



Longreach Regional Council

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Dear Councillors

Re: Meeting Notice for Council Meeting to be held on 16 May 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Council Meeting of the Longreach Regional Council will be held in the Isisford Council Boardroom, 20 Mary St, Isisford on Thursday 16 May 2024 commencing at 9:00am.

The Briefing Session for this meeting will be held in the Fairmount (East) room on Wednesday 15 May 2024 commencing at 9:00am as follows;

Your attendance at these meetings is requested.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Wilson', written over a horizontal line.

David Wilson
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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Thursday 16 May 2024

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Present

Councillors

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner

Cr LJ Nunn

Cr DJ Bignell

Cr AJ Emslie

Cr NA Gay

Cr TM Hatch

Cr AR Watts

Officers

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Director of Communities

Director of Works

Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness

Manager of Governance and Economy

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,
Mayor and Councillors

Brett Walsh

David Wilson

Karyn Stillwell

Andre Pretorius

Grace Jones

Simon Kuttner

Elizabeth Neal

Public Gallery

Nil

Apologies

Nil

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:00am.

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

2 Prayer

Reverend Greg & Kathy Weller, Salvation Army, opened the meeting with a prayer.

3 Condolences

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community members Emma Hasted and Eddie Bowden.

4 Leave of Absence

(Res-2024-04-080)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That an apology from Cr Rayner be accepted and leave of absence granted for the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 16 May 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

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5 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

5.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business

Cr Rayner declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 11.10 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) – 90 Eagle Street, Longreach as he is the owner of the property. He will leave the meeting for the discussion and decision.

5.2 Declaration of a Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Council - Thursday 14 March 2024

(Res-2024-04-081)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 14 March 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

6.5 Council - Thursday 28 March 2024

(Res-2024-04-082)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That the Minutes of the Post-election meeting held on Thursday 28 March 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

This report provides an update on the Mayoral duties that have occurred during the previous month.

(Res-2024-04-083)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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8 Notices of Motion

8.1 Proposed Notice of Motion - Cr Rayner - Consider Changing the Sponsorship Resolution's moved at the February Council Meeting

The notice was sent to all Councillors by Cr Rayner on 4 April 2024 as follows:

Notice is hereby given that I intend to move the following Motion at the Council Meeting to be held on 11 April 2024.

"That Council:

- 1. Reconsiders its recent sponsorship decisions relating to Res 2024-02-040 and Res 2024-02-041, in light of recently changed circumstances; and,*
- 2. If appropriate, repeal Res 2024-02-040 and/or Res 2024-02-041, making new resolutions as required".*

(Res-2024-04-084)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Gay

That Council:

- 3. Reconsiders its recent sponsorship decisions relating to Res 2024-02-040 and Res 2024-02-041, in light of recently changed circumstances; and,*
- 4. If appropriate, repeal Res 2024-02-040 and/or Res 2024-02-041, making new resolutions as required.*

CARRIED 7/0

(Res-2024-04-085)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay

That Council, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07, commits to the allocation of an additional \$5,000 of funds from the 2023-24 Sponsorship budget to Opera Queensland, being for the 2024 Festival of Outback Opera.

CARRIED 7/0

9 Petitions

10 Deputations

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11 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

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

(Res-2024-04-086)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Hatch

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

CARRIED 7/0

11.2 Corporate Branding Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of the Corporate Branding Policy No. 2.4, which has undergone its biennial review.

(Res-2024-04-087)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the Corporate Branding Policy No. 2.4, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.3 Complaints (Administrative Action) Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of the Complaints (Administrative Action) Policy No. 2.8, which has undergone its biennial review.

(Res-2024-04-088)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council adopts the Complaints (Administrative Action) Policy No. 2.8, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.4 Advisory Committee Policy No. 2.31 - Periodic Review

Consideration of a periodic review to the Advisory Committee Policy No. 2.31.

(Res-2024-04-089)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the Advisory Committee Policy No. 2.31, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.5 Workplace of Choice Policy No. 4.15 - Repeal

Consideration to repeal the Workplace of Choice Policy No. 4.15.

(Res-2024-04-090)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Watts

That Council repeals the Workplace of Choice Policy No. 4.15

CARRIED 7/0

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11.6 Longreach Regional Council - Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee

Consideration of the re-appointment of the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee.

(Res-2024-04-091)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Hatch

That Council;

- 1. In accordance with section 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, hereby reappoints a Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee to make recommendations to Council on relevant issues as per the Terms of Reference;*
- 2. In accordance with section 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, hereby appoints the following persons as members of the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee:*
 - i) Cr Bignell*
 - ii) Cr Gay*
- 3. Continues the appointment of the following current committee members of the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee with a term expiring 31 March 2025:*
 - i) Division 1: Paul McClymont and Keith Gordon*
 - ii) Division 2: Adrian Brown, Matthew Brown and Matt Carr*
 - iii) Division 3: Duncan Emmott, Peter Spence and Robert Pearce*
 - iv) Division 4: Harry Glasson, David Morton and Andrew Pegler .*

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:26am.

The meeting resumed at 10:56am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

11.7 Annual Operational Plan 2023-24 - Review for Period Ending 31 March 2024

Consideration of the 2023-24 Annual Operational Plan review for the period ending 31 March 2024.

(Res-2024-04-092)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

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 2023-24 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 31 March 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

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11.8 Small Business Friendly Councils Program

Consideration of possible membership of the Small Business Friendly (SBF) Program, coordinated by the Queensland Small Business Commissioner (QSBC).

(Res-2024-04-093)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Watts

That Council:

- 1. Commits to joining the Small Business Friendly Program;*
- 2. Takes all steps necessary to meet the requirements of the program; and,*
- 3. Authorises the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Small Business Friendly Program Charter.*

CARRIED 7/0

11.9 Major amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2)

Consideration to adopt the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2) and decide its commencement date.

(Res-2024-04-094)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Major amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2) in accordance with Section 22.1 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules;*
- 2. Sets Monday 6 May 2024 as the commencement date for the Major amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2); and,*
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to give effect to the Major amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2).*

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance: Cr Rayner left the Meeting at 12:06pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Nunn, assumed the Chair at 12:06pm.

11.10 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 90 Eagle Street, Longreach.

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on March 20 2024, for a shed to be positioned on land located at 90 Eagle Street, Longreach and described as Lot 1 on RP891089.

(Res-2024-04-095)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council approves the siting variation of a shed to be positioned on the rear boundary with a 1 metre setback from the side boundary at 90 Eagle Street, Longreach, and formally described as Lot 1 on RP891089, pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the Building Act 1975, Planning Act 2016 and schedule 9, table 3 of the Planning Regulations 2017.

CARRIED 6/0

Crs Bignell, Emslie, Gay, Hatch, Nunn and Watts voted for the resolution.

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Attendance: Cr Rayner returned to the Meeting at 12:10pm.

The Mayor, Cr Rayner, resumed the Chair at 12:10pm.

11.11 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - March 2024

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 29 March 2024, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2024-04-096)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety Update for March 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.12 Information Report - Planning and Development

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the previous month.

(Res-2024-04-097)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Watts

That Council receives the Planning and Development information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.13 Information Report - Governance

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

(Res-2024-04-098)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:38am.

The meeting resumed at 1:10am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

12 Financial Services Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Financial Officer's Report

12.1 Information Report - Finance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the previous month for the Finance Directorate.

(Res-2024-04-099)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Finance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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12.2 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 March 2024.

(Res-2024-04-100)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 March 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

12.3 Budget Adjustment

Budget adjustments are requested for two capital projects. The requests are outside of the normal quarterly budget review as a decision is required before the May 2024 meeting.

(Res-2024-04-101)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council approves the budget adjustments, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

13 Community Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director of Community Services' Report

13.1 Community Donations - Individuals

Considerations of applications received for the month of April 2024 in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

(Res-2024-04-102)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Kobe Jackson</i>	<i>North West Netball</i>	<i>27/04/24 - 1/05/24</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Laylah Williamson</i>	<i>North West Netball</i>	<i>27/04/24 - 1/05/24</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Sophie Elms</i>	<i>North West Netball</i>	<i>27/04/24 - 1/05/24</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>North West Netball</i>	<i>27/04/24 - 1/05/24</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
TOTAL			\$1,400.00

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13.2 Community Donations - Longreach Athletics Club

Consideration of a Community Donations application received in April in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

(Res-2024-04-103)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Longreach Athletics Group	40 Years of Celebration and Coaching Workshop	Financial \$3,900.00 In-Kind \$1,053.70	Financial \$3,900.00 In-Kind \$1,053.70
		TOTAL \$4,953.70	TOTAL \$4,953.70

CARRIED 7/0

13.3 Request for name change to the Poultry Pavilion at the Longreach Showgrounds.

Consideration of a request from the Longreach Show Society to change the name of the Poultry Pavilion at the Longreach Showgrounds to 'The Peter Oakey Poultry Pavilion'.

(Res-2024-04-104)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council approves for the renaming of the Poultry Pavilion at the Longreach Showground to 'The Peter Oakey Poultry Pavilion' and grants permission to the Longreach Show Society to install a plaque on the building.

CARRIED 7/0

13.4 Application for Works on Council Owned Land - Storage shed at the Multipurpose Court, Ilfracombe

Consideration of an 'Application for Works on Council Owned Land' from the Ilfracombe and District Sport and Recreation Association Inc. to construct a storage shed at the soon to be built multipurpose courts located at the Ilfracombe Rec Centre.

(Res-2024-04-105)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

That Council grants the Ilfracombe Sport and District Recreation Association Inc. permission to construct the proposed storage shed at the Ilfracombe Recreation Centre, subject to further discussions with officers regarding precise location, lease and maintenance issues, and obtaining a Building Development Approval.

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13.5 Application for Works on Council Owned Land - Storage shed at Longreach Aquatic Centre

Consideration of an 'Application for Works on Council Owned Land' from the Longreach Amateur Swimming Club to construct a storage shed/Club house at the Longreach Memorial Pool and Aquatic Centre.

(Res-2024-04-106)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council grants the Longreach Amateur Swimming Club permission to construct the proposed storage shed at the Longreach Memorial Pool and Aquatic Centre, subject to further discussions with officers regarding precise location, lease and maintenance issues, and obtaining a Building Development Approval.

CARRIED 7/0

13.6 Information Report - Community

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of March for the Community Directorate.

(Res-2024-04-107)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Community Information Report for March 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

14 Works Report

14.1 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of March 2024 for the Works Directorate.

(Res-2024-04-108)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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15 Late Items

15.1 CUC RAPAD - Country Universities Centre

(Res-2024-04-109)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council:

- 1. Agrees to become a member of the proposed CUC RAPAD entity;*
- 2. Appoints the Mayor, Cr Tony Rayner, to act as its nominated director of the proposed CUC RAPAD entity; and,*
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to inform RAPAD of these decisions and bring them into effect.*

CARRIED 7/0

15.2 Application for works on Council owned land - Swab box at Isisford Racecourse

Consideration of an 'Application for Works on Council Owned Land' from the Isisford Race Club Inc. to install a new compliant swab box at the Isisford Racecourse.

(Res-2024-04-110)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Watts

That Council grants the Isisford Race Club Inc. permission to install the swab box at the Isisford Racecourse, subject to further discussions with officers regarding precise location, lease and maintenance issues, and obtaining a Building Development Approval.

CARRIED 7/0

15.3 ORRTG - Route Funding Priority Framework

Consideration of Council's priority routes for advancement through the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group (ORRTG).

(Res-2024-04-111)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, pursuant to the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group Route Funding Priority Framework, identifies the following roads for Funding Priority mapping:

- 1. The Thomson Developmental Road between Longreach and Stonehenge, for widening, as a Priority One road under the framework;*
- 2. The Cramsie - Muttaborra Road and Isisford - Ilfracombe Road, as Priority Two roads under the framework; and,*
- 3. The Isisford - Emmet Road, Ilfracombe - Aramac Road, Bimerah - Isisford Road and Emmet - Yaraka Road as Priority Three roads under the framework.*

CARRIED 7/0

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16 Closed Matters

(Res-2024-04-112)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That pursuant to section 242J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed, at 2:47pm, to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated:

16.1 Proposed Sale of Lot 201 on SP340125; 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 7/0

(Res-2024-04-113)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

That Council moves out of closed session, at 3:35pm, to vote on item 16.1 Proposed Sale of Lot 201 on SP340125.

CARRIED 7/0

16.1 Proposed Sale of Lot 201 on SP340125

Consideration of a revised offer for the purchase of Lot 201 on SP340125.

(Res-2024-04-114)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

That Council approves the sale of Lot 201 on SP340125 and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to negotiate the final terms and enter into a contract of sale and an Infrastructure Agreement with IRBS 4 Pty Ltd ATF IRBS 4 Trust.

CARRIED 7/0

17 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3:37pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr A Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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7. Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

The Mayor attended meetings and engagements in the time since the last Council meeting, including but not limited to:

- Mayor attended Central West Fire Management Group Meeting
- Mayor attended the Longreach DDMG Meeting
- Represented Council at the Longreach ANZAC Day Service
- Mayor along with the Councillors and ELT attended Community Forums in Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford & Yaraka
- Mayor attended a monthly RAPAD Teams Meeting
- Mayor attended the LGAQ Mayoral Forum & attended the AICD Course for Mayors
- Mayor attended the WQAC Leadership Group Meeting

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented..

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. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.1 – Councillor Information Correspondence

11. Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 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 3 May 2024:

1. Installation of Culverts on Crows Lane
2. Churchill Fellowships - Winston Churchill Trust
3. New Business Growth Fund Launched
4. Letter-Net zero LPG a solution to Queensland's renewable energy needs
5. Pathway to Zero Emissions for LPG - Frontier Economics
6. Queensland South Native Title Services CEO, Mr Tim Wishart-Introductory Letter
7. Deputy Director-General, Planning Group - HAAPOLA Bill - Planning Regulation, MGR and DA rules consultation
8. DDG, Planning Group - Copy of Government Gazette Notices
9. Dist 8-Central West representative

10. TMR Bike Riding Encouragement Program Community Grants

11. Queensland Invasive Plants and Animals Strategy Stakeholder Letter for Public Consultation

Appendices

1. LET-14-03-2024-Installation of Culverts on Crows Lane [↓](#)
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Recommendation:

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

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SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS

I write this letter representing myself and the residents of 41 – 59 Eagle Street Longreach Qld.

We the Residents of 41-59 Eagle Street have back lane access to our properties on Crow's Lane and we are requesting that the Longreach Regional Council put 2 culverts in one on each end of the lane way. *Please see attached map for an understanding of the request.*

The reason we are asking for these works to be carried out is because of the difficulty we face during any rain events that prevents us accessing our properties via the back lane.

When it rains the water runs down the cement gutters on the opposite side of Eagle Street from Plover and Swallow Street which causes the dirt roads on our side which is black soil becomes unusable and no one can access this lane until it dries out.

Some of the residents between 41-59 Eagle Street have local businesses and need to be able to access their properties via Crows Lane every day.

This access issue to the lane way can last up to a week or more depending on the amount of rain that falls.

If you need any other additional information or to discuss our proposal, please contact us as we would be more than happy to sit down and discuss with the Longreach Regional Council.

Regards

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Kind regards

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15 March 2024

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This program offers grants of \$50,000 to \$75,000 to support the purchase of specialised equipment as a co-contribution with eligible businesses.

Interested businesses will be invited to submit an expression of interest from 9am on Wednesday 1 May.

The Business Growth Fund has supported Verified Energy, which is based in Eagle Farm, to purchase specialised testing equipment and software to improve their service to energy and electronic vehicle infrastructure projects and Callide Manufacturing Company in Biloela was supported to buy new machining equipment to improve their productivity, better serve customers in different industries and grow their operation.

For more information visit: www.business.qld.gov.au/growthfund.

Business Growth Fund dates

Expressions of Interest open: 9am Wednesday 1 May 2024

Expressions of Interest close: 5pm Tuesday 14 May 2024



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22 April 2024

Net zero LPG a solution to Queensland's renewable energy needs

Dear Mayor Rayner,

Over 607,000 Queensland homeowners – 27.5% of all Queensland homes – rely on LPG for their in-home cooking, hot water and/or heating requirements. That is distinct from outdoor recreational uses or, indeed, its many commercial, industrial and farming uses.

LPG is different from natural gas in that it can demonstrate no fewer than eight credible, commercially viable and relatively easy paths for the Australian LPG sector to achieve not only net zero emissions, but actual zero, by 2050.

LPG supply can begin this transition from as soon as 2025-26, offering Queenslanders another important string in their bow to deliver on emissions targets. We see these developments as complementary to the objectives in shifting to renewable energy, while offering customers diversity in choosing the zero energy sources that best suit their needs.

By way of background, GEA is the national peak body representing the downstream gas fuels industry, encompassing LPG and associated gases – including a raft of new renewable gases such as bioLPG, synthetic renewable LPG (rLPG) and renewable Dimethyl Ether (rDME). The industry comprises major companies, medium and small businesses across the gas fuels supply chain including producers, refiners, fuel marketers, equipment manufacturers, gas transporters, consultants and service providers.

No doubt you will be aware of the natural gas ban on new connections in Victoria and the ACT. In both jurisdictions LPG is exempt from these bans, owing to the ability of our sector to be net zero over the same timeframe as the electricity grid, without the hefty price tag for consumers or taxpayers.

Further, we are working with Federal and State Governments on LPG's ability to complement decarbonisation via electrification.

As a fuel that predominantly provides energy for the regions, these renewable LPG alternatives are particularly important for regional and remote Queensland communities heavily reliant on distributed energy and with fewer renewable and clean alternatives available.

We are keen to discuss this work with you at your earliest convenience. We want to work with you on policies and approaches so Queenslanders can benefit from the most cost-effective and reliable way for them to achieve zero emissions.

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Importantly, unlike others in this space, we are not seeking any government assistance... no handouts, subsidies, joint project funding or the like. We simply seek a level playing field. That is, recognition and inclusion of renewable LPG technologies in the array of government considerations, programs and mechanisms so Queensland homeowners and businesses can choose the path to zero best for them.

GEA has released modelling by Frontier Economics on how LPG can transition to a decarbonised gas. It details the advent of net zero bioLPG, which is created via various waste products and as a by-product of biodiesel and Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production using the Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) process. The CSIRO projects some 15 plants across Australia producing SAF, with at least two facilities earmarked for Gladstone over the next two years.

Synthetic renewable LPG (rLPG), sourced from green hydrogen (H₂) and carbon dioxide (CO₂), is an actual zero gas, in that, the only CO₂ it expels upon burning is the same CO₂ that was used in its making. The impact on the environment is zero. As the Frontier Economics research shows, it is expected in the Australian market from the mid-2030s.

The huge benefit of bioLPG and rLPG is they are one-for-one replacements for conventional LPG. No changes are required for existing cylinders, pipes or appliances and equipment. This means no additional capital costs for homes, businesses, farms or recreational users.

Further, the availability through the transition of renewable DiMethyl Ether (rDME) is another fillip for the LPG sector, in that, it can be blended up to 20% capacity with LPG, bioLPG and/or rLPG. This blend also requires no change to equipment or appliances, providing even greater flexibility and reliability in renewable gas supply.

Explanation of renewable gases to achieve net zero & actual zero emissions

A short explanation from the Frontier Economics report of bioLPG, rLPG and rDME:

BioLPG:

- Derived from plant and vegetable waste.
- Derived as a by-product from biodiesel and/or Sustainable Aviation Fuel production using the HVO process.
- Identical to LPG. A simple 'drop in' replacement.
- Same storage, transport infrastructure and appliances. No change. No additional capital costs.
- Is net zero.
- Potential to be actual zero as related sectors (i.e. farming and transport) reduce their emissions.

rLPG:

- Synthetically produced from green hydrogen and CO₂.
- Identical to LPG. A simple 'drop in' replacement.
- Same storage, transport infrastructure and appliances. No change. No additional capital costs.
- Is an actual zero gas – that is, the only CO₂ expelled in its use is what was used in its creation. No offsets are required.

rDME:

- Derived from methanol.
- Chemically similar to LPG (propane and butane).

- Can be blended with LPG, bioLPG or rLPG up to 20% with no change to appliances.
- It can fully replace LPG, however, would require minor changes to existing appliances.
- Derived from gasification and catalytic synthesis or electrolysis (i.e. green H2) and catalytic synthesis.
- It is net zero, but can be actual zero as related sectors (i.e. transport) reduce their emissions.

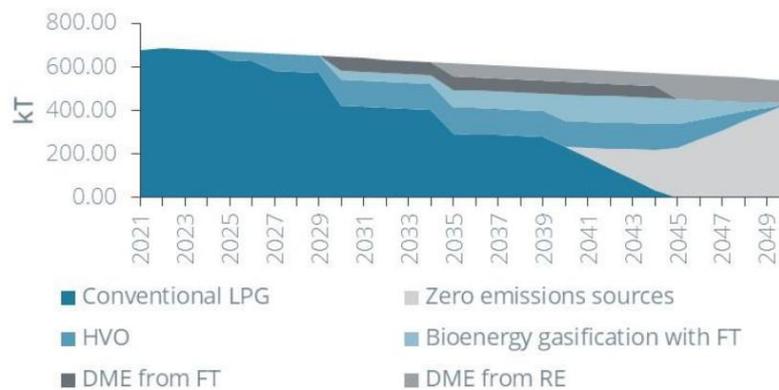
Typically, to achieve net zero energy requires offsets. However, these technology pathways show how LPG can be actual zero. That is, capturing the same CO2 in its production that is expended when it is used – meaning no offsets are needed.

The Frontier Economics modelling charts one of the many paths for LPG to decarbonise comprising of:

1. BioLPG produced as a by-product of biodiesel or SAF through the HVO process – from 2025-26.
2. BioLPG produced as by-product of biodiesel or SAF through gasification with the Fischer-Tropsch process – by 2030.
3. rDME produced from biomass blended – by 2030.
4. rDME produced from renewable energy blended – by 2035.
5. Synthetic rLPG produced through a Power-to-Liquids pathway – by 2035.
6. Conventional LPG phased-out and replaced by bioLPG and rLPG – by 2045.
7. Only synthetic rLPG in market by 2050.

This transition pathway is illustrated in **Figure 1** below.

Figure 1: LPG transition pathway



Source: Frontier Economics, Pathway to zero emissions for LPG, January 2023.

In Australia, and importantly in Queensland, it is expected that bioLPG from the HVO process would come as a by-product of production of biodiesel and/or SAF, as is the case globally. Production and use of biodiesel and SAF are likely to increase as part of the transition to net zero as transport industries seek to lower its emissions.

There are two sizeable biodiesel and SAF projects in the planning for Gladstone in Queensland, including:

- **Sherdar Australia Bio Refinery:** Sherdar Australia is currently proposing to develop Australia's first biodiesel refinery and storage plant. There is currently no location for the project, however the proposal would cost \$600 million, and the site would be able

to produce 500,000 tonnes per year of biodiesel and SAF upon completion. Proposed feedstocks for production at the site include animal fats, seed oil and waste greases.¹

- **Oceania Biofuels Project, Gladstone QLD:** Gladstone, Queensland was selected as the site in April 2022 for a \$500 million biodiesel and SAF refinery. The project proposes to use locally sourced tallow, canola and used cooking oil to produce 350 million litres of SAF and biodiesel per year. Construction is planned to begin in 2023 and operations by 2025².

In August 2023, the CSIRO released its '*Sustainable Aviation Fuel Roadmap*', which found that by 2025 Australia will have sufficient feedstock to generate 5 billion litres of SAF each year, requiring 15 biorefineries with bioLPG as a by-product.

The exponential growth of this sector has the potential to replace all conventional LPG with bioLPG, which would abate up to 1.5 million tonnes of CO₂-e each year.

However, come 2035 and the upscale of the green Hydrogen sector, the advent of renewable synthetic LPG (rLPG), derived from green Hydrogen and CO₂ from the atmosphere, is an actual zero emitting gas. The only CO₂ expelled when it is burned is what was captured when it was made – meaning it has a zero impact on the environment and, as such, requires no offsets.

Based on current national LPG demand that equates to the removal of 1.94 million tonnes of CO₂-e from the atmosphere each year, all while continuing to use a renewable gas (rLPG) that is cost-effective, reliable, relatively easy to transition and can be an important complement to electrification.

To be clear, by 2050, the LPG industry will have fully abated its current fuel emissions of (32PJ's [32x10⁶ 60.6kgCO₂e/GJ*] 1.94 million tonnes CO₂-e per year.

LPG stands to not only continue in its current uses – including in over 2 million Australian households for in-home cooking heating and hot water, as well as some 130,000 commercial and industrial businesses – but to significantly increase this footprint as a renewable, flexible and reliable energy source.

It is expected rLPG will be available in Australia from the mid-2030s. The modelling detailed in the research attached shows that by 2045, only bioLPG and rLPG are in use in Australia. That is, all conventional LPG will have been replaced. And, that by 2050, actual zero rLPG replaces all LPG uses.

Hopefully, this summary provides a worthwhile snapshot of the opportunities for LPG to be an important partner with government in achieving carbon reduction targets, while also relieving families and businesses from additional and unnecessary costs in switching from gas to electricity, which is cost-prohibitive for most.

Indeed, switching from gas to all-electric appliances would cost homeowners almost \$12,000 in appliance and install costs alone. Further, this switch typically requires home power supply upgrades (from Phase 1 to Phase 3 wiring), which, depending on appliances and dwelling size, can take total outlays up to \$40,000-\$50,000 per premise.

The benefits are many:

¹ Brelsford, *Plans launched for Australia's first renewable diesel, storage complex*, Oil & Gas Journal, 2021.

² Oceania Biofuels, *Our Australian Project*, 2022, <https://oceaniabiofuels.com.au/port-of-gladstone/>

- For those already with LPG there is no need to make the expensive switch to electricity. Net zero bioLPG will be available over the same transition time frame as net zero electricity via the grid, but without the hefty price tag.
- For those building a new home, electrification is not the only option to be net zero. With LPG appliances half the price of electrical appliances and LPG being a reliable and affordable source of home cooking, hot water and heating, people have flexibility if, or when, the electricity grid falters.
- Those with natural gas in the home concerned about government plans to cajole them onto electricity, it is easier and cheaper to switch from natural gas to LPG. Making this change typically requires only minor changes by a licensed gasfitter to existing appliances, running to just a few hundred dollars.

These options mean families and businesses can go on using the gas they know, love and trust, while being net zero and, importantly, saving money.

The contribution LPG can make to emissions reductions to 2030 and then to 2050 and beyond can greatly assist in taking pressure off the electricity grid to ensure greater reliability of energy to meet Queensland's needs.

Again, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and/or your staff at your earliest convenience to discuss these findings and the opportunities they present.

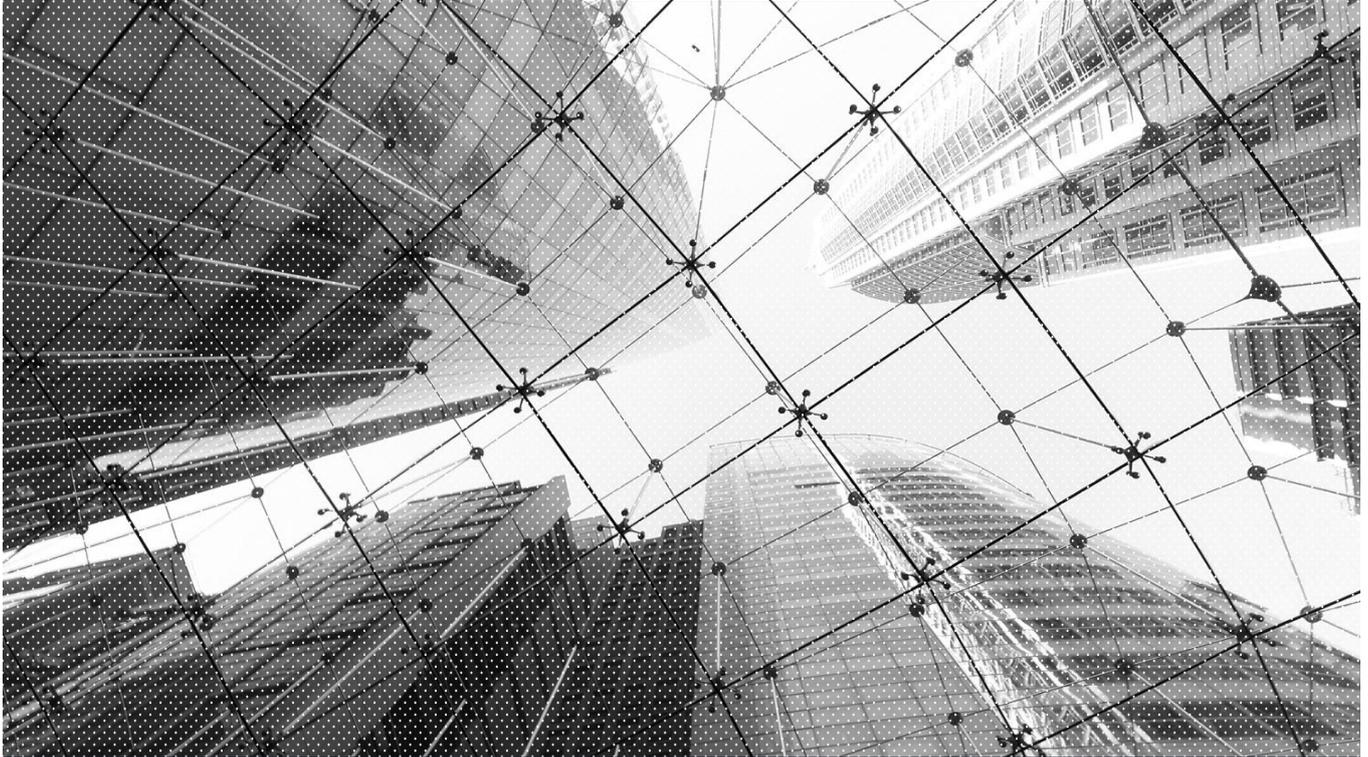
Ideally, we would be pleased to meet with you and/or your staff virtually via Teams, along with other interested councils, to capture as many jurisdictions as possible at once.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards,



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Pathway to zero emissions for LPG



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Executive Summary

Background and objective of report

Frontier Economics has been engaged by Gas Energy Australia (GEA) and the Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT) to undertake a study on the pathway for Australia's LPG sector as the economy moves to net zero emissions.

LPG is widely used in Australia by residential, commercial, recreational and industrial customers, particularly in regional and remote areas. Compared to alternative sources of fuel, particularly electricity and other liquid fuels, LPG has been an affordable and lower emitting energy source. As Australia's economy transitions towards net zero emissions, it is clear that the LPG sector will need to change if it is to continue to play a role in meeting the energy needs of Australian households and businesses.

In particular, with the increasing availability of high efficiency electrical appliances, and the expectation that electricity will increasingly be supplied from renewable sources, there are questions about the extent to which the LPG sector can compete with electricity on both emissions reductions and price.

This report considers the pathway to zero for Australia's LPG sector by outlining some of the key technological options by which the LPG sector can deliver low-emissions or zero-emissions gas to its customers and developing a potential transition path by which LPG can achieve zero-emissions by 2050.

We also investigate the competitiveness of LPG for consumers, in comparison with electrification, through case studies that investigate the comparative total costs to customers, and comparative carbon emissions, of remaining with LPG appliances or switching to electrical appliances. These case studies are provided in separate reports provided to GEA and AGIT.

LPG in Australia

Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is a high-density fuel that is widely used by residential, commercial, recreational and industrial customers, typically for space heating, water heating, cooking and process heat. LPG consists of propane and/or butane gases. These are relatively easy to liquefy under mild pressurisation, which allows LPG to be easily transported, distributed and stored.

In Australia, the uses of LPG are often broken down into two distinct components – traditional demand and autogas demand.

Autogas was a key driver of the growth in LPG demand throughout the 1980s and 1990s due to the emergence of retail options for LPG-fuelled transport vehicles. However, changes in government policy combined with improved efficiencies of petrol and diesel fuelled vehicles and changes in consumer tastes have seen the LPG-automotive industry begin to decline over the past decade.

Traditional demand refers to the sources of demand for LPG that are not autogas and include sectors such as manufacturing, commercial, residential and agriculture. Total traditional demand has been relatively constant over the previous decade.



The trends for traditional demand vary by state and territory, driven in part by population, climate and local industries. Some jurisdictions have seen growth in traditional demand for LPG since 2008, while other jurisdictions have seen relatively constant or declining demand.

LPG is used in the residential sector in every state and territory, with total volume of LPG used per state reflecting variations in population, climate and the availability of natural gas. Some notable characteristics of the residential sector include:

- Most LPG users in each state are outside capital cities, reflecting the fact that LPG is often a substitute for those isolated from gas networks. LPG is relied on by a large number of households in Australia – around 14% of households, on average, in capital cities and around 29% of households, on average, outside of capital cities.
- Patterns of consumption of LPG across the States and Territories are generally similar.
 - LPG for water heating accounts for the largest proportion of LPG use by households across Australia and has been steadily growing in all jurisdictions.
 - LPG for cooking accounts for the second largest proportion of LPG use by households across Australia and has remained relatively constant over the period since 2008.
 - LPG consumption for space conditioning currently accounts for the smallest proportion of household LPG consumption in all jurisdictions and is declining in all jurisdictions.

With respect to supply, LPG has traditionally been produced in Australia in conjunction with refining of crude oil however the production of LPG from natural gas streams has been steadily increasing.

A notable feature of the supply of LPG in Australia is that despite Australia's consistent status as a net-exporter of LPG, as much as 41% of Australian domestic LPG consumption has been satisfied by imports in recent years. Exports occur from parts of Australia where LPG supply exceeds local demand, and imports occur in parts of Australia where local demand cannot be met by local supply.

LPG and the Transition to Net Zero

The CO₂-e emissions intensity of LPG is lower than the emissions intensity of most alternative sources of energy. For example, the emissions intensity of LPG is 67% of the emissions intensity of black coal, 86% of the emissions intensity of diesel, and 32% of the emissions intensity of electricity in the National Electricity Market (based on the current generation mix).¹

However, total emissions are a function of emissions intensity as well as energy usage, which is determined by the energy efficiency of appliances. Electrical appliances can be significantly more efficient than LPG appliances meaning customers using electricity may use less energy in total than customers using LPG. This efficiency improvement available from electrical appliances can result in lower total emissions from electricity.

¹ The emissions intensities reported in Australia's National Greenhouse Accounts Factors are 60.6 kgCO₂e/GJ for LPG, 90.24 kgCO₂e/GJ for black coal, 70.20 kgCO₂e/GJ for diesel. See: Australian Government, *National Greenhouse Accounts Factors*, August 2021. The emissions intensity for the National Electricity Market reported by AEMO is 188.37 kgCO₂e/GJ for electricity. See: AEMO Carbon Dioxide Equivalent Intensity Index: <https://aemo.com.au/en/energy-systems/electricity/national-electricity-market-nem/market-operations/settlements-and-payments/settlements/carbon-dioxide-equivalent-intensity-index>



Also, it is expected that the emissions intensity of electricity will fall significantly over coming years as the electricity system transitions away from coal generation and gas generation to renewable generation. In order for the LPG sector to remain lower-emitting, the LPG sector will also need to achieve lower emissions over time.

Assuming that the electricity sector achieves the emissions reductions set out under the Step Change and Progressive Change scenarios in the Australian Energy Market Operator's 2022 Integrated System Plan, and accounting for appliance efficiency, the total emissions from customers using electricity will be lower than from the use of conventional LPG (which refers to the mix of propane and/or butane from non-renewable sources that is currently supplied to LPG customers in Australia) sometime in the next 10 to 15 years. When this happens will depend on the rate of reduction in electricity emissions intensity and on the efficiency of the electrical appliances that customers use (higher efficiency electrical appliances result in less electricity use and less emissions, but are more expensive for customers to purchase).

There are many opportunities available to the LPG sector to achieve reductions in the emissions intensity of LPG and, indeed, opportunities for the LPG sector to achieve zero emissions. The two most likely options for reducing emissions and, ultimately, achieving zero emissions, or net-zero emission for the LPG sector are:

- **BioLPG:** propane produced from renewable feedstocks such as plant and vegetable waste material. BioLPG is chemically identical to conventional LPG and so can act as a 'drop-in' replacement for conventional LPG, which does not require any changes to existing transport and storage infrastructure or appliances. There are many pathways to producing BioLPG. Each of these pathways has the potential to produce bioLPG that has lower emissions than conventional LPG, and potentially to produce bioLPG with zero emissions. The WLPGA has proposed a global pathway to rLPG (bioLPG) satisfying up to 50% of global demand for LPG in 2050 (excluding demand for LPG as a feedstock for the petrochemical sector).
- **Renewable Dimethyl Ether (rDME):** DME is often described as synthetic LPG. It is chemically similar to propane and butane, so it behaves in much the same way as LPG, including in that it can be transported and stored as a liquid in pressurised cylinders and tanks. rDME can be blended with LPG (whether conventional LPG or bioLPG) at up to 20% by volume in existing appliances. It can also be used as a replacement for LPG, but this would require some changes to appliances. rDME can be produced via numerous processes depending on the feedstock including gasification and catalytic synthesis and electrolysis and catalytic synthesis, both of which can produce rDME that has lower emissions than conventional LPG, and potentially zero emissions.

The LPG sector globally has taken the first steps in transitioning away from conventional LPG towards lower emissions alternatives. However with demand for biodiesel and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) expected to grow significantly in coming decades, providing the opportunity for associated bioLPG production, and other pathways for the production of bioLPG and rDME being investigated and developed, there is opportunity for significant growth in bioLPG and rDME globally, and in Australia.

Traditional Demand Forecasting and Transition Pathways

In developing a transition path for LPG to reach zero emissions, an important starting point is considering likely demand for LPG until 2050. Given the significant declines in LPG for the autogas market, our forecast of demand for LPG focuses on traditional demand.



We forecast future demand for LPG by extrapolating simple linear trends observed in the historical data for each State and Territory (excluding the Australian Capital Territory).

We note this approach may not capture all of the key drivers of future demand for LPG and there are plausible scenarios in which future demand for LPG could be significantly different from our forecasts. However, the transition path that we develop is not overly sensitive to future demand for LPG and alternative LPG sources remain relevant for higher or lower future demand for LPG.

Traditional demand for LPG is forecast to:

- Increase in Queensland, Tasmania and the Northern Territory
- Decrease in New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia
- Decline moderately in Australia to 2050 from the current level of ~32PJ to ~25.5PJ.

There are many potential technological pathways for the LPG sector to achieve reduced emissions and, ultimately, zero emissions. It is, of course, impossible to be sure of what the future for the LPG sector during the economy's transition to net zero will be, but it is possible to develop credible pathways for the LPG sector in Australia to achieve net zero emissions, or even zero emissions. One such credible pathway includes:

- BioLPG produced as a by-product of renewable diesel or SAF through the hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) process
- BioLPG produced as by-product of renewable diesel or SAF through gasification with the Fischer-Tropsch process
- RDME produced from biomass blended with LPG
- RDME produced from renewable energy blended with LPG
- LPG produced through a Power-to-Liquids pathway.

Each of these technologies are at different levels of commercial and technological (discussed in further detail in Section 4.2).

Under the assumed transition pathway, bioLPG from HVO becomes commercially available from 2025, bioLPG from gasification with FT and rDME from biomass from 2030, rDME from green hydrogen from 2035 and LPG from Power-to-Liquids from 2040. The supply of conventional LPG is steadily phased out in favour of these low-emission and zero-emissions alternatives, with conventional LPG no longer consumed by 2045. By 2050, zero emissions sources are the only sources of supply in the market.

This pathway consists of technologies at various states of technological and commercial readiness, as discussed in more detail in the sections that follow. The earlier steps on the pathway – bioLPG produced through HVO of the FT process – are more advanced technologically and commercially, but deliver less reduction in emissions, at least based on current supply chains for these processes. The later steps on the pathway – particularly rDME produced from renewable energy and LPG from Power-to-Liquids – are less well developed but offer the potential to achieve zero emissions. As discussed in Section 3.3, there are many other technologies for decarbonising LPG. If some of the technologies in the pathway that we present do not emerge as commercial options in Australia, there are other technologies that may do so. And, while this pathway ultimately delivers zero emissions, there are also other pathways that would deliver substantial reductions in emissions, which could be consistent with net zero emissions with some offsets.

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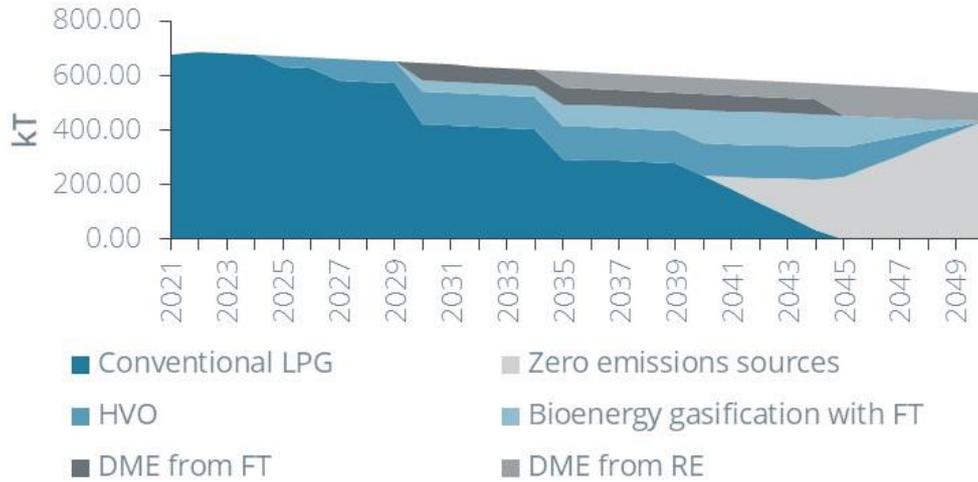
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The assumed transition pathway is illustrated in **Figure 1** and the resulting emissions intensity of LPG is shown in **Figure 2**.

Figure 1: LPG transition pathway



Source: Frontier Economics

Figure 2: Emissions profile from LPG transition pathway



Source: Frontier Economics



1 Introduction

Frontier Economics has been engaged by Gas Energy Australia (GEA) and the Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT) to undertake a study on the pathway for Australia's LPG sector as the economy moves to net zero emissions.

1.1 Background

LPG is widely used in Australia by residential, commercial, recreational and industrial customers. Compared to alternative sources of fuel, particularly electricity and other liquid fuels, LPG has been an affordable alternative. LPG has also been lower emitting than alternative sources of fuel.

As Australia's economy transitions towards net zero emissions, however, it is clear that the LPG sector will need to change if it is to continue to play a role in meeting the energy needs of Australian households and businesses. In particular, with the increasing availability of high efficiency electrical appliances, and the expectation that electricity will increasingly be supplied from renewable sources, there are questions about the extent to which the LPG sector can compete with electricity in achieving ongoing emissions reductions while remaining competitively priced for consumers.

1.2 This report

This report considers the pathway for Australia's LPG sector as the economy moves to net zero emissions by outlining some of the key technological options by which the LPG sector can deliver low-emissions or zero-emissions gas to its customers and developing a potential transition path by which LPG can achieve zero-emissions by 2050.

We also investigate the competitiveness of LPG for consumers, in comparison with electrification, through case studies that investigate the comparative total costs to customers, and comparative carbon emissions, of remaining with LPG appliances or switching to electrical appliances. These case studies are provided in separate reports provided to GEA and AGIT.

This report is structured as follows:

- Section 2 details what LPG is, the historical uses and trends in use of LPG in Australia and the characteristics of supply in the Australian market.
- Section 3 discusses the role of the LPG sector as the economy transitions to net zero emissions.
- Section 4 details the method and results of our forecasts of future demand for LPG and sets out a potential transition pathway for LPG to zero emissions.



