD Ambulance Service to be onsite. In-Kind support of \$1,150.00 will go towards rubbish and water truck hire as well as a cleaner for 12 hours of cleaning over the course of the weekend.

The application was reviewed by a panel and scored against the criteria of the Longreach Regional Council's Community Donations Assessment Guidelines. The result was to support the Isisford Sheep and Wool Show to the value of 100%. All supporting documentation was supplied with their application.

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Financial \$3,850.00</i>	<i>Financial \$3,850.00</i>
<i>In-Kind \$1,150.00</i>	<i>In-Kind \$1,150.00</i>
<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>

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4. Longreach Netball Association

Longreach Netball Coach and Umpire Development Workshops	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Has the event/ project been previously funded by Council?</i>	<i>No</i>

The Longreach Netball Association are hosting a coach an umpire workshop on 31 March - 1 April 2023. This workshop is aimed at upskilling the younger generation who are heavily involved in the Netball Association. The workshops will be delivered over 2 days, one being an introduction to coaching and the other being intermediate umpiring. With Longreach Netball being one of the highest number of junior participants in the sporting industry in the Longreach Region this is a great opportunity for our growing junior community members.

The total grant recommended of \$1,050.00 financial will go towards the cost of course fees for coaches and umpires to deliver the two-day workshop and providing catering from local businesses.

The application was reviewed by a panel and scored against the criteria of the Longreach Regional Council's Community Donations Assessment Guidelines. The result was to support the Longreach Netball Association to the value of 100%. All supporting documentation was supplied with their application.

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Financial \$1,050.00</i>	<i>Financial \$1,050.00</i>
<i>Total \$1,050.00</i>	<i>Total \$1,050.00</i>

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5. Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame Campdraft Association

Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame Association National Campdraft	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Has the event/ project been previously funded by Council?</i>	<i>No</i>

The Australian’s Stockman’s Hall of Fame (ASHOF) Campdraft Association is in its first years of being a local not-for-profit community group. The first event will be held at the Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame from 2 June – 4 June 2023. This Campdraft event hopes to attract 300 – 400 participants from across the Centre West Region, as well as visitors and families. The ASHOF Campdraft Association intend for this event to take place yearly and each year is expected to grow in numbers and support the Longreach Region with accommodation, hospitality and tourism. Local Community groups and suppliers will also benefit from this event as products will be locally sources and Community groups can assist in different areas at a paid rate.

The total grant recommended of \$2,730.00 financial will go towards equipment hire, including portable light towers and generators. In-Kind support of \$2,270.00 will go towards additional wheelie bins and water truck hire.

The application was reviewed by a panel and scored against the criteria of the Longreach Regional Council’s Community Donations Assessment Guidelines. The result was to support the Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame National Campdraft Association to the value of 100%. All supporting documentation was supplied with their application.

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Financial \$2,730.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,730.00</i>
<i>In-Kind \$2,270.00</i>	<i>In-Kind \$2,270.00</i>
<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>

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Recommendation:

That Council endorses the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.07;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved	Conditions of approval/Payment
<i>Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association Inc</i>	<i>Isisford Fishing Competition</i>	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Isisford Golf Club Inc</i>	<i>Isisford Golf Club</i>	\$4,352.66	\$4,352.66	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Isisford Sheep and Wool Show Association</i>	<i>Isisford Sheep and Wool Show</i>	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Longreach Netball Association</i>	<i>Longreach Netball Coach and Umpire Development Workshops</i>	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Australian's Stockman's Hall of Fame Crampdraft Association</i>	<i>Australian's Stockman's Hall of Fame National Campdraft</i>	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	<i>Nil</i>
		TOTAL \$20,402.66	TOTAL \$20,402.66	

14. COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT
14.2 - Mayoral Donations - March 2023

14.2 Mayoral Donations - March 2023

Considerations of applications received for the month of March 2023 in accordance with the Mayoral Donation Policy 11.02.

Council Action

Partner

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Mayoral Donation No. 11.02

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.2.2	Provide community sponsorship for various activities.	Administer Mayoral and Community donations along with sponsorships in accordance with the guidelines and budget.	Deliver program within budget allocated by June 2023.

Budget Considerations

\$112,000.00 committed and allocated to Community and Mayoral Donations YTD.

Category	Total Budget	Budget Committed (not yet paid)	Budget Remaining	Budget required to meet Mayoral Donations for March 2023	Budget remaining for future applications (Including Community Donations)
Mayoral Donations	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$48,851.36	\$1,750.00	\$26,698.70

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: Abby Lewis, Community Development Coordinator

Background:

Longreach Regional Council Mayoral Donation Program received five (5) applications for the month of March 2023.

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14.2 - Mayoral Donations - March 2023

These applications are:

1. Jaylie Miller travelled to Mount Isa on 15 and 16 February 2023. Jaylie was selected to represent the North West Trials for 13-19 years swimming.

Jaylie Miller	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Jaylie Miller \$350.00</i>	<i>Jaylie Miller \$350.00</i>

2. Jaylie Miller travelled to Mount Isa on 27 and 28 February 2023. Jaylie was selected to represent the North West Trials for 13 - 15 year's netball.

Jaylie Miller	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Jaylie Miller \$350.00</i>	<i>Jaylie Miller \$350.00</i>

3. Kobe Jackson travelled to Mount Isa on 27 and 28 February 2023. Kobe was selected to represent the North West Trials for 13 - 15 year's netball.

Kobe Jackson	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Kobe Jackson \$350.00</i>	<i>Kobe Jackson \$350.00</i>

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4. Laylah Williamson travelled to Mount Isa on 27 and 28 February 2023. Laylah was selected to represent the North West Trials for 13 - 15 year's netball.

Laylah Williamson	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Laylah Williamson</i> \$350.00	<i>Laylah Williamson</i> \$350.00

5. Max Bruggemann travelled to Mt Isa on 15 and 16 February 2023. Max was selected to represent North West Regional swim trials for freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly.

Max Bruggemann	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 22/23 Financial Year?</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	<i>No</i>

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Max Bruggemann</i> \$350.00	<i>Max Bruggemann</i> \$350.00

Recommendation:

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Mayoral Donation Program, in accordance with the Mayoral Donations Policy No. 11.02, as contained in the report and in the following table:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>13-19 year's North West Swimming</i>	<i>15-16 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>13-15 year's North West Netball</i>	<i>27-28 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Kobe Jackson</i>	<i>13-15 year's North West Netball</i>	<i>27-28 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Laylah Williamson</i>	<i>13-15 year's North West Netball</i>	<i>27-28 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Max Bruggemann</i>	<i>13-19 year's North West Swimming</i>	<i>15-16 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
		TOTAL	\$1,750.00

14. COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT
14.5 - Information Report - Community & Cultural Services

14.3 Application for Works on Council Owned Land - New Storage Shed at Netball Complex

Consideration of an ‘Application for works on Council owned land’ from the Longreach Netball Association to construct a new storage shed within the leased netball area at the Longreach Showgrounds.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Building Act 1975

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL: BUILDING SERVICES & REGULATION			
Link to Corporate Plan	Activity	Key Performance Indicators	Operational Targets
4.1.4	Building certification services.	Building certification services comply with statutory requirements and are client connected and outcome driven.	100% of building applications assessed within 10 business days and without the need to extend the decision period. 95% of customer requests are responded to within 2 days.