2 LPG in Australia

This section provides an overview of the historical demand for LPG in Australia, including a breakdown of sectoral demand, state-by-state demand and household demand. This section also provides a brief overview of the historical trends in LPG production, supply and trade in Australia.

2.1 What is LPG?

Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is a high-density fuel that is widely used by residential, commercial and industrial customers, typically for space heating, water heating and process heat.

LPG consists of propane and/or butane gases. These are relatively easy to liquefy under mild pressurisation, which allows LPG to be easily transported, distributed and stored.

Propane and butane can occur naturally with other hydrocarbons in gas and oilfields or can be extracted at oil refineries during the production of other petroleum products. Across most of Australia, LPG consists solely of propane. However, in Western Australia, LPG can vary from 100 per cent propane to a 50/50 mixture of propane and butane.

LPG is supplied to customers in Australia through a network consisting of LPG road tankers, depots for receiving, storing and re-distributing LPG, tanks and cylinders used to store LPG at customers' premises, and trucks for refilling or exchanging tanks and cylinders at customers premises. LPG is also widely available through exchange cylinders, commonly used for barbeques. LPG is used to a greater extent in areas in which natural gas is not available, with the network of LPG infrastructure acting as a 'virtual pipeline' for delivery of LPG to customers.

2.2 Demand for LPG in Australia

LPG emerged as an energy source in Australia in the 1930s, with the industry beginning to take shape by the 1950s as Australia began to 'come of age' industrially². By the early 1970s, Australia was consuming in excess of 20 PJ of LPG energy per year. Nevertheless, with energy consumption in the Australian economy heavily dominated by coal, natural gas and oil products, LPG accounts for a relatively small share of Australia's total energy consumption (49.2 PJ, or 0.8% of all energy consumption nationally, in 2019-20).³

Typical uses of LPG include:

- In the home: LPG is used for home and water heating as well as for cooking.
- In businesses: LPG is used for space heating, water heating and cooking by commercial customers, including restaurants and other hospitality venues. LPG is also used as a fuel source for forklifts, scissor lifts and other similar vehicles.
- In industry: LPG can be an essential input for industry, including for power generation, mining, metal processing, food production and for the use of industrial ovens or furnaces.

² LPG Australia, *50 Years of LPG Australia*, 2005.

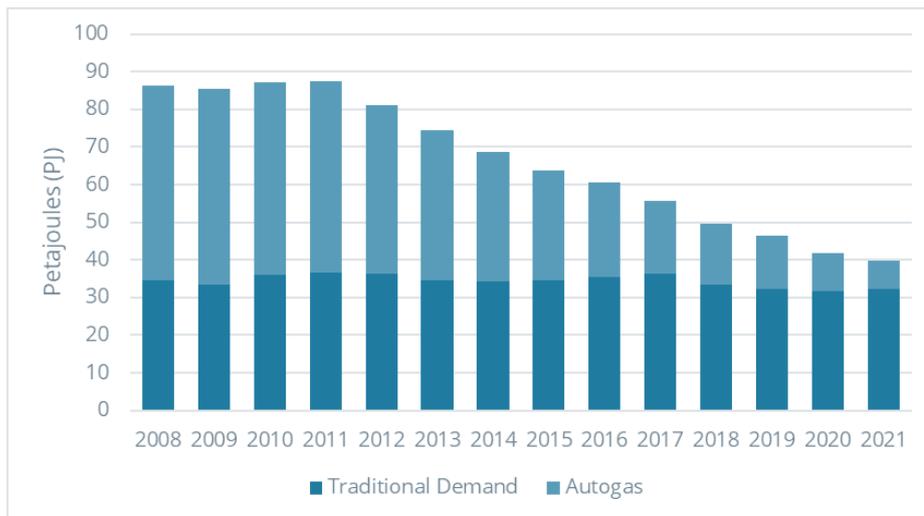
³ Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, *Australian Energy Update 2021*, 2021.



- In agriculture: LPG can be used to power equipment (such as water pumps) as well as for heating (e.g., crop drying, animal rearing and greenhouse heating).
- In transport: LPG can be used as a fuel source for transport.

In Australia, the uses of LPG are often broken down into two distinct components – traditional demand and autogas demand. Historical LPG consumption for traditional demand and autogas demand are shown in **Figure 3**.

Figure 3: LPG consumption Australia, traditional demand and Autogas (calendar year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Gas Energy Australia data

Autogas demand

Autogas was a key driver of the growth in LPG demand throughout the 1980s and 1990s due to the emergence of retail options for LPG-fuelled transport vehicles. By the 1990s, LPG-consumption for road transport was accounting for 40-50% of all LPG consumption nationwide⁴. LPG-conversion of petrol-fuelled vehicles was a relatively easy and inexpensive exercise, with conversion costs ranging between \$2000-\$4000 in the 2000s and LPG fuelled vehicles widely available for retail purchase⁵. The peak in Autogas consumption came in 2005/06 when 68.4 PJ was consumed, accounting for 62% of all LPG consumption in that year⁶.

In 2006, the Federal Government introduced rebates for individuals with LPG-installed systems on their vehicles or who purchased LPG-fuelled vehicles. However, by 2011, excise was levied on LPG vehicle fuel and by 2014 the rebate scheme was scrapped. These changes in government policy combined with improved efficiencies of petrol and diesel fuelled vehicles and changes in

⁴ Australian Energy Statistics 2021, Table F.

⁵ NRMA, *The story behind the rise and fall of LPG*, n.d.

⁶ Australian Energy Statistics 2021, Table F.



consumer tastes have seen the LPG-automotive industry begin to decline over the past decade. 2021 represented the lowest year for the autogas demand since the LPG-fuelled automotive industry was emerging from its infancy.

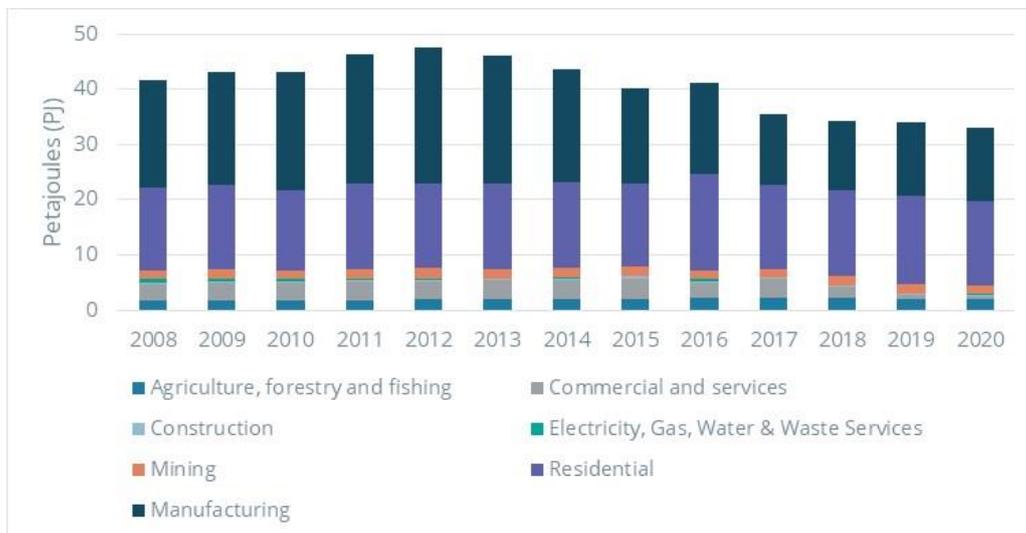
Traditional demand

Traditional demand has followed a different trajectory to that of Autogas. Traditional demand refers to the sources of demand for LPG that are not autogas and include sectors such as manufacturing, residential and agriculture. **Figure 4** shows a breakdown of traditional demand for LPG by sector, with the cumulative total of demand excluding the autogas sector.

There are some discrepancies in total consumption between the Gas Energy Australia data (**Figure 3**) and data from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) (**Figure 4**). For example, total traditional demand in the Gas Energy Australia data is approximately 35 PJ in 2008 whereas in the DCCEEW data it is around 40 PJ. Industry data from 2008 onwards was collected by ACIL Allen for Gas Energy Australia. On 1 January 2018 a legal obligation was introduced to report selected petroleum and other fuel data. These statistics are reported on a monthly basis to the Australian Government, which uses the statistics to monitor Australia's fuel supply security and compliance with our obligations as a member of the International Energy Agency (IEA). The data collected under the reporting scheme eliminated the need for ACIL Allen to conduct a separate survey to collect data for the GEA LPG Supply and Demand Study. As such industry data is a combination of both sources.

Nonetheless, **Figure 4** provides an indication of the breadth of LPG consumption across Australia.

Figure 4: Traditional demand Australia by sector (financial year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of DCCEEW Australian Energy Statistics 2021, Table F data

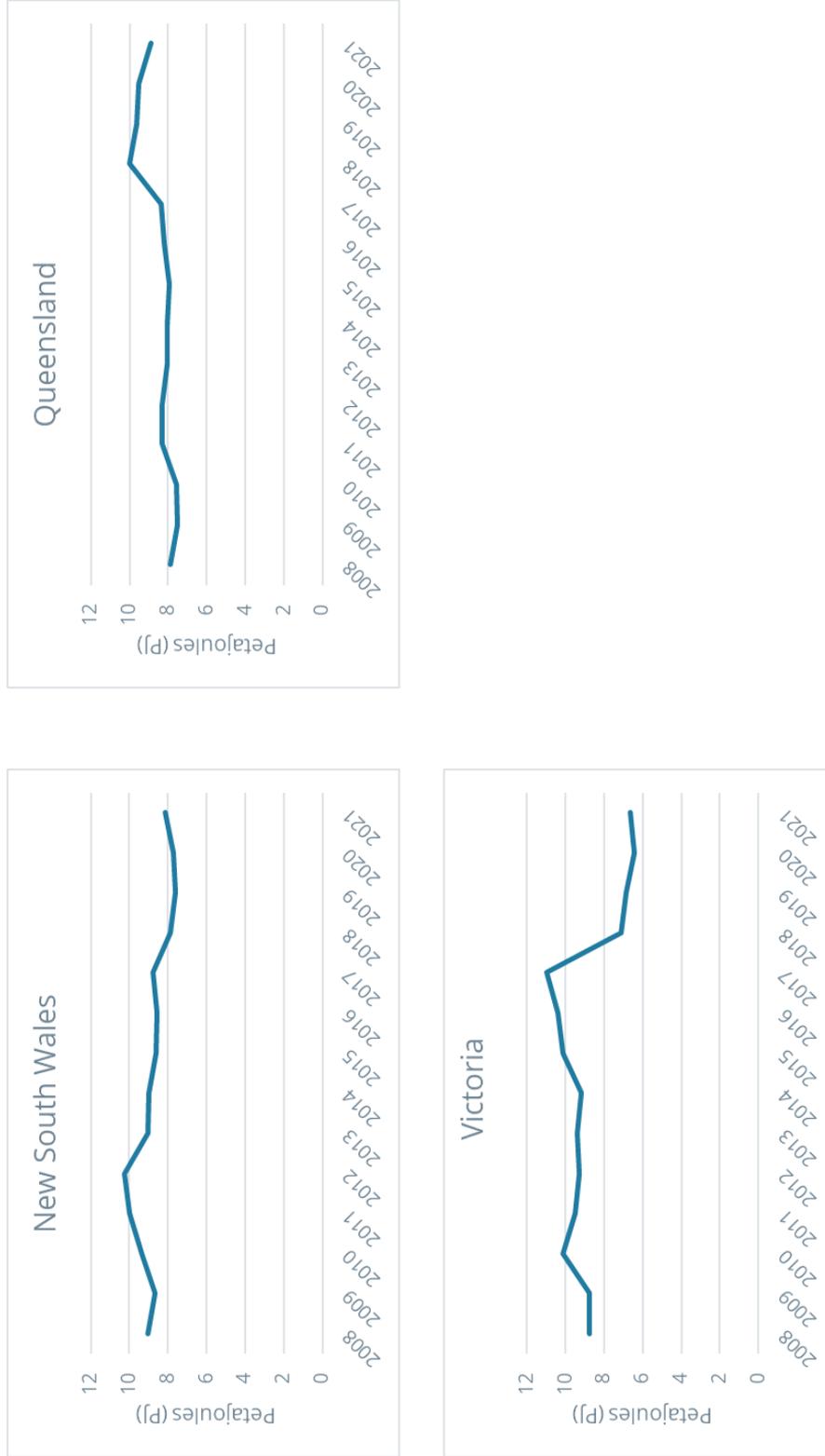
Figure 5 shows traditional demand for LPG for each State and Territory since 2008. The trends for traditional demand vary by State and Territory: some jurisdictions have seen growth in traditional demand for LPG since 2008, while other jurisdictions have seen relatively constant or declining demand.

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Figure 5: LPG traditional demand by State and Territory (calendar year)



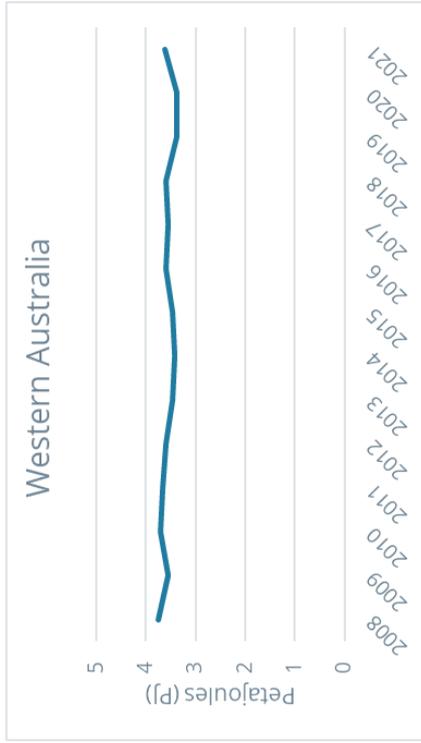
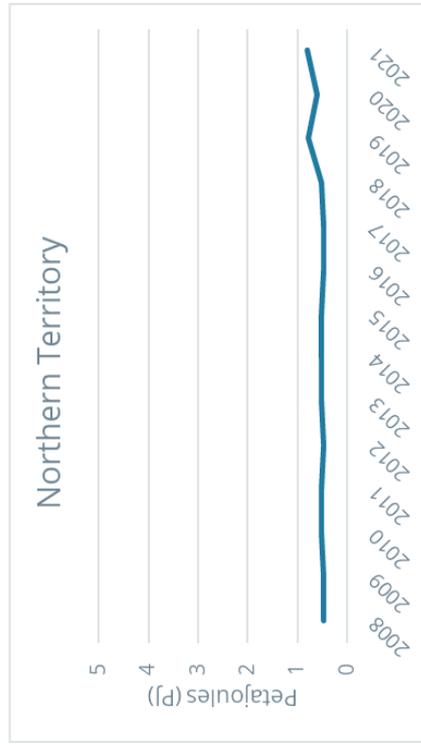
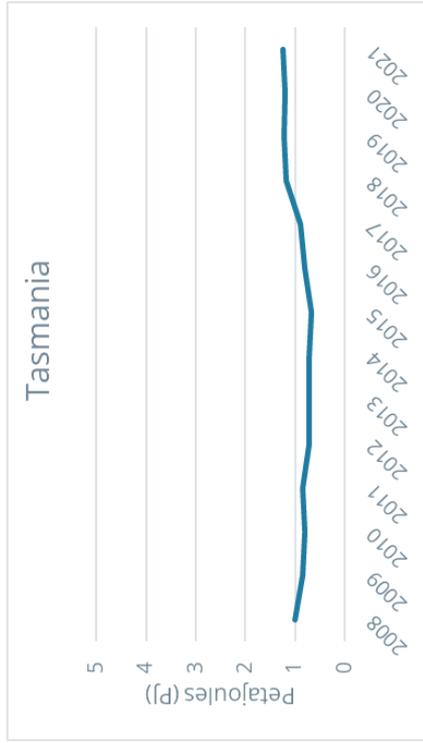
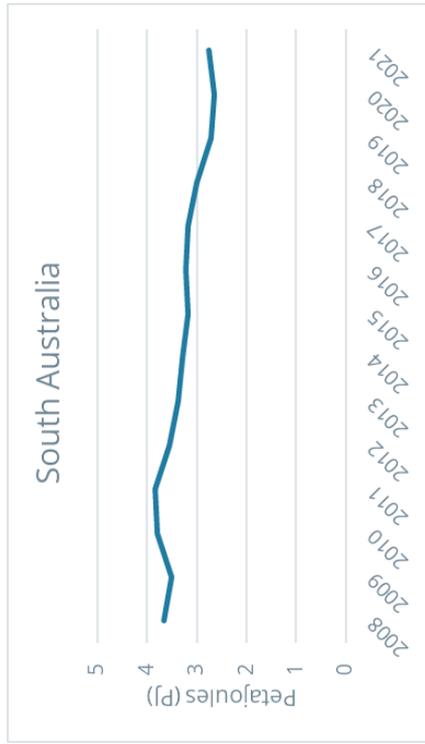
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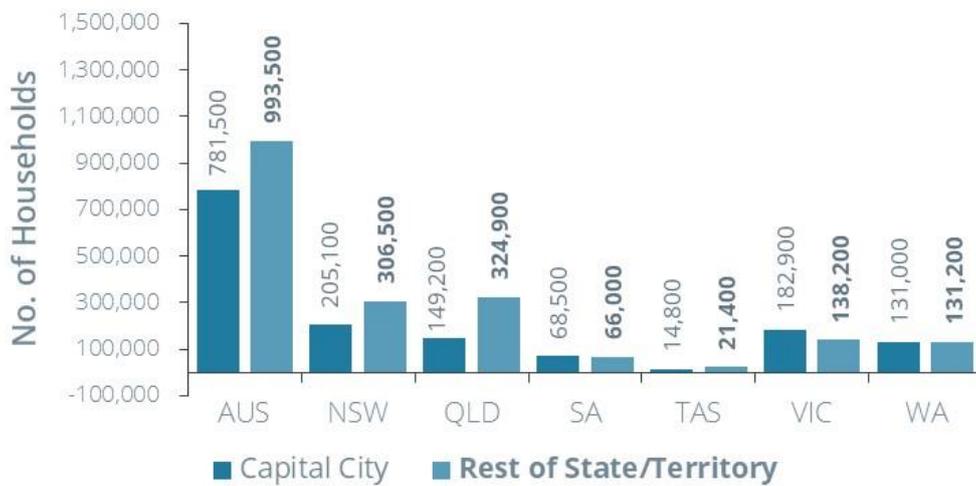
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2.2.1 Residential use of LPG

As discussed in the previous section, LPG is used in the residential sector in every state and territory to varying degrees. There is considerable variation in the total volume of LPG used per state, reflecting variations in population, climate and the extent to which natural gas is available. As detailed in **Figure 6**, most LPG users in each state are outside capital cities. This reflects the fact that LPG is often used as a substitute energy source for those isolated from gas networks. Overall, LPG is relied on by a large number of households in Australia – around 14% of households, on average, in capital cities and around 29% of households, on average, outside of capital cities.

Figure 6: Proportion of households by state with LPG



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Environmental Issues: Energy Use and Conservation*, Mar 2014 data

The way that residential customers use LPG is shown in **Figure 7**. Patterns of consumption of LPG across the States and Territories are generally similar.

The use of LPG for water heating has been steadily growing in all jurisdictions, and LPG used for water heating accounts for the largest proportion of LPG use by households across Australia.

The use of LPG for cooking accounts for the second largest proportion of LPG use by households across Australia and has remained relatively constant over the period since 2008.

LPG consumption for space conditioning currently accounts for the smallest proportion of total household LPG consumption in all jurisdictions. The total LPG consumption for space conditioning is declining in all jurisdictions.

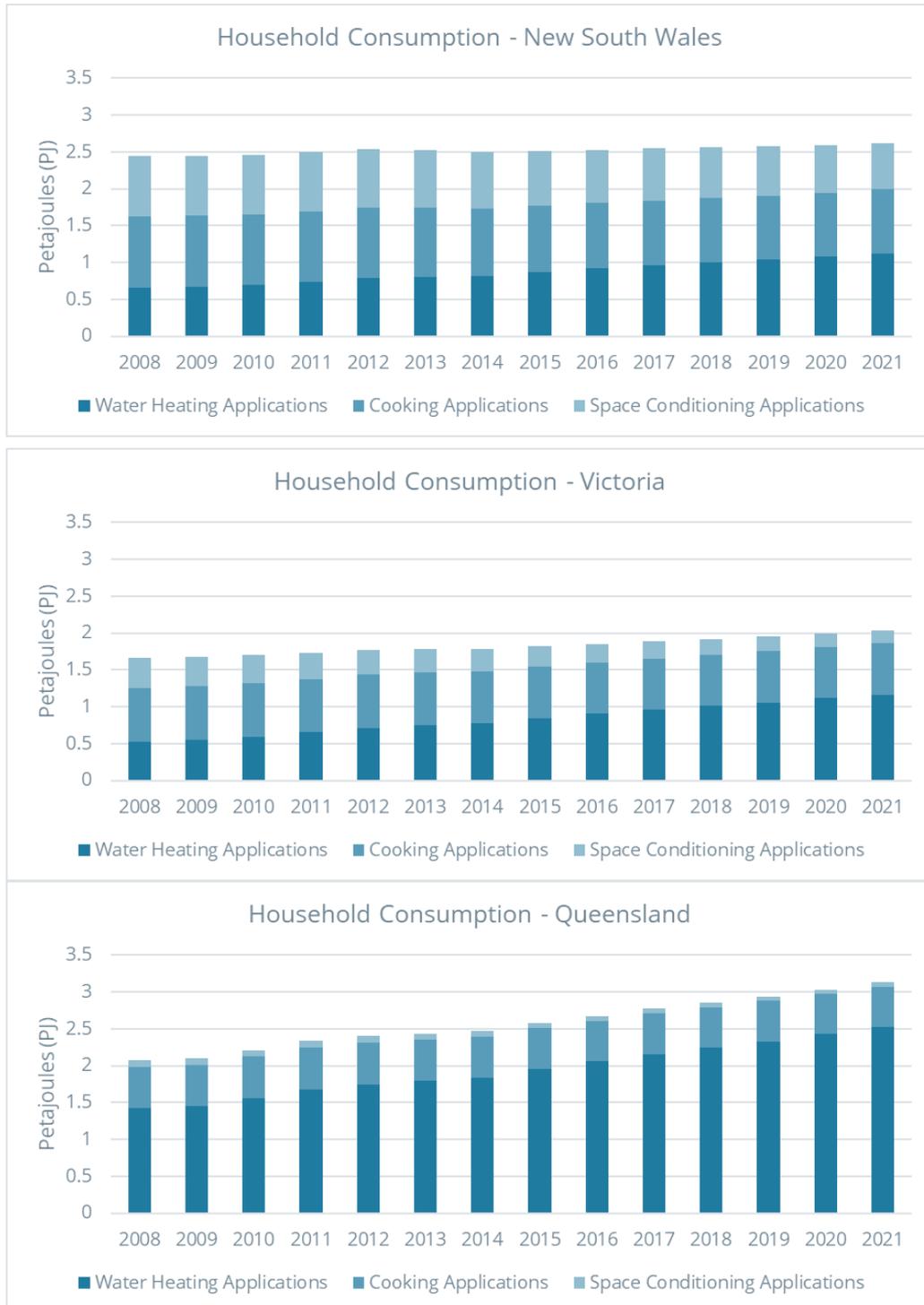
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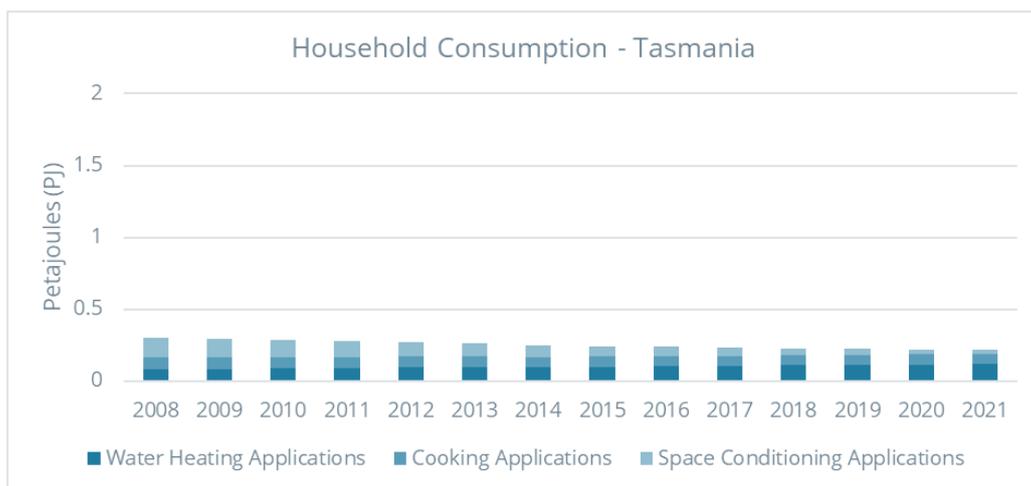
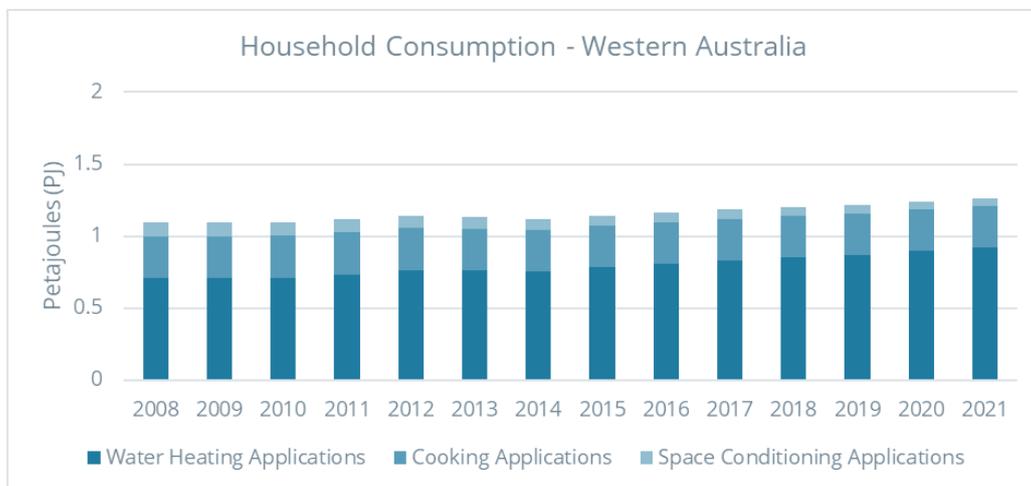
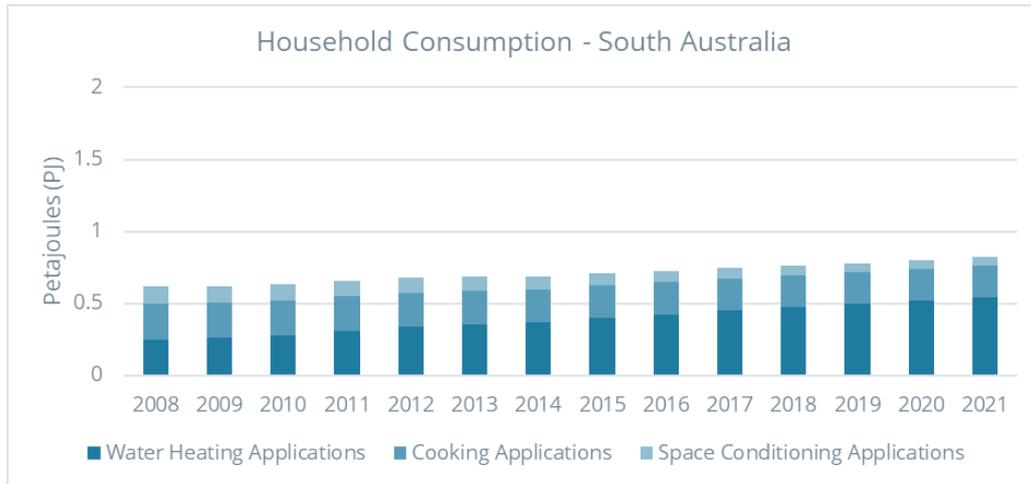
Figure 7: Household LPG consumption by State and Territory (calendar year)

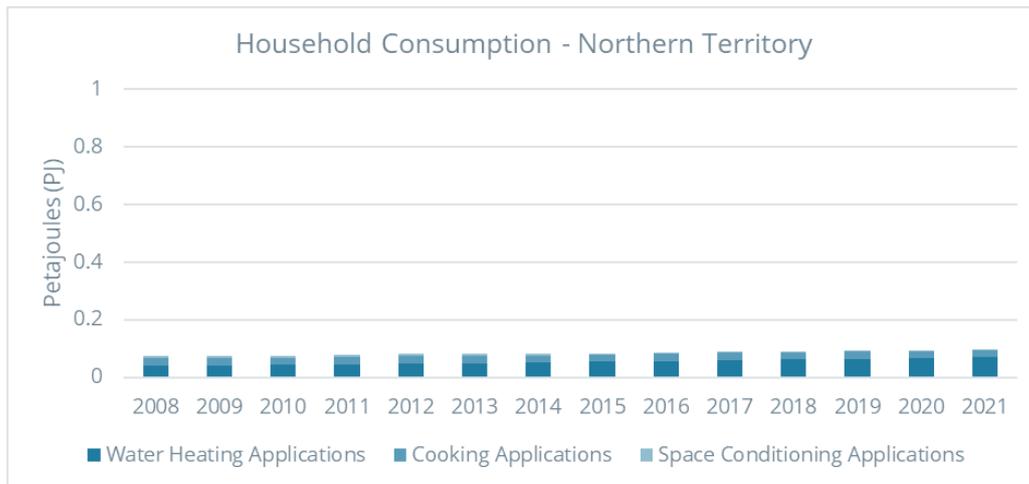


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Source: Frontier Economics analysis of 2021 Residential Baseline Study data

2.3 Supply of LPG in Australia

There are multiple methods by which LPG can be produced, including via natural gas processing, crude oil refining and the treatment of renewable and waste products to create alternative, renewable sources of LPG. The vast majority of LPG production globally is tied to the production and processing of natural gas and crude oil, accounting for approximately 60% and 40% respectively of global LPG production.⁷

When extracting natural gas out of the ground, several other natural gas liquids are extracted, including butane, isobutane and propane. These liquids are separated from the unprocessed gas stream and processed into marketable LPG. A similar process is undertaken with respect to oil refining. At several points along the oil refining process LPG is produced. As a consequence, LPG supply is often a function of the production of natural gas and crude oil and is subject to fluctuations in demand for and supply of these commodities.

In the Australian context, LPG has traditionally been produced in conjunction with the refining of crude oil. However, the proportion of LPG produced from natural gas streams has steadily been increasing.⁸

A notable feature of the supply of LPG in Australia is that despite Australia's consistent status as a net-exporter of LPG, as much as 41% of Australian domestic LPG consumption has been satisfied by imports in recent years (**Figure 8**).

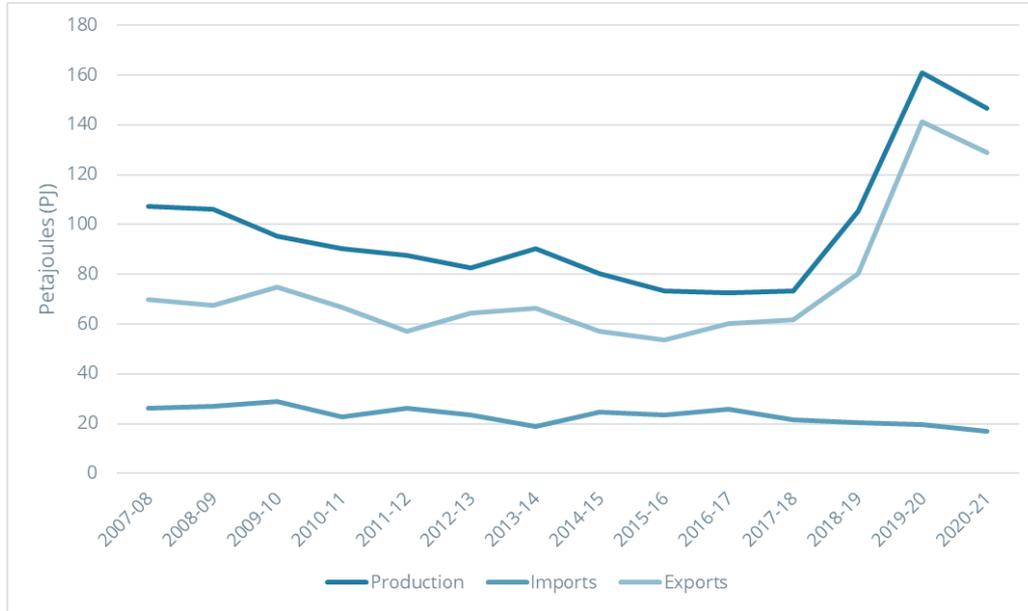
As **Figure 8** shows, Australia exports a relatively high proportion of domestic production, contributing to its status as a net-exporter of LPG. Between 2000/01 and 2019/20, approximately 70% of all LPG produced domestically was exported. Exports occur from parts of Australia where LPG supply exceeds local demand, and imports occur in parts of Australia where local demand cannot be met by local supply.

⁷ World Liquid Petroleum Gas Association, *Where does LPG come from?* n.d.

⁸ Gas Energy Australia, *LPG Supply and Demand Study – 2017 Calendar Year*, 2018.



Figure 8: Australia LPG production, import and export (financial year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of DCCEE Australian Energy Statistics 2021, Table J data



3 LPG and the Transition to Net Zero

To date, LPG has been a lower emitting energy source than many alternative sources of energy. As we discuss in this section, the CO₂-e emissions intensity of LPG is lower than most alternatives.

Nevertheless, the emissions from the LPG sector will need to fall over time as part of a transition to net zero emissions. There are many opportunities available to the LPG sector to achieve reductions in the emissions intensity of LPG and, indeed, opportunities for the LPG sector to achieve zero emissions. This section provides an overview of the key pathways and feedstocks.

3.1 Conventional LPG has been lower-emitting than alternatives

Conventional LPG has been a relatively low carbon emitting form of energy, compared with alternative sources of energy. Depending on the customer, the alternatives to LPG might include electricity, diesel or coal (or natural gas as a long-term potential option, although it is typically not available in areas where customers use LPG).

The emissions intensity of these different forms of energy are shown in **Figure 9**. It is clear from **Figure 9** that the emissions intensity of LPG is lower than the likely alternatives for existing users of LPG, so that the emissions resulting from the use of a MWh of LPG are lower than the emissions resulting from the use of a MWh of these other forms of energy. The emissions intensity of LPG is:

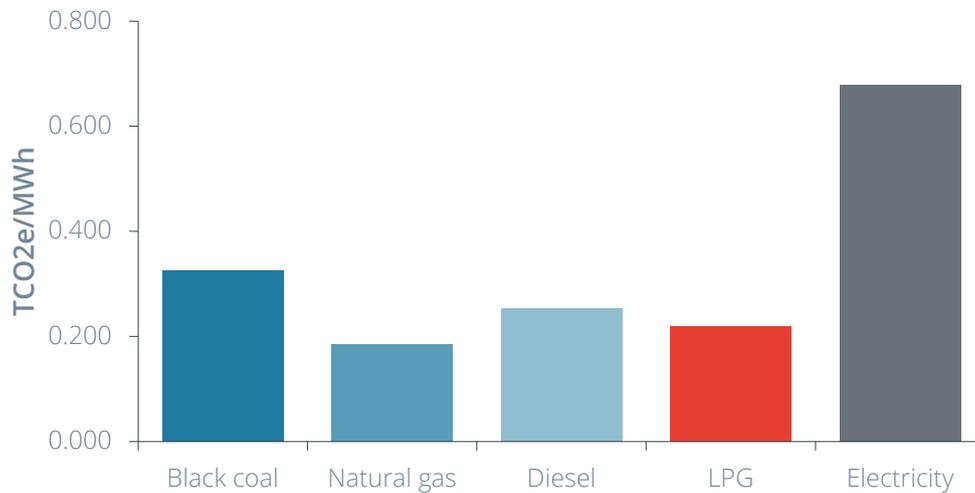
- 67% of the emissions intensity of black coal,
- 86% of the emissions intensity of diesel, and
- 32% of the emissions intensity of electricity.

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Figure 9: Emissions intensity



Source: Australian Government, National Greenhouse Accounts Factors, August 2021; AEMO, Carbon Dioxide Equivalent Intensity Index.

However, emissions *intensity* is not the only determinant of the emissions associated with using energy. The amount of energy used also matters. This is determined by the energy efficiency of appliances. This is particularly important when comparing LPG emissions with electricity emissions, because electrical appliances can be significantly more efficient than LPG appliances. This means that customers using electricity may use less energy in total than customers using LPG.

Given that the emissions intensity of LPG is currently less than a third of the emissions intensity of electricity, in order for the emissions from using electricity to be lower than the emissions from using LPG, it would need to be the case that, on average, electrical appliances are more than 3 times more efficient than LPG appliances.

For some customers and some uses this may be the case. For instance, for residential customers electrical heat pumps used for space heating can be 3 times more efficient than gas heating.⁹ For other appliances, however, the difference in efficiency between electrical appliances and LPG appliances will be much less. For instance, an electrical panel heater used for space heating is only around 20% more efficient than gas heating.¹⁰ For commercial and industrial customers, the relative efficiency of LPG and electricity will depend on whether heat pumps are a feasible alternative to appliances using LPG; where heat pumps are feasible, electrical appliances can be significantly more efficient.

If we assume, on average, that electrical appliances that replace LPG appliances are 2 times more efficient, this suggests that, currently, the total emissions from using LPG are 64% of the total emissions from using electricity.

⁹ See, for instance: GHD Advisory and ACIL Allen, *Economic and Technical Modelling of the ACT Electricity Network*, Strategic Report, EPSDD, 26 April 2022; appliances specifications.

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In short, at existing emissions intensities for LPG and other alternative fuels, total emissions are likely lower as a result of customers using LPG.

3.2 Emissions from the LPG sector will need to fall over time

While conventional LPG may have been lower-emitting than alternatives, it is nevertheless the case that emissions from the LPG sector will need to fall over time as part of a transition to net zero emissions. Even with a relatively low emissions intensity, and relatively small total consumption compared to other forms of energy, it is hard to see that continued use of conventional LPG is consistent with achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

An important comparison for LPG emissions is electricity emissions; after all, it is likely that customers will increasingly see electricity as the best alternative to continued use of LPG.

It is expected that the emissions intensity of electricity will fall significantly over coming years. This will occur as the electricity system transitions away from coal generation and gas generation to renewable generation. In order for the LPG sector to be lower-emitting, the LPG sector will also need to achieve lower emissions over time.

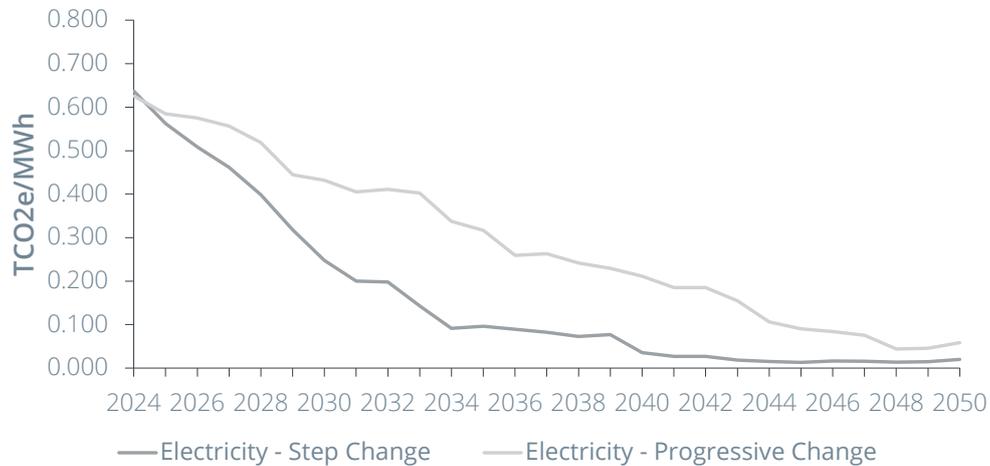
For electricity, AEMO forecasts these reductions in emissions intensity for electricity in the National Electricity Market (NEM) in its Integrated System Plan (ISP). The forecast emissions intensity for electricity in the NEM, from AEMO's 2022 ISP, is shown in **Figure 10**. The forecast emissions intensities are shown for two scenarios – the Step Change scenario, which has been identified by stakeholders as the most likely scenario in the long-term, and the Progressive Change scenario, which has been identified by stakeholders as likely in the short-term.

Assuming that the electricity sector does achieve these reductions in emissions intensity, the emissions intensity of electricity will be lower than the emissions intensity of conventional LPG before 2050.

Furthermore, once accounting for the relative efficiency of electrical appliances and LPG appliances, the total emissions from customers using electricity will be lower than from the use of conventional LPG sometime in the next 10 to 15 years. When this occurs depends on the rate of reduction in electricity emissions intensity and on the efficiency of the electrical appliances available to, and chosen by, customers. The relative emissions of electrical appliances and LPG appliances is considered in more detail in the case studies we have undertaken that investigate the comparative total costs to customers, and comparative carbon emissions, of remaining with LPG appliances or switching to electrical appliances. These case studies are provided in separate reports provided to GEA and AGIT.



Figure 10: Forecast emissions intensity for electricity



Source: AEMO 2022 ISP

3.3 There are alternatives to conventional LPG that have lower emissions

There are many opportunities available to the LPG sector to achieve reductions in the emissions intensity of LPG and, indeed, opportunities for the LPG sector to achieve zero emissions.

The two most likely options for reducing emissions and, ultimately, achieving zero emissions, for the LPG sector are:

- **BioLPG**, which is propane produced from renewable feedstocks such as plant and vegetable waste material. BioLPG is also sometimes also referred to as bio-propane or as renewable LPG (rLPG). BioLPG is chemically identical to conventional LPG and so can act as a 'drop-in' replacement for conventional LPG, which does not require any changes to existing transport and storage infrastructure or appliances. Emissions from BioLPG can be as much as 80% lower than conventional LPG.
- **Renewable Dimethyl Ether (rDME)**. DME is often described as synthetic LPG. It is chemically similar to propane and butane, so it behaves the same way as LPG, including in that it can be transported and stored as a liquid in pressurised cylinders and tanks. DME can be blended with LPG at up to 20% by volume in existing appliances. It can also be used as a replacement for LPG, but this would require some changes to appliances. There are options for producing rDME, which has lower emissions than DME.

These two options are discussed in more detail in the sections that follow.

3.3.1 BioLPG

There are many pathways to producing bioLPG. Each of these pathways has the potential to produce bioLPG that has lower emissions than conventional LPG, and potentially zero emissions.

The key pathways have been summarised by WLPGA as:



- **Hydrotreating** – also known as the hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) pathway, hydrotreating involves the conversion of vegetable oils to biodiesel, sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) or other liquid hydrocarbons. The primary feed of vegetable oil is combined with a secondary feed of hydrogen in a hydrotreating process. The process yields biodiesel as the primary product, with LPG production of 5-10% of the output regularly identified.¹¹ HVO has been identified as a ‘first generation’ replacement for conventional LPG.¹²
- **Gasification and Fischer-Tropsch** – also known as gasification with FT, this pathway involves the production of syngas and then the conversion of that syngas into liquid hydrocarbons. Syngas is a mixture of hydrogen, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide that is produced from organic carbon through a thermochemical process at high temperature in an environment with a specific mixture of oxygen or steam. The Fischer-Tropsch process is a collection of chemical reactions that converts syngas into liquid hydrocarbons. The feedstock for this gasification with FT can be municipal solid waste, food waste, crop residues, wastewater and manure. The process would generally target biodiesel or SAF, with LPG production of 8% of the output identified.¹³ Gasification with FT has been identified as a ‘second generation’ replacement for conventional LPG.¹⁴
- **Gasification and methanation** – like gasification with FT, this pathway involves the production of syngas from bioenergy feedstock and the conversion of this syngas to liquid fuels. The methanation process involves the reaction of hydrogen and carbon dioxide in syngas at high temperature and high pressure to produce water and hydrocarbons.
- **Oligomerisation** – is a process for converting methane into higher hydrocarbons, including LPG. Oligomerisation of biomethane can be used to produce bioLPG.
- **Digestion** – involves the digestion of organic matter in the absence of oxygen to produce biogas. Biogas can then be processed through an FT process to produce higher hydrocarbons, including propane and butane. A range of waste streams and agricultural products can be used.
- **Pyrolysis** – is similar to gasification in that it involves heating biomass in a controlled environment, but the temperatures for pyrolysis are lower and the main output is fast pyrolysis bio-oil (FPBO) rather than syngas. FPBO then needs to be hydrotreated to produce liquid fuels, including LPG.
- **Fermentation** – involves using microorganisms for fermentation of sugars to produce bio-based isobutene, which can be a component of LPG.
- **Power-to-X** – involves producing hydrogen from electrolysis powered by renewable energy, and then synthesising that hydrogen with carbon dioxide (for instance, using an FT process) to produce liquid hydrocarbons, including LPG.

¹¹ Worley, *Pathway to 70/100% renewable LPG*, Report for LPG Association of NZ, 26 March 2021, page 24 and NNFFCC, *Biopropane: Feedstocks, Feasibility and our Future Pathway*, Prepared for Liquid Gas UK, September 2019, page 31.

¹² Worley, *Pathway to 70/100% renewable LPG*, Report for LPG Association of NZ, 26 March 2021.

¹³ Worley, *Pathway to 70/100% renewable LPG*, Report for LPG Association of NZ, 26 March 2021, page 27.

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BioLPG is already enjoying commercial use across a range of applications. **Box 2** details some examples of these uses.

Box 1: Bio-LPG consumption - Europe

Europe is by far the largest consumer of HVO in the world presently and it is forecast that demand for HVO will only continue to grow throughout the 2020s. A high proportion of demand is driven by the transport sector, with bio-LPG being made available at petrol stations and bioLPG vehicles operating in a number of jurisdictions.

Bio-LPG is also increasingly being made available for purchase in cylinders for a range of off-grid leisure activities as well as industrial heating. In partnership with SHV Energy, Circle K in Sweden since mid-2020 has provided 100% bioLPG cylinders across all its stores.

Rural and regional homes and hospitality venues across the UK and Ireland are also increasingly adopting bio-LPG for use in their kitchens as well as for water heating and space conditioning functions. Examples include Montalto Estate and BrookLodge & Macreddin Village in Ireland.

Bio-LPG has also emerged as an important energy source in the industrial sector. For example, La-Roche-Posay in France became the first industrial site in France to use bio-LPG in 2018. Since 2019, the facility now emits no greenhouse gas emissions, with the switch to bioLPG representing the last step towards carbon neutrality.

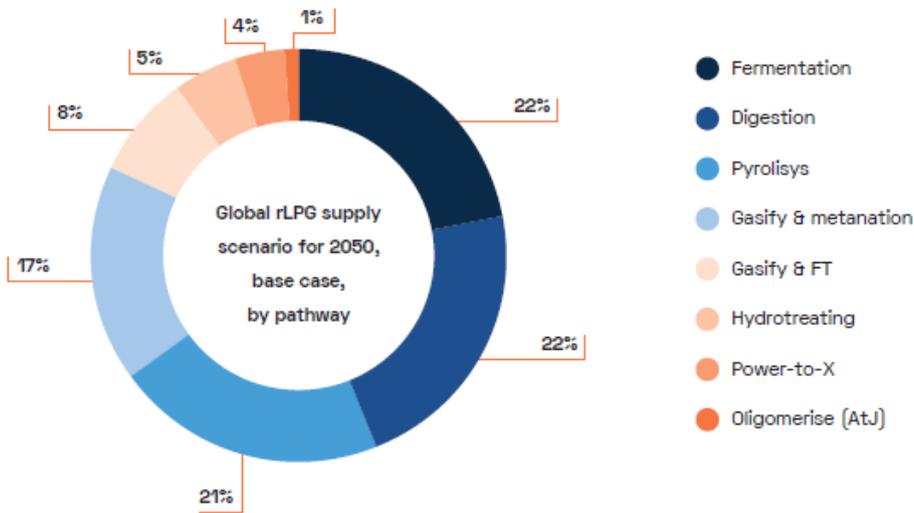
Source: Frontier Economics

The WLPGA has proposed a global pathway to rLPG satisfying up to 50% of global demand for LPG in 2050 (excluding demand for LPG as a feedstock for the petrochemical sector) that consists of the mix of pathways as shown in **Figure 11**. The mix of feedstocks required for these pathways is shown in **Figure 12**.



Figure 11: Overview of pathways to rLPG

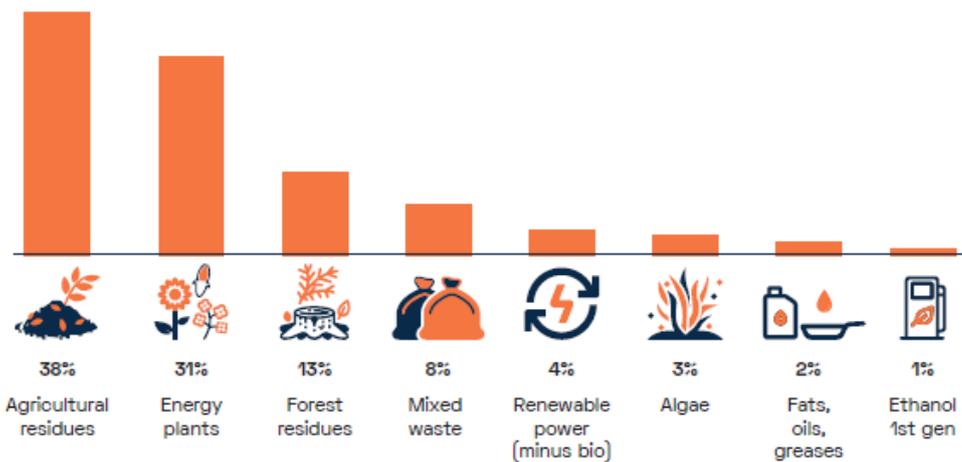
The feedstocks are processed in eight pathways.



Source: WLPGA, Global rLPG Pathways to 2050: A Scenario of Future Supply.

Figure 12: Overview of feedstocks for rLPG

The supply comes from eight feedstocks.



Source: WLPGA, Global rLPG Pathways to 2050: A Scenario of Future Supply.



3.3.2 Renewable DME

RDME is a methanol derived, single molecule that can be produced from a wide range of bioenergy and renewable feedstocks.

RDME is chemically similar to propane and butane and is easily transported as liquid in pressurised containers like conventional LPG. RDME can be blended with conventional LPG or bioLPG at up to 20 percent for domestic heating and cooking applications with no modifications required.¹⁵

RDME can be produced via numerous processes depending on the feedstock. Methods include:

- Gasification and catalytic synthesis. DME is produced from syngas through two steps: methanol synthesis from syngas via hydrogenation and the water-gas shift, followed by the dehydration of methanol to produce DME. RDME is produced when the syngas is produced from bioenergy feedstocks.
- Electrolysis and catalytic synthesis. RDME is produced using a similar process to gasification and catalytic synthesis, except methanol is produced from carbon dioxide and hydrogen from electrolysis powered by renewable energy.

Each of these pathways has the potential to produce rDME that has lower emissions than conventional LPG, and potentially zero emissions.

RDME is already commercially available in the United States as discussed in **Box 2**.

Box 2: RDME in the United States

A world first project, from mid-2021 Oberon Fuels began producing rDME in California. RDME is now commercially available for consumption in the United States, with retailers such as Suburban Propane making rDME available to consumers in certain areas in 2022.

Source: Frontier Economics

3.3.3 Pathways to replacing conventional LPG

To date, the LPG sector globally has taken the first steps in transitioning away from conventional LPG towards lower emissions or zero emissions alternatives.

BioLPG is produced and blended with conventional LPG in Europe, though in small volumes as a new sector. This has primarily occurred as a result of support for biodiesel and SAF, with bioLPG being produced alongside these products through the HVO process.

¹⁵ Worley, *Pathway to 70/100% renewable LPG*, 2021; SHV Energy and International DME Association, *Renewable DME Factsheet*, n.d.



With demand for biodiesel and SAF expected to grow significantly in coming decades, and other pathways for the production of bioLPG and rDME being investigated and developed, there is opportunity for significant growth in bioLPG and rDME globally, and in Australia.

In order for the LPG sector to continue to meet the needs of its customers as economies transition to net zero, it will be necessary that the pathways for the production of bioLPG and rDME can deliver the emissions reductions required to meet a net zero target at a cost that is competitive with alternative pathways for decarbonisation, such as electrification. We consider the emissions reductions potential, and the cost implications, of a possible pathway for the LPG sector in Australia in Section 4.



4 Traditional Demand Forecast and Transition Pathways

In developing a transition path for LPG to achieve zero emissions, an important starting point is considering likely demand for LPG until 2050. Given the significant declines in LPG for the autogas market, our forecast of demand for LPG focuses on traditional demand.

As discussed in Section 2.2, traditional demand for LPG occurs across a range of sectors in the Australian economy. The following sections set out the forecasts for traditional demand in Australia up to 2050 that we use in developing a transition path. The following sections also describe a transition path for the LPG industry to meet this demand with new low emissions and renewable alternatives to conventional LPG.

4.1 Forecasting future traditional demand

We forecast future demand for LPG by extrapolating simple linear trends observed in the historical data. This provides a forecast of LPG consumption for each State and Territory (excluding the Australian Capital Territory). We use the same approach for forecasting demand for each jurisdiction, with the exception of the period over which we determine the historical linear trend:

- In most instances, we calculate the historical linear trend based on the full time series of data from 2008 to 2021 to determine the trend.
- However, for each of South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory there appears to be structural breaks in the historical data. For these jurisdictions we use the data from 2018 to 2021 to determine the trend.

We recognise that the use of this simple trend extrapolation approach to demand forecasting may not capture all of the key drivers of future demand for LPG. There are plausible scenarios in which future demand for LPG could be significantly different from our forecasts. However, the transition path that we discuss is not overly sensitive to future demand for LPG, and the alternatives to conventional LPG that we have identified as part of that transition path can remain relevant for higher or lower future demand for LPG.

For the early stages of the transition path, this is because bioLPG is produced as an output of processes primarily targeting biodiesel and SAF. Given the small size of the LPG market in Australia relative to the markets for biodiesel and SAF (which may include targeting export markets) the level of demand for bioLPG is unlikely to be a constraint.

For the latter stages of the transition path, this is also because the inputs into LPG from power-to-liquids or rDME from renewable energy will be small relative to the scale of these sectors in Australia. For instance, amount of renewable generation that would be required to produce rDME from LPG from power-to-liquids will be a small fraction of the amount of renewable generation that will be needed to convert the electricity system to renewable sources and to either replace the natural gas system with hydrogen or electrification. For context, Australian LPG demand is currently less than 5 percent of Australian natural gas demand and less than

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Pathway to zero emissions for LPG

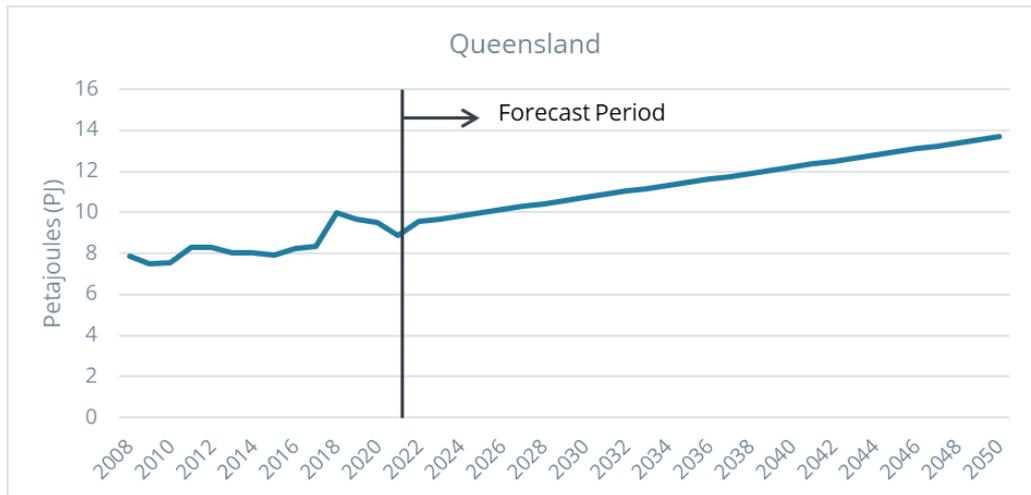
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5 percent of Australian electricity demand, and forecast to fall, while gas demand (excluding electrification) and electricity demand increase.

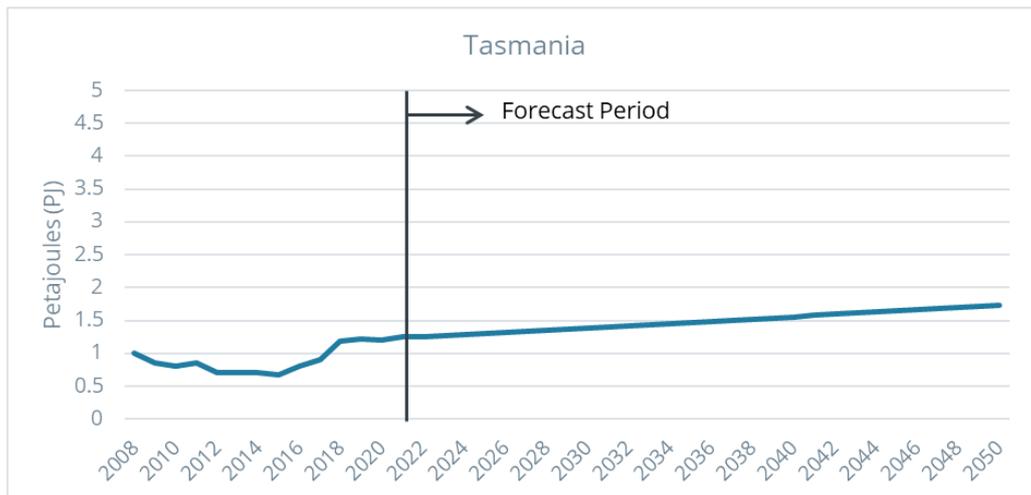
A feature of the resulting forecasts is the heterogeneity present between states. Traditional demand for LPG is forecast to increase in Queensland, Tasmania and the Northern Territory, based on the observed historical trends in these jurisdictions (see **Figure 13** through **Figure 15**).

Figure 13: Forecast traditional demand for LPG in Queensland (calendar year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Gas Energy Australia data

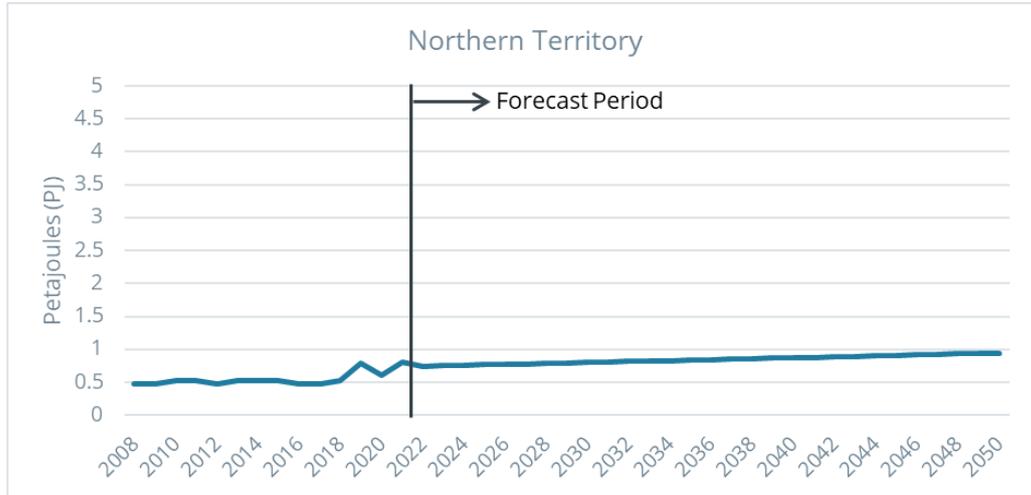
Figure 14: Forecast traditional demand for LPG in Tasmania (calendar year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Gas Energy Australia data



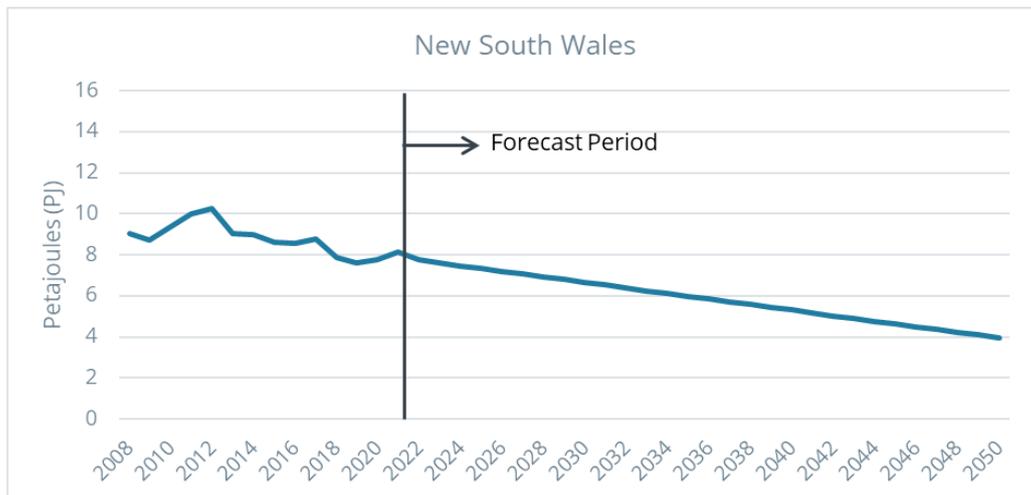
Figure 15: Forecast traditional demand for LPG the Northern Territory (calendar year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Gas Energy Australia data

Conversely, traditional demand in each of New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia is forecast to decline over the modelling period. South Australia in particular is forecast to experience a material decline in traditional LPG demand, with total traditional LPG consumption forecast to be ~0.3PJ in 2050 (see **Figure 16** through **Figure 19**).

Figure 16: Forecast traditional demand for LPG in New South Wales (calendar year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Gas Energy Australia data

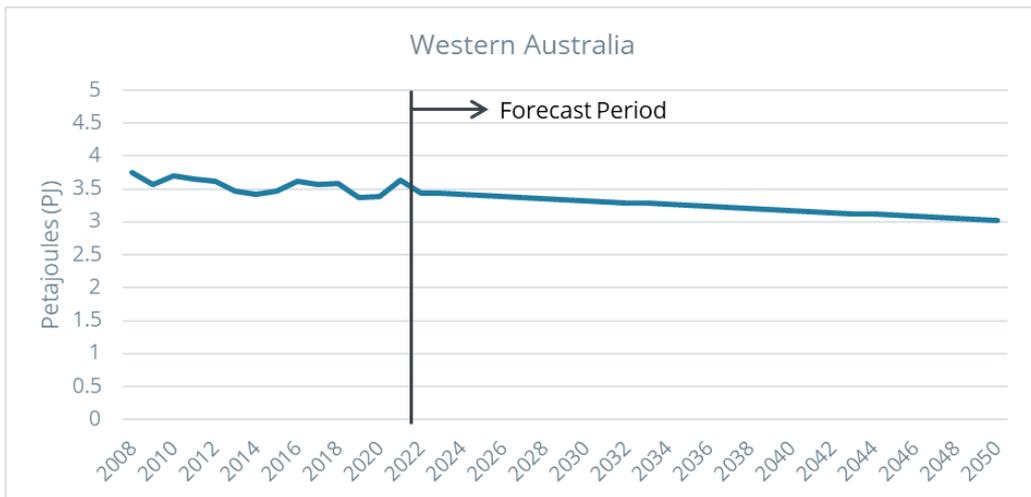


Figure 17: Forecast traditional demand for LPG in Victoria (calendar year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Gas Energy Australia data

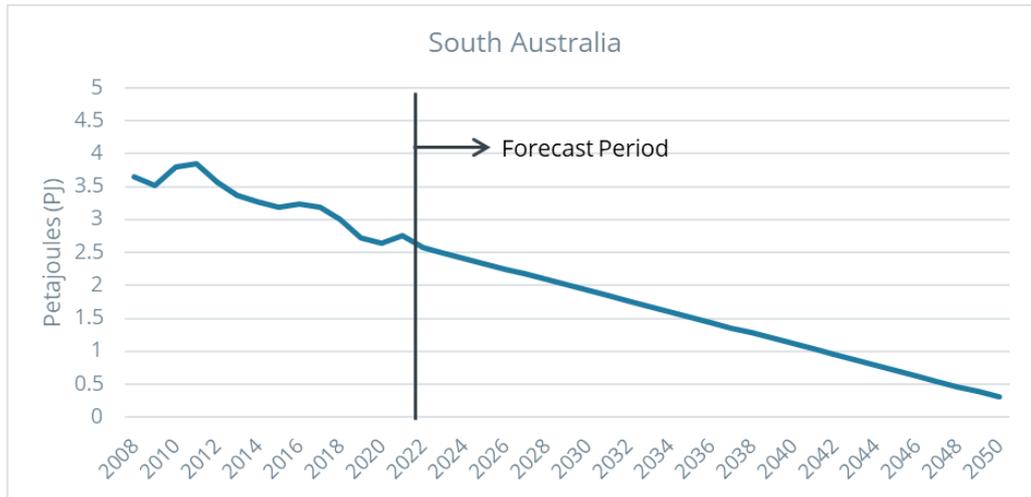
Figure 18: Forecast traditional demand for LPG in Western Australia (calendar year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Gas Energy Australia data



Figure 19: Forecast traditional demand for LPG in South Australia (calendar year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Gas Energy Australia data

Summing the forecasts for each jurisdiction provides a forecast for Australia as a whole, which suggests that traditional demand for LPG in Australia will decline slightly over the modelling period, falling from current level of ~32PJ to ~25.5PJ by 2050 (see **Figure 20**).

Figure 20: Forecast traditional demand for LPG in Australia up (calendar year)



Source: Frontier Economics analysis of Gas Energy Australia data



4.2 Potential LPG transition in Australia

As discussed in Section 3.3 there are many pathways to producing bioLPG and renewable LPG. Each of these pathways has the potential to produce an alternative to LPG that has lower emissions than conventional LPG, and potentially zero emissions.

This gives rise to many potential technological pathways for the LPG sector to achieve reduced emissions and zero emissions. It is, of course, impossible to be sure of what the future for the LPG sector during the transition to net zero will be, but it is possible to develop credible pathways for the LPG sector in Australia to achieve reduced emissions and zero emissions. We present one such credible pathway below, consisting of:

- BioLPG produced as a by-product of renewable diesel or SAF through the hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) process
- BioLPG produced as by-product of renewable diesel or SAF through gasification with the Fischer-Tropsch process
- RDME produced from biomass blended
- RDME produced from renewable energy blended
- LPG produced through a Power-to-Liquids pathway.

This pathway consists of technologies at various states of technological and commercial readiness, as discussed in more detail in the sections that follow. The earlier steps on the pathway – bioLPG produced through HVO of the FT process – are more advanced technologically and commercially, but deliver less reduction in emissions, at least based on current supply chains for these processes. The later steps on the pathway – particularly rDME produced from renewable energy and LPG from Power-to-Liquids – are less well developed but offer the potential to achieve zero emissions. As discussed in Section 3.3, there are many other technologies for decarbonising LPG. If some of the technologies in the pathway that we present do not emerge as commercial options in Australia, there are other technologies that may do so. And, while this pathway ultimately delivers zero emissions, there are also other pathways that would deliver substantial reductions in emissions, which could be consistent with net zero emissions with some offsets.

In the section below we discuss each the role of each of these technologies in the pathway we have developed.

4.2.1 BioLPG produced through the hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) process

The HVO process is currently producing bioLPG at commercial scale, and HVO for the production of biodiesel is well established in Europe, as discussed in **Box 3**.

As discussed in Section 3.3, there are a number of projects operating globally that produce biodiesel and/or SAF through the HVO process, which also produce bioLPG as a by-product.

The readiness level of the HVO process for producing biodiesel and/or SAF has been rated as follows:¹⁶

¹⁶ European Commission JRC Science for Policy Report, *JEC Well-to-Tank report v5, 2020*.



- On the Technology Readiness Level, HVO has been rated as **TRL 9**, which is the highest rating and corresponds to an actual system proven in operational environments.
- On the Commercial Readiness Level, HVO has been rated as **CRL 6**, which is the highest rating and corresponds to the 'bankable' grade asset class. For this asset class, market and technology risks do not drive investment decisions.

Box 3: European HVO production

As of 2021, pure HVO is available in nine European countries: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. For off-road purposes it is also available in Germany, the UK and Switzerland.

In 2019, approximately 1.9 million tonnes of HVO was consumed across Europe where the biggest consumers were France, Norway, Spain and Sweden.

Standalone HVO production capacity is presently around 3.5 million tonnes across Europe, with new production plants and capacities proposed and forecast, this figure is expected to rise. The Netherlands currently has the largest HVO production plant (Neste, Rotterdam) with new production plants also proposed in the coming years in France, Italy, Sweden and Finland.

Co-processed HVO is also prevalent across the continent with a current production capacity of around 1.8 million tonnes (the majority of which is concentrated in Spain).

In Australia, it would be expected that bioLPG from the HVO process would come as a by-product of production of biodiesel and/or SAF, as is the case globally. Production and use of biodiesel and SAF are likely to increase as part of the transition to net zero as transport industries seek to lower their emissions.

There are a number of sizeable biodiesel and SAF projects at some stage of planning in Australia, including:

- **Sherdar Australia Bio Refinery:** Sherdar Australia is currently proposing to develop Australia's first biodiesel refinery and storage plant. There is currently no location for the project, however the proposal would cost \$600 million, and the site would be able to produce 500,000 tonnes per year of biodiesel and SAF upon completion. Proposed feedstocks for production at the site include animal fats, seed oil and waste greases.¹⁷
- **BP renewable fuel and green hydrogen project (WA):** BP is currently proposing to establish a renewable fuel and green hydrogen site in the Kwinana industrial site in Western Australia. The project would involve repurposing a fuel import site to produce 8,000-10,000 barrels of biodiesel and SAF per day from products such as waste oil, tallow and used cooking oil.¹⁸

¹⁷ Brelsford, *Plans launched for Australia's first renewable diesel, storage complex*, Oil & Gas Journal, 2021.

¹⁸ Lewis, *BP targeting renewable fuels and green hydrogen future for former Australian refinery*, Upstream Energy Explained, 2022.



- **Oceania Biofuels Project, Gladstone QLD:** Gladstone, Queensland was selected as the site in April 2022 for a \$500 million biodiesel and SAF refinery. The project proposes to use locally sourced tallow, canola and used cooking oil to produce 350 million litres of SAF and biodiesel per year. Construction is planned to begin in 2023 and operations by 2025 ¹⁹.

A key consideration for the development of bioLPG production in Australia is the availability of viable and sustainable feedstocks. Australia has a significant bioenergy resource potential however there is presently a lack of clarity and data pertaining to the extent and sustainability of Australia's feedstock resources.²⁰

BioLPG produced from HVO can be produced with materially lower emissions than conventional LPG. We have assumed that emissions from bioLPG produced from HVO are initially 69% lower than those from conventional LPG, increasing to 85% lower than those from conventional LPG by 2050.²¹ These assumed emissions reductions are based on estimates of emissions reductions from production of biodiesel from HVO. Most of the remaining emissions are from the production and conditioning of feedstock for HVO plant. It can be expected that the emissions intensity of these processes will also fall over time as part of a broader transition of the economy to net zero emissions.

The transition pathway that we have developed assumes that bioLPG will be available (at a rate of 9% of the total product) from 3 HVO plant developed in Australia over the period 2025 to 2030. We have assumed that each of these 3 HVO plants are of the average size of the three projects discussed above: the Sherdar Australia Bio Refinery, the BP project at Kwinana and the Oceania Biofuels Project.

4.2.2 BioLPG produced through gasification with the Fischer-Tropsch process

Both gasification and FT processes are well-established commercial processes when using fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas. However, gasification from biomass is much less developed. Most facilities that gasify biomass use the resulting syngas for heat and power because of the high syngas purity required in FT processes.²²

Gasification with FT opens up opportunities to use a broader range of feedstocks, with the process in use or proposed for municipal solid waste streams and for forestry products.

The gasification and FT process for the production of biofuels is at the early stage of commercial trials. There are several plants operating, or in planning, globally, including:

- In May 2022, Fulcrum Bioenergy started operations at the Sierra BioFuels Plant, which they say is the world's first commercial-scale plant converting landfill waste into transportation fuels. Fulcrum Energy claim on 80% reduction in carbon emissions compared to production of conventional jet fuel. Fulcrum Energy is also developing a number of other larger plants, two in the United States and one in England.

¹⁹ Oceania Biofuels, *Our Australian Project*, 2022, <https://oceaniabiofuels.com.au/port-of-gladstone/>

²⁰ Australian Renewable Energy Agency, *Australia's Bioenergy Roadmap*, 2021.

²¹ Based on emissions estimates from European Commission JRC Science for Policy Report, *JEC Well-to-Tank report v5*, 2020.

²² NNFFC, *Biopropane: Feedstocks, Feasibility and our Future Pathway*, Prepared for Liquid Gas UK, September 2019, page 33.



- BayouFuels is planning a plant in the United States that will process forestry products through a gasification and FT process to develop SAF.

The readiness level of the gasification with FT process for producing biodiesel and/or SAF has been rated as follows:²³

- On the Technology Readiness Level, gasification with FT has been rated as **TRL 8**, which corresponds to the system being complete and qualified.
- On the Commercial Readiness Level, gasification with FT has been rated as **CRL 2**, which corresponds to small scale commercial trials, first of a kind projects funded by equity and government project support, with the commercial proposition backed by evidence of verifiable data typically not in the public domain.

In Australia, it would be expected that bioLPG from the gasification and FT process would come as a by-product of production of biodiesel and/or SAF, as is the case globally. Production and use of biodiesel and SAF are likely to increase as part of the broader transition to net zero emissions as transport industries seek to lower their emissions.

BioLPG produced from gasification and FT can be produced with materially lower emissions than conventional LPG. We have assumed that emissions from bioLPG produced from HVO are 85% lower than those from conventional LPG by 2050.²⁴ These assumed emissions reductions are based on estimates of emissions reductions from production of biodiesel from gasification and FT. Most of the remaining emissions are from the transport of feedstock to the gasification plant. It can be expected that the emissions intensity of these processes will also fall over time as part of a transition to net zero emissions.

The transition pathway that we have developed assumes that bioLPG will be from 3 gasification with FT plant developed in Australia over the period 2030 to 2040. We have assumed that each of these 3 HVO plant are of the same size as the HVO plant we assume will be developed between 2025 and 2030.

4.2.3 RDME produced from biomass

RDME from biomass is at the early stages of commercial development. There are several plants operating, or in planning, globally, including:

- In June 2021, Oberon Fuels began production of the first RDME in the United States. The Oberon Fuels plant in California converted waste methanol into RDME. Suburban Propane is now selling a mix of propane and rDME to customers in California.
- Oberon Fuels has also developed a Modular Conversion System. Using feedstocks including animal and food waste, wastewater treatment, landfills and natural gas, the system converts methane to partially renewable DME. The plants are designed to be modular and established in remote and industrial regions to access CO₂ and biogas waste. Standard plants are sized to produce 2.7-9.0 ktpa of DME (from 15,000 to 25,000 cows), which is 1.7-5.6 ktpa renewable LPG equivalent.

²³ European Commission JRC Science for Policy Report, *JEC Well-to-Tank report v5, 2020*.

²⁴ Based on emissions estimates from European Commission JRC Science for Policy Report, *JEC Well-to-Tank report v5, 2020*.



- In the United Kingdom, Dimeta has announced the location of its first commercial rDME plant, at Teesworks. The plant will produce rDME from non-recyclable waste. Dimeta plans to produce 50,000 tonnes/year of rDME.

The readiness level of the rDME from biomass process has been rated as follows:²⁵

- On the Technology Readiness Level, rDME from biomass has been rated as **TRL 8**, which corresponds to the system being complete and qualified.
- On the Commercial Readiness Level, rDME from biomass has been rated as **CRL 2**, which corresponds to small scale commercial trials, first of a kind projects funded by equity and government project support, with the commercial proposition backed by evidence of verifiable data typically not in the public domain.

rDME from biomass can be produced with materially lower emissions than conventional LPG. We have assumed that emissions from rDME from biomass are 85% lower than those from conventional LPG by 2050.²⁶ Most of the remaining emissions are from the transport of feedstock to the plant. It can be expected that the emissions intensity of these processes will also fall over time as part of a broader transition to net zero emissions.

The transition pathway that we have developed assumes that rDME from biomass will be blended with LPG at a rate of 10%, starting in 2030 and ending in 2045 (at which point we assume that rDME from green hydrogen replaces rDME from biomass).

4.2.4 RDME blended from green hydrogen

rDME from green hydrogen is less advanced than rDME from biomass, although the component parts are operating elsewhere. For instance, there are power to methanol plants in Iceland and Switzerland, and conventional DME is currently produced from methanol.

In Australia, ABEL Energy's²⁷ Bell Bay Powerfuels Project plans to produce green hydrogen, methanol and 100% rDME. The project aims to use some of the 70,000 tonnes per year of green methanol to produce rDME for blending with conventional LPG, with the ultimate aim to supply renewable DME/LPG blends to households and industry.²⁸

The readiness level of the rDME from green hydrogen has been rated as follows:²⁹

- On the Technology Readiness Level, rDME from green hydrogen has been rated as **TRL 9**, which is the highest rating and corresponds to an actual system proven in operational environments.
- On the Commercial Readiness Level, rDME from green hydrogen has been rated as **CRL 3**, which corresponds to commercial scale up, occurring driven by specific policy and emerging debt finance.

²⁵ European Commission JRC Science for Policy Report, *JEC Well-to-Tank report v5*, 2020.

²⁶ Based on emissions estimates from European Commission JRC Science for Policy Report, *JEC Well-to-Tank report v5*, 2020.

²⁷ With support from the Tasmanian Government.

²⁸ Gas Energy Australia, *GEA Response to the Tasmanian Future Gas Strategy – Discussion Paper*, 2022; ABEL Energy, *Bell Bay Powerfuels Project*, n.d. <https://www.abelenergy.com.au/our-projects>

²⁹ European Commission JRC Science for Policy Report, *JEC Well-to-Tank report v5*, 2020.



RDME from green hydrogen can be produced with materially lower emissions than conventional LPG. We have assumed that emissions from rDME from biomass are 98% lower than those from conventional LPG by 2050.³⁰

The transition pathway that we have developed assumes that rDME from green hydrogen will be blended with LPG at a rate of 10%, starting in 2035 and increasing to 20% starting in 2045.

4.2.5 LPG produced through a Power-to-Liquids pathway

Power-to-Liquids is currently at an earlier stage of development than the other technologies in the pathway that we have developed.

The readiness level of the LPG from power-to-liquids process has been rated as follows:³¹

- On the Technology Readiness Level, LPG from power-to-liquids has been rated as **TRL 6**, which corresponds to prototype system verified, with the prototype demonstrated in an operational environment.
- On the Commercial Readiness Level, LPG from power-to-liquids has been rated as **CRL 1**, which corresponds to hypothetical commercial proposition, with commerciality untested or unproven.

LPG from Power-to-Liquids can be produced at zero emissions.³²

The transition pathway that we have developed assumes that LPG from Power-to-Liquids will become available in 2040, and by 2050 will form 80% of the product provided by the LPG sector (with the remaining 20% being rDME from green hydrogen).

Of course it is these latter stages of the pathway that are least clear. It may be that one or the other of rDME from green hydrogen or LPG produced through a Power-to-Liquids pathway are, ultimately, not commercially available in Australia. If this is the case, there are a number of other technological options that can deliver a pathway to zero emissions, or net zero emissions, for the LPG sector.

4.3 Outcomes from the assumed transition pathway

Under the assumed transition pathway, bioLPG from HVO becomes available from 2025, bio-LPG from gasification with FT and rDME from biomass from 2030, rDME from green hydrogen from 2035 LPG from Power-to-Liquids from 2040. **Figure 21** illustrates the respective contributions of each energy source to meeting demand under this scenario.

As we can see from **Figure 21**, the supply of conventional LPG is steadily phased out in favour of these low-emission and zero-emission alternatives. Conventional LPG supply is phased out entirely by 2045. By 2050, zero emissions sources are the only sources of supply still in the market.

³⁰ Based on emissions estimates from European Commission JRC Science for Policy Report, *JEC Well-to-Tank report v5, 2020*.

³¹ European Commission JRC Science for Policy Report, *JEC Well-to-Tank report v5, 2020*.

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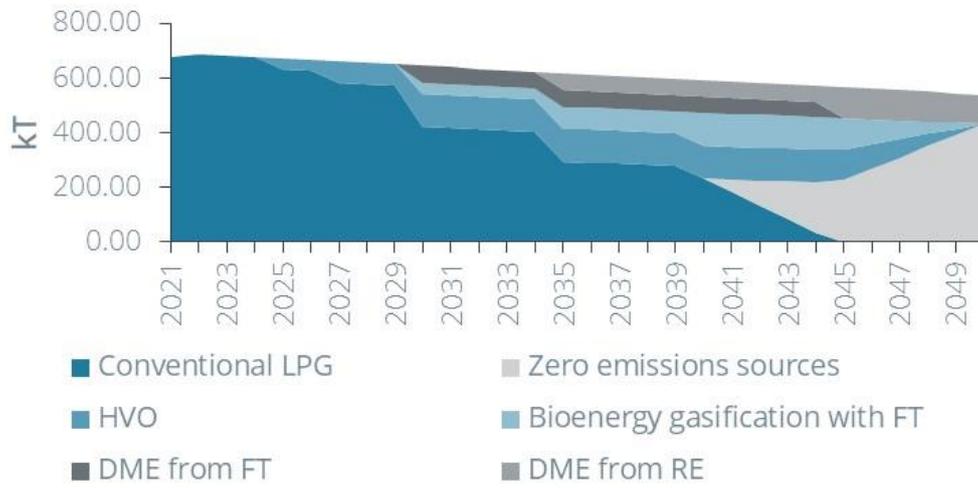
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Figure 21: LPG transition pathway



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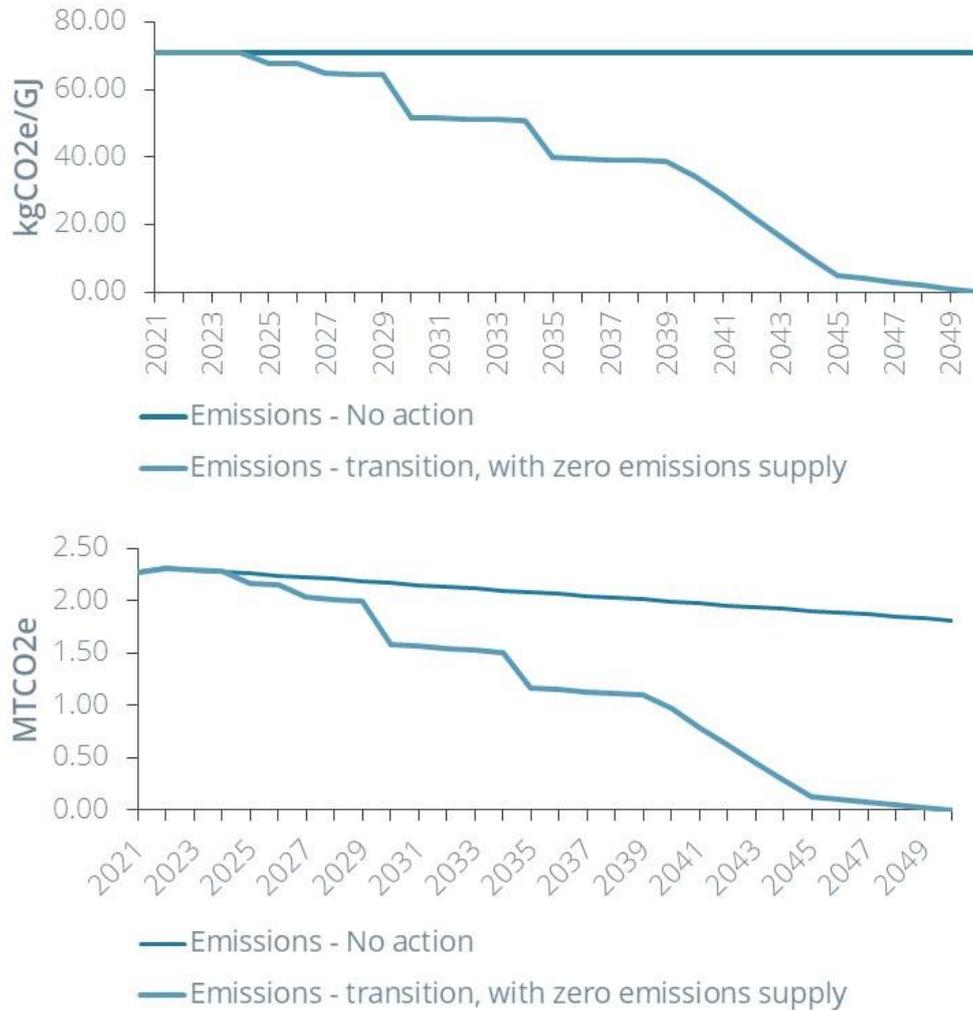
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The transition from conventional LPG to alternatives has significant implications for emissions. As seen in **Figure 22**, beginning from 2025 the emissions intensity of LPG begins to fall, with ongoing further ongoing reductions achieved until zero emissions in 2050. The reductions in total emissions are slightly more pronounced, as a result of the forecast reduction in total demand for LPG in Australia.

Figure 22: Emissions profile from LPG transition pathway



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22 April 2024

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to introduce myself as the recently appointed Chief Executive Officer of Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS).

QSNTS is a native title service provider, dedicated to walking with First Nations through every step of their native title journey.

QSNTS is funded by the Australian Government through the National Indigenous Australians Agency under Part 11 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (NTA) to perform the functions of a native title representative body for the Southern and Western Queensland Region.

The Region for which QSNTS has responsibility covers nearly two-thirds of the State, running north from the New South Wales border and spanning from north of Mount Isa in the west, to north of Rockhampton in the east. I have included a map of our region with this note.

As a native title service provider, QSNTS offers the full range of statutory functions prescribed by the NTA at the request of, and for the benefit of, Traditional Owners asserting or holding native title in the Region. Those services include undertaking research to develop evidence to support native title determination applications, achieving recognition of native title rights and interests through the native title claims process, managing the impact of future acts on our native title rights and interests, assisting our clients protect their Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, and supporting the Prescribed Bodies Corporate which are required by the NTA to hold or manage native title after the Federal Court determines that native title exists.

At QSNTS we are deeply committed to our vision of, "Right People, Right Country, Right Path". Since our establishment in 2005, we have successfully assisted 24 Traditional Owner groups to attain (**how many**) positive native title determinations. These determinations recognise that native title rights and interests coexist with the rights and interests of Federal, State and Local Governments and their associated entities.