Budget Considerations

Nil – There are no budget implications for Council in relation to this request.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: *Emily O’Hanlon, Business Support Officer*

Background:

The Longreach Netball Association (LNA) has applied for a grant under the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (Round 116). Should they be successful in obtaining this grant or another in the future, they would like to erect a storage shed alongside the Netball Courts Complex. This additional storage space will be used by the LNA, other sporting groups, fitness groups and to cater for additional community events that have, or intend to, commence using this site since the construction of the large shade cover.

In addition to the storage area the Club may move the existing canteen into this new building.

The LNA was successful in receiving grant funding from the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport to re-surface and line-mark the existing courts. This project is being delivered in consultation with Council and the outcome will be a multi-sport facility that caters for netball, basketball and other hard-surface ball sports (futsal, indoor soccer etc).

Issue:

The Longreach Netball Association requires formal consent from Council under its lease agreement which expires in 2052 to undertake the construction of a new shed on Council owned land.

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14.5 - Information Report - Community & Cultural Services

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: Possible
Consequence: Insignificant
Rating: Low (3/25)

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Should the LNA gain approval and funding, they would like to work with Council once again to manage this project to ensure all aspects are completed within Council Standards and requirements. The Longreach Netball Association has expressed its wish to continue cultivating its great working relationship with Longreach Regional Council, as it has done with the Permanent Shed and current Resurfacing project.

The proposed site for the shed is depicted by the blue mark below:

Recommendation:

That Council grants the Longreach Netball Association permission to construct the proposed shed at the netball complex following the receipt of a Building Application with finalised plans.

14.4 Information Report - Planning & Development Report

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of February.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Corporate Plan Strategy Area: 1.1 Community Services and Cultural Development

Budget Considerations

As per approved 2022/23 budget

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Emily O'Hanlon, Business Support Officer

14. COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT
14.5 - Information Report - Community & Cultural Services

Background

Officers are requested to provide an information update to Council on a monthly basis to outline development assessment, planning services and enquiries.

Issue:

Development Services

This information report provides a monthly update on the planning services that Council provides to support planning and development activity across the local government area.

Development Assessment

Two new applications have been received by Council since the last monthly report. There are four applications currently under assessment. One application is in its appeal period.

An application has been made by Lee McCracken C/- Planning Approval Group, seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term accommodation (16 units) over land at 103 Wompoo Road, Longreach.

The proposal includes sixteen one-bedroom self-contained short-term accommodation units. Each unit has a veranda and a carport. The proposal includes a common swimming pool and landscaping. All units are accessible from a common driveway off Wompoo Road.

The subject site is in the Low Density Residential Zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Impact Assessment. The site is included in the Flood Hazard Overlay and is included in the ‘Significant’ Flood Hazard area. As the application is subject to Impact Assessment it will be required to be publicly notified for a period of 15 business days. The application is properly made, and Council is required to issue a confirmation notice by 21 March 2023.

1.1	Council reference:	DA22/23-007
	Application:	Development Application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Short-term accommodation (16 units)
	Street address:	103 Wompoo Road, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 5 on SP159860
	Day application was made:	23 February 2023
	Category of assessment:	Impact Assessment
	Public notification required:	Yes
	Applicant:	Lee McCracken C/- Planning Approval Group
	Status:	Confirmation stage

An application has been made by Longreach Event Hire, seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Home Business over land at 111 Wompoo Road, Longreach.

The proposal involves the construction of a shed to store equipment associated with an event hire business. The home business will be conducted by the land owner with no additional staff required.

The subject site is in the Low Density Residential Zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment. The site is included in the Flood Hazard Overlay and is included in the ‘Significant’ Flood Hazard area. The application is not yet properly made, and Council is awaiting payment of the application fee before assessment can commence.

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14.5 - Information Report - Community & Cultural Services

1.2	Council reference:	DA22/23-008
	Application:	Development Application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Home business
	Street address:	111 Wompoo Road, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 3 on SP159860
	Day application was made:	3 March 2023
	Category of assessment:	Code Assessment
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	Longreach Event Hire
	Status:	Awaiting payment of application fee

An application has been made by Tanya & David Neal C/- Michel Group Services Pty Ltd, seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots) over land at Crossmoor Road, Longreach.

The proposal involves formalising an existing arrangement by subdividing the existing Mitchell Grass Retreat and a dwelling house that are located on a single lot. Proposed lot 1621 will have an area of 9.54 hectares and contain the existing dwelling house, whilst proposed lot 1622 will have an area of 14.84 hectares and contain Mitchell Grass Retreat.

The subject site is in the Rural Zone and affected by the Flood Hazard Overlay wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Impact Assessment.

Council issued a confirmation notice for the application on 11 January 2022. Council did not issue an information request and the application is now in the public notification stage. Public notification commenced on 13 February 2023 and ended on 6 March 2023. During this period, members of the public could make submissions.

Public notification has been finalised, and no submissions were received. The application is now in the decision stage with a decision due by 13 April 2023.

1.3	Council reference:	DA22/23-004
	Application:	Development Application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots)
	Street address:	Crossmoor Road, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 162 on CP851193
	Day application was made:	9 December 2022
	Category of assessment:	Impact Assessment
	Public notification required:	Yes
	Applicant:	Tanya & David Neal C/- Michel Group Services Pty Ltd
	Status:	Decision stage

An application has been made by Justin Griffiths C/- Wall Planning & Environmental Consulting, seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Club, Indoor Sport and Recreation, Educational Establishment, and a Multiple Dwelling (4 units) over land at 41 Plover Street, Longreach.

The Club is proposed to be located in the existing buildings adjacent to Sunbird Street. The Club portion of the building is 204m². The Club will include a reception area, social and spectating area, and an ancillary bar/café.

The Indoor Sport and Recreation will also be located in the existing buildings adjacent to Sunbird Street and include a 450 m² indoor cricket area.

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The Educational Establishment is proposed for RAPAD and Employment Services Queensland (RESQ). RESQ is a provider of employment programs and proposes to utilise the existing 3-bay shed spaces.

The Multiple dwelling will include 4 x 2 Bedroom Units, each with a carport and verandah. The proposed units will have an area of 96m².

The subject site is in the Low Density Residential Zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Impact Assessment.

Council issued a confirmation notice on 22 December 2022. Council has sufficient information to assess the application and an information request was not issued. Public notification commenced on 13 February 2023 and ended on 6 March 2023. During this period, members of the public could make submissions.

Public notification has been finalised, and no submissions were received. The application is now in the decision stage with a decision due by 13 April 2023.

1.4	Council reference:	DA22/23-003
	Application:	Development Application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Club, Indoor Sport and Recreation, Educational Establishment and a Multiple Dwelling (4 units)
	Street address:	41 Plover Street, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 1 on SP302027
	Day application was made:	28 November 2022
	Category of assessment:	Impact Assessment
	Public notification required:	Yes
	Applicant:	Justin Griffiths C/- Wall Planning & Environmental Consulting
	Status:	Decision stage

The following application was approved on 16 February 2023 and the decision notice was issued to the applicant. The applicant has a 20 business day Appeal Period within which they can request to negotiate conditions or file an appeal. At this stage, there has been no indication that the applicant will pursue this course. The Appeal Period for the application is expected to finish around 23 March 2023.