Determinations recognising native title rights and interests in the QSNTS region have been made, not just over rural and remote areas, but also over large urban areas such as Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Murgon, and Mount Isa.

We are hopeful that native title will also be recognised in large parts of the Sunshine Coast, Ipswich and Beaudesert regions within the next few years.

The determinations and the continued management of future acts and cultural heritage by our clients' Prescribed Bodies Corporate demonstrate the positive working relations that can exist between the First Nations People QSNTS represents, and representatives from all levels of Government.

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As QSNTS embarks on a new chapter under my leadership, I am eager to collaborate with stakeholders like yourself to further our goals of justice, reconciliation, and empowerment for First Nations communities.

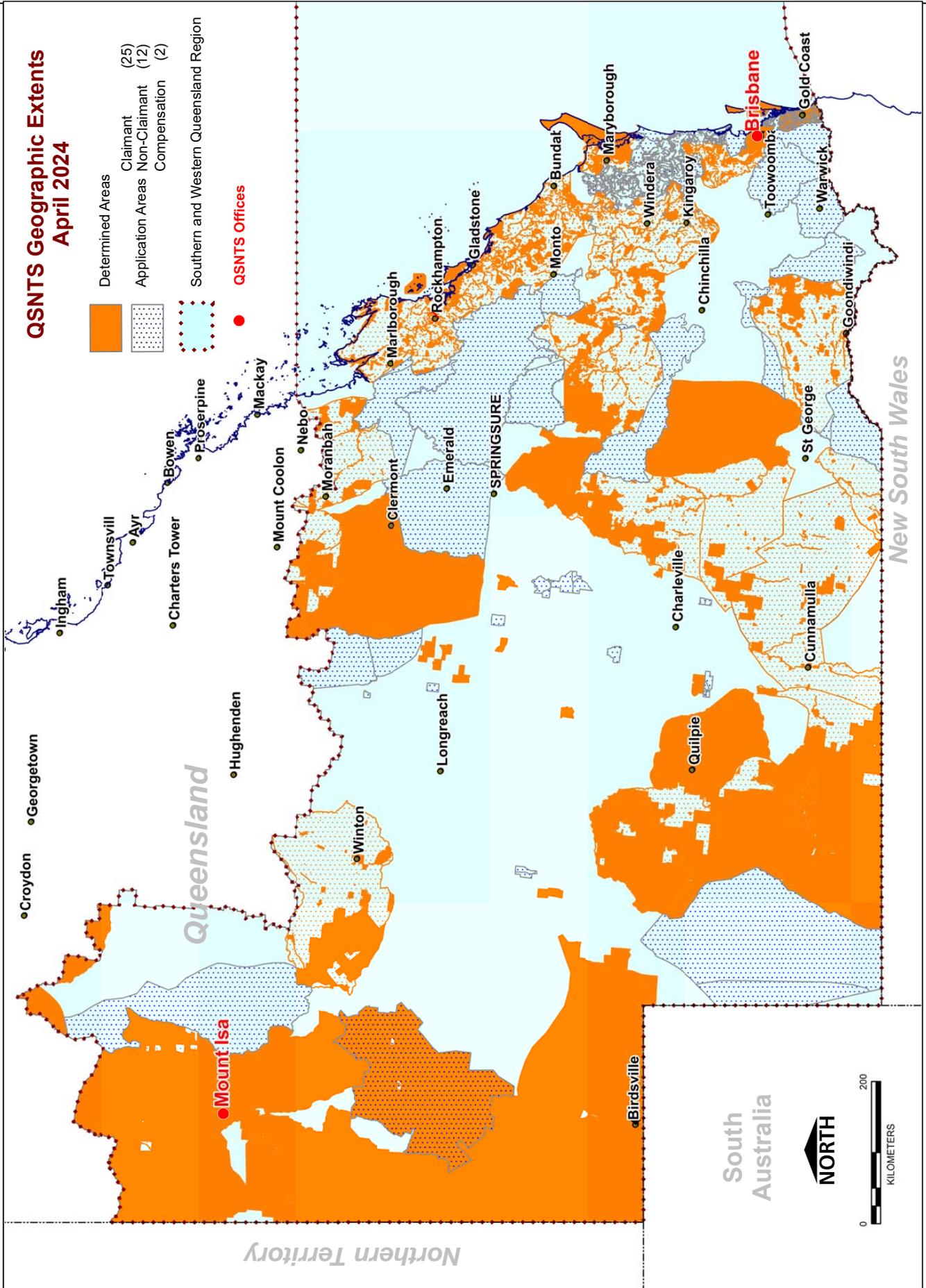
I believe that meaningful partnerships and ongoing communication with representative stakeholders is essential to drive positive change to improve the lot of Indigenous Queenslanders. As such, I am reaching out to extend an invitation for us to connect and discuss potential areas of collaboration or support that QSNTS can offer.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and explore avenues for cooperation that can benefit both our organisation and the communities we support.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Wishart
Chief Executive Officer

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24 April 2024



Department of
**Housing, Local Government,
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To whom it may concern

In February 2024, the Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works launched the Homes for Queenslanders plan for a fair and sustainable housing system that ensures better housing outcomes both now and for future generations.

Under the first pillar of Homes for Queenslanders—more homes, faster—the *Housing Availability and Affordability (Planning and Other Legislation Amendment) Bill 2023* (the Bill) plays a critical role by reviewing planning legislation to deliver more quality homes in the right locations – faster than ever before.

The Bill is also a critical part of Queensland's response to the national planning reforms and the national planning reform blueprint.

The Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works (the department) is pleased to advise that on 16 April 2024 the Bill passed through the Queensland Parliament.

In particular, the Bill will introduce a new alternative development approval pathway and the emphasis on prioritising planning amendments to support diverse housing across a range of areas, including the delivery of infill and affordable housing.

The Bill amends the *Planning Act 2016*, introducing new measures aimed at improving the planning framework's response to housing supply challenges. The amendments:

- optimise the planning framework's response to the current housing challenge through a suite of tools
- cut barriers and support more diverse housing across a range of areas, including the delivery of infill and affordable housing
- make operational and process improvements to ensure that the planning framework continues to be effective and robust.

To effectively facilitate the implementation of the objectives of the Bill, the department has proposed several amendments to the Planning Regulation, the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (MGR) and the Development Assessment (DA) Rules.

In accordance with statutory requirements, public consultation on the proposed amendments to the DA Rules and MGR will occur for 20 business days. These amendments are now on public consultation until 21 May 2024 and I would encourage you to provide feedback to the department, if required. Any comments on the proposed Planning Regulation amendments can also be made during this timeframe. A copy of the amended instruments is available at the below link and the gazette notices are enclosed.

For information including viewing supporting information on key changes or to have your say, please visit <https://yoursay.housing.qld.gov.au/housing-availability-and-affordability-planning-and-other-legislation-amendment-bill-2023> and provide your feedback by 21 May 2024.

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If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Mr Christopher Aston, Executive Director, Policy and Statutory Planning in the department by telephone on (07) 3452 6822 or by email at christopher.aston@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be please to assist.

Yours sincerely

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Tess Pickering
**Deputy Director-General
Planning Group**

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NOTICE OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND GUIDELINES UNDER THE *PLANNING ACT 2016*, SECTIONS 17, 37, 116 and 117

THE MINISTER'S GUIDELINES AND RULES

I, the Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works do hereby notify that, pursuant to sections 10, 17, 37, 116 and 117 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Planning Act), I propose to make amendments to the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (MGR).

Copies of the proposed amendments to the MGR are available for inspection and collection free of charge from the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works at 1 William Street, Brisbane or online at haveyoursay.dsd.qld.gov.au.

Any person may make a written submission about the proposed amendments to the MGR. The submission must be a properly made submission under the Planning Act to be accepted.

A properly made submission must:

- be made to the Minister
- be received on or before 21 May 2024
- be in writing and signed by each person who made the submission
- state the name and residential or business address of each person who made the submission
- state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds.

Electronic submissions may be made provided they include the full name and email address (or other address) of the submitter and online at planning4housing@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au.

Written submissions should be made by:

Post: Planning Regulation, MGR and DA Rules consultation
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MEAGHAN SCANLON MP
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning
Minister for Public Works

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT RULES UNDER THE *PLANNING ACT 2016*, SECTIONS 10, 68 and 69

I, the Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works, do hereby notify that, pursuant to sections 10, 68 and 69 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Planning Act), I propose to make amendments to the Development Assessment Rules (DA Rules).

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MEAGHAN SCANLON MP
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning
Minister for Public Works

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BRISBANE
18 April 2024



2 May 2024

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council

Email: ceo@longreach.qld.gov.au

Dear Brett,

I am writing to confirm that at close of nominations we have received a single nomination for the District 8 - Central West representative on the Association's Policy Executive for the 2024-2028 quadrennium.

As a result, no ballot will be required, and I can advise that Cr Andrew Martin has been appointed as the Policy Executive representative for District 8 to be effective from 14 June 2024.

Thank you for assisting the LGAQ with this important process and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0438 787 038, or Darren Leckenby on 0488 725 098.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Smith', is positioned above the printed name.

Alison Smith
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2 MAY 2024

Office of the
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Department of
Transport and Main Roads

Mr Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council
ceo@longreach.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Walsh

I am pleased to advise applications are now open for the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) 2024 Bike Riding Encouragement Program (BREP) Community Grants.

The BREP Community Grants aim to support innovative community-led ideas to encourage more people to ride bikes for transport, recreation and wellbeing.

Eligible organisations can receive up to \$25,000 in funding to help bring their bike riding encouragement idea to life and contribute to the Queensland Government's vision for 'more cycling, more often'.

The grants are open to local government authorities partnering with community organisations, for-profit organisations, not-for-profit organisations and community groups. TMR is keen to receive a diverse range of applications from across the state, including applications for initiatives that focus on encouraging more bike riding in regional and remote communities.

To learn more about the grants, including how to apply and links to previously funded grant projects such as online bike route mapping delivered by local governments, please visit <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/bikeridinggrants>.

Applications close on Friday 24 May 2024.

I encourage Longreach Regional Council to consider applying for a grant and would also appreciate your support in promoting the BREP Community Grants to eligible organisations in your communities.

Should you require further information, please contact the BREP Grants project team by email at TMR.BREP.Grants@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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3 May 2024

Mr Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council

Dear Mr Walsh

The Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities has released the draft Queensland Invasive Plants and Animals Strategy 2025 - 2030 (the draft strategy) for consultation. This letter is to formally invite your organisation to comment on the draft strategy.

The draft strategy can be downloaded from the following website -
<https://daf.engagementhub.com.au/invasive-plants-animals-consultation>.

Please also be aware that you can download and fill in the [Template - feedback matrix](#) with input.

As invasive plant and animal management is a shared responsibility, the success of the strategy relies on the willingness and ability of all those involved in invasive plant and animal management to actively contribute to implementing the strategic actions listed in the draft strategy.

Submissions close 31 May 2024, and once comments are received, a final document will be produced for ratification by stakeholder representatives prior to publication.

Please contact us at biosecurity.capability@daf.qld.gov.au for assistance.

Yours sincerely

Dr Enrico Perotti
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Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

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11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.2 - Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot - 6266 Longreach-Silsoe Rd and 941 Black Creek Rd, Longreach

11.2 Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot - 6266 Longreach-Silsoe Rd and 941 Black Creek Rd, Longreach

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Description:	Subdivision to reconfigure common boundary
Development:	Development Permit
Applicant:	A & T Surveying
Owner:	Simon J & Myriam M Daley and Patrick K Gibson & PSG Grazing Pty Ltd.
Current Use of Land:	Rural pursuits
Address:	6266 Longreach-Silsoe Rd and 941 Black Creek Rd, Longreach
Real Property Description:	Lots 5 and 6 on MV37 Longreach-Silsoe Road and LaMancha Access
Applicable Planning Scheme:	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015</i>
Zone:	Rural
Level of Assessment:	Code Assessment

Appendices

1. Attachment A -Proposal Plan.pdf [↓](#)
2. DA2324-005 - Decision Report for Council Meeting 16 May 2024 (002).pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – Boundary Realignment (2 lots into 2 lots) at 6266 Longreach-Silsoe Road and 941 Black Creek Road, Longreach formally described as Lots 5 and 6 on MV37, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

- 1.1 The developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.
- 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.
- 1.3 The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out for the development. To the

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extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.

- 1.4 Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.
- 1.5 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to the sealing of the survey plan for the Reconfiguring a Lot, unless otherwise stated.

2.0 APPROVED PLAN

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

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision	Date
Proposed Boundary Realignment Lots 5 and 6 on MV37 Longreach-Silsoe Road and LaMancha Access	-	B	Nov 2023

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

3.0 ENDORSEMENT OF SURVEY PLAN

- 3.1 Council will not endorse or release the survey plan for this development until such time as:
- (a) All conditions of this development approval for Reconfiguring a Lot have been fully satisfied (where required);
 - (b) A statement demonstrating compliance with all conditions attached to this development approval has been submitted to Council (where required); and
 - (c) All outstanding rates and charges relating to the site have been paid.

4.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 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. 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

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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.

2. 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.

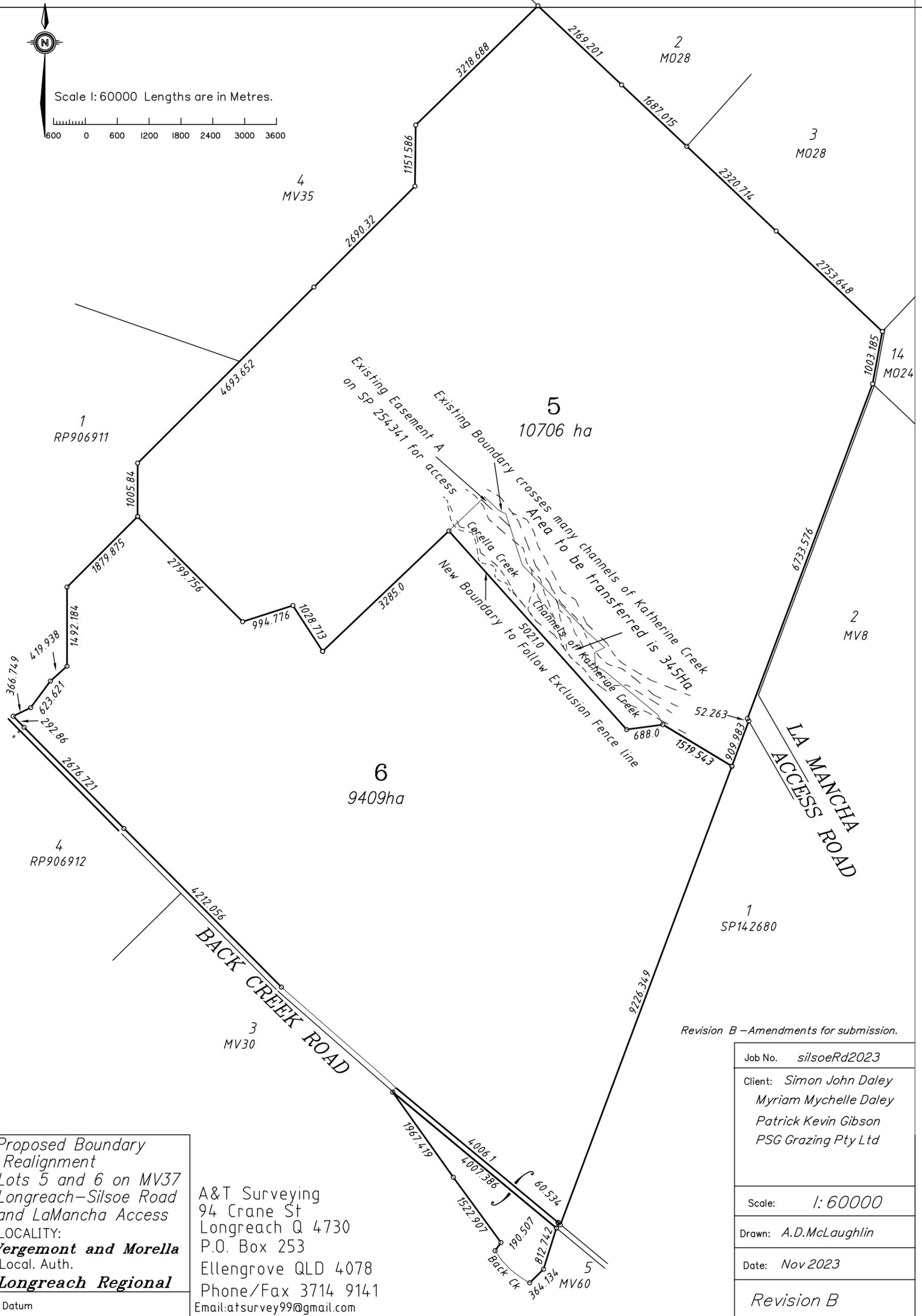
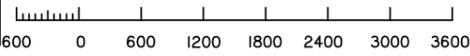
3. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under Section 23 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care").

4. This approval is issued under the *Planning Act 2016* and does not include an assessment against the *Building Act 1975*. Alterations may be required to existing buildings to ensure compliance with the building assessment provisions. The developer should seek advice from a suitably qualified person before proceeding with the development.

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Scale 1: 60000 Lengths are in Metres.



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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - DA23/24-005 - A & T SURVEYING - 6266 LONGREACH-SILSOE ROAD AND 941 BLACK CREEK ROAD, LONGREACH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Applicant, A & T Surveying, has submitted a development application seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – Boundary Realignment (2 lots into 2 lots) at 6266 Longreach-Silsoe Road and 941 Black Creek Road, Longreach formally described as Lots 5 and 6 on MV37 (the subject site).

The proposal involves the reconfiguration of two existing lots to align those lots with existing exclusion fencing. The reconfiguration will not result in additional lots being created and both lots will exceed the minimum lot size of 5,000 hectares required in the Rural Zone.

Under the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015* (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is located in the Rural Zone and is affected by several overlays.

Reconfiguring a Lot in the Rural zone is subject to code assessment. A 'code assessable' development application does not require public notification (i.e. is not subject to third-party appeal rights) and is assessed against a limited set of assessment benchmarks (i.e. criteria) under the Planning Scheme – to the extent the development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the assessment benchmarks, it must be approved.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* for applications requiring code assessment, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – Boundary Realignment (2 lots into 2 lots) at 6266 Longreach-Silsoe Road and 941 Black Creek Road, Longreach formally described as Lots 5 and 6 on MV37, subject to the following conditions:

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

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

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4.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 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. 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.
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1.0 OVERVIEW

TABLE 1 - OVERVIEW	
PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site address	6266 Longreach-Silsoe Road and 941 Black Creek Road, Longreach
RPD	Lots 5 and 6 on MV37
Site Area	20,115 ha
Landowner	Simon J & Myriam M Daley and Patrick K Gibson & PSG Grazing Pty Ltd.
Existing use of land	Rural pursuits
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	DA23/24-005
Applicant	A & T Surveying
Application description	Development Application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – Boundary Realignment (2 lots into 2 lots)
Decision Due date	23 May 2024
Proposal	Subdivision to reconfigure common boundary
STATUTORY PLANNING DETAILS	
State Planning Policy	<i>State Planning Policy (July 2017)</i>
Mapped SPP matters	Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stock route Biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MSES – Regulated vegetation (wetland) - MSES – Regulated vegetation (intersecting a watercourse) Natural Hazards Risk and Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flood hazard area – Level 1 – Queensland floodplain assessment overlay - Flood hazard area – Local Government flood mapping area - Bushfire prone area
Regional Plan	Central West Regional Plan (September 2009)
CWRP Designation	Major Rural Activity Centre (Longreach)
Planning Scheme	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v2.1)</i>
Zone	Rural Zone
Overlays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flood hazard Mapping - Agricultural Land - Matters of State Environmental Significance - Bushfire Hazard
Category of Assessment	Code Assessment

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1.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

Application lodged	19 March 2024
Application properly made	19 March 2024
Decision due date under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>	23 May 2024

2.0 SITE AND SURROUNDS DESCRIPTION

The subject site is 6266 Longreach-Silsoe Road and 941 Black Creek Road, Longreach formally described as Lots 5 and 6 on MV37 (**see Figure 1**). The subject site has an area of 20,115 hectares and includes a frontage to Black Creek Road and LaMancha Access Road.

The site contains a grazing operation and contains several buildings.

The site is located approximately 80km west of Longreach and is surrounded by large rural lots.



Figure 1 – Subject site and locality (Queensland Government DAMS)

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal involves the reconfiguration of two existing lots to align those lots with existing exclusion fencing. The reconfiguration will not result in additional lots being created and both lots will exceed the minimum lot size of 5,000 hectares required in the Rural Zone (**see Figure 2**).

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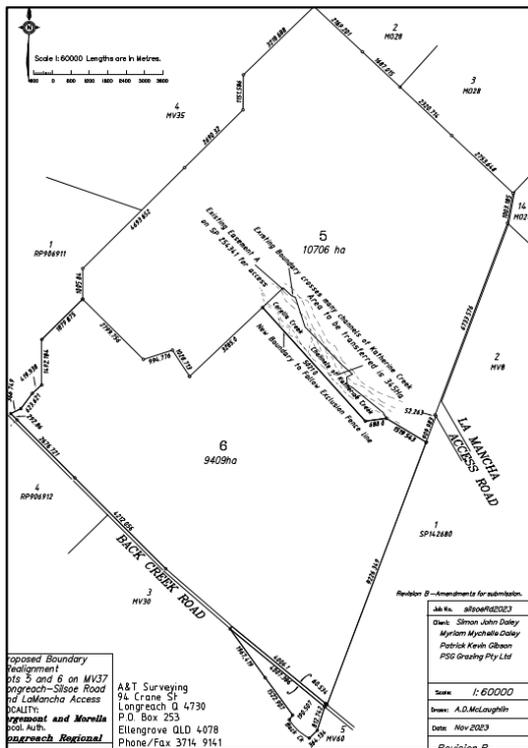


Figure 2 – Proposed reconfiguration (Applicant supplied)

The reconfiguration will result in the following lot arrangement:

Lot	Existing lot size	Proposed lot size
5 on MV37	10,363 hectares	10,706 hectares
6 on MV37	9,754 hectares	9,409 hectares

Each lot will retain its existing access and will not result in the removal or addition of any buildings or infrastructure.

The reconfiguration of a lot plan recommended for approval is included in **Attachment A**.

4.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Section 45(3) of the *Planning Act 2016* ('the Planning Act'), Code Assessment is an assessment that must be carried out –

- (a) against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development;
- and
- (b) having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this paragraph.

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In this instance, under Section 45(3)(a) of the Planning Act, the categorising instrument for the development is the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (Version 2.1)* (the Planning Scheme) under which the applicable assessment benchmarks are the following codes:

- Rural Zone Code
- Reconfiguring a Lot Code
- Flood Overlay Code
- Landscape Code
- Works Code.

The *Planning Regulation 2017* (sections 29-31) prescribes additional assessment benchmarks and other general assessment matters, which are addressed as follows:

The Central West Regional Plan

The regional plan is identified as being appropriately integrated in the Planning Scheme and therefore does not require further assessment. The assessment of the proposal against the Planning Scheme in section 4.1 below also functions as an assessment of the Regional Plan.

The State Planning Policy

The Planning Scheme reflects an older version of the SPP from July 2014. The current version of the SPP is from July 2017. As listed in Table 1 at the start of this report (overview of planning details), there were no mapped assessment benchmarks. No further consideration has been given to the SPP.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

There are no assessment benchmarks that are directly applicable to the development or subject site.

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

The planning application did not trigger assessable development or State agency referral under Schedule 10. Although the site contains native vegetation, the applicant has stated that the new boundary will be outside areas containing native vegetation.

Common material

All material about the application that Council has received since lodgement has been considered in this report.

The following sections consider the above assessment benchmarks and matters to the extent relevant to the application.

4.1 LONGREACH REGIONAL PLANNING SCHEME 2015

4.1.1 Reconfiguring a Lot

Under the Planning Act 2016, the definition of Reconfiguring a Lot is as follows:

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- a. Creating lots by subdividing another lot; or
- b. Amalgamating 2 or more lots;
- c. **Rearranging the boundaries of a lot by registering a plan of subdivision under the Land Act or Land Title Act;** or
- d. Dividing land into parts by agreement rendering different parts of a lot immediately available for separate disposition or separate occupation, other than by an agreement that is:
 - i. A lease for a term, including renewal options, not exceeding 10 years; or
 - ii. An agreement for the exclusive use of part of the common property for a community titles scheme under the Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997; or
- e. Creating an easement giving access to a lot from a constructed road.

Assessment of Codes

The following sections provide an assessment of the proposed development against the relevant assessment benchmarks.

In summary, this planning assessment has demonstrated the proposed development complies with the relevant assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme.

Rural Zone Code

The site is in the Rural Zone, as shown in red on the Zone Map for Rural Areas in **Figure 3**.

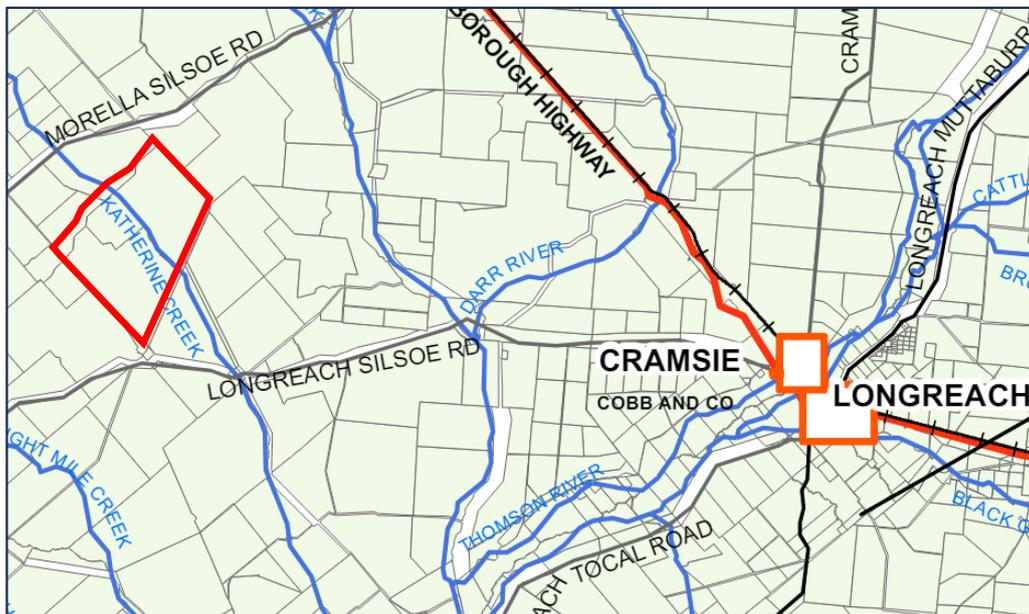


Figure 3 – Zone Map (Source: LRC Planning Scheme 2015)

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The proposed development complies, or can otherwise be conditioned to comply, with the Performance Outcomes and, where applicable, the Acceptable Outcomes, of the Rural Zone Code as the reconfiguration of lots will result in the creation of lots that are of an adequate size to support existing and future rural activities.

Reconfiguring a Lot Code

The proposed development complies, or can otherwise be conditioned to comply, with the Performance Outcomes and, where applicable, the Acceptable Outcomes, of the Reconfiguring a Lot Code, in particular:

- The reconfiguration will create lots that exceed the minimum lot size requirements, each lot will exceed 5,000 hectares
- Although the site is mapped as containing matters of state environmental significance (MSES), the proposal will not result in the loss MSES
- Each lot will retain its access and will continue to be serviced by necessary rural services
- The proposed realignment of boundaries ensures the lots are consistent with existing fencing on site which has the potential to improve land management practices
- The proposal does not result in the creation of a new lot in an area containing matters of state environmental significance
- The proposal does not result in the creation of a new lot within a bushfire hazard area.

Flood Overlay Code

The site is traversed by Katherine Creek and is mapped as being affected by QRA Level 1 mapping. The proposal will not create any additional lots.

The purpose of the code is to manage development outcomes in the flood hazard area so that risk to human life, property, community and the environment during future flood events is minimised. In particular:

- The proposed reconfiguration relocates the existing boundary from within Katherine Creek and will not involve any physical alteration or filling to the waterway
- The proposal does not involve the manufacture or storage of hazardous materials
- The proposal does not result in an increase in the number of lots and only involves a boundary realignment.

Landscape Code

The purpose of the landscape code is to ensure landscaping in both the private and public domains is designed and constructed to a high standard, provides a strong contribution to the Longreach outback identity, provides amenity appropriate to physical location and social values, and is responsive to the local character, site and climatic conditions and suits the long-term needs of the community.

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The proposed development is for the reconfiguration of a lot only and does not result in any physical works and landscaping is therefore considered unreasonable. Given the nature of the development, further assessment of the Landscape Code is considered unnecessary.

Works Code

The proposed development complies, or can otherwise be conditioned to comply, with the Performance Outcomes and, where applicable, the Acceptable Outcomes, of the Works Code.

No changes to access or services are proposed.

5.0 REFERRALS

5.1 INTERNAL

The application was not internally referred to Council officers due to the minor nature of the application.

5.2 STATE ASSESSMENT REFERRAL AGENCY

The application did not trigger referral under the *Planning Regulation 2017*. The site is mapped as containing native vegetation; however the applicant has stated no native vegetation will be removed.

6.0 INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

It is noted that Council does not charge Adopted Infrastructure Charges for any new development. In turn, an Infrastructure Charges Notice does not form part of this recommendation.

7.0 CONCLUSION

The development application seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – Boundary Realignment (2 lots into 2 lots) at 6266 Longreach-Silsoe Road and 941 Black Creek Road, Longreach formally described as Lots 5 and 6 on MV37, is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions outlined in this report. This recommendation is based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Act for applications subject to Code Assessment. The assessment undertaken, which is summarised in this report, demonstrates that the proposal complies with the relevant assessment benchmarks.

In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under Section 63 of the Planning Act, a notice must be prepared for publication on Council's website stating the reasons for the decision. For this development, the statement of reasons, being the grounds for approval, will feature on the notice as follows:

11.2 - Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot - 6266 Longreach-Silsoe Rd and 941 Black Creek Rd, Longreach --Appendix 2

- The reconfiguration will create lots that exceed the minimum lot size requirements for the Rural Zone.
- The proposal does not result in the creation of any additional lots.
- Both new lots will have all necessary services.
- The development complies with all applicable assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme.
- The development does not compromise the relevant elements of the Central West Regional Plan and State Planning Policy.

Assessment Officers (Author): Tim O'Leary Principal Planner (Reel Planning) 03 May 2024	Reviewed and Authorised by Assessment Manager Delegate: David Wilson – A/CEO 7 May 2024
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ATTACHMENT A - PROPOSAL PLAN

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.3 - Development Permit for Building Work for two sheds at 31 Stork Road, Longreach

11.3 Development Permit for Building Work for two sheds at 31 Stork Road, Longreach

Consideration of a development application lodged with Council on April 30, 2024 by Charles & Karen Coleman and Peter & Denise Dexter for a Development Permit for Building Work for one 180m² shed and a second 140m² shed at 31 Stork Road, Longreach.

Description:	Building work assessable against the Planning Scheme
Development:	Development Permit
Applicant:	Charles F & Karen A Coleman and Peter D & Denise J Dexter
Owner:	Charles F & Karen A Coleman and Peter D & Denise J Dexter
Current Use of Land:	Vacant Land
Address:	31 Stork Rd, Longreach
Real Property Description:	Lot 2 on SP328016
Applicable Planning Scheme:	Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)
Zone:	Low Density Residential Zone
Level of Assessment:	Code Assessment

Assessment Report

The Assessment Report was prepared by Council's Town Planning Consultants, Reel Planning and is listed in the appendices below.

Appendices

1. Attachment A - Proposal Plans.pdf [↓](#)
2. DA2324-006 - Decision Report for 31 Stork Rd.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for Building Work for two sheds at 31 Stork Road, Longreach, formally described Lot 2 on SP328016, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

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

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discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.

- 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.

2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

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

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Issue	Date
Site Plan (as amended in red)	DA23/24-006		01/05/2024 (Received date)
Layout	WSS240581 - 3		09/04/2024
Layout	WSS240582 - 3		10/04/2024

- 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.

3.0 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.

4.0 AMENITY

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- 4.1 Any proposed outdoor lighting must comply with AS4282 Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.

5.0 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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.

6.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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).
- 6.3 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.

7.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 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. 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

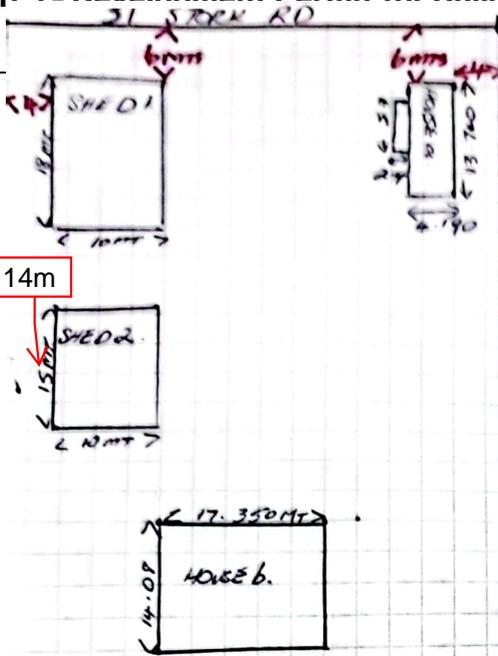
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prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.

3. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
4. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care").

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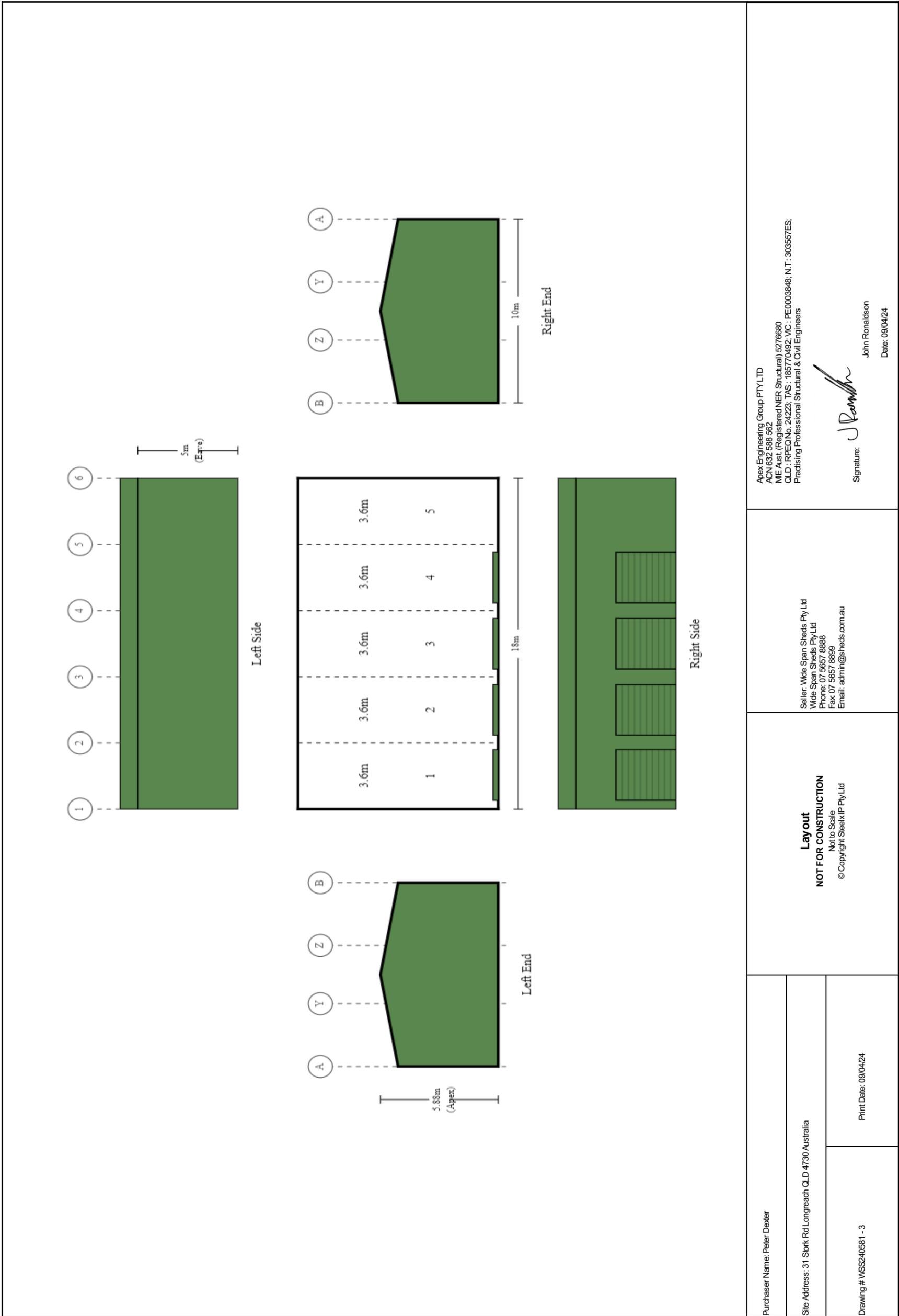
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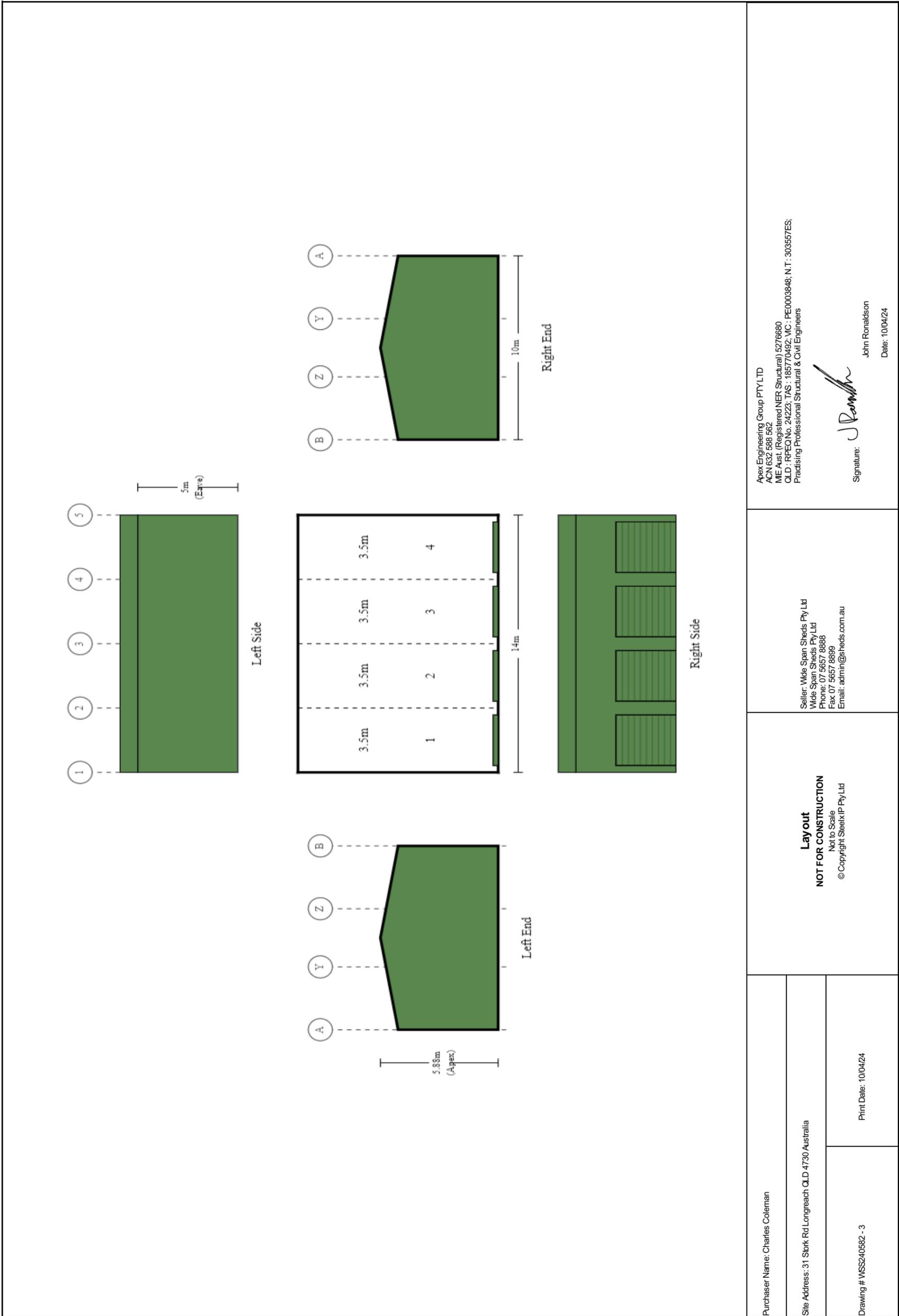
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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - DA23/24-006 - CHARLES FARLANE, KAREN COLEMAN, PETER DOUGLAS AND DENISE DEXTER - 31 STORK ROAD, LONGREACH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Applicants, Charles Farlane, Karen Coleman, Peter Douglas and Denise Dexter, have submitted a development application seeking a Preliminary Approval for Building Work for two sheds at 31 Stork Road, Longreach, formally described Lot 2 on SP328016 (the subject site).

The proposal involves the construction of two sheds, one with an area of 140m² and the other with an area of 180m². The sheds will be ancillary to two future dwellings houses (Dual occupancy) that are accepted development and do not require planning approval.

Under the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015* (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is located in the Low Density Residential Zone. A Shed in the Low Density Residential Zone is subject to code assessment (where the size of the shed exceeds 120m²).

A 'code assessable' development application does not require public notification (i.e. is not subject to third-party appeal rights) and is assessed against a limited set of assessment benchmarks (i.e. criteria) under the Planning Scheme – to the extent the development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the assessment benchmarks, it must be approved.

The entire site is affected by the Flood Hazard Overlay, in particular the Significant Flood Hazard Area. However, as the shed is non-habitable there are no further requirements.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* for applications requiring code assessment, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for Building Work for two sheds at 31 Stork Road, Longreach, formally described Lot 2 on SP328016, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

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

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- 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.
- 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.
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2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

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- 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.

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4.0 AMENITY

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- 4.1 Any proposed outdoor lighting must comply with AS4282 Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.

5.0 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- 5.1 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.
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7.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 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. 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.

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3. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
 4. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care").
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1.0 OVERVIEW

TABLE 1 - OVERVIEW	
PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site address	31 Stork Road, Longreach
RPD	Lot 2 on SP328016
Site Area	10,100m ²
Landowners	Charles Farlane, Karen Coleman, Peter Douglas and Denise Dexter
Existing use of land	Vacant
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	DA23/24-006
Applicant	Charles Farlane, Karen Coleman, Peter Douglas and Denise Dexter
Application description	Development Application for a Preliminary Approval for Building Work for two sheds
Decision Due date	19 June 2024
Proposal	Shed x 2
STATUTORY PLANNING DETAILS	
State Planning Policy	<i>State Planning Policy (July 2017)</i>
Mapped SPP matters	<p>Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSES – Regulated vegetation (intersecting a watercourse) <p>Natural Hazards Risk and Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood hazard area – Level 1 – Queensland floodplain assessment overlay • Flood hazard area – Local Government flood mapping area <p>Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacle limitation surface area • Light restriction zone • Lighting area buffer 6km • Wildlife hazard buffer zone
Regional Plan	Central West Regional Plan (September 2009)
CWRP Designation	Major Rural Activity Centre (Longreach)
Planning Scheme	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v2.1)</i>
Zone	Low Density Residential Zone
Overlays	<p>Airport Environ Overlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffer Area A • Operational Airspace 236.0 <p>Flood Hazard Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant

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Category of Assessment	Code Assessment
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2.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

Application lodged	01 May 2024
Application properly made	01 May 2024
Decision due date under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>	19 June 2024

3.0 SITE AND SURROUNDS DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at 31 Stork Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 2 on SP328016 (see **Figure 1**). The subject site has an area of 10,100m², is of a regular shape and has a 51m frontage to Stork Road.