1.5	Council reference:	DA22/23-005
	Application:	Development Application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Hospital
	Street address:	Jabiru Street, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 20 on SP255345
	Day application was made:	20 December 2022
	Category of assessment:	Code Assessment
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	Central West Hospital and Health Service C/- QBuild
	Approved:	16 February 2023
Status:	Appeal Period	

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2.General Planning Services, Enquiries and Advice

2.1 Customer Requests

The following customer requests have been received and responded to over the past month:

PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
02/02/23	Applicant	<p><u>Request</u> Council received a request to approve a water connection.</p> <p><u>Advice</u> The site contains two transportable buildings The site is in the Low density residential zone There are no planning approvals for the operation of the transportable buildings Council has advised the applicant that the water connection cannot be approved as there is not a development approval for the use of the transportable buildings.</p>	Closed
06/02/23	Landowner	<p><u>Request</u> Request regarding establishment of a secondary dwelling.</p> <p><u>Advice</u> The is in the Rural zone The site is within the Airport Environs overlay (Buffer Area B and C) The site contains native vegetation – however this will not need to be cleared to site the secondary dwelling A secondary dwelling is captured by the dwelling house definition: A residential use of premises for one household that contains a single dwelling. The use includes domestic out-buildings and works normally associated with a dwelling and may include a secondary dwelling The secondary dwelling would only be considered as such if used by someone in the household group A dwelling house (secondary dwelling) is accepted development in the Rural zone where complying with certain requirements in the Rural zone code Accepted development means no development application for planning</p>	Closed

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Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<p>is required Where one or more of the requirements cannot be met a code assessable development application would be required Building and plumbing approvals would also be required.</p>	
10/02/2023	Landowner	<p><u>Request</u> Request regarding an extension to Short-term accommodation.</p> <p><u>Advice</u> The site is in the Tourism Zone The site is affected by the Airport Environs Overlay (Operational Airspace 236, Runway Buffer Area A, Longreach Airport Public Safety Area) Short-term Accommodation in the Tourism Zone is categorised as Assessable Development requiring Code Assessment A development approval is required before the extension can commence Building and plumbing approvals would also be required.</p>	Closed
24/02/2023	Potential purchaser	<p><u>Request</u> Request regarding establishing a Dwelling house.</p> <p><u>Advice</u> The site is in the Centre zone and contains an existing building The proposal to use the existing building as a single residence would be defined as a Dwelling house A Dwelling house in the Centre zone is subject to Impact assessment Impact assessment is the highest level of assessment and is subject to public notification and third party appeal rights The Centre zone supports a mix of uses including residential, however residential in this instance consists of Multiple dwellings, Caretakers' accommodation, Short term accommodation and Hostels It may be difficult to support a Dwelling house in this zone as it would result in the loss of valuable commercial land.</p>	Closed
27/02/2023	Landowner	<u>Request</u>	Closed

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PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<p>Request regarding establishing Short-term accommodation and fuel bowsers.</p> <p><u>Advice</u> The site is in the Township zone The site adjoins a State-controlled road Short-term accommodation Establishing Short-term accommodation is considered a material change of use (start of a new use) Short-term accommodation where less than 300m² of gross floor area (built form, excludes landscaping and parking areas) in the Township zone is subject to Code assessment Code assessment is the lowest of assessment and where complying with the relevant assessment benchmarks is required to be approved Where exceeding 300m² the application would be subject to Impact assessment Impact assessment is the highest level of assessment and subject to public notification and third party appeal rights The application will require referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency due to the proximity to the state-controlled road.</p> <p>Service station Establishing fuel bowsers on site would be defined as a Service station and would be considered a material change of use (start of a new use) A Service station in the Township zone is subject to Impact assessment An Impact assessable application requires assessment against the entire planning scheme It would need to be demonstrated that the service station is providing a local need and that it will not impact the amenity of surrounding sites The application will require referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) due to the proximity to the state-controlled road.</p>	
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES			
Date received	Customer details	Type	Status
February 2023	Conveyancing	Council received a request for a	Issued

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Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
	company	Standard Planning and Development Certificate for a land holding in the Rural zone.	
February 2023	Conveyancing company	Council received a request for a Standard Planning and Development Certificate for a land holding in the Rural zone.	Issued
February 2023	Conveyancing company	Council received a request for a Standard Planning and Development Certificate for a land holding in the Recreational and open space zone.	Issued
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES			
Nil			
SURVEY PLAN ENDORSEMENT			
Nil			

Development Applications Received

Application Type	February	YTD
Building (Council Certifier)	1	2
Building (Private Certifier)	1	2
Certificate of Classification	0	0
Change of Classification	0	0
Endorsement of Survey Plan	0	0
Exemption Certificate	0	1
Material Change of Use	0	0
Minor Change (MCU)	0	0
Minor Change (Op Works)	0	0
Operational Works	0	0
Plumbing & Drainage	0	0
Reconfiguration of a Lot	0	0
Siting Variation	0	0

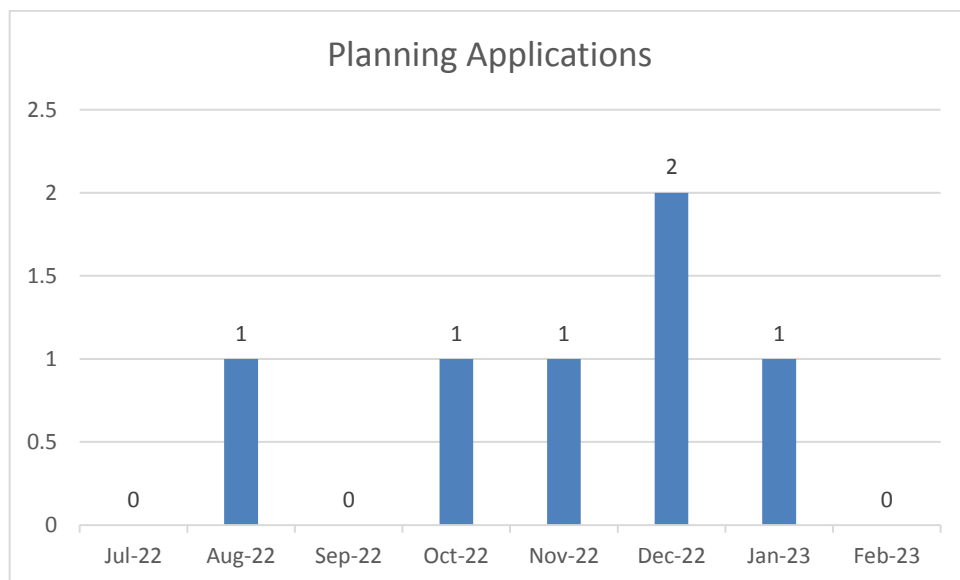
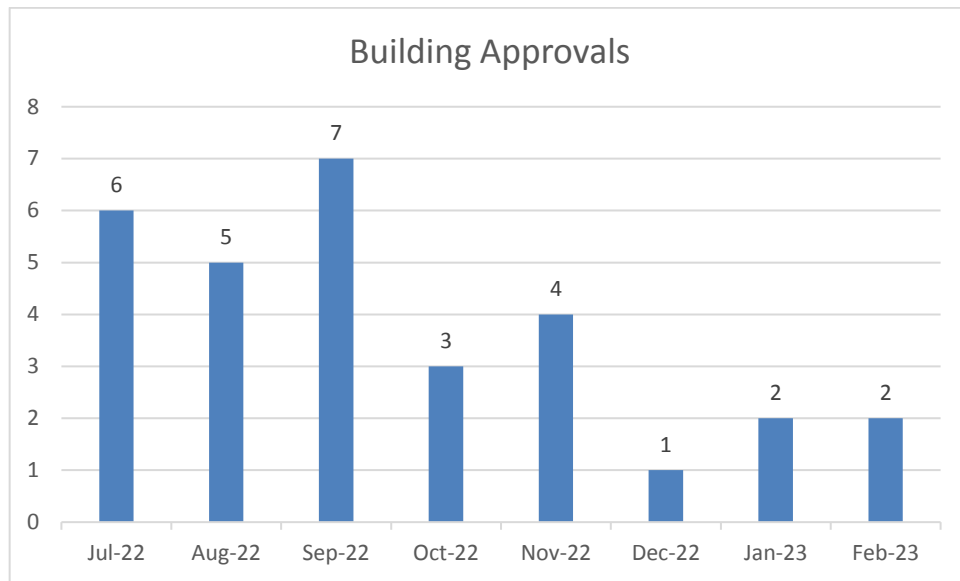
Planning Enquiries