The subject site is currently vacant.

The site is adjoined to the:

- North by a dwelling house on a large lot
- South by a dwelling house on a large lot
- East by Stork Road and dwelling house further east
- West by vacant land.



Figure 1 – Locality of Subject Site (Queensland Government DAMS)

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

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The proposal involves the construction of two sheds, one with an area of 140m² and the other with an area of 180m². The sheds will be ancillary to two future dwellings houses (Dual occupancy) that are accepted development and do not require planning approval.

The sheds will be used for domestic purposes.

Figure 2 below, shows the proposed locations of the sheds (Shed 1 and Shed 2).

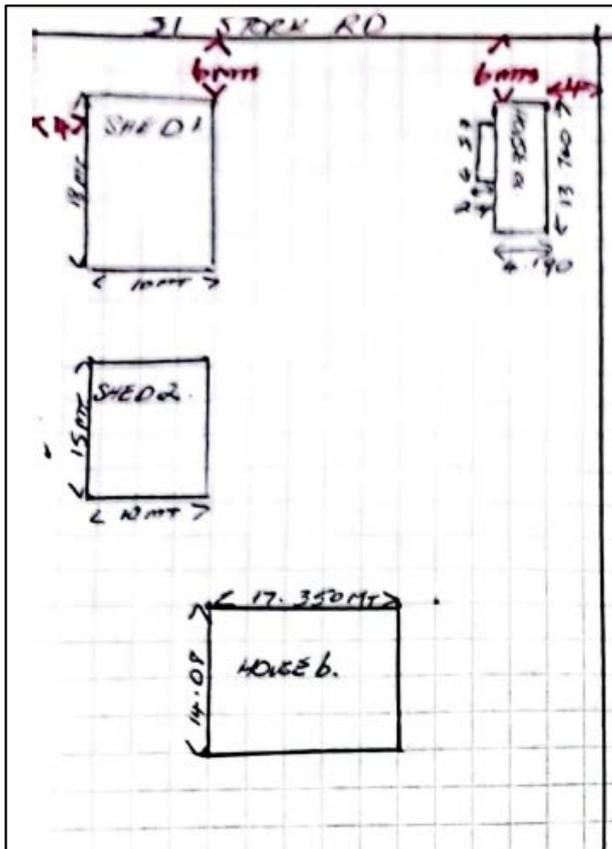


Figure 2 – Shed locations (applicant supplied)

Proposal plans recommended for approval are included in **Attachment A**.

5.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Section 45(3) of the *Planning Act 2016* ('the Planning Act'), Code Assessment is an assessment that must be carried out –

- (a) against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development;
- and

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(b) having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this paragraph.

In this instance, under Section 45(3)(a) of the Planning Act, the categorising instrument for the development is the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (Version 2.1)* (the Planning Scheme) under which the applicable assessment benchmarks are the following codes:

- Low Density Residential Zone Code

It is noted that the Airport Environs Overlay Code and Flood Overlay Code are not applicable to the application as it is for Building Work only.

The *Planning Regulation 2017* (sections 29-31) prescribes additional assessment benchmarks and other general assessment matters, which are addressed as follows:

The Central West Regional Plan

The regional plan is identified as being appropriately integrated in the Planning Scheme and therefore does not require further assessment. The assessment of the proposal against the Planning Scheme in section 5.1 below also functions as an assessment of the Regional Plan.

The State Planning Policy

The Planning Scheme reflects an older version of the SPP from July 2014. The current version of the SPP is from July 2017. As listed in Table 1 at the start of this report (overview of planning details), there were mapped assessment benchmarks relating to flood hazard and airport facilities. We have reviewed the assessment benchmarks relating to this state interest and confirm that the provisions between the 2014 and 2017 SPP are identical.

Therefore, no further assessment is required, as the relevant current state interests are still considered to be appropriately reflected in the Planning Scheme. The assessment of the proposal against the Planning Scheme in section 5.1 below also functions as an assessment of the SPP.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

There are no assessment benchmarks that are directly applicable to the development or subject site.

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

The planning application did not trigger assessable development or State agency referral under Schedule 10.

Approval history / unlawful use of the premises

The site is currently vacant.

Common material

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All material about the application that Council has received since lodgement has been considered in this report.

The following sections consider the above assessment benchmarks and matters to the extent relevant to the application.

5.1 LONGREACH REGIONAL PLANNING SCHEME 2015

5.1.1 Proposal as Building Work

The proposed development involves Building Work. Under the Planning Act, the definition of Building Work is:

(a) means—

(i) building, repairing, altering, underpinning (whether by vertical or lateral support), moving or demolishing a building or other structure; or Example— building a retaining wall

(ii) works regulated under the building assessment provisions; or

(iii) excavating or filling for, or incidental to, the activities stated in subparagraph (i); or

(iv) excavating or filling that may adversely affect the stability of a building or other structure, whether on the premises on which the building or other structure is situated or on adjacent premises; or

(v) supporting (vertically or laterally) premises for activities stated in subparagraph (i)

5.1.2 Land Use Definition

Under the Planning Scheme, the proposed use is defined as a Domestic outbuilding:

Domestic outbuilding means -

*A Class 10a building, as defined in the Building Code of Australia, that is ancillary to a residential use on the same premises and is limited to non-habitable buildings for the purpose of a **shed**, garage and carport.*

4.1.3 Assessment of Codes

Low Density Residential Zone Code

The site is in the Low Density Residential Zone, as shown in red on the Zone Map for Longreach in **Figure 3**.

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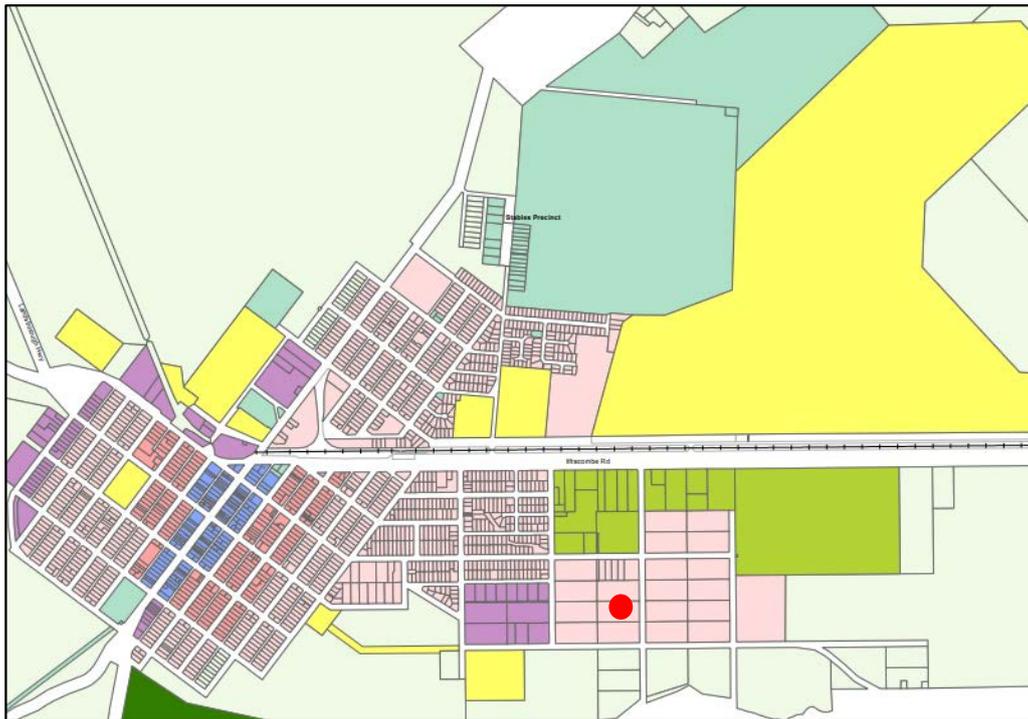


Figure 3 – Zone Map (Source: LRC Planning Scheme 2015)

The proposed development complies, or can otherwise be conditioned to comply, with the Performance Outcomes and, where applicable, the Acceptable Outcomes, of the Low Density Residential Zone.

The Low Density Residential Zone provides for predominantly dwelling houses supported by community uses and small-scale services and facilities that cater for local residents. The proposal involves two sheds (domestic outbuildings) which are consistent with the purpose of the code.

The proposed development complies with Low Density Residential Zone Code, in particular:

- Although the combined size of the sheds exceeds 120m² (330m²) it is considered that the sheds will not detract from the residential amenity and character of the neighbourhood. The sheds are intended to support a future land use of a dual occupancy (two dwellings on one lot), it is therefore considered reasonable that each dwelling has an ancillary shed. The sheds will have an eaves height of 5m and be setback appropriately from boundaries to ensure they do not impact on surrounding dwellings. It is not expected that the sheds will impact on privacy or contribute to overlooking or overshadowing.
- There are various examples of similar sized sheds in the locality, therefore the proposed sheds are consistent with surrounding built form.
- It is noted that version 3 of the Longreach Planning Scheme, comes into effect on 6 May 2024. Version 3 allows for an increased shed size of 180m² with an eaves height of 5.5m. The proposed sheds will not exceed the new provisions.

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In summary, this planning assessment has demonstrated compliance between the development and the relevant assessable benchmarks of the Planning Scheme. Recommended conditions of approval reflect the elements of each assessment benchmark to ensure on-going compliance in terms of operation and amenity. No conflict is evident between the proposal and the Planning Scheme.

6.0 REFERRALS

6.1 INTERNAL

The application was not internally referred due to minor nature of the proposal.

6.2 STATE ASSESSMENT REFERRAL AGENCY

The application did not trigger referral under the *Planning Regulation 2017*.

7.0 INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

It is noted that Council does not charge Adopted Infrastructure Charges for any new development. In turn, an Infrastructure Charges Notice does not form part of this recommendation.

8.0 CONCLUSION

The development application seeking a Preliminary Approval for Building Work for two sheds at 31 Stork Road, Longreach, formally described Lot 2 on SP328016, is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions outlined in this report. This recommendation is based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Act for applications subject to Code Assessment. The assessment undertaken, which is summarised in this report, demonstrates that the proposal complies with the relevant assessment benchmarks.

In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under Section 63 of the Planning Act, a notice must be prepared for publication on Council's website stating the reasons for the decision. For this development, the statement of reasons, being the grounds for approval, will feature on the notice as follows:

- (a) The proposed development is a consistent development in the Low Density Residential Zone
- (b) The sheds will not detract from the residential amenity and character of the neighbourhood
- (c) The development complies with all applicable assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme
- (d) The development does not compromise the relevant elements of the Central West Regional Plan and State Planning Policy.

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Appendix 2**

Assessment Officers (Author): Tim O'Leary Principal Planner (Reel Planning) 07 May 2024	Reviewed and Authorised by Assessment Manager Delegate: David Wilson - A/CEO 07 May 2024
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ATTACHMENT A - PROPOSAL PLANS

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.4 - Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - April 2024

11.4 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - April 2024

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 30 April 2024, 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

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011

Policy Considerations

Workplace Health and Safety Policy – No. 10.2

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR LEADERSHIP	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
5.1	Council will have a values driven culture.

Budget Considerations

Operational expenses year to date for Workplace Health and Safety are within current budget parameters.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s:

Morgan Ashwood, Workplace Health and Safety Advisor

Grace Cronin-Jones, Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness

Background:

The Safety Team provide a monthly update report of Council's health and safety performance.

Team Update:

- The Safety Team have completed a critical risk audit, with the findings to be presented to the ELT at their monthly meeting in May. The findings have highlighted areas of high, medium and low risk, which will inform the teams approach to priorities resources and ratification action plans.
- The team have also been working to undertake a mapping and gap analysis exercise of documents within the Safety Management System (SMS). The existing SMS

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framework has in excess of 550 safety documents, compared to approximately 168 documents the team are looking to co-create with team leaders and their team members. The document for the new framework have been taken from LGW’s updated framework to meet ISO45001.

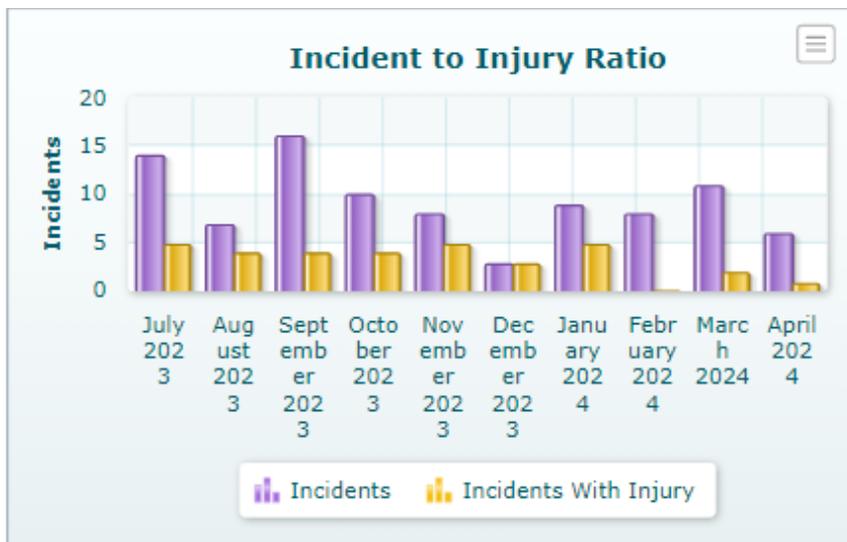
- A working group established to review processes around compliance testing and inspections, have developed and agreed on a suitable template to commence auditing tools and equipment within the organisation to understand the volume of portable and attractive assets and equipment subject to compliance testing. The templates will be able to be imported into Council’s new assets management and fleet management applications.
- The HR, Safety and Wellness Team met to workshop and plan our roadmap for improving our team’s engagement and visibility within the organisation to achieve our vision and mission as a team and corporate plan goal of achieving a values driven culture.

Incident Report Summary:

Reported incidents in April included:

- One personal injury, which required medical treatment, and a lost time injury; and
- Five property damage reports, all of which resulted in glass or panel damage from stones or wildlife.

The below graph depicts the incident to injury ratio, year to date:



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

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Risk rating is applicable to the information provided within the Council report and is not intended to be an overarching risk rating of Council Safety Management System. Risk assessments continue to be utilised across Council's work environments to ensure that suitable controls for hazards are identified and implemented.

Community Consultation:

N/A

Environmental Management Factors:

N/A

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety update for April 2024, as presented.

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11.5 Information Report - Planning and Development

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of April 2024.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

N/A

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
OUR ECONOMY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
2.2	Council infrastructure and services support local industries and growth opportunities.
OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.2	Informed and considered decision making based on effective governance practices.

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s:

Emily O'Hanlon, Business Support Officer

Simon Kuttner, Manager of Governance and Economy

Background:

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.

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11.5 - Information Report - Planning and Development

Issue:

1. Development Assessment

One new application has been received by Council since the last monthly report. There are two (2) applications currently under assessment.

An application has been made by Charles Farlane, Karen Coleman, Peter Dougals and Denise Dexter seeking a Preliminary Approval for Building Work (Two sheds) over land at 31 Stork Road, Longreach.

The proposal involves the construction of two sheds, one with an area of 150m² and the other with an area of 180m². The sheds will be ancillary to two future dwellings houses (Dual occupancy) that are accepted development and do not require planning approval.

The subject site is in the Low Density Residential Zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment. As the application is Code Assessable it will not require public notification.

The application is in the decision stage and will be presented at the May General Meeting for decision.

1.1	Council reference:	DA23/24-006
	Application:	Preliminary Approval for Building Work (Two sheds)
	Street address:	31 Stork Road, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 2 on SP328016
	Day application was made:	1 May 2024
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	Charles Farlane, Karen Coleman, Peter Dougals and Denise Dexter
	Status:	Decision stage

An application has been made by A & T Surveying seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (Boundary realignment) over land at 6266 Longreach-Silsoe Road, Longreach.

The proposal involves the reconfiguration of two existing lots to align those lots with existing exclusion fencing. The reconfiguration will not result in additional lots being created.

The subject site is in the Rural Zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment. As the application is Code Assessable it will not require public notification.

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The application is in the decision stage and will be presented at the May General Meeting for decision.

1.2	Council reference:	DA23/24-005
	Application:	Development Application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (Boundary realignment)
	Street address:	6266 Longreach-Silsoe Road, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 5 & 6 on MV37
	Day application was made:	19 March 2024
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	A & T Surveying
	Status:	Decision stage

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

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02/04/24	Potential purchaser	<p><u>Request</u> Council received a request regarding establishing units.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Medium density residential zone • A Multiple dwelling is subject to Code assessment in the Medium density residential zone • A Multiple dwelling is a consistent use in the Medium density residential zone • A Code assessable application will be required for the proposal • The main items for consideration under the Medium density residential zone code are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Buildings are a maximum of 3 storeys and 10m in height ○ Site cover should be limited to 60% ○ A planted landscape area at least 2m deep is provided across at least 50% of the site frontages (street and lane) is to be provided ○ Ground floor units should have a minimum 12m² yard/patio (or similar) that is accessible from a living area ○ Upper floor units should have a balcony or deck of at least 6m² in area ○ Side building setbacks of 3m • Car parking is to be provided at a rate of 1 space per unit plus 1 visitor space per two units. 	Closed
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02/04/24	Landowner	<p><u>Request</u> Council received a request regarding subdividing land.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Rural zone • The enquiry included options to be considered under the amended planning scheme • Council provided a response and reiterated that future development application will be required demonstrate that the proposal is consistent with the purpose and overall outcomes of the Rural zone code. The application will be assessed on its merits and determined at a full Council meeting. 	Closed
03/04/24	State government entity	<p><u>Request</u> Council received notification of proposed government housing.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government housing is considered exempt development under the Planning Regulation 2017; therefore, no action is required. 	Closed
17/04/24	Potential purchaser	<p><u>Request</u> Council received a request regarding establishing a house on vacant land.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Industry Zone • Residential uses are not consistent with purpose of the Industry Zone • Residential uses would not be supported in the Industry Zone. 	Closed
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES			
Date received	Customer details	Type	Status
Nil			
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES			
Nil			
SURVEY PLAN ENDORSEMENT			

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Nil			
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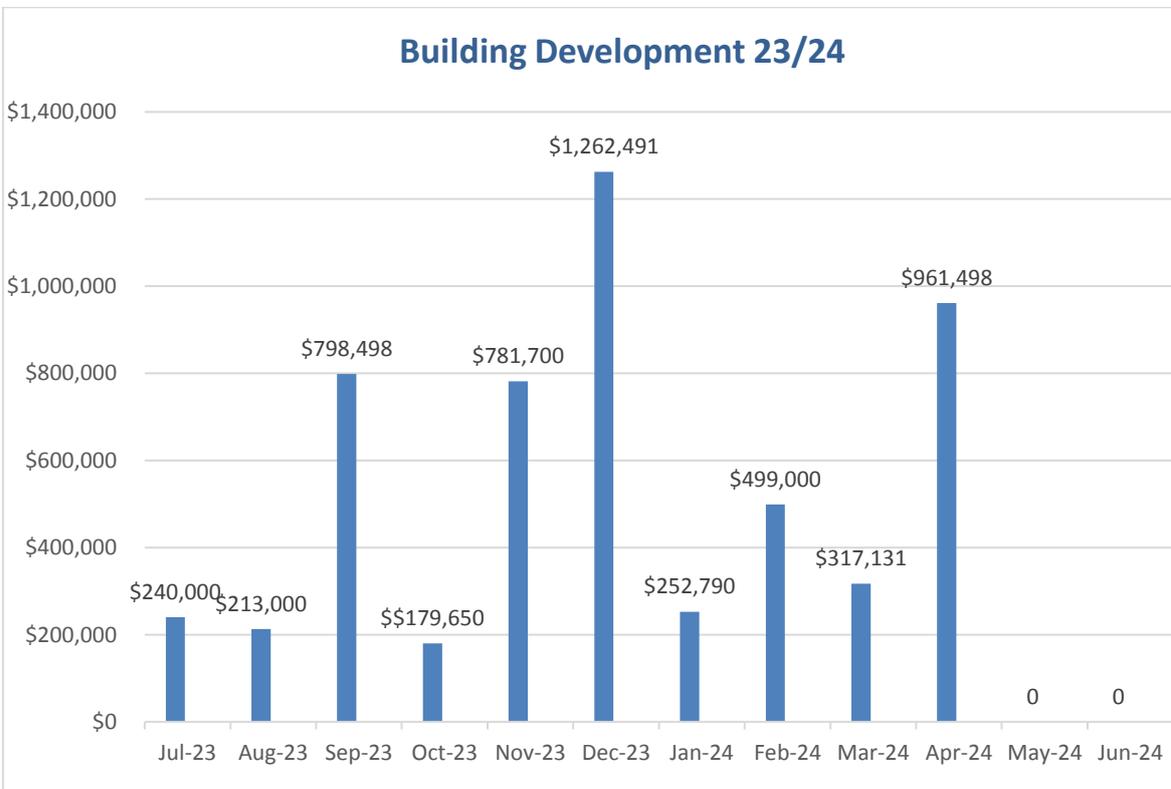
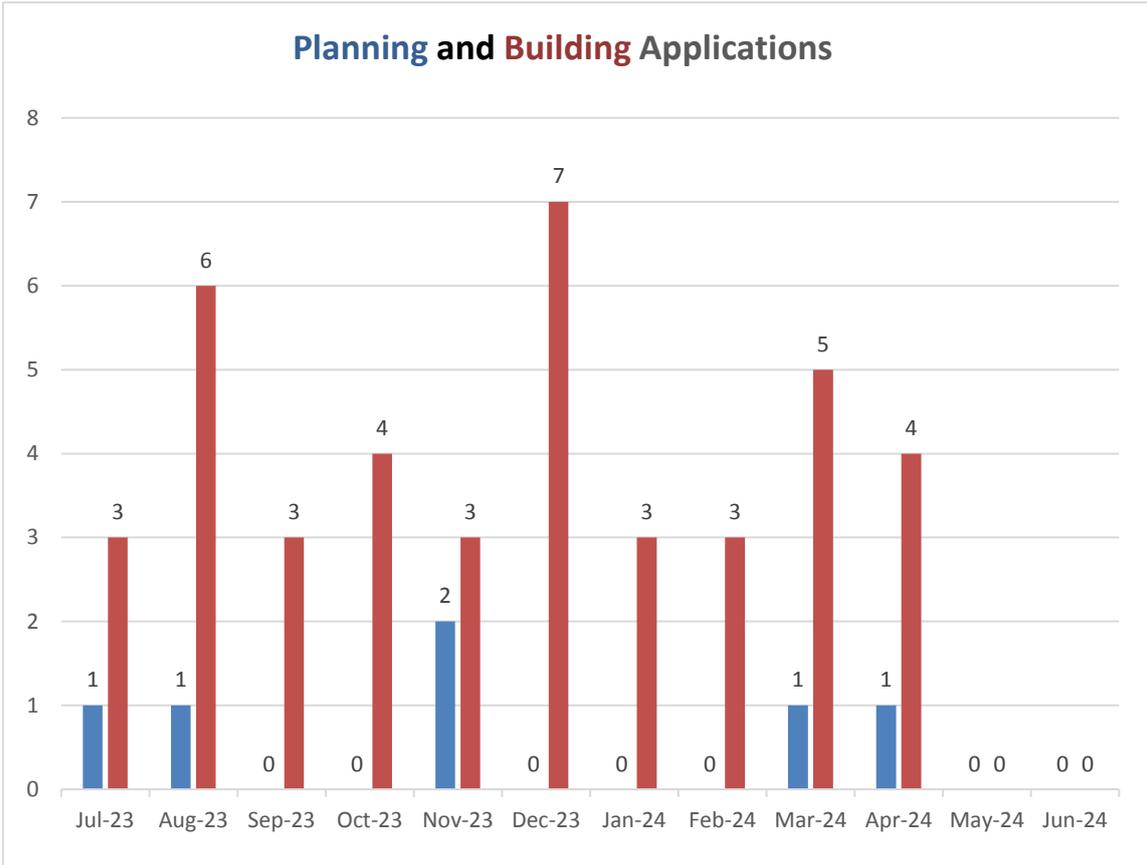
Development Applications Received

Application Type	April	YTD
Building (Council Certifier)	3	28
Building (Private Certifier)	1	11
Certificate of Classification	0	1
Change of Classification	0	0
Endorsement of Survey Plan	0	0
Exemption Certificate	0	2
Material Change of Use	0	0
Minor Change (MCU)	0	0
Minor Change (Op Works)	0	0
Building Work (Assessable)	1	1
Operational Works	0	0
Plumbing & Drainage	0	12
Reconfiguration of a Lot	0	3
Siting Variation	0	5
Building Record Searches/ Planning Certificates	2	15
Operational Works – Bore	0	3
Total	7	81

Project Value of Building Applications

Date	Development Type	Development Details	Value of Work	Location
Carried forward			\$4,482,402	
18/04/2024	Building	Shed Awning	\$111,498	Ilfracombe
30/04/2024	Building	New Dwelling	\$600,000	Longreach
30/04/2024	Building	Renovation and Extens	\$150,000	Longreach
30/04/2024	Building	Relocation and Reno	\$100,000	Longreach
December			\$961,498	
Total		Total Development for '23/'24 Year	\$5,443,900	

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2.2 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*.

On 11 April 2024 Council resolved to adopt the Major amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2). Following adoption all necessary steps have been undertaken to facilitate commencement.

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)

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Planning and Development information report, as presented.

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11.6 Information Report - Governance

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

Council Action

Recognise
Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR LEADERSHIP	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
5.2	Informed and considered decision making based on effective governance practices

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *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 4 April 2024:

Strategic Leadership

- Attend monthly RAPAD meeting (zoom)
- Attend monthly CEOs of the West (COWS) meeting (zoom)
- Provide support to Electoral Commission of Qld for local government election
- Perform induction for new Councillors

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Operational Management

- Lodge the funding application to the National Water Grid for the Longreach Water Security For Growth project
- Visit to Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yarka to meet staff and local residents

Financial Management

- Attend budget workshops with managers and councillors

Workforce Capability

- Attend leadership training for managers and supervisors

Stakeholder Engagement

- Meet with Family and Child Commissioner, Luke Twyford
- Meet with Steve Salisbury (UQ) re Isisford dinosaur display
- Attend opening of art display at Qantas Founders Museum
- Meet with representatives of Qld State Library
- Meet with auditors of Longreach State School re community relations
- Meet with Opera Qld re Festival of Outback Opera
- Meet with CEO of Qld Reconstruction Authority, Jake Elwood

Risk Management

- Review Risk Management Framework and Risk Appetite
- Discussions with King and Company re conflict of interest rules

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Calendar of Council Events

May 2024			
8 Wednesday 9am - 10:30am	Plant Working Group Meeting	North Meeting Room, Longreach Council Office	Plant Working Group
15 Wednesday 9am - 5pm	Briefing Session	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
16 Thursday	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Isisford	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
17 Friday	Dept of Local Govt induction	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
31 Friday	Final Budget Workshop	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
June 2024			
6 Thursday 9.00am-11.00am	QTC Councillor induction presentation	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
19 Wednesday 9.00am-4.00pm	Briefing Session	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
20 Thursday 9.00am	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public

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Human Resources

Staffing Levels as at 31 March 2024

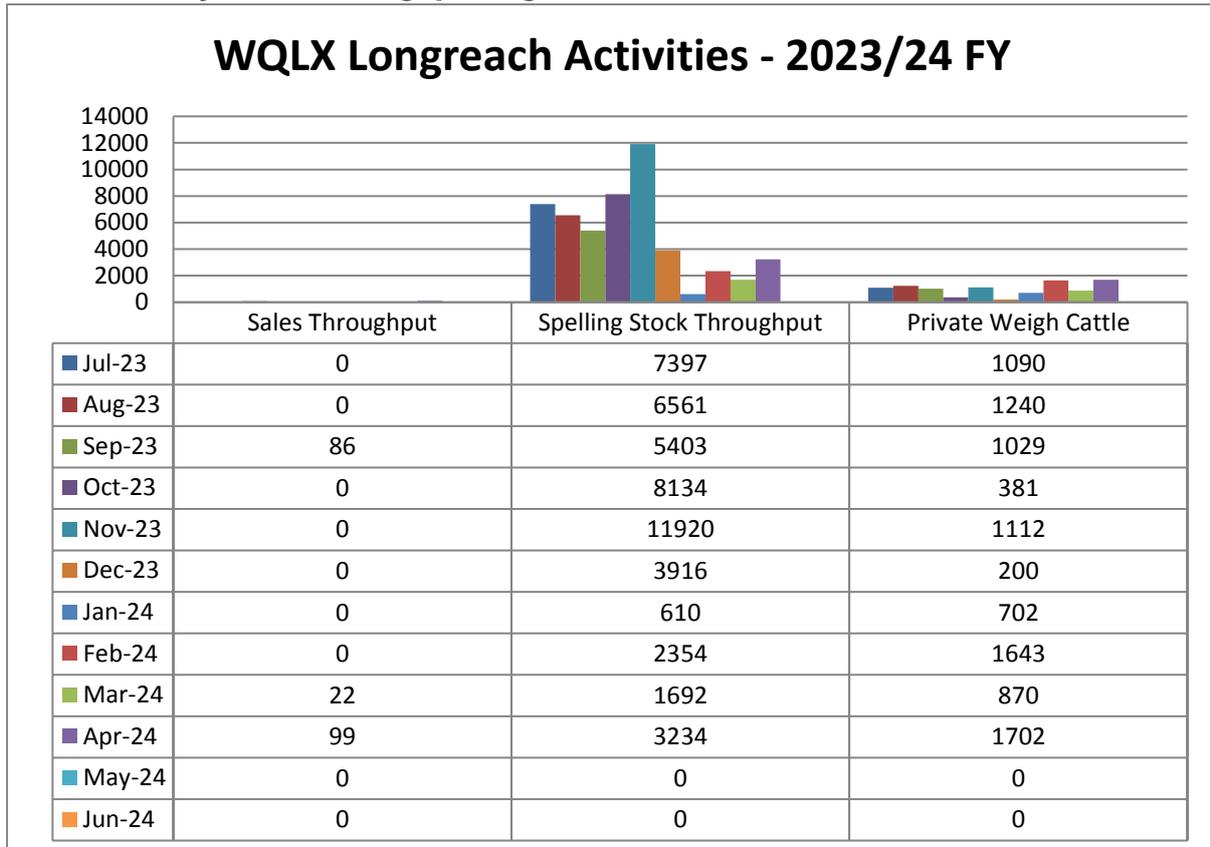
ALL FTE	Employees	Operational	Admin/ Supervisors	Contract	Total	Last Month	30/06/2023
Full Time		80.0	53.0	11.0	144	147	145.0
Permanent Part Time		3.77	4.17	0.83	8.77	7.27	7.7
Contracted Staff (Consultants)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Permanent Employees		83.77	57.17	11.83	152.77	154.27	152.7
Temporary Full Time		2.0	4.0		6.0	6.0	5.0
Temporary Part Time		-	0.69	-	0.69	0.69	-
Apprentices	-						
Trades		3.0	-	-	3.0	3.0	3.0
Traineeships		-	2.0	-	2.0	2.0	-
Casual Staff		1.20	8.45	-	2.96	3.34	4.1
Total Temporary Employees		6.20	8.45	-	14.65	15.03	12.1
Total Current Employees FTE		89.97	65.62	11.83	167.42	169.30	164.8
Current Vacant Positions		12.00	6.00	1.00	19.00	14.0	13.0
Complement FTE					186.42	183.30	177.8

Vacancies:

Director of Communities	Plant Operator Loader
Regulatory Services Compliance Rural	Plumber
Lands	Labourer Longreach
Management Accountant	Plant Operator/Labourer
Business Admin Trainee	Truck Driver
Cas Library Officer	Labourer Isisford
PT BSO Works 27.5 hrs	Building Maintenance Officer 12 Mths
Tech Officer	Cas Pool Attendant/Cleaner Isisford
Childcare Assistant	
Cas Assistant	
Cas Assistant	
Cas Assistant	

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Saleyards – Throughput Figures



Regulatory Services – Compliance

Throughout April, Regulatory Services Compliance Officers continued with their routine tasks, including town patrols, monitoring illegal water use, overgrown vegetation, feral animal control, abandoned vehicles, pest weed spraying and various animal related non-compliances. All Longreach Regional Council townships were on Level 1 Water Restrictions during January, allowing sprinkler use between 6:00am-9:00am and 5:00pm-8:00pm daily for residential use.

The main points of interest for April were:

1. The commencement of the *Approved Inspection Program* on Monday 15th April 2024 has provided a lot of useful data about the public understanding and perception of registration of animals, along with the Local Laws around excess animals, and responsible pet ownership. Review of the data will continue through May 2024.
2. Increase in dog registration across the region, attributed to the *Approved Inspection Program*, with 43 new dog registrations.
3. Following the recent rain period, Regulatory Services have increased monitoring and enforcement actions with regard to - Overgrown and Unsightly properties. This increase is a direct result of the recent native rat activity, increased reptile sightings and snake bite incidents on pets and vegetative growth that will increase fire risk once vegetation dries off.
4. Officers completed a three-day campaign of collecting data, photos and reporting across Longreach and Ilfracombe, with 77 properties identified as Overgrown (and/or Unsightly). 45 Compliance Notices have been issued for

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Overgrown properties in April. Continued activities will include Isisford and Yaraka properties as part of ongoing monitoring.

5. Only *two caution* notices were issued this month for Illegal Watering, both attributed to faulty automated sprinkler systems.
6. To end April, the following statistics were determined:
 - Registration renewal rate: ~ 79.36% (previous registration period ended 15/08/2023, dogs which have been updated as deceased/transferred out/cancelled have been removed for this renewal rate calculation)
 - Total dogs registered across the region for 2023/2024 rego period: 713 Dogs
 - Dogs with registration expired 2023/2022/2021/2020, not renewed or updated (excluding cancelled/deceased/transferred registrations): 255
 - 26 previously registered dogs that did not renew registration, have been re-registered in April 2024
 - New registrations for dogs within current rego period (since 15/08/2023): 193
 - Microchipping rate across Region (details on LRC file, active registrations only): ~77.6%
 - Total animals impounded YTD 2024: 50
7. Public facing and internal Animal Management Strategy finalisation, with presentation to council at next round table, and community engagement to follow.

Regulatory Services Tasks Completed – April 2024

Animals	62	Water	23
Dogs Impounded	14	Watering / Sprinkler Patrols	21
Domestic Cats Impounded	1	Illegal Water Usage – Residential	2
Pound Releases	12	Illegal Water Usage – Business/Public	0
Animals Euthanaised unclaimed/abandoned	0	Water Leaks Reported/Observed	0
Animals Euthanaised – surrendered	1	Water Exemption Applications/Permits	0
Animals Rehomed	1	Notices / Fines Issued	0
Feral Cats Trapped and Euthanaised	0	Property	134
Dog Attacks / Investigations	3	Town Common Patrols	8
Dogs Involved in Attacks	6	Common Gates Open / Damaged	0
Dog Traps Issued	2	Town Patrols – Longreach	21
Cat Traps Issued	1	Town Patrols – Ilfracombe	15
Wandering Dogs (not impounded)	6	Town Patrols – Isisford	1
Wandering Animals Reported / Impounded (other than dogs)	0	Town Patrols – Yaraka	1
Wandering Animal Posts on FB – not reported to Council (minimum)	13	Camping / Apex Park / River Patrols	8
Barking Dogs Reported	2	Overgrown / Unsightly Reports	80

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		(initial + follow up) (private + LRC-controlled)	
Animal Inspections – Extra dogs/cats, adequate housing, insecure enclosure, compliance checks	0	Overgrown / Unsightly Notices Issued (unattended, falling within follow-up timeframes)	0
Assist with Animal Welfare	0	Notices / Fines Issued	45
Notices / Fines Issued		Other	60
Vehicles	0	Customer Service Requests	31
Abandoned Vehicles "Tagged Out"	0	Equipment Maintenance	3
Vehicles Impounded / Processed	0	After Hours Call Out	4
Impounded Vehicle Release	0	Impound Facility Maintenance	3
Environmental Health	6	Illegal Dumping / Littering	0
Complaints/Queries Received	6	Pest Weed Spraying by LLO	19
*All Overgrown reports receiving a Compliance Notice from first report in April		Total	285

Regulatory Services – Environmental Health

Various food safety-related queries were received and advice was provided. Main queries involved street permits, Itinerant food business licencing, food businesses and food safety matters. Contractor EHO is shared between RAPAD Councils, and periodically attends each Council for food business inspections and other matters as available. In April, the EHO completed 11 food business inspections in Longreach, with all passing the inspection requirements, and some minor comments for improvement provided. We also approved an application for a new food business in Longreach.

Regulatory Services – Rural Lands

Town Commons

Agistment – All four (4) town Commons are being used for Agistment – horses only on Longreach Common, cattle and horses on Ilfracombe Common, cattle only on Isisford and Yaraka Commons

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

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Assistance to QPS Stock Squad

The Rural Lands Officers and Regulatory Service Compliance Officers attended a rollover accident involving a stock truck to assist with the disposal of bovine.

Stock Routes & Reserves

There were no travelling stock permits granted throughout the month, however there is some interest for coming months.

Permit to Occupy (PTO)

There was one PTO received for the month, being a transfer of past permit.

Water Facilities (WF)

Four water facility Capital Works Project final inspections completed, with funding grant allocation to occur in May. One final Capital Works Project to be finalised in the coming month.

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.
- Increase in regional travel to the area with tourism season
- New and emerging Pest Weeds

Main spraying projects for April:

- Stock route water facility and Reserves vegetation management
- Highway on Winton side of Longreach, around Morella siding.
- Crossmoor Road, Stonehenge River Road, Rio and Alandale
- Paddocks nearby the Thomson River
- Parthenium on Emmet and Yaraka Road.

Sticky Florestina Project

Monitoring and testing of Sticky Florestina at sites continue. Numerous Plants identified across the region by parks and gardens crews as well as Compliance Officers and Rural Lands Officer. Rural Lands Officer is completing a project across Rapid CQ to assist Barcardine in the monitoring, testing and spraying of Sticky Florestina.

Pest Animals

Wild Dog / Feral Cat Bounties – Year to Date

Division	Scalp Bounty - Dog 23/24 YTD	Contract Dog Trapper 23/24 YTD	Scalp Bounty - Cat 23/24 YTD
1	43	0	0
2	0	16	0
3	93	1	0
4	70	3	102
Total	206	20	102

Wild Dog & Feral Pig Baiting Program

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The -biannual baiting program commenced in the last week of April, finalising in the first week of May. For this round, landholders can supply their own meat or can order through Council and be invoiced for the meat. 54 Properties participated in the Baiting Program, with Council supplying approx. 2700kg of Substrate (meat), and property owners provided approx. 5000 kg.

Summary of main tasks / issues completed by Rural Lands department during the month:

- Pest weed spraying as required
- Assistance to Barcaldine Regional Council with monitoring and spraying of Sticky Florestina
- Wild Dog and Feral Pig bi-annual program
- Facility maintenance and vegetation management
- Education and awareness activities
- After-hours on-call roster, shared with Compliance Officers

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, information report only

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

12. FINANCE REPORT
12.1 - Quarterly Budget Review

12. Finance Report

12.1 Quarterly Budget Review

Budget review and proposed adjustments to the budget for the 2024 financial year (FY24).

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR SERVICES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
3.2	Sustainable infrastructure and services that represent value for money, are environmentally responsible, and are responsive to community needs.
OUR FINANCES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

An adjustment to the budget for the 2024 financial year as presented.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2024-01-001)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That Council approves the variations to the FY24 budget, as presented.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer*

Background:

The budget for FY24 was adopted by Council on 22 June 2023. Since the adoption, new information has been obtained and assessed to determine their materiality to the budget.

Issue:

Since the December budget review, the following budget adjustments have been identified and an adjust requested:

- 1) LRCI Phase 4 movement is a net decrease of \$15k from the original budget the movement includes;
 - Bailey Street Upgrade \$96k to \$46k
 - Longreach Childcare Footpath \$105k to \$144K
 - Eagle Street \$200k to \$80k

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- Ilfracombe Multipurpose Court \$500k to \$631k
 - Apex Park High Bar installation \$30k to \$20k
 - Beersheba Park Shade Structure \$55k to \$50k.
- 2) Movement of funds from Longreach air conditioners which Original budget was \$350k brought to \$200k with this movement going to Longreach Council Chambers for \$150k.
 - 3) Expanding the scope of the water mains project from \$700k to \$900k.
 - 4) Taking out the Wave Structure for \$700k which is also took out the capital grant funding of \$630k which was flagged for Growing Our Regions.
 - 5) Additional SES grant funding of \$39k
 - 6) Additional budget for legal and advisers on Lot 201 development \$60k.
 - 7) Useful life and residual value review reducing depreciation for the financial year.
 - 8) New TMR funding projects.

Scenarios for the FY24 budget

The experience at the end of FY23 illustrates how uncertain the timing and amount of the Financial Assistance Grant is for FY24. The budget assumes that a proportion of the FY25 Financial Assistance Grant will again be prepaid and received by council in June 2024. However, if the prepayment is not received, this will have a significant impact on the closing cash balance and financial results for the year. The revised budget illustrates the impact if the prepayment is not received.

Until greater certainty is obtained around the prepayment, council officers recommend that council continues to assess and plan for the risks presented by this issue.

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)

Council has robust controls and procedures in place to monitor and treat its financial risks. The budget review items presented do not create any material change to council's risk profile. The key material risk remains the reliance on external grant funding.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. Budget review Mar24.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council approves the variations to the FY24 budget, as presented.

FY2024 Budget Review

Statement of financial performance

	FY24 Budget \$'000	LRCI P4 adjustments \$'000	Adjust budget for air conditioner upgrades \$'000	Upgrade Council Chambers (including air conditioner upgrade) \$'000	Expand scope of water mains replacements \$'000	Defer budget for Wave Pavilion function area \$'000	Additional SES grant funding \$'000	Additional budget for legals and advisers on Lot 201 development \$'000	Useful life and residual value review \$'000	New TMR funded projects - roundabouts and gravel resheet Ifracombe Arammac Road \$'000	Adjusted budget \$'000	FAG timing scenario \$'000	Adjusted for FAG timing scenario \$'000
Revenue													
Rates, levies and charges	12,151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,151	-	12,151
Fees and charges	2,595	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,595	-	2,595
Recoverable works income	7,329	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	413	7,742	-	7,742
Other revenue	1,104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,104	-	1,104
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	24,666	-	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	24,705	(10,900)	13,805
Capital grants, subsidies and income	5,069	-	-	-	(630)	-	-	-	-	-	4,439	-	4,439
Profit on sale of assets	640	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	640	640	-	640
Total revenue	53,554	-	-	-	-	(630)	39	-	-	413	53,376	(10,900)	42,476
Expenses													
Employee expenses	17,283	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,283	-	17,283
Materials and services	26,608	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	-	372	27,040	-	27,040
Finance expenses	650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	650	-	650
Depreciation	8,559	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(496)	-	8,063	-	8,063
Total expenses	53,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	(496)	372	53,036	-	53,036
Net surplus or (deficit)	454	-	-	-	-	(630)	39	(60)	496	41	340	(10,900)	(10,560)

FY2024 Budget Review

Statement of financial position

	FY24 Budget \$'000	LRCI P4 adjustments \$'000	Adjust budget for air conditioner upgrades \$'000	Upgrade Council Chambers (including air conditioner upgrade) \$'000	Expand scope of water mains replacements \$'000	Defer budget for Wave Pavilion function area \$'000	Additional SES grant funding \$'000	Additional budget for legals and advisers on Lot 201 development \$'000	Useful life and residual value review \$'000	New TMR funded projects - roundabouts and gravel resheet Ifracombe Arammac Road \$'000	Adjusted budget \$'000	FAG timing scenario \$'000	Adjusted for FAG timing scenario \$'000
Current assets													
Cash and cash equivalents	29,459	15	150	(150)	(200)	70	39	(60)	-	41	29,364	(10,900)	18,464
Current trade and other receivables	3,573	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,573	-	3,573
Inventories	593	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	593	-	593
Non-current assets													
Trade and other receivables	10,433	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,433	-	10,433
Property, plant and equipment	372,590	(15)	(150)	150	200	(700)	-	(60)	496	-	372,571	-	372,571
Total assets	416,648	-	-	-	-	(630)	39	(60)	496	41	416,534	(10,900)	405,634
Current liabilities													
Trade and other payables	2,066	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,066	-	2,066
Current borrowings	1,357	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,357	-	1,357
Current provisions	3,252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,252	-	3,252
Non-current liabilities													
Borrowings	12,411	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,411	-	12,411
Provisions	2,583	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,583	-	2,583
Total liabilities	21,668	-	-	-	-	(630)	39	(60)	496	-	21,668	-	21,668
Net community assets	394,980	-	-	-	-	(630)	39	(60)	496	41	394,866	(10,900)	383,966
Community equity													
Asset revaluation reserve	177,323	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	177,323	-	177,323
Retained surplus	217,657	-	-	-	-	(630)	39	(60)	496	41	217,543	(10,900)	206,643
Total community equity	394,980	-	-	-	-	(630)	39	(60)	496	41	394,866	(10,900)	383,966

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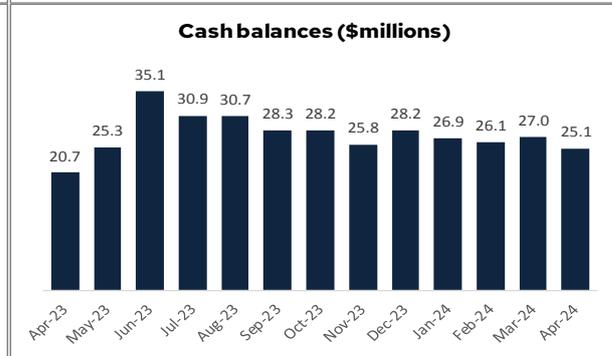
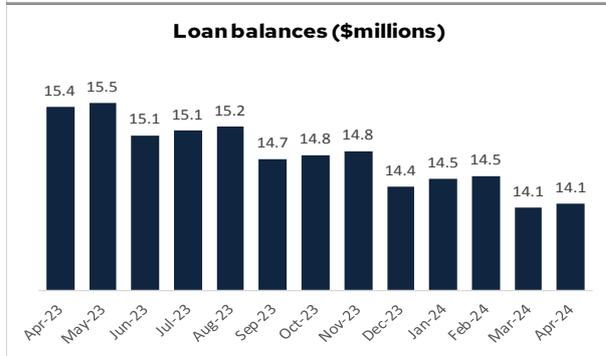
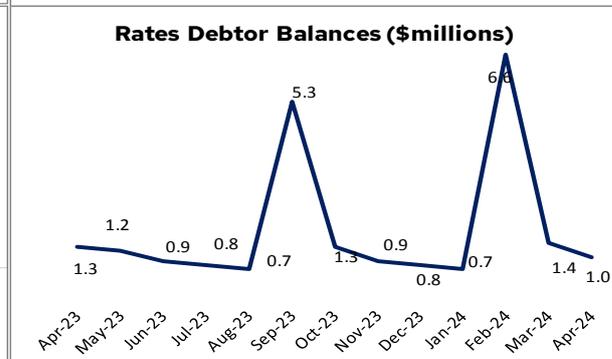
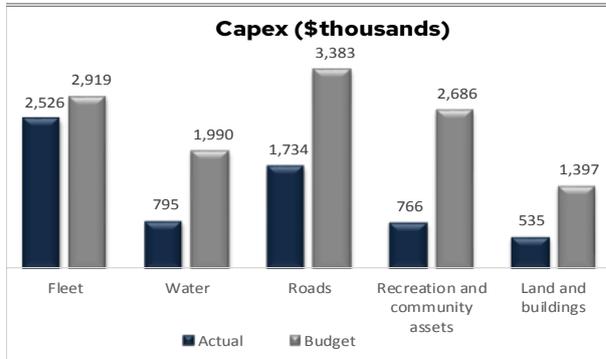
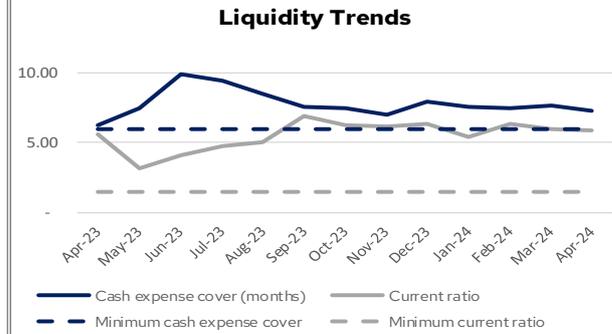
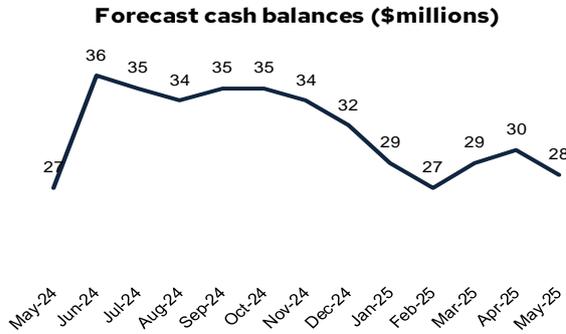
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Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 April 2024:

Longreach Regional Council Financial Dashboard

for the month ending Apr 2024
(all amounts in \$millions)

Income statement	YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	Last YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$35.7	\$35.0	\$0.7	\$37.3	(\$1.6)
Expenses	\$41.5	\$43.8	\$2.3	\$40.0	(\$1.5)
Net result	(\$5.8)	(\$8.8)	\$3.0	(\$2.7)	(\$3.1)
Balance sheet	Apr 2024	Jun 2023	Movement	Last YTD	Movement
Total assets	\$406.5	\$418.5	(\$11.9)	\$378.7	\$27.8
Total liabilities	\$20.6	\$26.5	\$5.9	\$23.3	\$2.7
Total equity	\$386.0	\$392.0	(\$6.0)	\$355.4	\$30.6
Cash flow	YTD	Last YTD	Movement	Cash expense cover	
Operating cash flow	(\$5.5)	(\$7.9)	\$2.5	7 months	
Capex	(\$6.0)	(\$7.4)	(\$1.4)	Current ratio	
Other investing cash flow	\$2.4	\$4.6	(\$2.2)	6:1	
Loan repayments	(\$0.9)	(\$2.6)	\$1.6	Unrestricted Cash Balance	
Net cash flow	(\$10.0)	(\$13.4)	\$3.3	\$24.3	



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Financial performance

- Council has operated better than budget for the Year To Date (YTD) and worse than last YTD. The difference to last YTD was expected due to lower grant income and the accumulated high cost increases from the last few years.
- Expenses are being managed within budget with only a few programs exceeding their YTD expense budget.
- Overall financial performance is sound. The YTD loss will be reversed with the receipt of the Financial Assistance Grant in June.

Financial position

- Total assets have decreased since the beginning of the financial year with a decrease in cash and because capital expenditure has been less than depreciation.
- Debtor balances have fallen back to normal levels after the rates issue in February.
- Total liabilities have decreased since 1 July due to a reduction in contract liabilities and as loan repayments are made.
- Total equity has decreased since 1 July due to the reduction in total assets.
- Overall, Council's financial position has declined but is expected to improve in the second half of the year with the receipt of the Financial Assistance Grant and as capital expenditure is made.

Cash flow

- Closing cash balance was \$25 million (\$24.3 million unrestricted).
- Operating cash flow was (\$5.5) million, which is a better result than the same period last YTD.
- Capital expenditure is lower than last YTD and still behind the full year budget.
- Loan repayments are lower than last year because last year included the early repayment of \$1.6 million of un-utilised LWDEFS loan money.
- Net cash flow is better than last YTD, due to the lower capex, better operating cash flow and lower loan repayments.
- The forecast cash balances are expected to decline until the forecast 75% prepayment of the FAG in June.

Liquidity

- Council maintains 7 months of cash expense cover.
- Current ratio is 6:1 (\$6 of current assets to every \$1 of current liabilities).
- Short and long term forecasts indicate that Council will remain in a sound financial position with careful management.
- Council holds \$12 million in two term deposits to increase its return on investment, illustrated in the table below:

Term Deposit	Maturity date	Rate
\$8,000,000	5/07/2024	5.63%
\$4,000,000	12/08/2024	5.06%

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Debtors

	Current	1 year	2 years	3 years
Outstanding rates	\$768,793	\$146,572	\$50,283	\$54,563
Number of assessments	108	37	19	12

- After the rates issue in February, there are a total of 176 assessments with unpaid rates totaling \$1 million (8.5% of annual rates revenue).
- Of the unpaid rates,
 - \$427,000 (43%) is being repaid on payment plans
 - \$241,000 (24%) is being recovered through legal action
 - \$332,000 (33%) is being followed up according to the Debt Recovery Policy

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.	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.	This risk has materialized in FY23. There remains material uncertainty over the FAG timing and amount for FY24, however council has sufficient funds on hand to adapt to any short-term shortfall.
Project related grant income is not realized. Reputational damage with funding bodies.	If projects are not completed within the timeframes according to the grant conditions, grant income may not be realized.	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

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Risk	Description	Treatment	Rating
Availability of grant funding and contract work reduces funding to sustain Council operations.	Council has relied on a number of years of consistent external funding from flood damage works and TMR works. When this funding decreases, it will impact Council's financial result and cash position.	Examine services, assets and business processes to reduce fixed costs in Council so that it becomes more adaptable and resilient. Diversify Council's revenue sources.	Likelihood - Almost certain. Both funding sources will not be available in FY26. Consequences - Moderate if the reductions impact a single year. Major if the reductions impact several consecutive years. Rating - High to Extreme
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. Financial Statements 30.04.2024.pdf [↓](#)
2. Directors Report 30.04.2024.pdf [↓](#)
3. Capital List 23.24 APR 24.pdf [↓](#)
4. Grants Report [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 30 April 2024, as presented.

12.2 - Monthly Financial Statements --Appendix 1

Statement of financial performance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Last YTD	Full year budget	Adjusted for FAG timing scenario
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue					
Rates, levies and charges	12,002	12,028	11,699	12,151	12,151
Fees and charges	1,827	2,150	1,687	2,595	2,595
Recoverable works income	5,580	6,103	5,109	7,329	7,329
Other revenue	1,437	920	1,162	1,104	1,104
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	12,450	10,337	13,151	24,666	13,766
Capital grants, subsidies and income	2,233	3,353	3,981	5,069	5,069
Profit on sale of assets	150	80	495	640	640
Total revenue	35,678	34,972	37,284	53,553	42,654
Expenses					
Employee expenses	13,341	14,403	11,956	17,283	17,283
Materials and services	20,598	21,851	20,594	26,608	26,608
Finance expenses	624	542	646	650	650
Depreciation	6,945	7,011	6,822	8,559	8,559
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	41,508	43,807	40,017	53,100	53,100
Net surplus or (deficit)	(5,830)	(8,836)	(2,733)	453	(10,447)
Operating deficit	(5,830)	(8,836)	(2,733)	453	(10,447)
	(2,382)	(3,433)	(4,476)	(5,709)	(5,709)
Operating deficit	(8,212)	(12,269)	(7,208)	(5,255)	(16,156)

Statement of financial position	YTD Actual	Actual June 2023	Full year budget	Adjusted for FAG timing scenario
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	25,059	35,079	30,019	19,119
Current trade and other receivables	5,330	6,238	3,573	3,573
Inventories	1,196	1,092	593	593
Non-current assets				
Trade and other receivables	11,075	11,075	10,433	10,433
Property, plant and equipment	363,884	364,999	372,030	372,030
Other non-current assets	-	-	-	-
Total assets	406,543	418,483	416,648	405,748
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	983	5,958	2,066	2,066
Current borrowings	1,292	1,292	1,357	1,357
Current provisions	3,119	3,174	3,252	3,252
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	12,849	13,764	12,411	12,411
Provisions	2,334	2,315	2,583	2,583
Total liabilities	20,577	26,503	21,669	21,668
Net community assets	385,965	391,980	394,980	384,080
Community equity				
Asset revaluation reserve	174,184	174,368	177,323	177,323
Retained surplus	211,781	217,612	217,657	206,757
Total community equity	385,965	391,980	394,980	384,080

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Statement of cash flows	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from ratepayers and customers	21,754	23,632
Receipts from grants	10,131	25,903
Payments to employees	(13,377)	(17,283)
Payments to suppliers	(23,359)	(28,521)
Interest paid	(624)	(620)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(5,475)	3,111
Cash flows from Investing activities		
Receipts from capital grants	2,233	5,479
Receipts from sale of assets	150	640
Payments for capital expenditure	(6,013)	(12,995)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(3,630)	(6,876)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Loan repayments	(915)	(1,295)
Net cash outflows from financing activities	(915)	(1,295)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(10,021)	(5,060)
Opening cash balance	35,079	35,079
Closing cash balance	25,059	30,019

Statement of changes in equity	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Accumulated surplus		
Opening balance	217,611	204,297
Recognise land sold in prior years	-	-
Net profit or (loss)	(5,830)	408
Closing accumulated surplus	211,782	204,705
Asset revaluation reserve		
Opening balance	174,368	150,095
Other comprehensive income	(184)	2,955
Closing asset revaluation reserve	174,184	153,050
Total community equity	385,965	357,755

12.2 - Monthly Financial Statements --Appendix 2

Longreach Regional Council
Program Report
for the YTD April 2024

Program	Revenue		Expenses		Net result	
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget full year
Office of the CEO						
Human resources	-	-	(1,133)	(1,181)	(1,133)	(1,418)
Governance	-	-	(571)	(741)	(571)	(741)
Elected member expenses	-	-	(497)	(558)	(497)	(670)
Disaster management and regional coordination	199	130	(216)	(143)	(18)	(16)
Economic development	-	-	(126)	(119)	(126)	(142)
Local laws	189	267	(803)	(1,133)	(614)	(1,039)
Health and environmental services	15	11	(21)	(65)	(6)	(64)
Land, leased out assets and commercial businesses	144	145	(467)	(702)	(323)	(265)
Development services	45	50	(167)	(130)	(122)	(96)
Total Office of the CEO	591	603	(4,002)	(4,772)	(3,411)	(4,451)
Infrastructure Services						
Infrastructure administration	-	106	(411)	(801)	(411)	(855)
Depot and airstrips	-	-	(447)	(397)	(447)	(477)
Roads, streets and stormwater	42	-	(4,996)	(5,846)	(4,946)	(6,410)
2020 NDRA Event	290	-	-	-	290	-
2021 NDRA Event	(38)	-	(1)	-	(39)	-
2022 NDRA event	10,787	9,167	(10,787)	(9,167)	-	-
Contract works	5,511	6,045	(5,222)	(5,238)	288	807
Fleet management	354	307	1,961	432	2,316	739
Sewerage	1,759	1,670	(591)	(669)	1,168	1,000
Waste management	1,070	1,007	(661)	(692)	410	315
Water	3,347	3,229	(2,988)	(2,721)	359	509
Total Infrastructure Services	23,123	21,530	(24,143)	(25,098)	(1,012)	(3,568)
						(4,400)

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Program	Revenue		Expenses		Net result	
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget full year
Community Services						
Child Care	1,922	1,991	(2,071)	(2,265)	(149)	(274)
Community development and events	30	-	(367)	(301)	(337)	(301)
Donations and sponsorship	-	-	(100)	(135)	(100)	(135)
RADF	28	-	(51)	(38)	(23)	(38)
Community administration	13	-	(1,219)	(1,136)	(1,206)	(1,363)
Libraries	13	-	(174)	(161)	(161)	(189)
Community centres and halls	15	29	(273)	(295)	(257)	(266)
Public conveniences	10	6	(128)	(203)	(118)	(196)
Council housing	43	62	(171)	(192)	(128)	(130)
Showgrounds and sporting facilities	27	50	(647)	(624)	(619)	(574)
Cemeteries	127	108	(216)	(298)	(89)	(190)
Parks and gardens	27	-	(1,641)	(2,137)	(1,614)	(2,485)
Swimming pools	6	7	(873)	(988)	(868)	(982)
Tourism, museums and VIC	121	100	(822)	(784)	(701)	(801)
Total Community Services	2,384	2,354	(8,753)	(9,556)	(6,370)	(7,202)
Financial Services						
Insurance	-	-	(715)	(691)	(715)	(691)
Finance	1,258	1,024	(1,770)	(1,774)	(512)	(750)
Rates	5,391	5,633	(147)	(117)	5,244	5,501
LWDEFS	475	475	(329)	(331)	146	77
Internal recharges	10	-	(371)	-	(361)	-
IT	65	-	(1,277)	(1,467)	(1,213)	(1,467)
Total Financial Services	7,198	7,131	(4,609)	(4,381)	2,590	2,736
Total Council Operating Result	33,296	31,618	(41,507)	(43,807)	(8,204)	(12,204)
						(4,955)

Notes to the program report

- 1 - Disaster Management expense high due to storm damage - insurance claim being processed.
- 2 - Local Laws income low as RAPAD weed income is yet to received.
- 3 - Development Services high due to town planning expenses.
- 4 - Depot expenses includes \$50k for cleaning fuel bowzers in 3 depots.
- 5 - Flood Damage and Contract works ahead of schedule.
- 6 - Christmas Events and school holidays expenses in this period this will slow down.
- 7 - RADF carry over projects from the previous year expended.
- 8 - Lower income then forecasted.
- 9- Debt recovery cost offset against rates

12.2 - Monthly Financial Statements --Appendix 3

Infrastructure	.Current Budget	.Actual Cost YTD	
23/24 Raising Thomson River Weirs- Initial Construction	400,000	-	
23/24 Bailey Street Gravel	46,467	47,578	
23/24 Chlidcare Footpath	143,513	-	
23/24 Concrete Slab For Wtp Generator / Chlorine Area	35,000	30,314	
23/24 Corella Lane Pave And Seal	125,000	45,821	
23/24 Electrical Swtichboards Upgrade At Murray Mcmillan Dam	25,000	151	
23/24 Exclusion Fencing Of Town Raw Water Storage (Dams)	30,000	10,618	
23/24 Isisford- Bimerah Road Gravel Re-Sheet	225,000	152,962	
23/24 Local Laws Buggy	30,000	-	
23/24 Pave And Seal Turn Around At Ior Fuel Pod (Lrci4)	148,000	2,434	
23/24 Replacment Of Elevated Reservoir & Stand At Wtp	500,000	3,970	
23/24 River Reading Arno Crossing	18,000	4,240	
23/24 Rural Property Signs Upgrade Stage 1 (Lrci4)	100,000	28,009	
23/24 Rural Road Signs Upgrade (LRCI4)	150,000	73,428	
23/24 Stip Funded Project	270,000	1,440	
23/24 Tids Drainage Upgrade Bustard/Crow Land, Bustard Cassowary	50,000	58,878	
23/24 Tids Isisford Rebbhab & New Kerb St Mary'S Street	200,000	241,873	
Dsdilgp Grant 21-22 Isisford Weir Replacement	-	53,843	
FLEET MANAGEMENT- Capital Works Plant & Equipment	2,880,692	2,441,314	
LGGSP Longreach Sewer Relining	300,000	-	
Lggsp Longreach Water Mains Replacement	900,000	481,850	
Ptiip 23/24 Ilfracombe (East) Bus Stop	33,800	3,775	
Ptiip 23/24 Ilfracombe (West) Bus Stop	41,400	37,236	
Ptiip 23/24 Longreach Bus Stop	41,100	26,188	
R2R 23/24 All Areas Grid Renewal	225,000	139,083	
R2R 23/24 Bogewong Alroy Road (Replace Concrete Floodway)	75,000	74,558	
R2R 23/24 Bude Road Gravel Re-Sheet	75,000	78,561	
R2R 23/24 Crossmoor Road Gravel Re-Sheet	359,688	362,769	
R2R 23/24 Rehabilitate Road To Weed Washdown Facility	95,000	55,958	
R2R 23/24 Town Street Reseal	450,000	32,347	
Race Horse Training Pool	15,000	-	
Stonehenge River Road- Prep & Reseal 4 Mile Creek	85,000	77,371	
Tids 23/24 Silsoe Road Reseal	100,000	108,481	
Tids 23/24 Stonhenge River Road Reseal	100,000	72,806	
W4Q 21-24 Water Mains Replacement Stage 2 Isisford	-	82,386	
W4Q Covid Ilfracombe Wtp Automation	-	320	
W4Q Covid Isisford Wtp Upgrade	140,000	81,126	
Electronic Readers for Fuel Bowsers	35,000	-	
TS047 - 23/24 Ergon Roundabouts in Longreach	-	13,403	
23/24 Replace pump at Fairmount Weir	120,000	-	
Grand Total	8,567,660	4,929,356	58%

Communities and Project Management	Current Budget.	Actual Cost YTD.	
22.23 New Executive Housing.	650,000	535,404	
23/24 Apex Park - Instal 2 New Shade Structures Over Existing Chairs	30,000	-	
23/24 Apex Park - New Bar Bench On Water Side Off Main Shed	20,000	4,246	
23/24 Beersheba Park Shade Structure Lrci4	50,000	44,835	
23/24 Build New Multipurpose Court (Lrci4)	631,175	529,103	
23/24 Civic Centre Shade Structure	200,000	15,600	
23/24 Construct New Kitchen And Dining Area At Wave Structure	-	-	
23/24 Longreach Swimming Pool Mower	8,000	-	
23/24 Pool Pump Isisford	10,000	41,165	
23/24 Refit Back Of Library Into Disaster Management Centre	820,000	-	
23/24 Repair Obic Wall (Lrci4)	100,000	10,700	
23/24 Restump House Jarley Street Yaraka	50,000	-	
23/24 Ses Support Grant - Longreach Ses Flood Boat Shed	96,836	58,773	
23/24 Squash Courts Upgrade Longreach (sport &rec)	370,000	-	
Longreach Administration Building Air Conditioning Replacement	200,000	12,878	
LRCI P4 Eagle Street Improve Swan Street 23/24	80,000	17,748	
LRCI P3 New planting, irrigation, turf, shade structure, seating and path	-	26,000	
LRCI P3 Eagle Street Beautification 22.23	-	5,540	
23/24 Chlorinators Longreach Wading Pool	21,000	32,753	
Council Chambers	150,000	-	
Relocate Ilfracombe Post Office	100,000	-	
Teal Street Housing Project	60,000	64,779	
Isisford Showgrounds septic tank	40,000	29,100	
Lioness Park Shade Structure 23/24	100,000	-	
Grand Total	3,787,011	1,428,625	38%

Grant/s Information

(current as of Friday, 03 May 2024)

Completed Grants

The below table outlines those grants that were active as at, or since 01 July 2023, and have now been finalised.

Grant Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2023184	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	QKFS_Longreach Kindergarten Service_01 January 2023 to 31 December_2023	\$ 52,648	\$ 52,648	\$ -	01/01/2023	31/12/2023
GC2023192	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	ECEC - Kindy Uplift Program 2023	\$ 3,084	\$ 3,084	\$ -	28/03/2023	31/12/2023
GC2024256	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	QKFS_Workforce Planning Days	\$ 1,177	\$ 1,177	\$ -	26/03/2024	30/06/2024
GC2023247	DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET-OFFICE FOR RURAL & REGIONAL QLD (ORRO)	Great Australian Bites 2024	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	15/12/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023239	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL LIMITED	NADC_Australia Day 2024	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	26/10/2023	30/06/2024
GC2022174	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES Support - Driving safely for Longreach	\$ 17,597	\$ 17,597	\$ -	01/07/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023232	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES - OFES Annual Subsidy 2023/2024	\$ 19,646	\$ 19,646	\$ -	15/09/2023	30/06/2024
GC2024259	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES - OFES Additional LGS Subsidy 2023.24	\$ 39,292	\$ 39,292	\$ -	16/04/2024	30/06/2024
GC2020096	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA NDRRA 2019/20 - LRC.0017.1920E.REC	\$ 11,880,409	\$ 11,880,409	\$ -	19/11/2020	21/08/2023
GC2021129	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA NDRRA 2021/2023 - LRC.0019.2021F.REC	\$ 10,153,360	\$ 10,153,360	\$ -	12/08/2021	30/06/2024
GC2023236	STATE LIBRARY OF OLD	SLQ - Service Development Subsidy 2023-2024	\$ 8,775	\$ 8,775	\$ -	29/09/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023237	STATE LIBRARY OF OLD	SLQ - First 5 Forever Subsidy 2023-2024	\$ 4,607	\$ 4,607	\$ -	29/09/2023	30/06/2024
	Total		\$ 22,206,595	\$ 22,206,595	\$ -		

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 Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2023207	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_Long Day Care Sustainability	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	01/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2024254	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_OSHC Sustainability	\$ 185,835	\$ -	\$ 185,835	01/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2024255	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_Capital	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	01/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2023242	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	Building Bush Tourism_Machinery Mile Toilet Block Replacement	\$ 190,825	\$ -	\$ 190,825	30/11/2023	01/02/2024
GC2023208	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	Growing Regions Program - FY24	\$ 4,511,344	\$ -	\$ 4,511,344	05/07/2023	17/01/2024
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
GC2023246	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	Cycling Network Local Government 2024-25	\$ 56,250	\$ -	\$ 56,250	15/12/2023	30/06/2025
GC2023235	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES_Support Grant - Isisford SES Training Room	\$ 67,282	\$ -	\$ 67,282	04/10/2023	30/11/2023
GC2023234	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	QRRRF_Rural Property Address Signs	\$ 725,000	\$ -	\$ 725,000	18/09/2023	20/12/2023
GC2023194	QUEENSLAND TREASURY	HIF - Teal Street Development 2023	\$ 3,801,552	\$ -	\$ 3,801,552	01/09/2023	30/10/2025
	Total		\$ 10,688,088	\$ -	\$ 10,688,088		

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 Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2024251	DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE & INNOVATION	QLD Connects - Seed Funding - Franklyn project	\$ 55,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	24/01/2024	30/09/2024
GC2023193	Department of Agriculture & Fisheries	QCFG - Queensland Community Fishing Grants 2023	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	27/04/2023	01/07/2024
GC2021119	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF Round 3 2021/2024 - Sustainability Support - 4-G9703A3/4-G8QDYQ6/4-G8XYQBB	\$ 870,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 120,000	01/07/2021	30/06/2024
GC2023204	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	Professional Development & Paid Practicum Subsidy - FY24	\$ 13,680	\$ -	\$ 13,680	01/07/2023	30/06/2024
GC2024257	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	QKFS_Kindy for All 2024	\$ 60,000	\$ 27,486	\$ 32,514	01/01/2024	31/12/2024
GC2023185	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	MIP1 - Longreach Squash Courts Upgrade	\$ 328,692	\$ 164,346	\$ 164,346	28/06/2023	31/12/2024
GC2024249	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	Access Starter - Visitor Information Application	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	17/01/2024	30/06/2024
GC2019011	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	Roads 2 Recovery 2019/24	\$ 7,177,052	\$ 5,136,317	\$ 2,040,735	30/06/2019	30/06/2024
GC2021142	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 1 LRCH Childcare Playground Replacement	\$ 162,000	\$ 141,786	\$ 20,214	01/01/2021	30/06/2024
GC2022146	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 2 Yaraka Tree Line	\$ 11,000	\$ 9,627	\$ 1,373	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022147	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 3 Isisford MPC Kiosk Repair	\$ 19,500	\$ 17,067	\$ 2,433	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022148	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 4 Isisford Park Renovations	\$ 44,500	\$ 38,947	\$ 5,553	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022149	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 6 ILF Rec Centre Maintenance	\$ 50,000	\$ 43,761	\$ 6,239	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022150	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 8 LRCH Showgrounds landscaping	\$ 70,000	\$ 61,265	\$ 8,735	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022151	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 9 LRCH Showground Audio Upgrade	\$ 50,000	\$ 43,761	\$ 6,239	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022153	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 11 Painting of LRCH Civic Centre	\$ 70,000	\$ 61,265	\$ 8,735	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022154	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 12 LRCH Edkins Park Ablution Block	\$ 330,000	\$ 288,823	\$ 41,177	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022155	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 13 LRCH Eagle St Beautification	\$ 60,000	\$ 52,513	\$ 7,487	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022156	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 14 LRCH Eagle St Landsborough HWY and Pelican St	\$ 775,000	\$ 678,295	\$ 96,705	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022157	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 15 Isisford Footpaths	\$ 70,000	\$ 61,265	\$ 8,735	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022159	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 17 Longreach Footpaths	\$ 98,000	\$ 85,772	\$ 12,228	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022160	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 16 Isisford Airport Road	\$ 335,000	\$ 293,199	\$ 41,801	01/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2023187	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 18 Longreach Showgrounds Rodeo Arena Resurfacing	\$ 31,000	\$ 27,132	\$ 3,868	21/03/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023188	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 19 Powerhouse Museum Centenary Garden	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,880	\$ 3,120	21/03/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023189	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 20 Wool Pavillion Concreting	\$ 120,000	\$ 105,026	\$ 14,974	21/03/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023190	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P3 - 21 Longreach Library Roof Replacement	\$ 71,350	\$ 62,447	\$ 8,903	21/03/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023213	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_01 Eagle & Swan Street New Crossover & Shelter	\$ 80,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 48,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023214	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_02 Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre Wall & Drainage Replacement	\$ 100,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 60,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023215	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_03 Beersheba Park Shade Structure	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023216	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_04 Yaraka IOR Fuel Turn Around	\$ 148,000	\$ 59,200	\$ 88,800	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023217	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_05 Ilfracombe Multi-purpose Court	\$ 631,175	\$ 252,470	\$ 378,705	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023218	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_06 Apex Park High Bar Installation	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023219	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_07 Apex Park Shade Structure Installation	\$ 30,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 18,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024

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Grant Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2023220	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_08 Ilfracombe Street Number Replacement	\$ 35,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 21,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023221	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_09 Longreach Showgrounds Canteen Repair	\$ 30,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 18,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023222	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_10 Banner Poles (Ilfracombe & Isisford)	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023223	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_11 Apex Park Beautification	\$ 37,000	\$ 14,800	\$ 22,200	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023224	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_12 Isisford Bin Cage Replacement	\$ 15,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023225	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_13 Isisford-Bimerah Gravel Resheet	\$ 225,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 135,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023226	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_14 Rural Road Signage Upgrade	\$ 150,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 90,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023227	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_15 Corella Lane Pave & Seal	\$ 125,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023228	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_16 Bailey Street Upgrade	\$ 46,467	\$ 18,587	\$ 27,880	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023233	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCI P4_17 Longreach Childcare Centre Footpath (Galah Street to Childcare Centre)	\$ 143,513	\$ 57,405	\$ 86,108	17/08/2023	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
GC2022175	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	MWPC - CN17474 - 95B Longreach - Jundah Road	\$ 5,139,010	\$ 5,139,010	\$ -	30/06/2022	22/12/2023
GC2023179	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	STIP - Our Lady's Primary School - Turn around facility	\$ 230,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000	12/09/2022	30/06/2024
GC2023181	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	WLGW_Walking Local Government Grant 2022/2023	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	30/06/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023202	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	TIDS - CN-21356 2023/2024 Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme	\$ 538,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 313,000	01/07/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023238	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	MWPC - CN21072 Gramsie Muttiburra Road (Pavement Rehab & Widening)	\$ 1,762,126	\$ 1,299,669	\$ 462,457	30/06/2023	30/06/2024
GC2021116	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q 2021/2024 - 1/2 ISISFORD Water Mains Replacement - Stage 2	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 1,008,000	\$ 112,000	01/07/2021	30/06/2024
GC2023186	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	FAG's - Financial Assistance Grant's 2023/2024 FY	\$ 12,296,832	\$ 12,184,798	\$ 112,034	30/04/2023	30/06/2024
GC2022169	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	LGSP 2022/2024 - Water and Sewerage Replacement	\$ 600,000	\$ 163,636	\$ 436,364	01/07/2022	30/06/2024
GC2023199	DEPT OF PREMIER AND CABINET OFFICER FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL QLD	Queensland Day Sponsorship Program 2024	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	16/02/2024	30/09/2024
GC2023243	Dept. OF EMPLOYMENT, SMALL BUSINESS & TRAINING	First Start_IT Trainee (2024)	\$ 16,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,500	01/12/2023	31/12/2024
GC2023244	Dept. OF EMPLOYMENT, SMALL BUSINESS & TRAINING	First Start_Isisford Trainee (2024)	\$ 16,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,500	01/12/2023	31/12/2024
GC2023245	Dept. OF EMPLOYMENT, SMALL BUSINESS & TRAINING	First Start_Communities Trainee (2024)	\$ 16,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,500	01/12/2023	31/12/2024
GC2022176	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES Support - Sensor lights for Flood Boat Shed	\$ 3,795	\$ -	\$ 3,795	01/01/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023191	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES Support Grant 2022/2023 - Longreach SES New Flood Boat Shed	\$ 80,362	\$ -	\$ 80,362	21/03/2023	30/06/2024
GC2022173	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	QRRRF - 2022-2023 Regional Disaster Management Coordinator	\$ 207,500	\$ 162,774	\$ 44,726	01/01/2023	30/06/2026
GC2023195	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA - LRC.0025.2122.J.REC (21 April to 12 May 2022 events)	\$ 14,930,610	\$ 9,709,663	\$ 5,220,946	09/05/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023197	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA - LRC.0026.2122B.WPF - WP3 Flood Studies	\$ 103,500	\$ 31,050	\$ 72,450	31/05/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023198	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	GRQ - Get Ready Queensland 2023/24 - LRC.0027.2324A.GOR	\$ 9,700	\$ 8,730	\$ 970	01/07/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023212	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA - LRC.0023.2122F.REC - Tallundilly Creek Reconstruction	\$ 658,363	\$ 187,665	\$ 470,698	21/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2022166	Translink Division- Transport Dept	PTIIP - Long Distance Coach Stops Grant	\$ 75,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	01/06/2022	30/06/2024
		Total	\$ 51,129,726	\$ 39,582,687	\$ 11,547,039		

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12.3 - Information Report - Finance

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This report provides an update on a range of activities that occurred during the month of April 2024 for the Finance Directorate.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

N/A

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR SERVICES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
2.1	Sustainable infrastructure and services that represent value for money, are environmentally responsible, and are responsive to community needs.
OUR FINANCES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.
ANCES OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.3	Council delivers a positive customer experience in all service areas.

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *David Wilson, Chief Financial 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:

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Innovation and Business Improvement

Throughout April the Innovation and Business Improvement Team continued to work through the project plan for the Azure Migration & Microsoft 365 Upgrade Project in preparation for the cut over on the 27 May 2024. This date has been selected to align with the long weekend to minimise business disruptions in the final transfer of data from the current Cloud provider.

Following the cut over to the new environment, upgrades to the technology in all Council meeting rooms (including the Council Chambers) will commencing 3 June 2024 over a two-week period. These upgrades will include Councils conversion to Microsoft Teams for video conferencing, a key step in the upgrade to Microsoft 365 and will significantly improve audio and video.

The Team is following up on a regular basis with Telstra on the Councillor iPads. The order was placed on 14 March 2024 and generally take a week to arrive. However, in this instance there is a back order on the keyboards that were ordered with the iPad's. Telstra have a policy to only send full orders (not part orders). As of 7 May 2023, Telstra have informed us that the keyboards have arrived and the order will be shipped.

Procurement

Purchasing Thresholds for Purchase Orders YTD			
Order Value	Amount	Order Value	Value Invoiced
\$100 Under	246	\$ 13,372.10	\$ 10,548.96
\$101-\$5,000	1789	\$ 1,556,815.14	\$ 1,370,760.87
\$5,001 - Under \$15,000	492	\$ 3,239,091.65	\$ 2,768,362.40
\$15,001 - under \$200,000	250	\$ 10,930,805.47	\$ 8,105,990.21
\$200,000 or more	18	\$ 10,509,466.30	\$ 7,390,754.62
Total	2795	\$ 26,249,550.66	\$19,646,417.06

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Suppliers with expenditure >\$200,00 YTD 23/24

Creditor Name	Sum of Invoice Amount	Purpose
RAYNER'S WESTERN HIRE PTY LTD	\$ 3,218,989.41	Plant and Labour Hire
MOORE CIVIL & PLANT HIRE PTY LTD	\$ 1,362,179.50	Plant and Labour Hire
TROPIC PETROLEUM	\$ 1,352,488.25	Fuel and Lubricants
JTCOX CONCRETE & PRECAST PTY LTD	\$ 980,208.04	Quarry Supplies
HASTINGS DEERING (AUSTRALIA) L	\$ 1,576,575.60	Plant
GEORGE BOURNE & ASSOCIATES	\$ 1,001,467.84	Engineering Services
CHAMPION CONTRACTING	\$ 822,962.60	Quarry Supplies
OMA CONTRACTING	\$ 722,100.00	Plant Hire
BORAL RESOURCES (QLD) PTY LIMITED	\$ 697,876.90	Quarry Supplies
ERGON ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED	\$ 708,866.40	Power
SOPHARR PTY LTD T/A KENT CONSTRUCTION	\$ 600,527.90	Construction
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AUTO PTY LTD	\$ 667,526.42	Plant
LGM ASSETS	\$ 523,712.89	Workers Compensation
PROTERRA GROUP	\$ 476,576.12	Waste Management
FULTON HOGAN INDUSTRIES PTY LTD	\$ 348,873.99	Quarry Supplies
MIDLAND PTY LTD	\$ 323,139.54	Plant
TELSTRA LIMITED	\$ 349,203.87	Telecommunications
WESTERN QUEENSLAND LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE PTY LTD	\$ 301,054.76	Saleyards
NGH NQ PTY LTD	\$ 302,326.96	Insurance
KOMATSU AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	\$ 261,960.79	Plant
WIDELAND TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	\$ 260,709.50	Plant
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKCARE	\$ 248,463.50	Insurance
Flexihire Pty. Ltd.	\$ 268,067.45	Plant Hire
CENTWEST ENGINEERING AND STEEL SUPPLIES PTY LTD TTE	\$ 247,982.92	Supplies
Leading Roles	\$ 243,188.92	Recruitment
CIVICA PTY LTD	\$ 221,109.24	IT Management
HOUSE PROUD	\$ 218,901.92	Cleaning

Local Spend Vs Non Local Spend Ytd

2023/24	2022/23
40.3%	37.0%

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Current Quotes and Tenders

The below table outlines the current quotes and tenders that have either been finalised during this period or that are currently yet to be awarded.

MARCH				
TENDER/RFQ	No.	PLATFORM	RESPONSES	LOCAL Y/N
VP403505 – Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bitumen	60	Vendor Panel Local Buy Panel	2	N
VP403514 – Supply Pre-Coated Aggregate (X Bin)	6	Vendor Panel Pre-Qual LRC082021	1	Y
VP403837 – Independent External Member, Audit & Risk Committee	34	Email RFQ and Vendor Panel Local Buy Panel	7	N
VP404308 – Supply & Delivery of One (1) 4WD Extra Cab Dropside Ute	7	Vendor Panel Local Buy Panel	2	Not Yet Awarded
VP404899 – Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bitumen	60	Vendor Panel Local Buy Panel	4	N
VP404903 – Supply Pre-Coated Aggregate (X Bin)	6	Vendor Panel Pre-Qual LRC082021	1	Y
VP405539 – Supply Crushed Mudrock (X Bin)	8	Vendor Panel Pre-Qual LRC082021	2	Y
APRIL				
TENDER/RFQ	No.	PLATFORM	RESPONSES	LOCAL Y/N
LRC022024 – Design and Construct – Longreach Library Rear Refurbishment	Open Tender	QTender		Not Yet Awarded

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.3 - Information Report - Finance

Asset Management

The main focus in asset management is finalising the Water & Sewerage asset data (including below ground assets). Existing data has proven out of date and is being updated in consultation with the Works teams.

The updated data will be used to create asset management plans for Council's water and sewer networks to support the upcoming LGGSP funding application to replace the remaining Longreach water mains.

Pinnacle is being used well by the Facilities team to maintain buildings and manage work orders.

Water & Sewerage will be added to Pinnacle in the month of May.

Customer Service Team training for Pinnacle will commence in May.

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 Finance information report, as presented.

12. FINANCE REPORT
12.4 - Audit and Risk Committee Report - 17 April 2024

12.4 Audit and Risk Committee Report - 17 April 2024

A report on the matters reviewed at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 April 2024.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Internal Audit Policy No. 1.10

Enterprise Risk Management Policy No. 1.11

Advisory Committee Policy No. 2.31

Audit and Risk Committee Policy No. 2.32

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR FINANCES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.
OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.2	Informed and considered decision making based on effective governance practices.

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2024-01-015)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 13 December 2023.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer*

Background:

The Audit and Risk Committee met on 17 April 2024. The Chief Executive Officer must deliver a report to Council on the matters reviewed at the meeting and the Committee's recommendation.

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.4 - Audit and Risk Committee Report - 17 April 2024

Issue:

The following report summarises the key matters discussed at the Committee meeting.

1. **External auditor report** – Management have agreed to have the 2024 financial statements completed and signed off, on or around 19th September. The audit plan was described and it was noted that the new financial sustainability metrics will be audited. QAO advised the key risk is property plant & equipment.
2. **Internal auditor report** – presented the findings of the payroll function audit. Management reviewed the report and noted that the new EBA conditions were properly applied in the payroll system. All recommendations have been added to the audit action list.
3. **Quarterly focus, Insurance Renewals and Update** – Representatives from JLT Risk presented the key risks facing local governments today and an overview of Council's current insurance cover. Management will liaise with JLT to perform a Risk Maturity Assessment which will then be presented to the Committee before the end of 2024.
4. **Report on Committee membership and renewal** – with the previous Independent Member's term due to end in April 2024 and the council elections being held in March 2024, a schedule was followed to ensure the Committee would be able to form in preparation of the 2024 audit program. At the first post-election Council meeting a new external Independent Member was appointed after a Request for Quote process and Council also appointed the Councillors to the Committee. As per the current Terms of Reference, Ms Carolyn Eagle of Pacifica was appointed as the Independent Member for a maximum term of four (4) years and Councillors Leonie Nunn and Dale Bignell were appointed as the Councillor Committee Members.
5. **Report on implementation of audit issues** – report was noted. A suggestion was put forward of having the Internal Audit follow up on any of the closed audit issues.
6. **Risk Management** – report was noted. Request that Management table a revised risk policy and framework at the next Committee meeting.
7. **Schedule** – next meeting to be held on 16 July at 9am in the Longreach Council Chambers.

Risk Management Factors:

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

Nil risk, for information purposes only.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 April 2024.

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

13. Communities Report
13.1 Community Donations - Individuals

Considerations of applications received for the month of May 2024 in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

Council Action

Partner

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Community Donation No. 11.06

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
1.2	Council recognises cultural heritage and supports inclusion of all peoples.
1.3	The region's natural environment is managed, maintained and protected.