JAN	YTD
5	7

Building Record Searches/Planning Certificates

February	YTD
11	11

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Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme – Proposed Major Amendment Project

Reel Planning has been engaged to assist Council to undertake a proposed major amendment to the *Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015*.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) is presently progressing the State interest review of the proposed planning scheme. This involves DSDILGP coordinating a review of the document by other State Government departments and agencies. DSDILGP then reviews, categorises, if necessary filters and then present the consolidated State comments back to Council for consideration before providing advice to the Planning Minister about the issuing of a State interest review outcome. These comments may be in the form of required amendments, revision suggestions to better reflect a matter of State interest or general advice.

By email to Council of 20 February 2023, DSDILGP issued Council with a pause notice and consolidated State Interest Review comments for consideration. In summary, this feedback consisted of:

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- one (1) required amendment matter – relating to alignment between the proposed new airport environs maps and the airport environs overlay code provisions within the planning scheme
- nineteen (19) revision suggestions/general advice matters, plus one (1) additional correction identified by Reel Planning which was been flagged verbally with DSDILGP.

This is a pleasing result for this stage of a major amendment project.

As noted in last month's reports on this project, Reel Planning has remained in contact with the DSDILGP case officer throughout the State interest review process and has already provided informal responses to 13 of the revision suggestions/general advice matters. An overview of these matters and responses were attached to last month's report. It was noted that "some minor revisions and typographical corrections to the proposed planning scheme will be required to address five (5) of these" matters.

The proposed revision between version 2.0 and 2.1 has been prepared having regard to the outcomes of meetings with Council officers on 27 February 2023 and DSDILGP officers on 7 March 2023. The proposed revision does not change any locally derived policy positions reflected in the proposed planning scheme major amendment. The most significant changes relate to protection of aviation facilities associated with the Longreach Airport which had not been commissioned when the planning scheme was originally prepared and embedding some lighting restrictions to ensure safe airport operations are not compromised – the parameters for the protection measures were taken from existing State and Commonwealth aviation guidelines. While generally outside of the scope of the major amendment proposed by Council, some revisions relating to bushfire hazard risk have also been made to respond to specific concerns the State raised in this regard (and in light of the State releasing more contemporary guidance on this natural hazard). As the revisions are either technical, typographical, derived from existing planning scheme content or derived from a State interest publication/guidance material, it is not proposed or procedurally required to present version 2.1 of the proposed planning scheme major amendment to Council for a formal endorsement/approval resolution before submitting it this version to the State. Responding to DSDILGP by providing version 2.1 provides an option for the Minister to refer to version 2.1 in any notice stating the State interest review outcome and decision regarding approval to proceed to public consultation (ie. instead of, for example, referring to version 2.0 accompanied by amendment condition/s to address matters raised in the State interest review comments).

Once the consolidated response to its notice of 20 February 2023 is provided to DSDILGP, it will continue with preparing the internal brief and recommendations for the Planning Minister.

The next major formal process step is for the Planning Minister to give Council notice, under Chapter 2, Part 4, section 17.5 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules, of:

- the outcome of the State Interest Review;
- whether Council may proceed to publicly consult the proposed major amendment of the planning scheme;
- the communications strategy that Council must implement when proceeding to public consultation.

The Planning Minister is able to include conditions in this notice. This notice is generally required to be issued within 60 business days of the proposed major amendment being lodged for State interest review, less any period subject to a pause notice – so in this instance, now late April 2023.

Risk Management Factors:

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

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Likelihood: Rare
Consequence: Insignificant
Rating: Low (1/25)
Low risk, informational report only.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Planning & Development information report, as presented.

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This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of February for the Community & Cultural Services Department.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Corporate Plan Strategy Area: 1.1 Community Services and Cultural Development

Budget Considerations

As per approved 2022/23 budget

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Community & Cultural Services Officers

Background

Officers are requested to provide an information update to Council on a monthly basis to outline achievements, challenges and statistical information for the various functional areas in Council.

Issue:

LIBRARY SERVICES

Library visits have increased significantly this month with locals back from holidays, new members and a completely different attendance for First5. Many of our former children are now in Childcare and School. The current group are mostly babies and very young children.

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I often mention that one never knows who will visit the library and this month a librarian from the Peabody Library Baltimore, Maryland USA called in for a chat. Often touted as one of the most beautiful libraries in the world and appropriately nicknamed the ‘Cathedral of Books,’ the Peabody Library was built in 1887 under the direction of architect Edmund G. Lind, who lit the famous five Verdigris tiers with dazzling glacial skylight. This library is connected to the John Hopkins University and collections are available for use by the general public, in keeping with the Baltimorean merchant and philanthropist George Peabody’s goal to create a library ‘for the free use of all persons who desire to consult it.’ The interior is so impressive that weddings are frequently held there. Our overseas librarian admired our local library and attended our First5 programme.

Interlibrary loans are a very active section within our library and this month 96 items were sent to various Queensland libraries from our collection. This is not including the 3 monthly exchanges. All postage and transfers within the library are funded for by State Library of Queensland.



Library Statistics (financial year)

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford	
	February	YTD	February	YTD	February	YTD
Items Borrowed	562	981	27	48	13	33
New Members	12	20	0	0	0	1
Total Members	1556		152		65	

Swimming Pools

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford		Yaraka	
	FEB	YTD	FEB	YTD	FEB	YTD	FEB	YTD
Adults	1016	1859	90	177	64	113	7	10
Children	1091	1699	79	139	30	51	8	14

Funeral Services

Cemetery Details / Figures – February 2023	
Funeral Type	
Church & Grave Side Funeral	
Church Service Only	

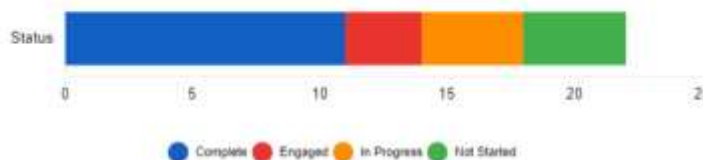
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Graveside Funeral	
Memorial Service	1
Cremation	1
Interment of Ashes - Private / Family Only	
Interment of Ashes - Graveside Service	
Plaques arranged by LRC	2
Undertakers Service Only	