Budget Considerations

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

Category	Total Budget	Budget Committed (not yet paid)	Budget Remaining	Budget required to meet Community Donations for May 2024	Budget remaining for future applications
Community Donations	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,517.17	\$21,750.00	\$5,767.17

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: Abby Lewis, Customer Service Coordinator

Approved by: Tanya Johnson, Director of Communities

Background:

Longreach Regional Council Individual Donations Program received twenty-five (25) applications for the month of May 2024.

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

- Abbey has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 -20 July 2024.

Abbey Dolgner	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Abbey Dolgner</i> \$350.00	<i>Abbey Dolgner</i> \$350.00

- Angela has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Angela Doyle	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Angela Doyle</i> \$350.00	<i>Angela Doyle</i> \$350.00

- Charlie has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Charlie Farry	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Charlie Farry</i> \$350.00	<i>Charlie Farry</i> \$350.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

4. Gabi has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Gabi Ward	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Gabi Ward</i> \$350.00	<i>Gabi Ward</i> \$350.00

5. Lily has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Lily Worland	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Lily Worland</i> \$350.00	<i>Lily Worland</i> \$350.00

6. Paige has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Paige Osborne	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Paige Osbourne</i> \$350.00	<i>Paige Osborne</i> \$350.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

7. Maddison has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Maddison Paige	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Maddison Paige</i> \$350.00	<i>Maddison Paige</i> \$350.00

8. Prisca has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Prisca Ballin	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Prisca Ballin</i> \$350.00	<i>Prisca Ballin</i> \$350.00

9. Tayla has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Tayla Willersdorf	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Tayla Willersdorf</i> \$350.00	<i>Tayla Willersdorf</i> \$350.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

10. Matilda has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Matilda Anderson	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Matilda Anderson</i> \$350.00	<i>Matilda Anderson</i> \$350.00

11. Katelyn has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Katelyn Ballin	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Katelyn Ballin</i> \$350.00	<i>Katelyn Ballin</i> \$350.00

12. Rebekah has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Rebekah Strong	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Rebekah Strong</i> \$350.00	<i>Rebekah Strong</i> \$350.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

13. Malcolm has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires him to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Malcolm Strong	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Malcolm Strong</i> \$350.00	<i>Malcolm Strong</i> \$350.00

14. Sarah has gained a place in the Regional Massed Choir for the 2024 CGen Show. This requires her to represent Longreach State High School as part of a Queensland wide State Schools Onstage Spectacular. The event will take place from 15 - 20 July 2024.

Sarah Strong	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Sarah Strong</i> \$350.00	<i>Sarah Strong</i> \$350.00

15. Frank has been selected to represent the North West Regional School Sports 14 - 15 years' boys Rugby League Team. Frank will travel to the Gold Coast from 18-23 May 2024.

Frank Rockett	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Frank Rockett</i> \$350.00	<i>Frank Rockett</i> \$350.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

16. Macen has been selected to represent the North West Regional School Sports 14 – 15 years’ boys Rugby League Team. Macen will travel to the Gold Cost from 18-23 May 2024.

Macen Palmer	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Macen Palmer</i> \$350.00	<i>Macen Palmer</i> \$350.00

17. The Longreach Scout Group is travelling to Maryborough, QLD in January 2025 to attend the 26 Australian Jamboree. It is the largest Scouting event in Australia where over 10,000 scouts across Australia will meet for 10 days to participate in a wide arrange of activities. Maria is travelling to Maryborough from 6 – 16 January 2025 to represent her local Longreach Scout Group.

Maria Richards	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Maria Richards</i> \$350.00 - \$1000.00	<i>Maria Richards</i> \$350.00

18. Lara has been selected to participate in the 10-12 years North West Touch Football Team to represent the Region at the forthcoming Championships. Lara will travel to Rockhampton from 6-9 June 2024.

Lara Palmer	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Lara Palmer</i> \$350.00	<i>Lara Palmer</i> \$350.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

19. Taya was selected to represent the 10-12 years North West Regional Netball trials on 22 – 23 March 2024 held in Hughenden.

Taya Miller	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

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

20. Havana has been selected to participate in the North West Netball team for the Queensland School Sport Championships which are being held in Toowoomba from the 23 – 26 of May 2024.

Havana Elliot	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Havana Elliot</i> \$350.00	<i>Havana Elliot</i> \$350.00

21. Lara has been selected to participate in the North West Netball team for the Queensland School Sport Championships which are being held in Toowoomba from the 23 – 26 of May 2024.

Lara Palmer	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Lara Palmer</i> \$350.00	<i>Lara Palmer</i> \$350.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

22. Sienna has been selected to participate in the North West Netball team for the Queensland School Sport Championships which are being held in Toowoomba from the 23 – 26 of May 2024.

Sienna Fuller	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
Sienna Fuller \$350.00	Sienna Fuller \$350.00

23. Mia has been selected to participate in the North West Netball team for the Queensland School Sport Championships which are being held in Toowoomba from the 23 – 26 of May 2024.

Mia Scott	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
Mia Scott \$350.00	Mia Scott \$350.00

24. Ella was selected to represent the North West Regional 13-15 years Netball team. Ella travelled to Caloundra from 28 April – 1 May 2024.

Ella Pitman	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
Ella Pitman \$350.00	Ella Pitman \$350.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

25. Jozette was selected to represent the North West Regional 13-15 years Netball team. Jozette travelled to Caloundra from 28 April – 1 May 2024.

Jozette Jones	
Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?	Yes
Has the recipient applied for funds within the 23/24 Financial Year?	Yes
Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
Jozette Jones \$350.00	Jozette Jones \$350.00

Recommendation:

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Abbey Dolgner	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Angela Doyle	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Charlie Farry	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Gabi Ward	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Katelyn Ballin	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Lily Worland	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Maddison Paige	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Matilda Anderson	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Paige Osborne	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Prisca Ballin	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Tayla Willersdorf	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Rebekah Strong	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Malcolm Strong	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Sarah Strong	Regional Massed Choir	15 - 20 July 2024	\$350.00
Frank Rockett	14 – 15 years Rugby League Team	18-23 May 2024	\$350.00
Macen Palmer	14 – 15 years Rugby League Team	18-23 May 2024	\$350.00
Maria Richards	Jamboree – Longreach Scouts	6 – 16 January 2025	\$350.00
Lara Palmer	North West Touch Football	6-9 June 2024	\$350.00
Taya Miller	North West Netball	22 – 23 March 2024	\$350.00
Havana Elliott	North West Netball	23 – 26 May 2024	\$350.00
Lara Palmer	North West Netball	23 – 26 May 2024	\$350.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

<i>Sienna Fuller</i>	North West Netball	23 - 26 May 2024	\$350.00
<i>Mia Scott</i>	North West Netball	23 - 26 May 2024	\$350.00
<i>Ella Pitman</i>	North West Netball	28 April - 1 May 2024	\$350.00
<i>Jozette Jones</i>	North West Netball	28 April - 1 May 2024	\$350.00
TOTAL			\$8,750.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.2 - Community Donation - Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National Campdraft

13.2 Community Donation - Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National Campdraft

Consideration of a Community Donations application received in May 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

OUR COMMUNITY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
1.2	Council recognises cultural heritage and supports inclusion of all peoples.
1.3	The region's natural environment is managed, maintained and protected.

Budget Considerations

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

Category	Total Budget	Budget Committed (not yet paid)	Budget Remaining	Budget required to meet Community Donations for May 2024	Budget remaining for future applications
Community Donations	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,517.17	\$21,750.00	\$5,767.17

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Res-2023-03-077)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

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

<i>Australian's Stockman's Hall of Fame Crampdraft Association</i>	<i>Australian's Stockman's Hall of Fame National Campdraft</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>Nil</i>
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13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.2 - Community Donation - Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National Campdraft

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Abby Lewis, Customer Service Coordinator

Authorised by: Tanya Johnson, Acting Director of Communities

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.

The aim of programme is to:

- Develop the capacity and sustainability of organisations or innovative programs to meet the needs of members and the community
- Support individuals representing the region by performing, competing or presenting at district, state, national or international competitions, conference or events.
- Support the acquisition or upgrading of facilities and equipment (excluding personal use items).
- Provide donations towards services that deliver improved community services to the Council region.
- Deliver programs and events to engage and entertain a vast variety of community members within the Longreach Regional Council Region.

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:

Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National Campdraft

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

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.2 - Community Donation - Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National Campdraft

The Australian's Stockman's Hall of Fame (ASHOF) Campdraft Association is in its second year. The first Campdraft was held at the ASHOF in June 2023 and was a huge success. The Campdraft association wish to the return in 2024 with even bigger numbers than last year. This event will be held from Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June 2024. The Campdraft attracts many locals as well as visitors within the Region. This event not only boosts local engagement and economic activity, but also provides a foundation for expending equestrian sports. This is also a family friendly event and everyone is welcome to attend.

The total grant recommended of \$2,500.00 financial support will go towards the cost of equipment. In-Kind support of \$2,500.00 will go towards the cost of Council's water truck hire and additional wheelie bins.

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 \$2,500.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,500.00</i>
<i>In-Kind \$2,500.00</i>	<i>In-Kind \$2,500.00</i>
<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Total \$5,000.00</i>

Appendices

1. Australians Stockman's Hall of Fame Campdraft Association Application.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National Campdraft	2024 ASHOF Campdraft	<i>Financial \$2,500.00</i> <i>In-Kind \$ 2,500.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,500.00</i> <i>In-Kind \$2,500.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>



APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: (Group or Organisation)	Australians Stockman's Hall of Fame Campdraft Association
ABN if applicable	69 604 849 480
Contact Person's Name:	Prue Button
Postal Address:	PO Box 171, Longreach Qld 4730
Telephone:	07 4658 2166
Mobile:	0428 585 663
Email:	admin@ibutton.com.au

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name:	Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Assoc National Campdraft
Event Date:	Friday May 31st to Sunday 2nd of June 2024
Description of what Council funds will be used for: No more than approx 200 words.	<p>The council funds will help in providing essential equipment for the running of the campdraft. It would be used for in-kind of 20 bins and waste waste removal.</p> <p>The other funds would be for hiring essential equipment including generators, lighting towers, ablutions blocks and furniture.</p>
Financial Amount Requested:	\$ 2,500
In-kind Support Requested:	\$ 2,500

13.2 - Community Donation - Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National



DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

INCOME	Amount	EXPENSES	Amount	Tick what is being funded by Council
List any source of income supply i.e other sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions, etc.		List any expenses incurred by your organisation for the project or event the application relates to.		
Sponsorship	\$ 37000	Ambulance	\$ 4800	
LRC Grant	\$ 5,000	Hire of Equipment	\$ 34600	✓
Nomination Fees	\$ 90000	Bar Purchases	\$ 12500	
Bar Takings	\$ 25000	Other Community Groups	\$ 5000	
	\$	Prize Pool	\$ 70000	
	\$	Other Expenses	\$ 30100	
TOTAL	\$ 15700	TOTAL	\$ 15700	
Comments or other details:				
Please refer to the attached budget for further detail. We note the hire of equipment is made up of multiple hires. We would use it to hire generators and lighting towers. This in time is infrastructure we hope to develop.				
Please find attached various quotes attached to the application.				

In-Kind support component	Amount	Other comments
List items and \$ amounts (e.g stage, chairs, tables)		
Please refer to the fees and charges: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/rates-fees-charges/rates-fees-charges-1		
20 wheelie bins, delivery and collection over 3 days	\$ 200.00	
LRC Water Truck	\$ 5,000	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	



ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Explain how your event demonstrates strong community or individual benefit, or need of support.

The 2023 event at the iconic Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach was a major success, demonstrating its significant community and economic benefits. By turning this into an annual, family-friendly event, we not only boost local engagement and economic activity but also lay a foundation for expanding equestrian sports. The initial setup has paved the way for future growth, enhancing community well-being. Continued support through the grant will help us build on this success, further benefiting the community and local economy.

Explain how your event will contribute to the Longreach Regional Council community (eg Economic Development, Tourism, Liveability, wellbeing etc.)

There will be roughly 300 - 400 people coming from out of Longreach to participate in the event. The event runs over 3 days so they will be in Longreach for 3-4 nights as a minimum. The economic benefit for town will be excellent from the indirect expenditure on accommodation, fuel, food and the like. Additionally to this there will be a number of community groups and suppliers who will benefit directly from the proceeds of the event. It give people in the local community an opportunity to be involved in a campdrafting event and also there is the social side of the event, both of which are excellent for wellbeing.

Is your event based within the Longreach Regional Council Area

Yes No

How many people are expected to attend? (Please indicate)

0-50 51-100 100-200 200 and over

Provide a brief explanation of what type of attendants your event will attract (eg visitors from other towns, key community groups)

The main attendants will be participators for the campdraft. It is a family friendly sport and as such the entire family generally travels even if they don't compete. There will be local competitors as well as people coming from almost out to the NT border and back towards the Great Divide. It will attract people from all locations. This was demonstrated strongly in 2023.

How do you intend to acknowledge Council's support (if approved) at the event or within the project or activity?

The LRC logo will be included in the Draft program.
The LRC will be announced over the PA system during the Draft.
The LRC will be promoted individually on Social Media.
The opportunity to hang your banner at the Draft.

Have you sought funding through other avenues for your project/activity (grants, corporate sponsorship, fundraising, etc)?

Yes: No:

If YES, please provide details?

We have sort sponsorship from a number of private businesses and organizations. This is an ongoing process, however we currently have \$25,000 in agreed sponsorship. Additionally to this, Georgina Pastoral is a major sponsor bringing stock, equipment and a workcrew.

13.2 - Community Donation - Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National



Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the Organisation/Applicant have any overdue debt with Council (excluding organisations with a payment arrangement)?

Yes No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

- Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*
 - Relevant public liability insurance (if required)
 - Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire)
 - A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1,000 only)
- *if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).

DECLARATION BY RECIPIENT

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.
- I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.
- I consent to Longreach Regional Council publishing the applicants name in reports and publication statements.

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	<i>Lloyd Mills</i>
Date:	28th March 2024
Name in full:	Lloyd Mills
Community Group/ Organisation:	Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Campdraft Association
Position in Group or Organisation: (if applicable)	Committee Member

Privacy Collection Statement: Longreach Regional Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all personal information is secure. Council is collecting your personal or community groups information for the purpose of assessing your application for Community Donations.

SUBMIT

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.3 - Community Donation - Isisford Golf Club

13.3 Community Donation - Isisford Golf Club

Consideration of a Community Donations application received in May 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

OUR COMMUNITY	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
1.2	Council recognises cultural heritage and supports inclusion of all peoples.
1.3	The region's natural environment is managed, maintained and protected.

Budget Considerations

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

Category	Total Budget	Budget Committed (not yet paid)	Budget Remaining	Budget required to meet Community Donations for May 2024	Budget remaining for future applications
Community Donations	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,517.17	\$21,750.00	\$5,767.17

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2023-03-077)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

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

<i>Isisford Golf Club Inc</i>	<i>Isisford Golf Club</i>	<i>\$4,352.66</i>	<i>Not eligible</i>	<i>Nil</i>
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13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.3 - Community Donation - Isisford Golf Club

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Abby Lewis, Customer Service Coordinator

Authorised by: Tanya Johnson, Acting Director of Communities

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.

The aim of programme is to:

- Develop the capacity and sustainability of organisations or innovative programs to meet the needs of members and the community
- Support individuals representing the region by performing, competing or presenting at district, state, national or international competitions, conference or events.
- Support the acquisition or upgrading of facilities and equipment (excluding personal use items).
- Provide donations towards services that deliver improved community services to the Council region.
- Deliver programs and events to engage and entertain a vast variety of community members within the Longreach Regional Council Region.

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:

Isisford Golf Club

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

The Isisford Golf Club is a small volunteer based not-for-profit community group. The golf club is hosting their yearly golf open on Saturday 13 July 2024. Throughout the year the golf club hosts tournaments as well as functions for both locals and tourists that visit the region. The committee work tirelessly to ensure the club remains operational and in

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.3 - Community Donation - Isisford Golf Club

good condition each year. With the support from Council the committee can continue to hold events and welcome new members throughout the year. The Isisford Golf Club are seeking support from Council to assist with financial support for prizes and catering for their event.

The total grant recommended of \$3,000.00 will go towards the cost of prizes and catering for 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 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 \$3,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$3,000.00</i>
<i>Total \$3,000.00</i>	<i>Total \$3,000.00</i>

Appendices

1. Isisford Golf Club Application.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Isisford Golf Club</i>	<i>2024 Golf Open</i>	<i>Financial \$3,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$3,000.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$3,000.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$3,000.00</i>

APPLICATION FORM



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: (Group or Organisation)	Isisford Golf Club Inc
ABN if applicable	75 020 345 612
Contact Person's Name:	Lisa Littlewood
Postal Address:	PO Box 3 Isisford Qld 4731
Telephone:	
Mobile:	0427 588 069
Email:	isisfordgolfclub@gmail.com

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name:	Isisford Golf Club Inc Open
Event Date:	13 July 2024
Description of what Council funds will be used for: No more than approx 200 words.	We are holding our annual Golf open which caters up to 50-60 players from the Central West Region from Isisford to Richmond including Rockhampton. We are a Non for profit club which is the only sporting club in our district that relies entirely on volunteers for all administrative and maintenance roles.
Financial Amount Requested:	\$ 3,000.00 <i>prizes + catering</i>
In-kind Support Requested:	\$



13.3 - Community Donation - Isisford Golf Club --Appendix 1



DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

INCOME List any source of income supply i.e other sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions, etc.	Amount	EXPENSES List any expenses incurred by your organisation for the project or event the application relates to.	Amount	Tick what is being funded by Council
Membership fees	\$ 1,018	Insurance	\$ 5,602	
Sponsorship	\$ 2,708	Trophies	\$ 1,122	✓
Slashing income	\$ 1,088	Catering costs	\$ 1,656	✓
Catering proceeds	\$ 2,118	Repairs & maintenance	\$ 1,718	
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
TOTAL	\$ 6,918	TOTAL	\$ 10,098	
Comments or other details: Isisford Golf Club Inc Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 October 2023				

In-Kind support component List items and \$ amounts (e.g stage, chairs, tables) Please refer to the fees and charges: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/rates-fees-charges/rates-fees-charges-1	Amount	Other comments
	\$	
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ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Explain how your event demonstrates strong community or individual benefit, or need of support.

Our Open would benefit from Council's support as the day contributes to the Central West Golfing Calendar and encourages golfers from other towns to participate. We are a very small committee and All of our members volunteer around the Club and give so much time and energy to maintain our 18 hole golf course. It would be very rewarding for them to see this hard work recognised by way of this grant. They work hard to provide a facility that can be used by both the residents of the town of Isisford and the many tourists that pass through regularly.

Explain how your event will contribute to the Longreach Regional Council community (eg Economic Development, Tourism, Liveability, wellbeing etc.)

The community will also benefit by our Club remaining viable. If we are forced to close down then the town of Isisford would have no sporting club, which would be devastating for our community. Life in rural Queensland can be difficult at times and community facilities such as ours are vitally important. Our golf club adds to our social well being & increases levels of competitiveness which helps boosts our level of self esteem.

Is your event based within the Longreach Regional Council Area

Yes No

How many people are expected to attend? (Please indicate)

0-50 51-100 100-200 200 and over

Provide a brief explanation of what type of attendants your event will attract (eg visitors from other towns, key community groups)

We are apart of the Central West Players who look forward to playing at the Isisford Golf Course,. Every year we are commended on the quality of the course and how much we care for our little clubhouse and the community

How do you intend to acknowledge Council's support (if approved) at the event or within the project or activity?

Face Book, Flyers, word of mouth and a banner

Have you sought funding through other avenues for your project/activity (grants, corporate sponsorship, fundraising, etc)?

Yes: No:

If YES, please provide details?

13.3 - Community Donation - Isisford Golf Club --Appendix 1



Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the Organisation/Applicant have any overdue debt with Council (excluding organisations with a payment arrangement)?

Yes No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

- Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*
- Relevant public liability insurance (if required)
- Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire)
- A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1,000 only)

*if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).

DECLARATION BY RECIPIENT

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.
- I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.
- I consent to Longreach Regional Council publishing the applicants name in reports and publication statements.

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	
Date:	14/03/2024
Name in full:	Lisa Littlewood
Community Group/ Organisation:	Isisford Golf Club
Position in Group or Organisation: (if applicable)	Secretary

Privacy Collection Statement: Longreach Regional Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all personal information is secure. Council is collecting your personal or community groups information for the purpose of assessing your application for Community Donations.

SUBMIT

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.4 - Community Donation - Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association

13.4 Community Donation - Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association

Consideration of a Community Donations application received in May 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

OUR COMMUNITY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
1.2	Council recognises cultural heritage and supports inclusion of all peoples.
1.3	The region's natural environment is managed, maintained and protected.

Budget Considerations

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

Category	Total Budget	Budget Committed (not yet paid)	Budget Remaining	Budget required to meet Community Donations for May 2024	Budget remaining for future applications
Community Donations	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,517.17	\$21,750.00	\$5,767.17

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2023-11-299)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council:

- (a) Approves the application by the 'Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association Inc' for the 150 years of Dirt, Dust and Dream to the value of \$5,487.00;

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Abby Lewis, Customer Service Coordinator

Authorised by: Tanya Johnson, Acting Director of Communities

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.4 - Community Donation - Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association

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.

The aim of programme is to:

- Develop the capacity and sustainability of organisations or innovative programs to meet the needs of members and the community
- Support individuals representing the region by performing, competing or presenting at district, state, national or international competitions, conference or events.
- Support the acquisition or upgrading of facilities and equipment (excluding personal use items).
- Provide donations towards services that deliver improved community services to the Council region.
- Deliver programs and events to engage and entertain a vast variety of community members within the Longreach Regional Council Region.

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:

Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association Inc

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

The Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association are holding their 150 Years celebration of Isisford from 16-19 May 2024. There will be a number of events taking place over the 4-day event. On the Thursday evening there will be a Meet and Greet, Friday will consist of a parade and markets stalls followed by the Isisford ball in the evening while the adults attend the ball, the littlies will have a movie night in the park. Saturday is the Isisford Sheep and Wool Show, and Sunday will consist of a church service, along with a

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.4 - Community Donation - Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association

golf game, hospital and school tours. Most importantly, will be the unveiling of the plaque and stump to celebrate 150 years.

The total grant recommended of \$5,000.00 financial will go towards the cost of the band for entertainment at the ball.

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 Industry Recreation and Development Association Inc 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>

Appendices

1. Isisford IDPA.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association	150 years of Isisford	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>

APPLICATION FORM



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: (Group or Organisation)	ISISFORD INDUSTRY RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC.
ABN if applicable	20 097 993 661
Contact Person's Name:	Jocelyn Avery
Postal Address:	PO Box 4 Isisford Qld 4731
Telephone:	
Mobile:	0427 465 755
Email:	isisfordindustry@gmail.com

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name:	150 Years Celebration
Event Date:	16,17,18 & 19 May 2024
Description of what Council funds will be used for: No more than approx 200 words.	We will be holding a four (4) day event to celebrate 150 Years of Isisford. We are a Non profit community group which relies entirely on volunteers for all administrative and maintenance roles. The funds from Longreach Regional Council will be used for the Band DJ Supreme & One More Time Music on Friday Night for the celebration ball
Financial Amount Requested:	\$ 5000.00 For band
In-kind Support Requested:	\$



13.4 - Community Donation - Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association --



DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

INCOME List any source of income supply i.e other sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions, etc.	Amount	EXPENSES List any expenses incurred by your organisation for the project or event the application relates to.	Amount	Tick what is being funded by Council
Door entry @ \$30.00 per head (200)	\$ 6000	Catering at \$35.00 a head	\$ 7000	
Bar Proceeds	\$ 15000	Bar	\$ 10000	
	\$	Bar Licence	\$ 80	
	\$	Decorations	\$ 450	
	\$	Hall Hire	\$ 200	
	\$	Band	\$ 5550	✓
TOTAL	\$ 21000	TOTAL	\$ 23,280	
Comments or other details:				

In-Kind support component List items and \$ amounts (e.g stage, chairs, tables) Please refer to the fees and charges: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/rates-fees-charges/rates-fees-charges-1	Amount	Other comments
	\$	
	\$	
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ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Explain how your event demonstrates strong community or individual benefit, or need of support.

We are a non for profit group who relies on the volunteers of the community. We work together to provide this fantastic opportunity for everyone to come along and relive and make new memories

Explain how your event will contribute to the Longreach Regional Council community (eg Economic Development, Tourism, Liveability, wellbeing etc.)

Our three day event will entice locals back to home and to also bring the younger generations to Isisford. It will boost the wellbeing especially for the older generation to relive their childhood memories from another era. Events such as this allows time for families to get back together and enjoy the 3 days of dancing, street parades and community get togethers

Is your event based within the Longreach Regional Council Area

Yes No

How many people are expected to attend? (Please indicate)

0-50 51-100 100-200 200 and over

Provide a brief explanation of what type of attendants your event will attract (eg visitors from other towns, key community groups)

The 3 day event is based on families , friends and memorabilia. We will have visitors from Rockhampton to Victoria that will have the chance to come back home- Maybe for even the last time so it will be a great opportunity to have this fantastic idea of Celebrating Isisford for surviving 150 Years

How do you intend to acknowledge Council's support (if approved) at the event or within the project or activity?

Longreach Regional Council will be recognised on our program as well as Face book, flyers, word of mouth and LRC banners displayed over the 3 day event.

Have you sought funding through other avenues for your project/activity (grants, corporate sponsorship, fundraising, etc)?

Yes: No:

If YES, please provide details?

13.4 - Community Donation - Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association --



Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

Yes No

Does the Organisation/Applicant have any overdue debt with Council (excluding organisations with a payment arrangement)?

Yes No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

- Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*
 - Relevant public liability insurance (if required)
 - Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire)
 - A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1,000 only)
- *if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).

DECLARATION BY RECIPIENT

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.
- I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.
- I consent to Longreach Regional Council publishing the applicants name in reports and publication statements.

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	<i>Jocelyn Avery</i>
Date:	04 October 2023
Name in full:	Jocelyn Avery
Community Group/ Organisation:	SISFORD INDUSTRY RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC.
Position in Group or Organisation: (if applicable)	President

Privacy Collection Statement: Longreach Regional Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all personal information is secure. Council is collecting your personal or community groups information for the purpose of assessing your application for Community Donations.

SUBMIT

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.5 - Application for Works on Council Owned Land - New amenities block at OMA waterhole

13.5 Application for Works on Council Owned Land - New amenities block at OMA waterhole

Consideration of an 'Application for Works on Council Owned Land' from the Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association to locate an amenities block at OMA waterhole.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Building Act 1975

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
1.2	Council recognises cultural heritage and supports inclusion of all peoples.

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Kelli Doyle, Facilities Coordinator

Background:

The Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association (The Association) have applied for a grant through Round 121 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to purchase an amenities block (including toilets and showers) to be located at the OMA waterhole.

The Association have said that while the existing amenities, which once served their needs adequately, now fall short in providing the comfort and services that visitors expect and deserve. The lack of adequate restrooms, recreational spaces, and visitor accommodations has become increasingly apparent, and it hinders the ability to offer a truly welcoming and enjoyable experience to visitors at the OMA waterhole.

A new facility would not only enhance the comfort and satisfaction of visitors to the area but also bolster the economic vitality of the community by encouraging longer stays and

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.5 - Application for Works on Council Owned Land - New amenities block at OMA waterhole

increased spending. It would also demonstrate the commitment to preserving the Oma waterhole's natural beauty while promoting sustainable tourism practices.

The Oma Waterhole is not only a natural treasure but also a central hub for the annual fishing competition, which attracts visitors from across the region and further afield, significantly contributing to the local tourism industry.

Over the years, the Association have witnessed a steady increase in the number of tourists and participants in the fishing competition. While this growth is a positive indicator of the event's success and the area's appeal, the current facilities have become insufficient to meet the demands of the rising number of visitors.

Issue:

The Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association requires formal consent from Council to locate an amenities block on Council owned land.

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)

Community Consultation:

Members of the Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association have consulted with Council Officers regarding this proposal.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Should the Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association gain the funding, they would like to work with Council to manage this project to ensure all aspects are completed within Council standards and requirements.

The building will be built to standards and not require a lot of maintenance as it will be built with steel framing and colour bond steel.

Recommendation:

That Council grants the Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association permission to construct the proposed amenity building at OMA Waterhole, subject to further discussions with officers regarding precise location, lease and maintenance issues, and obtaining a Building Development Approval.

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This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of March for the Community Services Department.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

n/a

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
1.2	Council recognises cultural heritage and supports inclusion of all peoples.
1.3	The region's natural environment is managed, maintained and protected.
OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.2	Informed and considered decision making based on effective governance practices

Budget Considerations

As per approved 2023/24 budget

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *Community 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.

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Library Services - March 2024

A weekly support group has started up in Longreach, and the Longreach Library is where everyone meets and discuss the joys and challenges of pregnancy and early years of parenting. Hannah Batt is facilitating this project in partnership with Outback Futures. Tea & Tots happens every Monday morning from 10.30am until 12.00pm. Hannah is aware of the importance to have people around you who provide support, encouragement and connection.

Carmen will be visiting Winton on Wednesday 8 May to attend a small libraries workshop hosted by State Library of Queensland.

After a recent visit from State Library, a 10 Year Roadmap is currently being drafted and is underpinned by State Government funding and drives the long-term success of libraries and KPI's throughout 2024-2033. The draft will incorporate places and programs, collections and resources and people and partners.

First5 is still very popular, taking place each Friday morning from 9:30am. As the weather has been cooler, first5 intend to include a park visit.

Library Statistics (YTD)

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford	
	April	YTD	April	YTD	April	YTD
Loans	488	4,236	5	177	3	195
New Members	10	106	0	2	0	0
Total Members	1,654	4342	72	179	138	195

Swimming Pools

	Ilfracombe		Isisford		Yaraka	
	APR	YTD	APR	YTD	APR	YTD
Adults	150	2933	9	295	0	85
Children	50	1095	7	207	0	82

Longreach statistics to be provided in next month's report.

The winter season hours commenced at the Longreach Swimming Pool on the 1st April. The Isisford Pool is now closed for the winter season and will reopen in the September school holidays.

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April events at the Longreach Swimming Pool –

- 4 April First Aid & CPR course
- 12 April Dive-Movie Night in conjunction with Youth Week
- 15 April Term 2 Squad Training commenced

Childcare Services

Spotlight on April

- We have successfully internally filled a Senior Educator role to replace one of our staff members who internally filled our Assistant Director role. We are now advertising to fill the vacant Assistant Educator role as a result of these movements. These internal movements are a testament to our staff who are looking at career progression and we are very pleased that we are able to encourage and facilitate these internal movements.
- We were very proud to commemorate ANZAC Day this month. Although our children are only young, they are taught the importance of ANZAC Day age-appropriately. We proudly marched as a Service in the march through town and had an impressive number of families and children who happily joined us. It was lovely to see some of the children walking up their hand-made wreaths at the Service. Our Centre children and staff also made a beautiful display on our Centre fence along Wompoo Road which received lots of positive feedback.
- Our fence upgrade is still in progress. Unfortunately, there have been several delays due to contractor unavailability however some sections have been completed. We are hopeful that it will be completed by EOFY.
- Current bookings are steady.
- Our Educators have been creating wonderful learning experiences for the children in their care. We are loving the cooler weather and have been spending lots of time outdoors exploring.

Horticulture and Community Facilities

With funding secured through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program provided by the Federal Government, Council has invested in the procurement of new bins for the main street of Isisford. Recognising the significance of local flora and fauna, particularly the iconic Yellowbelly and native gum trees, Council conceptualized a unique design for the new bins.

These bins not only serve the practical purpose of waste disposal but also contribute to the cultural and environmental identity of the region.

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Facility Usage

The following community facilities were utilised in April -

Longreach Showgrounds	Heart Bus Australia, Senior Rugby League, Junior League, Junior Rugby League (Under 13's) Carnival, Junior & Senior Cricket, Fitness Group, Matt Scott Shield, Youth Week Oval Games, Longreach Touch Mixed, Stabling of horses
Longreach Civic Centre	Longreach Athletics Club - 40 years celebrations and dinner
Edkins Park, Longreach	Anzac Day Services, Ride West Breakfast
Isisford Hall	Church Services, Sewing and Craft Group, Dance Lessons, Anzac Day Services
Ilfracombe Rec Centre	Darts Group, Council Community Forum
Ilfracombe Memorial Park	Anzac Day Services
Yaraka Hall	Anzac Day Services

Water Tower Lights

The water tower lights were lit up in specific colours for the following occasions -

25 April	Anzac Day	Red
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Funeral Services

Longreach Cemetery Funeral Figures April 2024	
Funeral Type	
Church & Graveside Funeral	
Church Service Only	
Graveside Funeral	3
LRC Graveside Set up ONLY	
Memorial Service	
Cremation	
Internment of Ashes -Private Family	
Plaques arranged by LRC	2
Undertakers Services Only	1

Communications Activity – Statistics for April 2024

Website:

- 8,155 sessions (7,734 in March)
- 17,034 page views (17,391 in March)
- After the Home landing page, the most popular pages are
 - Current vacancies
 - Events
 - Careers
 - Search
 - Roads
- Most people have found the website through an organic search, such as Google
- 58% of people use desktop as a device, followed by 41% mobile devices
- See attachments for the data

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Facebook:

- 3,917 followers (3,883 followers in March), 67,5% of our followers are women
- 24 posts in total April 2024
- Post topics – Youth week Program, Bi-annual community forums, walking network strategy, ANZAC Day
- Post with the highest reach of 8900 was the post about the fishing workshop as part of youth week
- See attachments for the data

ILLY:

In April we have distributed ILLY to 2,323 households in the region.

For the next edition in May we will focus on the community forums, the ANZAC celebrations all over the region and put a highlight on the upcoming QLD event in June. We will feature again the Mayor's column and minutes in a minute as update on the Council Meeting.

Community Development

ANZAC DAY

Across the rugged landscapes of Outback Queensland, the spirit of ANZAC Day resonates deeply, bringing communities together in solemn remembrance and heartfelt gratitude for the sacrifices made by servicemen and women. In all towns Yaraka, Isisford, Ilfracombe, and Longreach, ANZAC Day services are not just events; they are poignant reminders of the bonds forged through adversity and the enduring legacy of courage and resilience. The community begins the day with the dawn service, where the eerie silence of the outback is broken by the notes of the Last Post. Afterwards the community gathers for breakfasts to share stories and memories. The day service sees a variety of groups marching to show their respect and commemorate the bravery and selflessness of those who served.



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Youth Week Activities (8 -12 April 2024)

YOUth CAN DO IT, was the theme for the holiday activities. A week filled with excitement, laughter, plenty of new experiences and spending time with new and old friends.

Each day a different activity:

Monday: Softball Showdown at the Longreach Showgrounds

Tuesday: Skateboarding with Fastplant Skateboarding at the Skate Park

Wednesday: Fishing fun at Apex park with 2 Bent Rod, Freshwater Fishing and Stocking Association of Queensland (FSSAQ) and Dessert Channel Queensland (DCQ).

Thursday: Craft at the library for the younger community members and pottery for the youth at the Longreach Arts & Craft Gallery.

Friday: Fun, games and dive-in movie at the Longreach Pool.



Youth Council

Youth Council met for their second official meeting on Monday 22.04.2024 including a safety induction for the youth Councillors. Topics discussed during the meeting were the upcoming Longreach Show and the stall. Ideas for the stall were science experiments, suggestion boxes and a competition where people will need to build a boat out of foil and it needs to hold a certain weight without sinking. The ideas will be refined and finalised over the next meetings.

You can find the full meeting minutes on our website longreach.qld.gov.au/youth-council.

Community Forums

In April, the bi-annual community forums provided a platform for engaging discussions with both the Councillors plus representatives of the Youth Council and the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), fostering idea-sharing, questioning, and connection. Held in each community, these meetings serve as invaluable opportunities to gauge community needs and identify priorities for future budget considerations.

This year, a new format was trialled, adopting a World Café Style approach. Attendees had the freedom to move from table to table, each representing different topics such as Communities, Children & Youth, Budget, Infrastructure, Tourism & Business, and Customer Service. At each table, both Councillors and staff were available for informal chats. This format facilitated engaging and meaningful conversations, ensuring that every voice was heard.

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The community overwhelmingly embraced the new style, offering positive feedback. However, constructive suggestions for improvement were also welcomed, demonstrating the commitment to continuous enhancement.



Upcoming events May 2024 (longreach.qld.gov.au/events)

May 2024			
Friday 17 May 9.00 – 12.00	Carer Community Consultation	Birdcage Hotel	Free to attend
Saturday 18 May Monday 20 May	Festival of Outback Opera	Several locations	Saturday and Sunday for a fee Monday free concert for the community
Saturday 18 May	Isisford Sheep & Wool Show	Isisford Racecourse and Showgrounds	Gold coin donation
Friday 24 May	Longreach Show	Longreach Showgrounds	Tickets at the gate
Friday 31 May – 2 June 08.00 – 17.00	Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame 2024 Campdraft	Australians Stockmans Hall of Fame	Campdrafting events and social aspect for the non-competitors including DJ, Ladies afternoon, kids’ corner and more.

Project Management Update

Ilfracombe Multi-Purpose Court

Instalment of the shade structure over the entire court is now. Electrical works has commenced for lighting underneath the structure to service the court. Fencing and surface painting will commence in May. The project is supported by the federal Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

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New Centre Median Shelter

A new centre median shelter has been installed in front of Glasson house on Eagle street. The new asset continues the always ongoing Eagle St Beautification Project. The project is supported by the federal Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



See attachments for an overview on all projects and dashboards for large projects of:

- Longreach Squash Court Upgrade
- Ilfracombe Multi-Purpose Court
- Apex Park Beautification
- Eagle and Swan Street Beautification

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After Hours Message Centre - May 2024

Incoming Calls Received	No. of Hang Ups	Total
12	35	47

During the month of May 2024 there were 12 after hours' calls received. The calls were related to the following sections of Council:

Category	Number Of Calls
Water and Sewerage	4
Local Laws/Animal Management	2
Facilities	1
Roads	3
Waste	1
Funerals	1

Customer Requests

A total of **153 Customer Service Requests** were received for the month of April 2024. Of these requests **84 were completed** within the same month.

Completed	Progress	Outstanding	Total
84	18	51	153

Tourism Update

April although it feels quieter in the visitor centre this year, the number of people through has been slightly higher than 2023. We saw a lot more people moving towards the end of April when the weather had cooled down. We welcomed Suzi Gunn back to our team again for 2024 season.

The later opening hours of the Powerhouse Museum has filled a gap in things to do in the afternoon, with more of our visitor's coming through in the afternoon. There has also been several school tours go through the powerhouse museum with more booked over the next few months.

Longreach Region Explore Centre Visitor Statistics April 2024

Feb 2024	Mar 2024	April 2024	2023/2024 YTD	2022/2023 total
169	307	1226	14,853	21,948

Bookings made by information centre staff on behalf of Operators for the month of March were to the value of \$39,241.67

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Information Requests 2023-2024	April 2024	2023 -2024 YTD
Phone calls	140	921
Emails	37	354
General Information over the Counter	114	11,656
Information packs posted	37	333
Phone Bookings	74	549
Over the Counter Bookings	122	1,866

Longreach Powerhouse and Historical Museum Statistics (financial year) 2023-24:

Feb 2024	Mar 2024	April 2024	2023/2024 YTD	2022/2023 total
Closed	91	297	3,440	4,205

Longreach Regional Council Approved Camping Areas (financial year) 2023-2024:

Location	Mar 2024 Vans	Apr 2024 Vans	2023 -2024 YTD Vans
Apex Park	67	2166	6828
Emergency Camping Passes	0	0	80
Barcoo Weir/Oma Waterhole	41	393	2,291
Isisford Emergency Passes	0	0	82
Yaraka	0	0	363

Experience Longreach Website had 6,600 page views for the month of April 2024

Social Media Report

April 2024 has seen 20.5k organic reach which is down 59% and Instagram 1.5k, down 31.1% from last month. (Organic social media content is any free content shared on social media profiles including posts, videos, stories and more. This content can be seen by a portion of your followers, people who are following any hashtags you use and the followers of anyone who shares your post)

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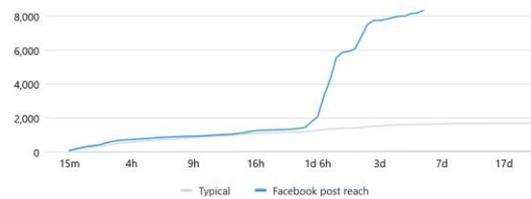
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Facebook Top Posts – April

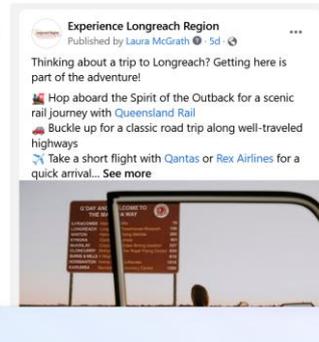
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 Impressions 8,302 Higher than typical
 Interactions 63 Typical
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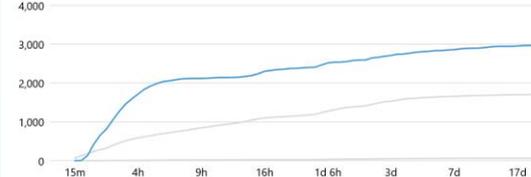
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Overview

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 Impressions 3,906 Higher than typical
 Interactions 64 Typical
 Link clicks --

Reach



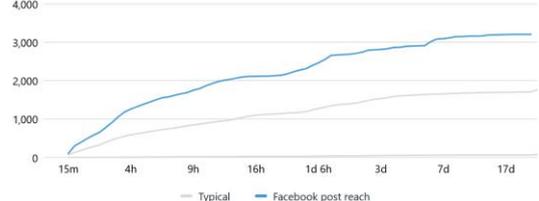
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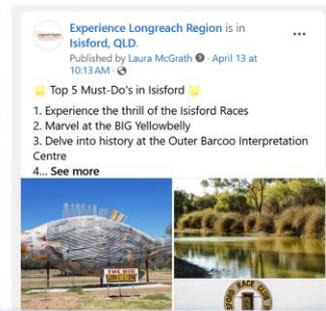
Overview

Reach 3,259 Higher than typical
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 Interactions 58 Typical
 Link clicks 2 Typical

Reach



Feed preview



Strategy and planning

The Communities team are also working on a number of other initiatives and projects such as:

<p>Walking Network Plan (grant funded)</p>	<p>In progress</p>	<p>Staff are working with CPR group to develop a walking network plan for Longreach. This work will be done in-conjunction with the Infrastructure team who are working on a grant application (for design work only) for a Cycling Network. Community engagement is part of the project, and a survey is currently open asking respondents their views and suggestions on walking around Longreach. CPR Group had great responses from the public during the community forums. The updated response figures were 169 which is the best response rate they have ever received.</p>
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Finalisation of facility concept plans	In progress	Isisford Racecourse Concept Plan – this has been worked on with user groups. The final version of the concept is being finalised and will come to Council for endorsement in May 2024. Actions/projects in the concept plan are subject to availability of future grant funding.
Skate Park	In progress	Longreach Skate Park Concept Plan – this has been worked on with community consultations. The final version of the concept is being finalised and will come to Council in June 2024 for endorsement. Actions/projects in the concept plan are subject to availability of future grant funding.
Ilfracombe Heritage Strategy	In progress	The basis of this project is to investigate how to optimise the heritage buildings/collections in Ilfracombe, and create improved visitor experiences. GBA Consulting Engineers have been engaged to do some significance assessment reports on the collections and provide strategic advice to Council on how to manage these assets. They will build on previous work that has been done to date. Grant applications are being sought to progress any work – a grant application has been submitted for an upgrade of the Machinery Mile public toilets and we are awaiting the outcome. A draft report has now been received from GBA and officers are working through the findings. The final version of the report will come to Council for discussion in June 2024.
Longreach Disaster Resilience Survey	In progress	A survey of tourists and visitors will be undertaken in Longreach during April/May to ascertain preparedness and disaster readiness whilst travelling. The survey is part of research being undertaken by Queensland Connects and Queensland University of Technology, and is funded by the Queensland Government. Implementation and delivery of the survey will be done by the Communities team and Beca Consulting.
Tree and Greening project	In progress	Actions resulting from the horticulture specialist's report are being worked through and integrated into the relevant team's work programme. Procurement for trees is underway, with additional funding being sought for these activities in FY 24/25
Iningai Nature Reserve – entrance way design improvements	In progress	Council is working with Desert Channels Queensland and the Iningai working party to look at how to improve the entrance way to the reserve in order to encourage visitors to the reserve. Council is funding the design of a concept plan which can then be used for future grant applications in order to do any capitals works. Installation of a traditional windmill wheel (funded through RADF funding) will be part of the improvements, and this will provide shading and information on the reserve. Works on the windmill shade structure expected to be complete by May 30, 2024
Reconciliation Action	Not yet started	- a budget bid is being prepared for additional

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Plan	contractor support in FY24/25
Destination Management Plan (with Governance team)	Planning underway
Community Engagement Policy	Planning underway – a budget bid is being prepared for additional contractor funding in FY24/25
Development of a Customer Experience Strategy	Planning underway – review of customer charter is completed and a budget bid is being prepared for additional contractor funding in FY24/25
Policy review – Community Grants and Sponsorship	Engagement on this policy review will be in May 2024.