Project Management

Project Status - Portait			
Project	Description	Status	Funded By
CC013 - Childcare Playground Replacement	Defect: Pebbles coming loose. Onsite visit delayed by rain. Date TBC.	Complete	LRCI
CC014 - Longreach Childcare Cabinetry		Complete	LRC
CH022 - 24 Mitchell/15 Flinders - Fence Replacement	Project being delivered by rental agent	Not Started	LRC
CH023 - Jarley Street - Fence Replacement	Project being delivered by rental agent	Not Started	LRC
DM016 - Isisford SES fit-out	Wait till grant variation approval.	Not Started	SES
HC023 - Ilfracombe Rec Centre Aircon		Complete	LRCI
HC024 - Civic Centre Storage	Waiting for install.	Engaged	LRC
LB006 - Longreach Library roof	Pending LRCI funding.	Not Started	LRC
LH010 - New CEO House	Commercial Building Contract Completed	Engaged	LRC
MCM200 - Longreach Cemetery Plinth Repairs		Complete	LRC
PK055 - Edkins Park Shade Structure		Complete	LRC
PK056 - Edkins Park Toilet Block Replacement	Kit dispatched. Scheduled start for 18th March for approx 4 weeks.	Engaged	LRCI
PK060 - Eagle Street Beautification	Pending budget variation through LRCI.	In Progress	LRCI
SG014 - Showground Audio		Complete	LRCI
SG015 - Longreach Netball Court Re-surfacing	Started on 2nd March. To take approx 20 days.	In Progress	Active Gameday
200003 - Civic Centre Internal Painting	Started on 6th March, to take 4-5 weeks.	In Progress	LRCI
200002 - Showgrounds Landscaping		In Progress	LRCI Queen Jubilee Prog Lions
200005 - Longreach Cricket Pitch/Irrigation Replacement		Complete	LRC Active Gameday
300001 - Ilfracombe Rec Centre Flooring		Complete	LRCI
400001 - Isisford MPC Maintenance		Complete	LRCI
400002 - Isisford Park Renovations		Complete	LRCI
500001 - Yaraka Treeline		Complete	LRCI
MSG201 - Showground Electrical conduits	Conduits around bull pens scheduled to be relayed.	In Progress	LRC
OCSOFF - Main Admin building south wall surveying	Surveyor's result report has been sent to structural Engineer.	In Progress	LRC

Project Status



Expenditure to Locals?



Budget vs YTD Actual Expenditure



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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: Rare
Consequence: Insignificant
Rating: Low (1/25)

Low risk, informational report only.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Community & Cultural Services information report, as presented.

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This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of February 2023 for the Infrastructure Department.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Budget Considerations

As per approved 2022/23 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

*Responsible Officer/s: Roger Naidoo, Director of Infrastructure Services
 Guy Goodman, Manager of Operations
 Ingrid Miller, Engineering Technical Officer*

Background:

Officers are requested to provide an information update to Council on a monthly basis to outline achievements, challenges and statistical information for the various functional areas in Council.

Manager of Operations Update - Current projects underway

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
R2R Projects					
Town street reseals (All areas)	10mm PMB reseal	40%	██████████	██████████	Prep work to start in February 2023. Seal scheduled for May 2023.
Longreach – Cassowary Street	Pave & Seal	95%	██████████	██████████	Completed with second seal scheduled in 2023.
Longreach - Kite Street	Pave & Seal	50%	██████████	██████████	Project started in January 2023 – Ergon removed two poles within road corridor.
Isisford – Glenloch Rd	Install Concrete Floodway	5%	██████████	██████████	Project to start in March 2023.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
NDRRA Projects 2021 Event					
Bogewong – Alroy Road	Medium formation grade	50%	██████████	██████████	Project started in January 23.
Withywine - Noonbah Rd	Medium formation grade	50%	██████████	██████████	Project started in November.
Arrilalah Rd	Medium formation grade	50%	██████████	██████████	Project started in February 2023.
Longreach –	Medium	95%	██████████	██████████	Project started in August.

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Total road	formation grade				
Latrobe Access Rd	Medium formation grade	30%			Project started in February 2023.
Old Winton Rd	Medium formation grade	100%			Project started in November. Completed.
Crossmoor Rd	Medium formation grade	40%			Project started in February 2023.
Isisford – Bimerah Road	Medium formation grade	100%			Completed.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
Road Construction					
Grids all Areas	Renewal	100%			Grid replacements identified. Grid installed on Bogewong/Alroy Road. 3 x grids installed on the Morella/Silsoe Road. 1 x grid installed on Back Ck Road. 1 x grid installed on Notus Downs Road.
Ilfracombe Carpark	Pave and seal	98%			Project started in September. Earthworks completed. Seal completed in November 2022. Second seal scheduled for May 2023.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
MWPC					
Cramsie – Muttaborra road	Pave and seal	100%			Project is fully completed, except for the second seal which is scheduled to be completed in March 23.
Longreach – Jundah road	Pave and seal, culvert upgrade	28%			Project to start in August, culverts ordered. Concrete works have commenced. Concrete culverts are being delivered to site. Surveying completed. Crews have commenced worked on detours.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
Town Streets Projects					
Street Maintenance	Pot Hole Patching				Ongoing

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
RMPC Projects					
Ilfracombe – Aramac Road	Heavy Formation Grade	50%	As per RMPC Contract		Project started in February 2023.
Slashing All Areas	Slashing	65%	As per RMPC Contract		Project started in February 2023.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
Isisford Weir Upgrade					
Isisford	Weir upgrade	90%			Project started in July. Project on hold due to river flow. Additional concrete bench seating for the area has arrived.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
LRCI3 Projects					
Longreach	Eagle street asphalt overlay	90%			Asphalt overlay completed. Line-marking to commence early February with the shared zone area programmed to be completed when contractors are available.
Isisford	Pave and seal	20%			Project started in July.

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	airport road.				Carting road base in for sub-grade mixing. Currently mixing sub base to level.
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Project	% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
TIDS				
Longreach Total Road	Upgrade Concrete Floodway	50%		Project started in February 2023.

Maintenance Graders Locations

Note – All available maintenance graders will be working on formation grading projects for the 2021 flood damage in conjunction with normal maintenance grading programme.

Engineering Technical Officer Update

Current projects and operational undertakings underway for 2022/2023

Water & Sewer Projects			
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments
Water Mains Replacement	Isisford	100%	• Works are completed. GBA and the Contractor are conducting the final inspections and testing.
Water Mains Replacement	Longreach	10%	• Replacement locations for Longreach are with GBA. Works to commence during 2023.
SCADA Upgrade (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition)	All areas	30%	• Revised quote for works at Longreach STP received. Works scheduled to commence in 2023.
Sewer Relining Project	Longreach	5%	• Contract has been awarded for identified sewer lines. Works scheduled to commence in 2023.
Smart Water Meter Trial	TBC	5%	• Liaising with Contractor to develop smart meter trail program. In process of acquiring replacement smart meters.
Isisford WTP - UV Treatment	Isisford	15%	• Consultation with the contractor is ongoing. Works are scheduled to commence in early 2023.
Refurbishment of Murray, Shannon & Isisford Dam Pumps	Ilfracombe & Isisford	0%	• Refurbishment of pumps and installation of new pipework, floats and cabling is scheduled to commence during 2023.
Upgrade to Murray McMillan Dam Switchboard	Ilfracombe	15%	• Scope of Works and design for electrical upgrade is complete. Works to be budgeted in 23/24 FY.
Ilfracombe WTP Valve Automation	Ilfracombe	15%	• Valves are being manufactured. Installation to commenced late April/early May 2023.


Waste Projects			
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments
Land Parcels	Longreach	5%	• Survey Plans lodged with DNRME to extend the Longreach Landfill to the west. Outcome expected during March/April 2023.

Grants & Funding Projects		
Project	% Completed	Comments
Passenger Transport Infrastructure Investment Program	15%	• Edkins Park location for Coach Stop has been approved by Translink. • Works to commence once crews are available.

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SES Support Grant 2023/2024	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application for replacement SES Vehicle has been submitted. Outcome to be advised in 2023.
School Transport Infrastructure Program	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications have been successful. Projects will improve safety around school zones at Longreach State High School and Our Lady's School.

Plant & Fleet

Project	Task	Comment
Plant Replacement	Plant Procurement and Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garbage Truck and Flowcon Truck to arrive during March. These are the final plant items to arrive from previous FY. No new plant has arrived during January 2023.
Plant Utilisation	Plant Utilisation data from NAVMAN for Prime Movers, Graders & Loaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant Utilisation Report for Prime Movers, Graders, Yellow Plant & Loaders for December 2022 to February 2023 is attached. Utilisation of plant is generally on target thanks to favourable weather conditions and staff back from leave.
Workshop Operations	General Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of Navman has been very effective in managing timely service of fleet since the system calibration. A new apprentice will commence during March. Leading Hand Mechanic position remains vacant. Online Auction of used plant will occur during March.  <p align="center"><i>Engine rebuild on Scraper in progress.</i></p>

Waste Management

Waste Facilities Update
<p>Longreach Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrap metal collection contractor is scheduled to arrive in April. Instructional signage for waste oil disposal has been installed. Council will participate in a waste management audit with a status report on how Council manages our waste types, the challenges we face and looking at opportunities to improve
<p>Ilfracombe Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor is conducting routine cleaning of the facility.
<p>Isisford Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor conducting twice weekly covering of general waste. Instructional signage for waste oil disposal has been installed.
<p>Yaraka Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor conducting regular covering of general waste. Platform for waste oil tank has been installed. Green Waste signage installed.

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Water & Sewerage

Water Operations
<p>All Sites - Water Treatment & Network - General Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Weir and Dam levels at all sites are shown in Table 1 below. · Routine water network maintenance undertaken and Customer Service Requests responded to as required across all sites. · Team members attended Quarterly Meeting with Water Services Regulator. The Regulator is happy with progress on our DWQMP Risk Management Improvement Plan. <p>Longreach Water Treatment & Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Operating as normal. · Replaced Chlorine delivery line, installed new dosing system for soda ash to adjust pH. <p>Ilfacombe Water Treatment & Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ilfracombe WTP & RO Plant – operating as normal. <p>Isisford Water Treatment & Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Isisford WTP – operating as normal. <p>Yaraka Water Treatment & Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Yaraka WTP – operating as normal.
Sewerage Operations
<p>Longreach Pump Stations & STP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Routine maintenance undertaken as required. · No.2 Sewer Pump Station has had one of the pumps refurbished. <p>Ilfacombe Pump Stations & CED Ponds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Routine maintenance undertaken as required. <p>Isisford Pump Station & CED Ponds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Routine maintenance undertaken as required.

Table 1 – Estimated Current Weir/ Dam Levels (~ approximate level)

Dam	Approx. Current Level (m)	Approx. % Full	DMP Height Full	Comments
Longreach Town Weirs	1.44m	109%	1.32m	Widespread rainfall across the region has resulted in significant fills for all catchments.
Shannon Dam	~13.50m	96%	14.0m	
Murray Macmillan Dam	~8.0m	77%	10.3m	
Isisford Dam	~10.7m	98%	11m	
Isisford Weir	1.3m	100%	1.3m	
Yaraka North Dam	11.5m	92%	12.5m	
Yaraka South Dam	12.0m	96%	12.5m	

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: Rare
 Consequence: Insignificant
 Rating: Low (1/25)
 Low risk, informational report only.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

15. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

15.1 - Information Report - Infrastructure Services



Longreach Construction Crew working on Kite Street widen and seal.



Ilfracombe Construction Crew – Jundah Road rehab job.



Culvert replacement on Stonehenge River Rd.

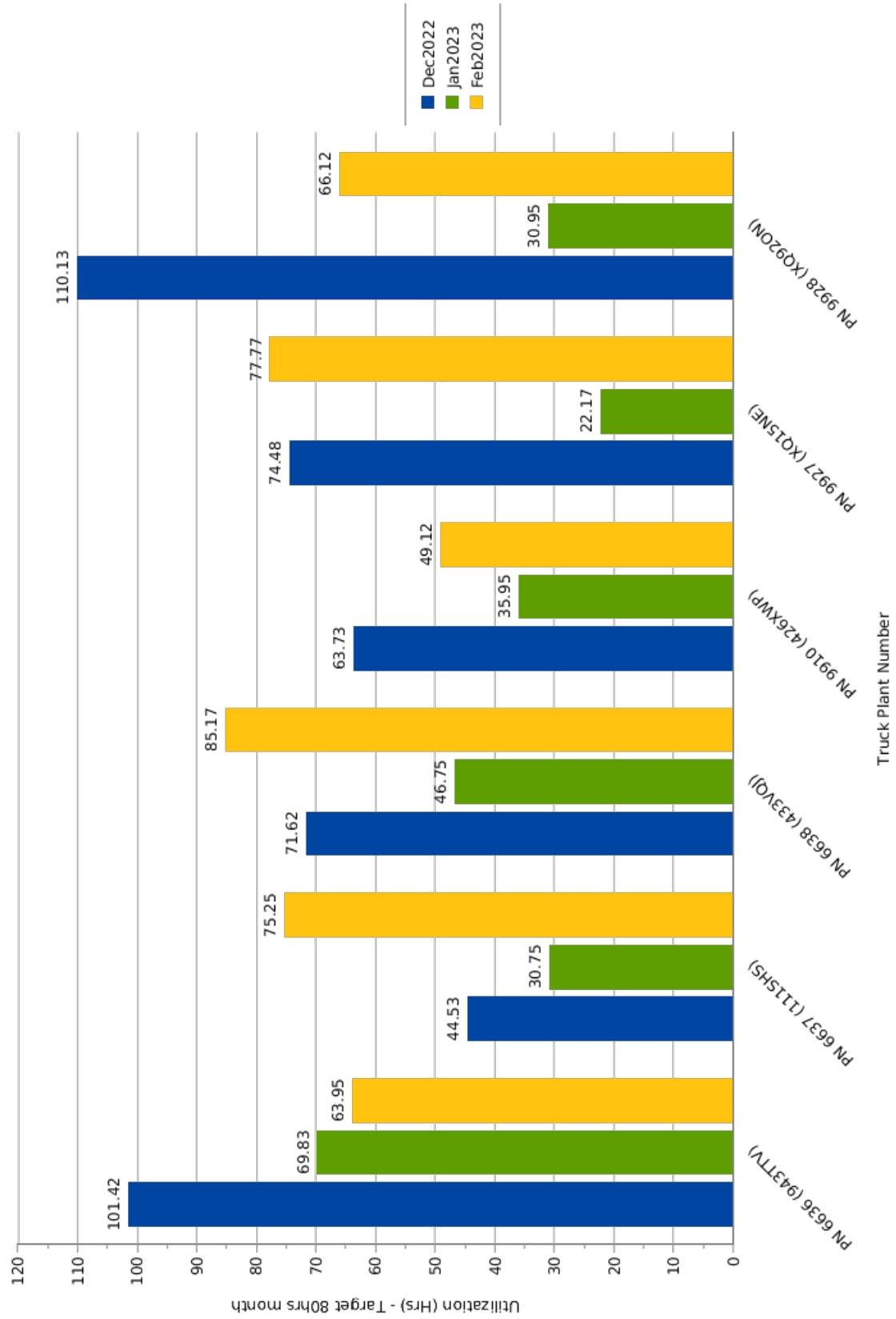
Appendices

1. Plant Utilisation December 2022 - February 2023 [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Infrastructure Information Report, as presented.