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)

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. 23.24 Main Projects Dashboard [↓](#)
2. Website Statistics [↓](#)
3. Facebook Followers 2024 [↓](#)
4. Facebook Reach 2024 [↓](#)
5. Facebook Visits 2024 [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Community Services report for April 2024.



Project: Longreach Squash Court Upgrade		Status	Engaged	3/5/24
Purpose:	Construct a new clubhouse area onto the existing facility and resurface squash courts walls. This will ensure safe and cost-effective operation of the site, accommodate additional community level activities, increase participation and improve the quality of the participant experience.	Recent Deliverables	Provide project update to Department Sponsor.	Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period
Project Team:	Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson Department Sponsor: Debbie Hall Project Manager: Joel Perry			Provide project update to Department Sponsor.
Funding Source:	Total current project budget is \$365,214, comprised of \$328,692 from the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (Minor Infrastructure Program) and a further \$36,522 commitment from Council.			
Key Stakeholders:	Longreach residents and ratepayers, Longreach Regional Council and Longreach Squash.			
		Risks	Previous status	Current status
		Overall		Delivery timeframe scheduled for minimal disruption to squash playing seasons.
		Time		Work aimed to start mid 2024 which will disrupt only part of the second season of the year.
		Budget		Scope marginally (6%) over budget.
		Scope		Specifications and design with Architect has been completed.
		Communication		General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.

Budget

Category	Amount
Total spend to date	\$150,000
Project Budget	\$365,214

Legend: ■ Total spend to date ■ Council Funding ■ Minor Infrastructure Program



Project: Iffracombe Multi-Purpose Court		Status	In Progress	3/5/24							
Purpose:	Construct a new multi-purpose court in Iffracombe next to the rec centre. Allow the existing rec centre facilities to be utilised more as the area becomes the sporting hub of Iffracombe.	Recent Deliverables		Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period							
Project Team:	Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson Project Manager: Joel Perry	Shade structure completed.		Electrical install to finish.							
Funding Source:	Total current project budget is \$631,175, funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program.	Electrical work commenced for lighting to service the whole court.		Fencing around the court to be completed.							
Key Stakeholders:	Iffracombe residents and ratepayers, Longreach Regional Council, Iffracombe District & Progress Association (LDPA) and Sport and Rec			Sport surfacing to commence.							
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Category	Amount										
Total spend to date	\$631,175										
Project Budget	\$700,000										
		Overall			Only financial risk has currently been identified.						
		Time			No risk of delays identified to date to take project past 23/24 financial year.						
		Budget			Budget revised from \$500,000 to \$631,175 to cover extra foundations and structure wind load.						
		Scope			Scope confirmed.						
		Communication			General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.						



Project: Apex Park Beautification

Status: In Progress

3/5/24

Recent Deliverables	Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period
Fencing progress continues with new rails and posts installed.	Shade structures to be completed.
Shade structures install in progress	Fencing progress to continue with final painting.

Purpose: Remove old water tower; upgrade fence; install bar bench and install shade structures.

Project Team: Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson
Project Manager: Joel Perry

Funding Source: Total current project budget is \$85,000, funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

Key Stakeholders: Longreach residents, ratepayers and Longreach Regional Council.

Budget

Category	Amount
Total spend to date	~\$25,000
Project Budget	\$85,000

Risks	Previous status	Current status	Status Description
Overall	Green	Green	Delays with work means their will be onsite work during start of tourism season. No budget risk.
Time	Green	Yellow	Delays with work means their will be onsite work during start of tourism season.
Budget	Green	Green	Nil risk.
Scope	Green	Green	Nil risk.
Communication	Green	Green	General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.



Project: Eagle and Swan Street Beautification		Status	In Progress	3/5/24						
Purpose:	To improve the streetscape area around the Swan Street toilet block.	Recent Deliverables	Shade structure in front of Glasson House installed.	Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period						
Project Team:	Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson Project Manager: Joel Perry		Garden bed irrigation and planting completed.	Mural work to commence 2nd June.						
Funding Source:	Total current project budget is \$80,000, funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program.	Risks	Schedule for mural on the Swan street toilet block complete.							
Key Stakeholders:	Longreach residents and ratepayers and Longreach Regional Council.	Previous status								
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Project Budget	\$80,000									
		Status Description	Overall	Main focus on confirming scope and scheduling delivery timeframe.						
			Time	Delays occurred due to qualified contractor availability.						
			Budget	Budget revised from \$200,000 to \$80,000 due to change in scope.						
			Scope	Currently finalising scope with engagements with community to be completed.						
			Communication	General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.						

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Longreach Regional Council - Monthly Analytics Snapshot

Apr 1, 2024 - Apr 30, 2024

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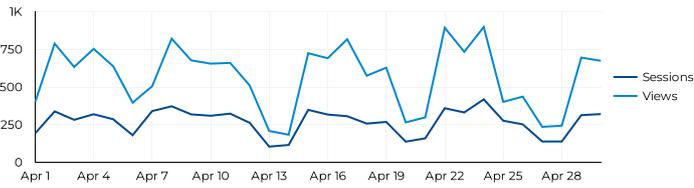
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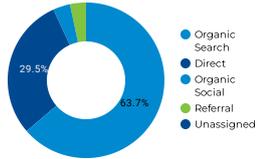
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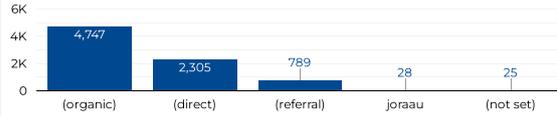
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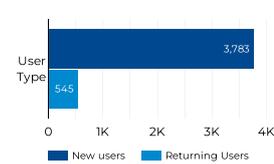
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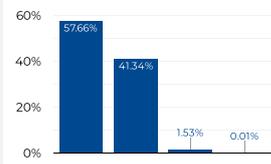
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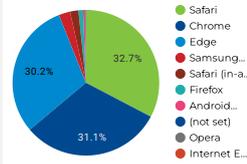
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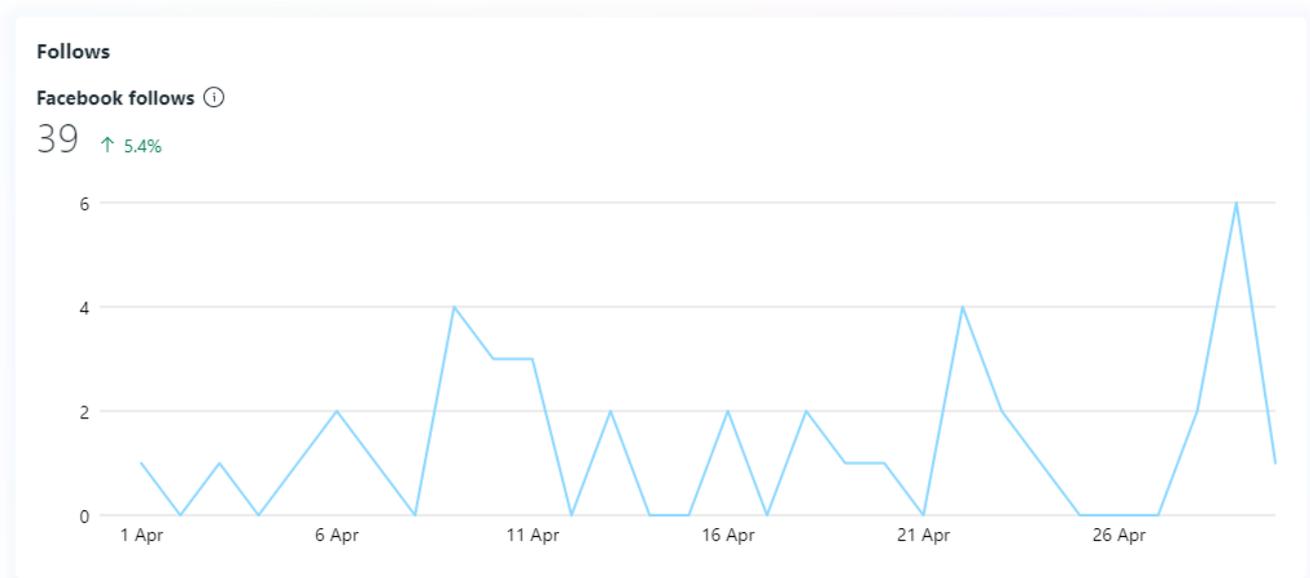


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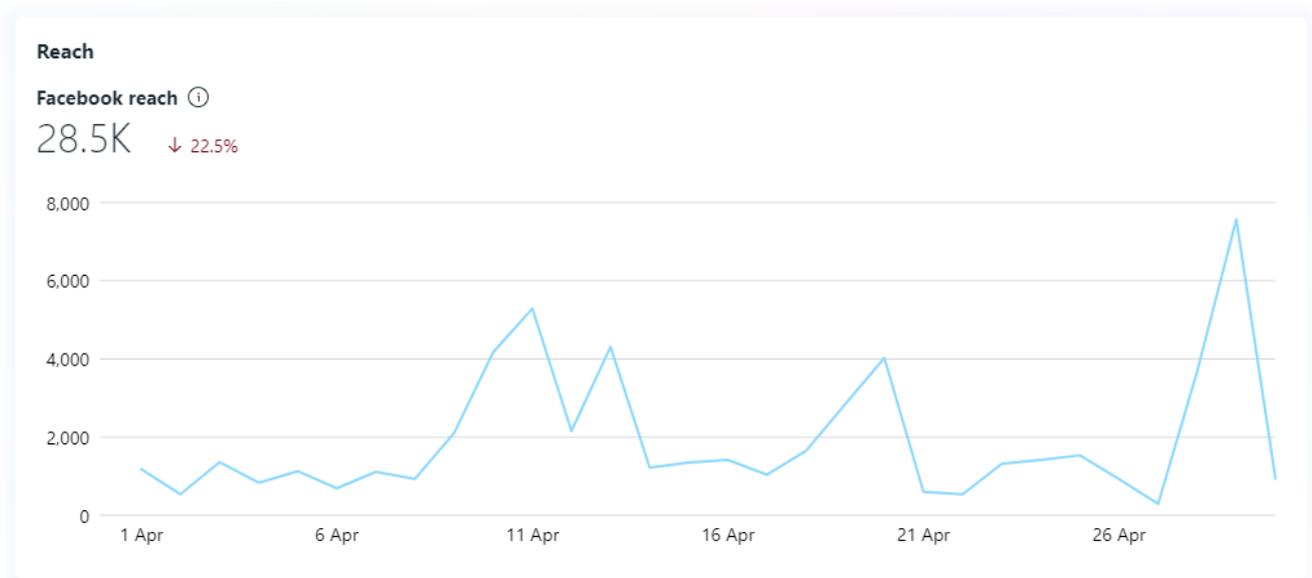
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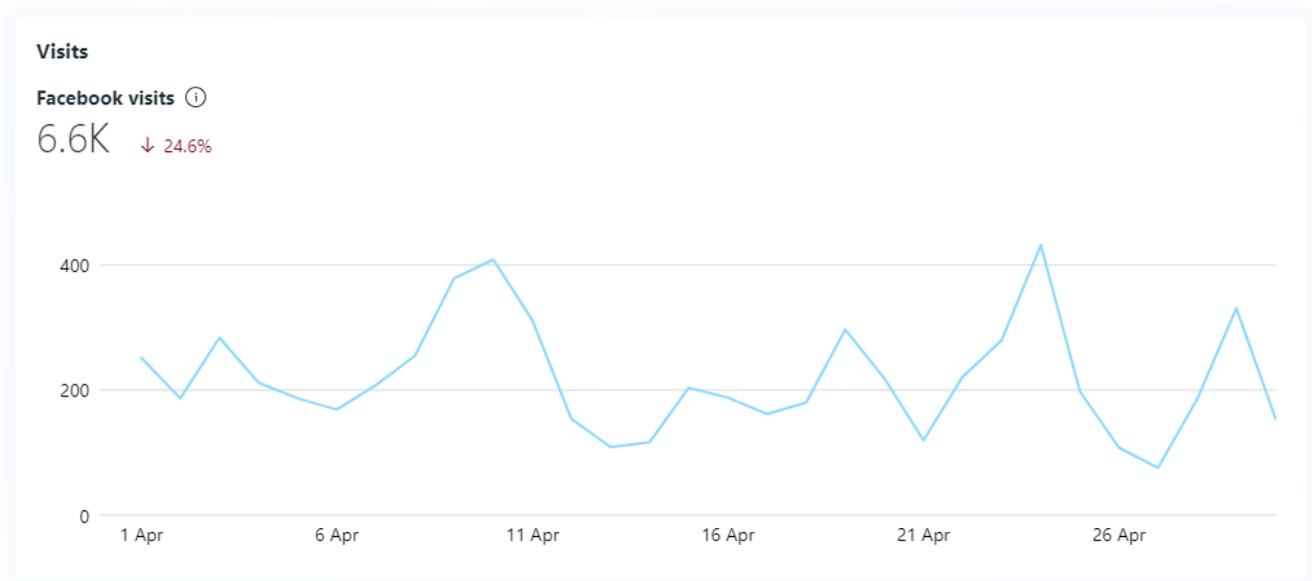
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experiencelongrea...	46	97
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This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of April 2024 for the Works Directorate.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

n/a

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
1.2	Council recognises cultural heritage and supports inclusion of all peoples.
1.3	The region's natural environment is managed, maintained and protected.
OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.2	Informed and considered decision making based on effective governance practices

Budget Considerations

As per approved 2023/24 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *André Pretorius, Director of Works*
Guy Goodman, Manager of Operations
Ajith Samarasekera, Manager Fleet & Workshops

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.

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Manager of Operations Update - Current projects underway

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
R2R Projects					
All areas grid replacement	Install Grids	98%	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 215,000.00	Project started late January. 2 x grids installed on the Darr - Yanburra Road 1 x grid installed on the Morella Road 1 x grid removed on the Morella Road 3 x grids installed on the Stonehenge River Road 1 x grid removed on the Glenlock Road 1 x grid installed on Isisford Yaraka River Road Tender sent for supply of 10 x 4 metre grids. Currently evaluating tenders. Tenders evaluated. Grids ordered. Grids arrived for installation for the next FY.
Longreach	Prep and 10mm reseal in Town Streets	35%	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	Prep work commenced in March 2024. Sealing to commence on 28 th May.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
TIDS Projects					
Ilfracombe - Aramac Road	Gravel resheet	0%	\$ 343,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Extra TIDS funding for 23/24 FY. Gravel tendered. Gravel supply ordered. Survey alignment completed. Carting material to commence in mid-May.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
NDRRA Project 2022 Event					
Tallundilly Creek	Culvert renewal	15%	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 190,000.00	Demolition of existing damaged culvert commenced in March. Demolition was on hold due to flooding. Works re-commenced early May.

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Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
NDRRA Projects 2022 Event					
Bogewong Road	Medium formation grade	50%	\$ 625,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	Project started in May 2023.
Withywine Noonbah Road	Medium formation grade	75%	\$ 223,000.00	\$ 190,000.00	Project started in November 2023.
Vergemont Road	Heavy formation grade	80%	\$ 1,140,000.00	\$ 660,000.00	Project started in November 2023.
Stonehenge River Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$ 635,000.00	\$ 628,000.00	Project started in July 2023. Completed.

Starlights Lookout Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$ 191,000.00	\$ 178,000.00	Project started in December 2023. Completed.
Fermoy Road	Gravel resheet	100%	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 142,000.00	Project started in March 2024. Completed.
Melton Road	Medium formation grade	10%	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	Project to commence in April.
Wakefield Road	Medium formation grade	15%	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	Project to commence in April.
Gaza Road	Gravel resheet	50%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	Project commenced in May 2024.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
MWPC					
Longreach - Jundah road	Pave and seal, culvert upgrade	98%	\$ 5,100,000.00	\$ 4,739,127.00	Concrete works have commenced. Concrete culverts are being delivered to site. Surveying completed. Crews have commenced works on detours. 2km of sub base completed. Two replacement culvert structures completed. Variation in culvert pricing, waiting on reply from Main Roads. Rain has delayed project. Culvert variation authorised.

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					Assessed and awarded culvert tenders. Variation culverts installed. Mixing last section of sub-base. Carting of base material commenced. Base course completed. First seal completed. Grid installed. Waiting on time-frame to complete final seal. Final seal to be completed March 2024. Final seal completed. Grid end structures to be installed.
Cramsie-Muttaburra Road	Pave and seal, widening	85%	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 858,000.00	Detour started in November 2023. 1 km of sub base completed, currently carting in base course. First 1km seal completed prior to Christmas shut down. Detour constructed for second section. Sub base trimmed and compacted. Currently carting in base course. Base course completed. Second seal completed on first section. Project on hold due to rain. Base completed and primed. Seal to be sprayed on Thursday 9 th May 2024.
Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
Town Streets Projects					
Street Maintenance	Pot Hole Patching				Ongoing
Longreach	Corella Lane pave and seal	80%	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	Concrete invert installed end of 2023. Pave and seal works to commence April 2024. Base completed. Seal to be sprayed on Thursday 9 th May 2024.
Ilfracombe	Installation of house numbers	25%	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	Signage to be installed in May 2024.
Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
RMPC Projects					
Landsborough Highway	Bulk guidepost installation project	10%	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	Project to commence in March 2024. Guard rail posts ordered. To be installed in May.
Isisford	Town entry treatments	0%	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	Project to commence in April 2024. Signage ordered. Installation works commenced May.
Isisford-Blackall Road	Bulk sign replacement	0%	\$ 143,231.00	\$ 30,000.00	Project to commence in April 2024. Signage ordered. Installation works commenced May.

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Ilfracombe-Aramac Road	Emergent Flood Damage Grade	95%	Cost return	N/A	Project started in April.
Isisford-Emmet Road	Emergent Flood Damage Grade	10%	Cost return	N/A	Project started in May.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
LRCI4 Projects					
All Areas	Rural Road Signage Upgrade	70%	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 87,000.00	Data pickup has been completed. Signage tenders have been assessed and awarded tenders. Signage delivered. Installation commenced October.
Isisford / Yaraka Area	Rural Property Signage Upgrade	40%	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	Project to commence in July 2023. Correspondence/emails sent out to property owners to confirm details. Reviewing data. Aim to place orders before Christmas close down. Signs to be delivered from supplier in March. Installation commenced in April.
Yaraka	Pave & Seal around IOR Fuel Pod	10%	\$ 148,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	Project scoped in July 2023. Project to commence in May 2024. Currently carting base material.
Isisford - Bimerah Road	Gravel Resheet	95%	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	Project to commence in August 2023. Chainages for gravel have been determined. Gravel currently being stockpiled. Carting gravel to commence in late October. 50% gravel carted, project on hold due to rain. Carting material commenced in early March. All material carted to site. Project on hold due to rain. Works re-commenced, gravel mixed, compacted and



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					trimmed.
Longreach	Install concrete footpath – Duck Street (4LG) to Daycare Centre	85%	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	Works commenced late April.
					

Grants & Funding Projects			
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments
Passenger Transport Infrastructure Investment Program			
	Ilfracombe	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to commence in 2024. • Installation of footpath to shelter to commence in April 2024. Completed.
School Transport Infrastructure Program	Our Lady's	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpark design – final drawings being reviewed. • Site works scheduled for 2024. • Project has been granted extension to 30th June 2025.
	LSHS	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement negotiations are progressing. Waiting for final agreement from TMR before execution. • Site works scheduled for 2024. • Project has been granted extension to 30th June 2025.

Maintenance Graders Locations

Note – All available maintenance graders will be working on formation grading projects for the 2022 flood damage in conjunction with normal maintenance grading programme.

Water & Waste Update

Current projects and operational undertakings underway for 2023/2024

Water & Sewer Projects			
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments
Water Mains Replacement	Longreach	90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender evaluation completed. Not awarded. • Direct negotiations in progress under a revised scope. • Tender has been awarded. Works to commence March 2024. • Works to commence Wednesday 13th March.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works commenced. • Asphalt re-installment to commence end of May.
WTP ELR Replacement/Repair	Ilfracombe	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary structural assessment report has been received. Investigation options for the replacement of the tank. • Works to be carried over to next FY.
Exclusion fencing at Yaraka Town Dam	Yaraka	98%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works scheduled to commence early 2024, pending weather conditions. • Fencing materials have arrived. • Works to commence early April. • Works commenced, and due for completed approximately 17th May.
Digital Water Meter Trial	Ilfracombe	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works program scheduled for Q2 2024. Trial planned to commence with communications install and staged rollout of meters. • Ongoing planning with internal and external parties. • Materials have arrived. Local contractor to perform installation of aerals etc. • Works to commence June.
Refurbishment of Murray, Shannon & Isisford Dam Pumps	Ilfracombe & Isisford	80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipework, floats and cabling will be installed during warmer weather conditions. • Pad has been installed at Murray Dam for safe access. • Remainder of work to be completed next financial year.
Upgrade to Murray McMillan Dam Switchboard	Ilfracombe	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project on hold. To be reviewed during the 24/25 budgeting process.
DRFA Flood Risk Management Program	Longreach	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Flood Action Plan feedback period has concluded. 1 x submission was received with the suggestion of a levy bank along Watyakan Creek from near the Kangaroo Meat Works to the Thomson Development Road Bypass to help protect the southern areas of town from future flooding. • Technical brief being developed and reviewed in consultation with QRA appointed technical reviewer. • Procurement process for the Longreach Flood Study to commence in early 2024. • QRA has granted an extension for the program until 30/06/2026.
Reservoir Cleaning (RAPADWSA Project)	All Sites	70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works have been completed at Ilfracombe. Contractor will return to finish cleaning at Isisford and Longreach GLR in early 2024. • Variation has been approved for additional cleaning at reservoirs. Works programmed.
Flood Gauge Camera Arno Crossing Barcoo River	Yaraka	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation delayed due to rain and delays from supplier. Tipping expected poles for the cameras expected to arrive at end of March 2024. • Poles arrived. Works programmed.

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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. • Review of the DWQMP is in progress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshop with operators planned on 12 March 2024. ○ Workshop completed. ○ Review of Drinking Water Quality Management Plan submitted.
<p>Longreach Water Treatment & Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTP operating as normal.
<p>Ilfracombe 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.
<p>Ilfracombe 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	1.31m	100%	1.3m	
Shannon Dam	12.0m	80%	14.5m	Water is regularly pumped from Murray McMillan to keep Shannon Dam at full levels.
Murray MacMillan Dam	7.4m	56%	10.3m	
Isisford Dam	8m	90%	11m	
Isisford Weir	1.3m	100%	1.3m	
Yaraka North Dam	11.5m	95%	12.5m	
Yaraka South Dam	11.5m	95%	12.5m	

Waste Projects			
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments
Land Parcels	Longreach	80%	• Ongoing communication with DoR in relations to extension the Longreach Landfill to the west.

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Waste Management

Waste Facilities Update
<p>Longreach Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 monthly hazard inspections completed. Noted large amount of tyres, construction and scrap metal waste. Proterra are continuing to recruit for an additional operational team member. Staff from other locations are currently filling in personnel gaps. Met with Proterra representatives in December to discuss operations and various opportunities for regional recycling options. <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. <p>Yaraka Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor conducting regular covering of general waste.

Plant & Fleet Update

Current projects and operational undertakings underway for 2023/2024

Plant & Fleet

Project	Task	Comment
Plant Replacement	Plant Procurement and Disposal	<p>The following plant have been ordered and estimated delivery follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 x Kenworth Trucks – due Jul/Aug 2024 Hearse – due May/June 2024. 5 x Toyota utility vehicles – due May -Jun 2024 <p>The preliminary plant procurement plan for FY 25 is listed for discussion at the Plant Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for 08 May 2024.</p>
Plant Utilisation	Plant Utilisation data from NAVMAN for Graders, Loaders, Prime Mover, Scraper and Stabiliser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navman Plant Utilisation Report for Prime Movers & Heavy Plant February – April 2024 is attached. Utilisation was in general consistent for the quarter. Please note the excessive spikes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grader PN 10014 is attributed to the ignition kept on 03-09 Apr 2004 thereby giving 24 hr readings for each of these days. Loader PN 9911 is a report error and should read 57.3hrs for April.
Workshop Operations	General Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both workshops have settled to a steady flow of work coming through. Particular focus has been on collating mass and dimension data on Council's excess mass and excess dimension plant for National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) permits to access the road network in Council's area of operation.
Radio Communications and Vehicle Telematics	Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The special working group to investigate the quality and effectiveness of Council's 2-way communication and the requirements for vehicle telematics given that the current Navman system will become obsolete on 30 June 2024 at its last meeting resolved to:

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Project	Task	Comment
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - implement an interim "Duress Alarm" system pending a decision on the future of vehicle telematics for Council, - determine the requirements if Council decides to retain vehicle telematics; and - engage a consultant to survey the scope for extending the area of effectiveness of Council's current repeater towers.
New Fleet Management Information System (FMIS)	Implement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is progressing to an expected GO LIVE in May/June 2024

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:

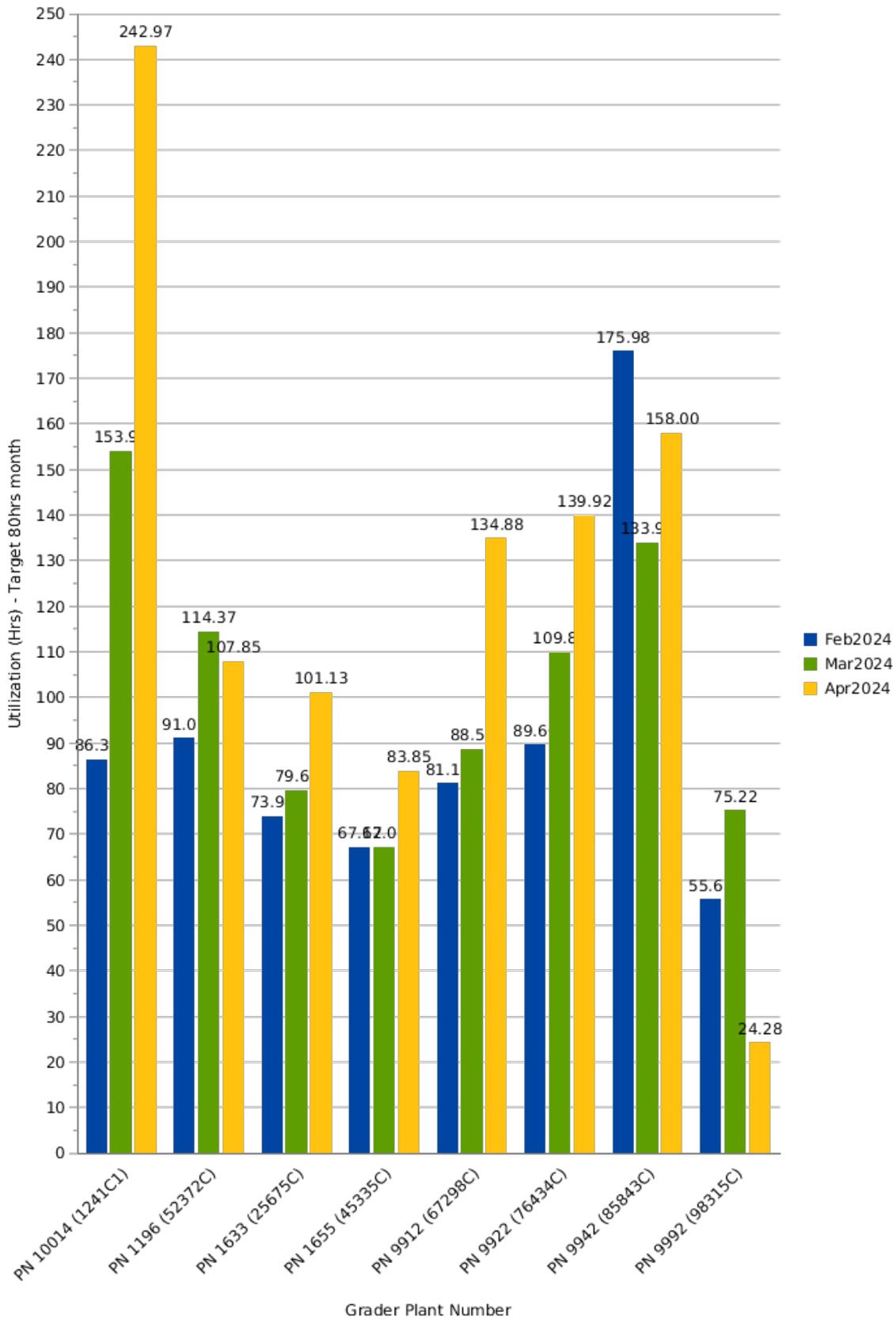
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Recommendation:

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

Grader Utilisation

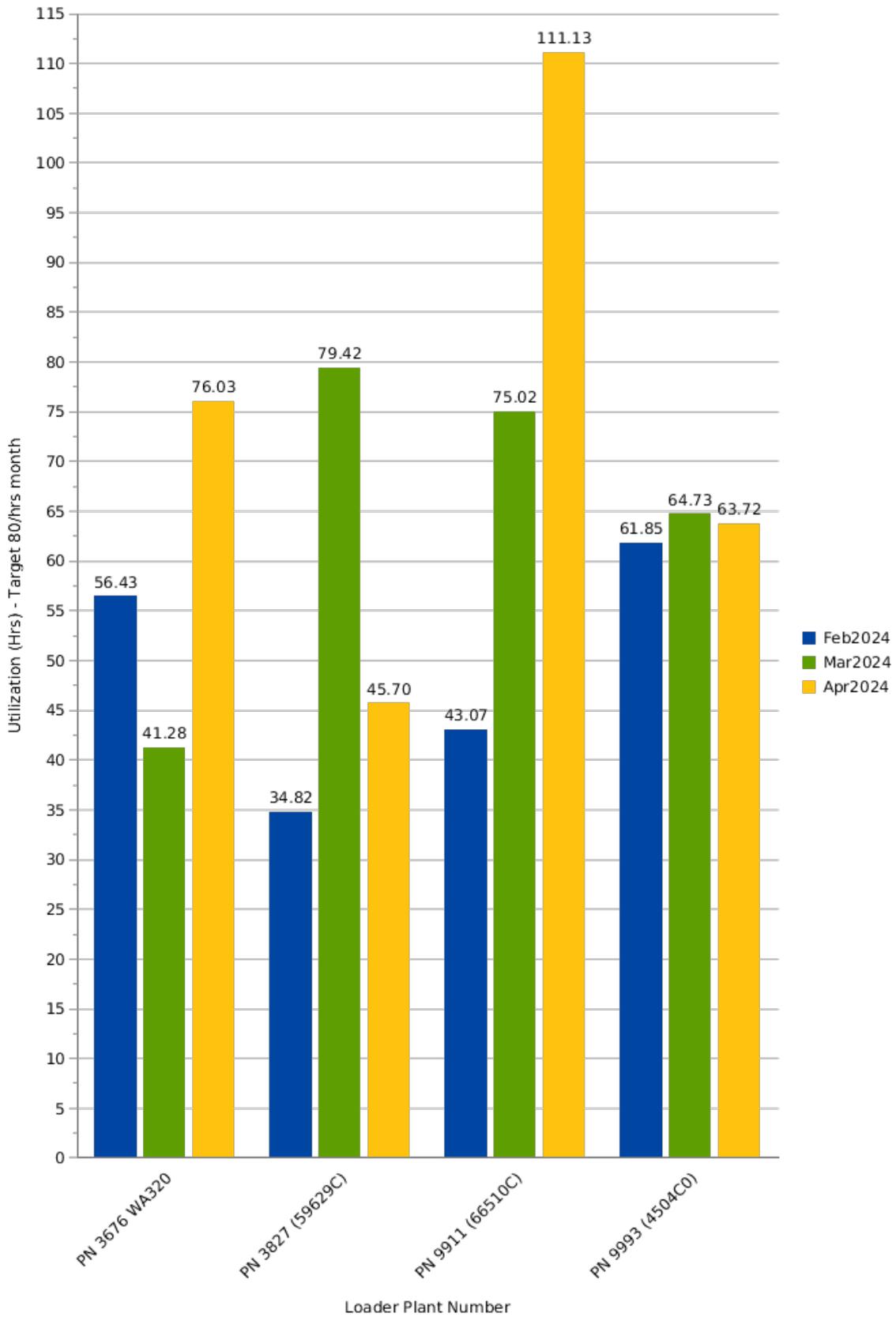


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Grader Utilisation

Grader Plant Number	Month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month
PN 10014 (1241C1)	Feb2024	86.33
	Mar2024	153.92
	Apr2024	242.97
PN 1196 (52372C)	Feb2024	91.03
	Mar2024	114.37
	Apr2024	107.85
PN 1633 (25675C)	Feb2024	73.98
	Mar2024	79.62
	Apr2024	101.13
PN 1655 (45335C)	Feb2024	67.12
	Mar2024	67.07
	Apr2024	83.85
PN 9912 (67298C)	Feb2024	81.17
	Mar2024	88.55
	Apr2024	134.88
PN 9922 (76434C)	Feb2024	89.60
	Mar2024	109.85
	Apr2024	139.92
PN 9942 (85843C)	Feb2024	175.98
	Mar2024	133.97
	Apr2024	158.00
PN 9992 (98315C)	Feb2024	55.63
	Mar2024	75.22
	Apr2024	24.28

Loader Utilisation

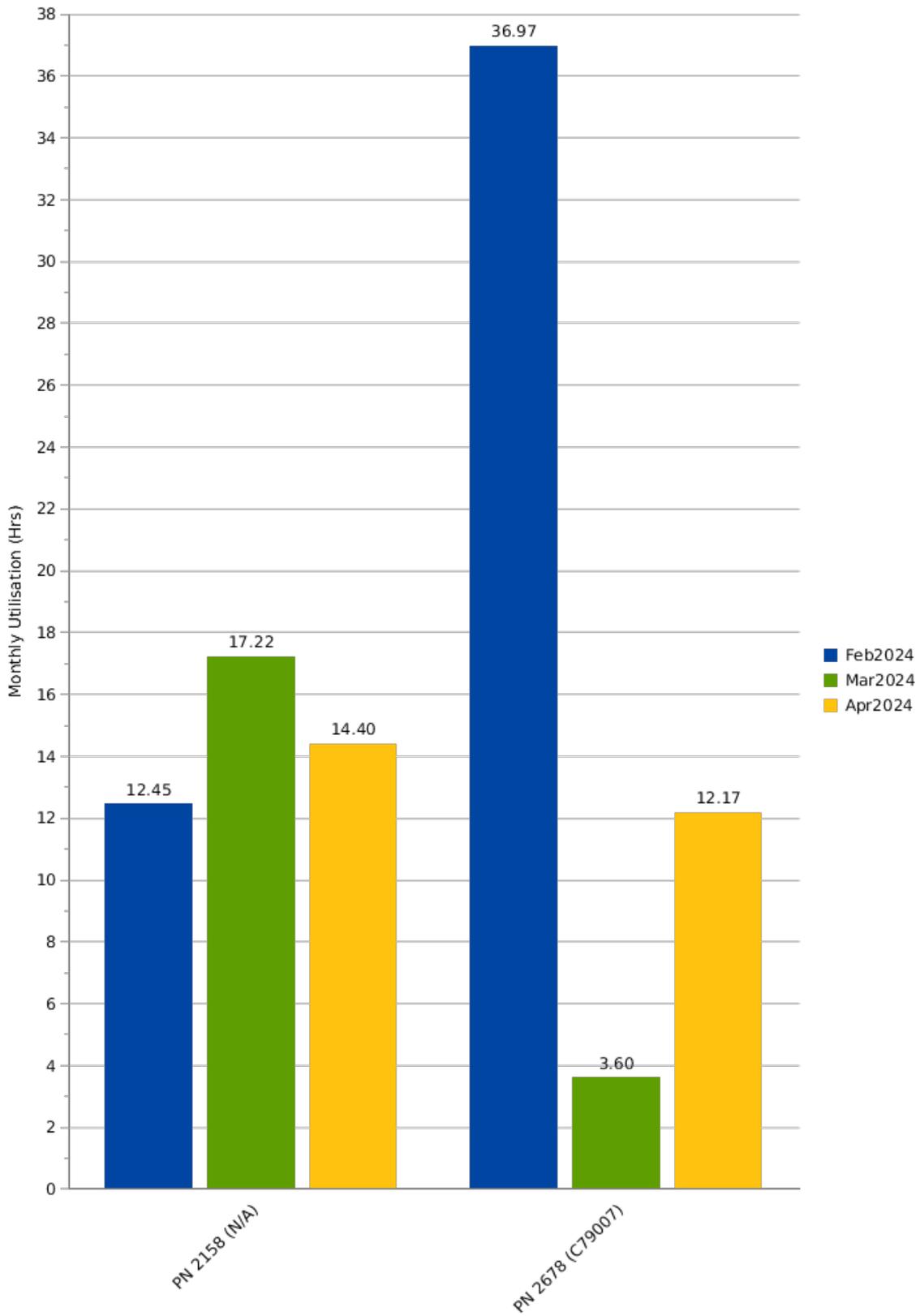


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Loader Utilisation

Loader Plant Number	Month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80/hrs month
PN 3676 WA320	Feb2024	56.43
	Mar2024	41.28
	Apr2024	76.03
PN 3827 (59629C)	Feb2024	34.82
	Mar2024	79.42
	Apr2024	45.70
PN 9911 (66510C)	Feb2024	43.07
	Mar2024	75.02
	Apr2024	111.13
PN 9993 (4504C0)	Feb2024	61.85
	Mar2024	64.73
	Apr2024	63.72

Stabiliser & Scraper Utilisation



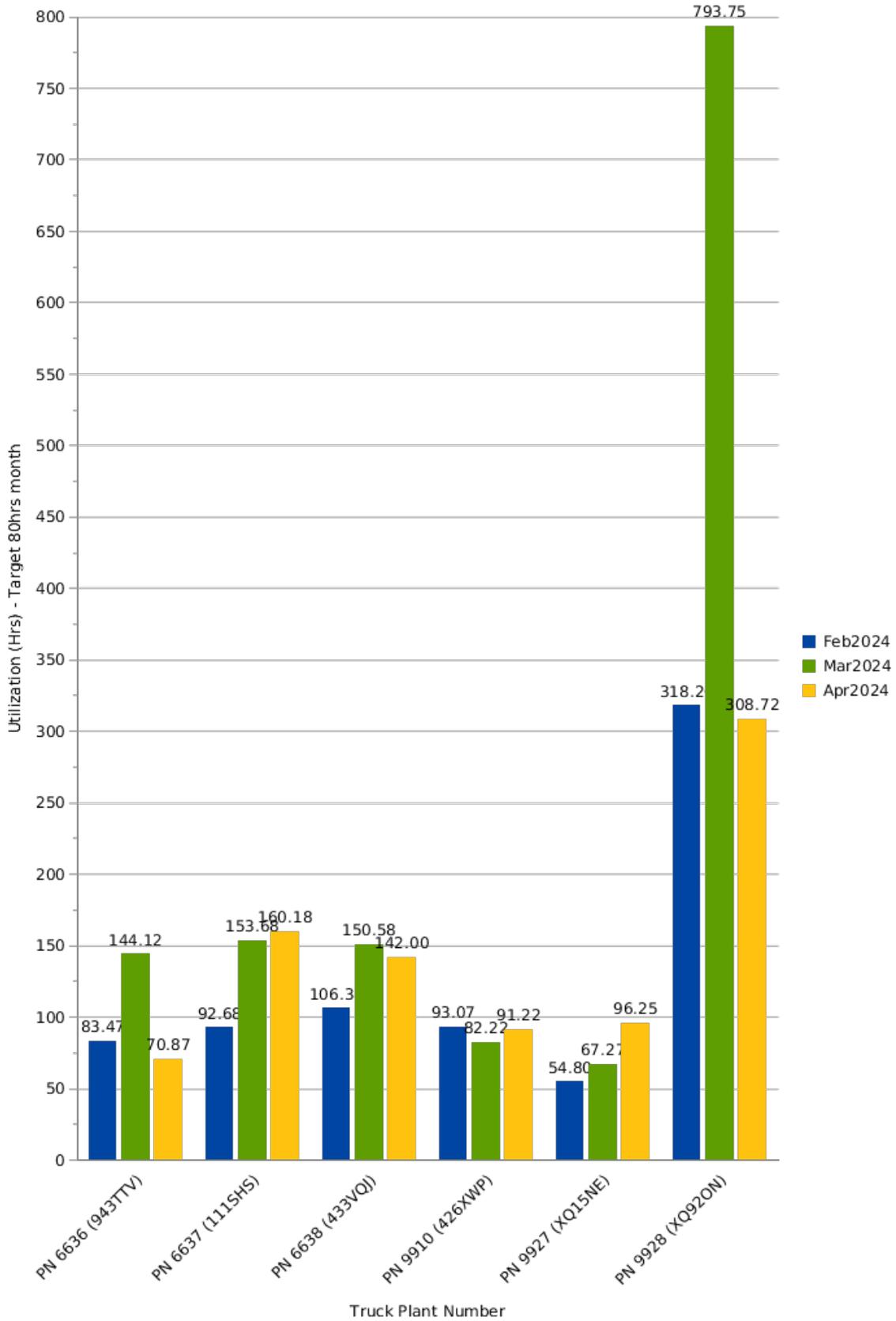
Stabiliser PN #2678 - Scraper PN #2158

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Stabiliser & Scraper Utilisation

	Month		
	Feb2024	Mar2024	Apr2024
Stabiliser PN #2678 - Scraper PN #2158	Monthly Utilisation (Hrs)	Monthly Utilisation (Hrs)	Monthly Utilisation (Hrs)
PN 2158 (N/A)	12.45	17.22	14.40
PN 2678 (C79007)	36.97	3.60	12.17

Truck Utilisation



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Truck Utilisation

Month	Truck Plant Number					
	PN 6636 (943TTV)	PN 6637 (111SHS)	PN 6638 (433VQJ)	PN 9910 (426XWP)	PN 9927 (XQ15NE)	PN 9928 (XQ92ON)
	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month					
Feb2024	83.47	92.68	106.38	93.07	54.80	318.20
Mar2024	144.12	153.68	150.58	82.22	67.27	793.75
Apr2024	70.87	160.18	142.00	91.22	96.25	308.72

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15. Late Items

Nil for this meeting

16. Closed Matters

Nil for this meeting

17. Closure of Meeting

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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	Medium 5	High 10	High 15	Extreme 20	Extreme 25

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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