Truck Utilisation



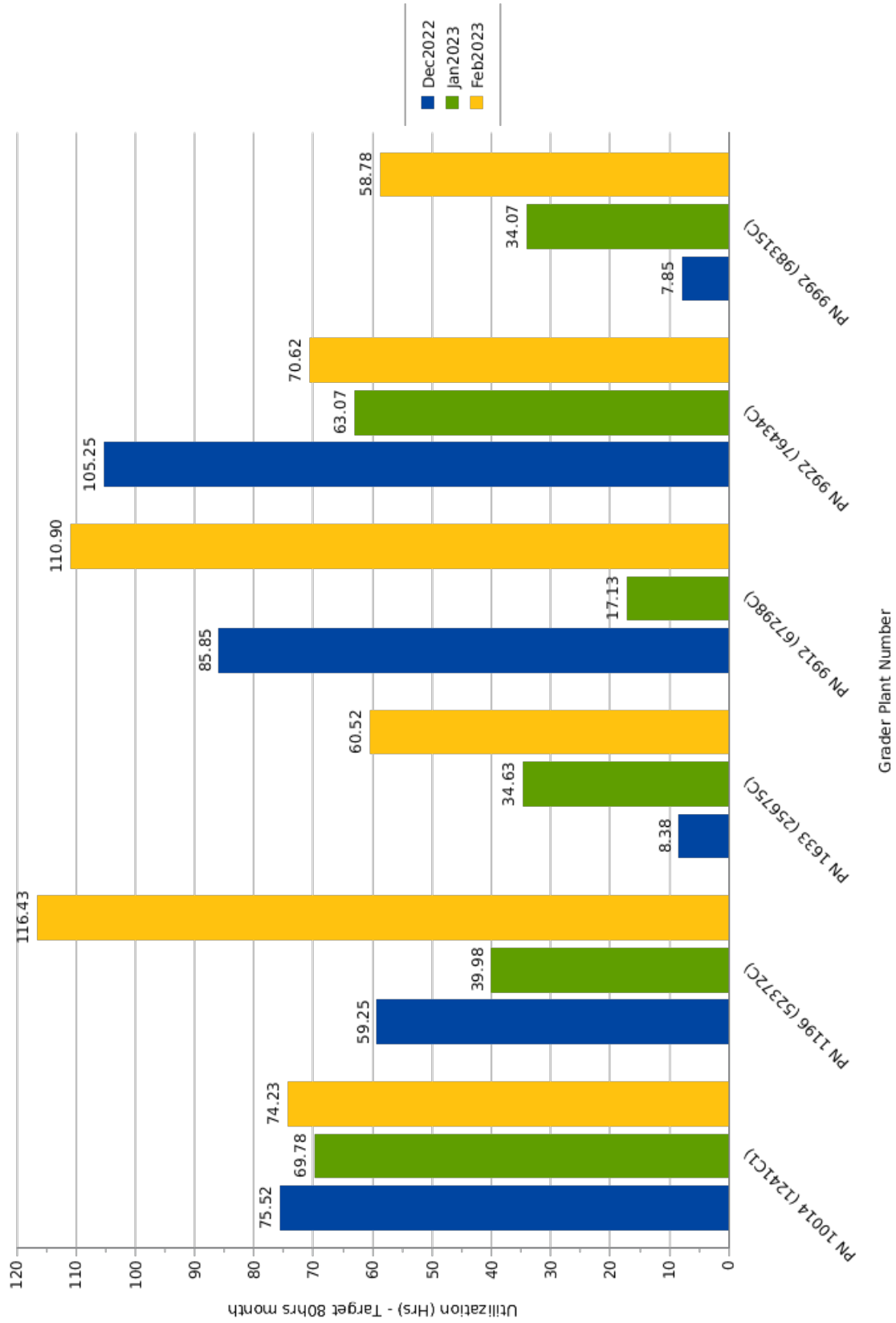
Truck Utilisation

Month	Truck Plant Number					
	PN 6636 (943TTV) Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month	PN 6637 (111SHS) Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month	PN 6638 (433VQJ) Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month	PN 9910 (426XWP) Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month	PN 9927 (XQ15NE) Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month	PN 9928 (XQ92ON) Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month
Dec2022	101.42	44.53	71.62	63.73	74.48	110.13
Jan2023	69.83	30.75	46.75	35.95	22.17	30.95
Feb2023	63.95	75.25	85.17	49.12	77.77	66.12

Notes:

- P6636 - Working on Jundah Rd rehab.
- P6637 - Working on Jundah Rd rehab.
- P6638 - Working on Kite Street widening and then moving on to Isisford Airport Rd.
- P9910 - Working on Jundah Rd rehab.
- P9927 - Working on Jundah Rd rehab.
- P9928 - Working on Jundah Rd rehab.

Grader Utilisation



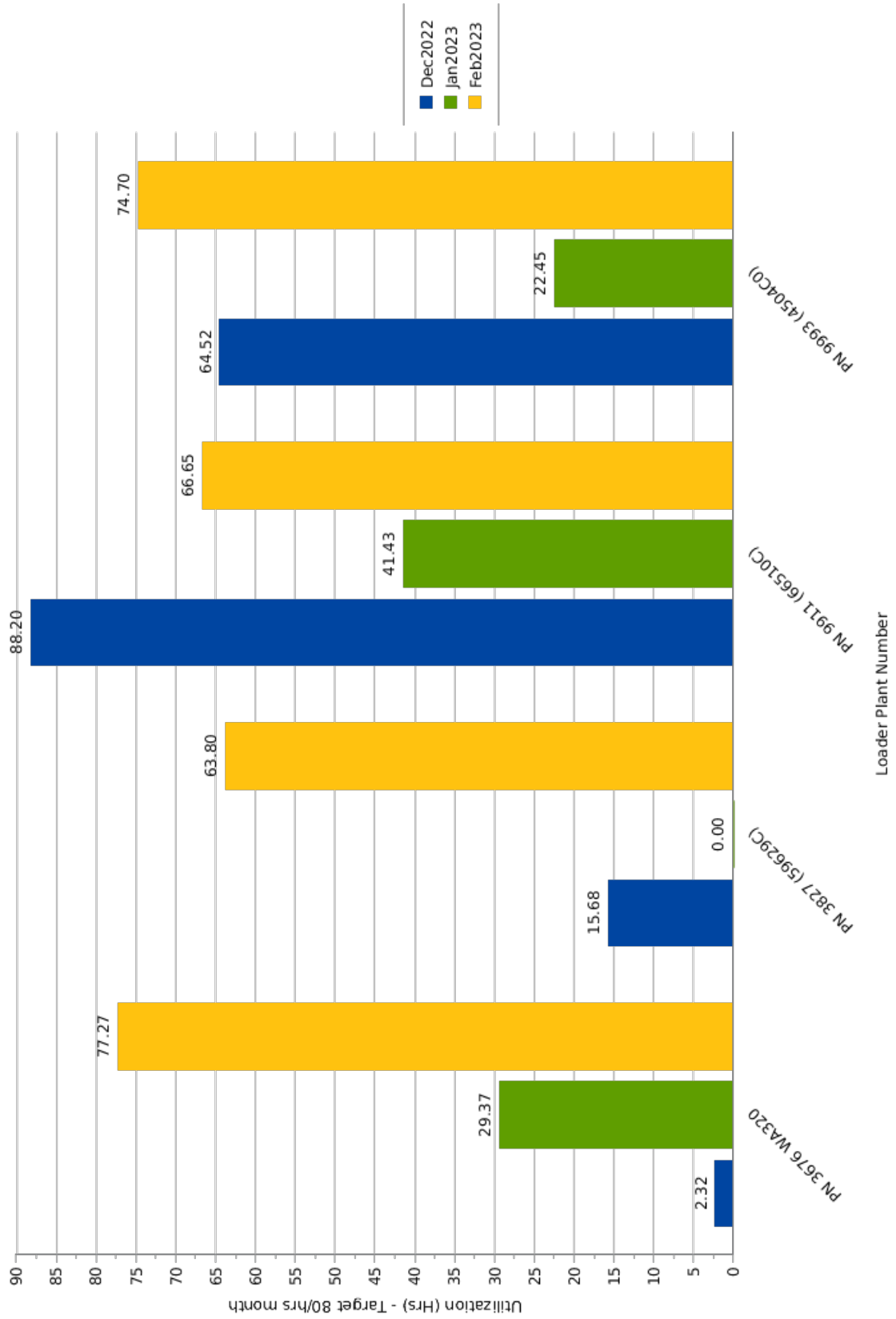
Grader Utilisation

Grader Plant Number	Month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month
PN 10014 (1241C1)	Dec2022	75.52
	Jan2023	69.78
	Feb2023	74.23
PN 1196 (52372C)	Dec2022	59.25
	Jan2023	39.98
	Feb2023	116.43
PN 1633 (25675C)	Dec2022	8.38
	Jan2023	34.63
	Feb2023	60.52
PN 1655 (45335C)	Dec2022	380.73
	Jan2023	70.67
	Feb2023	10.57
PN 9912 (67298C)	Dec2022	85.85
	Jan2023	17.13
	Feb2023	110.90
PN 9922 (76434C)	Dec2022	105.25
	Jan2023	63.07
	Feb2023	70.62
PN 9992 (98315C)	Dec2022	7.85
	Jan2023	34.07
	Feb2023	58.78

Notes:

- P10014 - Working on the Withywine Noonbah Rd.
- P1196 - Working on Crossmoor Rd.
- P1633 - Working on the Stonehenge River Rd.
- P1655 - Navman reporting issue has been fixed by the Workshop. Working on Campsie Glendon Rd.
- P9912 - Working on the Melton Rd.
- P9922 - Working on the Isisford Airstrip Rd.
- P9992 - Working on the Jundah Rd rehab. Operator also allocated to other plant.

Loader Utilisation



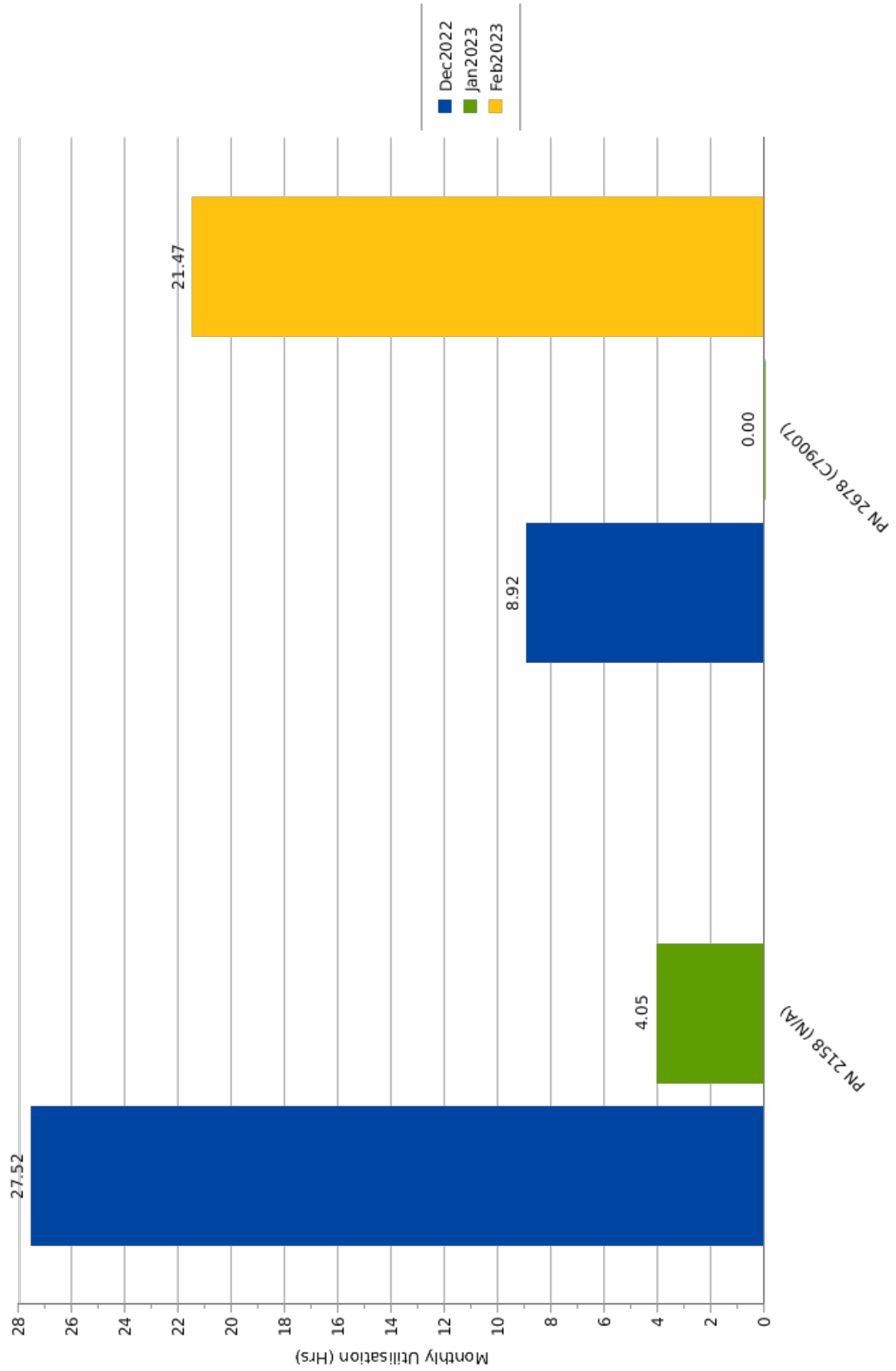
Loader Utilisation

Loader Plant Number	Month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80/hrs month
PN 3676 WA320	Dec2022	2.32
	Jan2023	29.37
	Feb2023	77.27
PN 3827 (59629C)	Dec2022	15.68
	Jan2023	0.00
	Feb2023	63.80
PN 9911 (66510C)	Dec2022	88.20
	Jan2023	41.43
	Feb2023	66.65
PN 9993 (4504C0)	Dec2022	64.52
	Jan2023	22.45
	Feb2023	74.70

Notes:

- P3676 - Working on Kite Street widening.
- P3827 - Working at Isisford Middle Pit.
- P9911 - Working at Crossroads Pit.
- P9993 - Working on Jundah Rd rehab.

Stabiliser & Scraper Utilisation



Stabiliser PN #2678 - Scraper PN #2158

Stabiliser & Scraper Utilisation

Month	Dec2022	Jan2023	Feb2023
	Monthly Utilisation (Hrs)	Monthly Utilisation (Hrs)	Monthly Utilisation (Hrs)
Stabiliser PN #2678 - Scraper PN #2158			
PN 2158 (N/A)	27.52	4.05	-
PN 2678 (C79007)	8.92	0.00	21.47

Notes:

P2158 - Scraper currently in workshop for engine rebuild. Working on Toobrack Rd prior to going into workshop.
 P2678 - Stabiliser currently working on the Kite St widening. Will then move to Isisford and 2 days private hire to Winton Shire.

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16. LATE ITEMS

Nil for this meeting

17. CLOSED MATTERS

Nil for this meeting

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING