



Longreach Regional Council

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13 June 2024

Dear Councillors

Re: Meeting Notice for Council Meeting to be held on 20 June 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Council Meeting of the Longreach Regional Council will be held in the Council Boardroom, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach on Thursday 20 June 2024 commencing at 9:00am.

The Briefing Session for this meeting will be held in the Longreach Council Chambers on Wednesday 19 June 2024 commencing at 9:00am as follows;

Your attendance at these meetings is requested.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Walsh'.

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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Longreach Regional Council

Ordinary Meeting Agenda

Thursday 20 June 2024

Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach

- 1. Opening of Meeting & Acknowledgement of Country**
- 2. Prayer**
- 3. Condolences**
- 4. Leave of Absence**
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Nil for this meeting

16. Closed Matters

Nil for this meeting

17. Closure of Meeting

Vision:

Connecting Council and Community.

Mission:

Delivering Excellent Service.

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- 1. Opening of Meeting & Acknowledgement of Country**
- 2. Prayer – Reverend Ben Kent, Reach Church.**
- 3. Condolences**
- 4. Leave of Absence**
- 5. Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors**
- 6. Confirmation of Minutes**
 - 6.1 Council - 16 May 2024
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Ordinary Meeting Thursday 16 May 2024

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Present

Councillors

Acting Mayor

Cr LJ Nunn
Cr DJ Bignell
Cr AJ Emslie
Cr TM Hatch
Cr A Watts
Cr N Gay

Officers

Acting Chief Executive Officer
Acting Director of Community and Cultural Services
Director of Works
Human Resources and Workplace Health and
Safety Manager
Financial Controller
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,
Mayor and Councillors

David Wilson
Tanya Johnson
Andre Pretorius
Grace Cronin-Jones

Nicole Moulds

Elizabeth Neal

Public Gallery

Nil

Apologies

Mayor T. Rayner
Chief Executive Officer Brett Walsh

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Acting 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 Rob Flodine, Baptist Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

3 Condolences

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community member Dudley Roy Field.

4 Leave of Absence

Nil

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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

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

Cr Emslie declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 13.1 Community Donations - Individuals as he has weekday contact with every applicant. Cr Emslie will leave the meeting during discussion of the item.

Cr Gay declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 13.1 Community Donations - Individuals as she has a close relationship with one of the applicants. Cr Gay will leave the meeting during discussion of the item.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Council - Thursday 11 April 2024

(Res-2024-05-115)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 11 April 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

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

(Res-2024-05-116)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

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Nil

10 Deputations

Nil

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.

The following correspondence has been received up to 3 May 2024:

(Res-2024-05-117)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

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

CARRIED 6/0

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

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).

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

(Res-2024-05-118)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay

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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 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

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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 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.

CARRIED 6/0

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

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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

(Res-2024-05-119)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay

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 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	Issue	Date
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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

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).

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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 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").

CARRIED 6/0

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.

(Res-2024-05-120)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

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

CARRIED 6/0

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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.

(Res-2024-05-121)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

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

CARRIED 6/0

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.

(Res-2024-05-122)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

12 Financial Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Financial Services Report

12.1 Quarterly Budget Review

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

(Res-2024-05-123)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay

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

CARRIED 6/0

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12.2 Monthly Financial Statements

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

(Res-2024-05-124)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

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

CARRIED 6/0

12.3 Information Report - Finance

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

(Res-2024-05-125)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Finance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:36am.

The meeting resumed at 11:07am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance

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.

(Res-2024-05-126)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

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

CARRIED 6/0

13 Community and Cultural Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report

Attendance: Councillor Emslie left the Meeting at 11:15 am.

Attendance: Councillor Gay left the Meeting at 11:15 am.

13.1 Community Donations - Individuals

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

(Res-2024-05-127)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

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

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

CARRIED 4/0

Attendance: Councillor Emslie returned to the Meeting at 11:20 am.

Attendance: Councillor Gay returned to the Meeting at 11:20 am.

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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.

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

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	Financial \$2,500.00 In-Kind \$ 2,500.00	Nil
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	Nil

MOTION NOT CARRIED 2 FOR/4 AGAINST

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.

(Res-2024-05-128)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

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 Golf Club	2024 Golf Open	Financial \$3,000.00	Financial \$3,000.00
		TOTAL \$3,000.00	TOTAL \$3,000.00

CARRIED 6/0

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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.

(Res-2024-05-129)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

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	Financial \$5,000.00	Financial \$5,000.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00

CARRIED 5/1

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.

(Res-2024-05-130)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Hatch

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.

CARRIED 6/0

13.6 Information Report - Community Services

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

(Res-2024-05-131)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Community Services report for April 2024.

CARRIED 6/0

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Thursday 16 May 2024 at the Isisford Council Chambers**

14 Infrastructure Services Report

14.1 Information Report - Works

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

(Res-2024-05-132)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

16 Late Items

Nil for this meeting

17. Closed Matters

Nil for this meeting

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12:20pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr A Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

Longreach Regional Council



Special Meeting Wednesday 29 May 2024

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Special Meeting
held on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at the Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach**

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Special Meeting
held on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at the Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach**

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**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Special Meeting
held on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at the Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach**

1 Opening of Meeting

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 4:01pm

**2 Present
Councillors**

Mayor Cr A Rayner (via video)
Deputy Mayor Cr L Nunn (via video)
Cr D Bignell (via video)
Cr T Emslie
Cr N Gay
Cr A Watt

Council accepted an apology from Cr T Hatch.

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Walsh (via video)
Chief Financial Officer	David Wilson
Acting Director of Communities	Tanya Johnson
Director of Works	Andre Pretorius
Human Resources and Workplace Health and Safety Manager	Grace Cronin-Jones
Manager of Governance	Simon Kuttner
Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer Mayor and Councillors	Elizabeth Neal

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

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

No declarations were made.

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

No declarations were made.

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Special Meeting
held on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at the Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach**

4 Community Services Report

4.1 Sponsorship Application - Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National Campdraft

Consideration of a Sponsorship application received in May.

(Res-2024-05-133)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, and in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07;

<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	Financial \$2,300.00 In-Kind \$ 2,700.00	Financial \$2,300.00 In-Kind \$2,700.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00

*CARRIED
5 For
1 Against*

5 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4:20pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr Tony Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

7. Mayoral Report

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

- The Mayor hosted a RAPAD Trade Study delegation to the United States looking at renewables. The bulk of the study tour was undertaken in Texas and Nevada. The study tour started off with a two-day course on Energy, Technology and Policy at the University of Texas in Austin. A detailed report and presentation will be presented at each of the RAPAD councils and to the State Government.
- Key learnings centred around contractual agreements with energy companies and policy framework. Delegates witnessed the economic development for rural enterprises from on farm energy developments in drought proofing their businesses and allowing infrastructure improvement. Valuable networks were established with Universities undertaking research study into the long term impact of renewables. The trip was fully funded by RAPAD .
- The Mayor and CEO inspected the Longreach Pastoral college to finalise suitable rooms to lease for the creation of the Country University Centre which will operate in 2025.
- The Mayor chaired the face to face RAPAD meeting in Blackall over 3 days discussing roads, water, infrastructure, pests and key note speakers. The Mayor facilitated a discussion between the Qld Boulder Opal Association and RAPAD Mayors and CEOs and the Department of Environment and Science on the government's recent acquisition of large cattle properties for national parks.
- The mayor attended the civic leaders forum at the Gold Coast for new and returning Mayors and CEOs .
- The mayor facilitated a meeting between the Department of Resources and RAPAD Mayors and Qld Boulder Opal Association as a follow up to the RAPAD Blackall meeting re National Parks.
- The mayor met with the Qld Police Service to discuss strategies for reducing crime in regional towns and maintaining liveability.

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 12 June 2024:

1. Growing Regions Program application
2. Policy Executive elected members
3. SES Support Grant application
4. Roads to Recovery
5. Bridges Renewal Program and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program
6. BRP HVSPF Factsheet
7. Annual conference motions for 2024
8. Vice-Chancellor and President Prof Deborah Terry AC UQ
9. Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works

Appendices

1. EMA-16-05-2024-Growing Regions Program application [↓](#)
2. EMA-21-05-2024-2024-2028 Policy Executive elected members [↓](#)
3. EMA-21-05-2024-SES Support Grant application [↓](#)
4. EMA-22-05-2024-Roads to Recovery [↓](#)
5. EMA-28-05-2024-Bridges Renewal Program and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program [↓](#)
6. EMA-28-05-2024- BRP HVSPF Factsheet [↓](#)
7. EMA-06-06-2024-LGAQ Annual conference motions for 2024 [↓](#)
8. LET-31-05-2024-Vice-Chancellor and President Prof Deborah Terry AC UQ [↓](#)
9. LET-11-06-2024-Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works [↓](#)

Recommendation:

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

Longreach Regional Council

Your reference no: GRIG000237

Growing Regions Program - Round 1 application

Thank you for your Growing Regions Program - Round 1 application.

As this is a competitive grant opportunity, a successful application had to rate highly against each assessment criterion and against other applications in this round. As part of this assessment we consider project size, complexity, grant amount requested, and risks associated with the project.

Unfortunately your application was not successful as it did not rate sufficiently high against all of the assessment criteria when compared to other applications in this round.

Decisions are final and will not be reviewed.

Thank you for your interest in the Growing Regions Program - Round 1 grant opportunity and for taking the time to apply.

If you have any questions, you can email us at Growing.Regions@industry.gov.au and a member of the team will be in contact with you.

You can also visit [GrantConnect](#) for other current and forecast Australian Government grant opportunities that you may be eligible for.

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to be a liveable one

21 May 2024

Mr Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council
PO Box 144
ILFRACOMBE QLD 4727

Good afternoon,

On behalf of all of us at the LGAQ, I'd like to extend my congratulations on the appointment of your District's Policy Executive (PE) Representative.

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As you are aware the LGAQ Policy Executive sets the policy agenda for the Association to drive on behalf of the State's 77 councils and I present to you the 2024 - 2028 PE Members.

District	Representative
District 1: Brisbane City Council	Cr Steven Huang – Brisbane City Council Cr Kim Marx (Alternate Representative) – BCC
District 2: SEQ – South Sub Region	Cr Jon Raven – Logan City Council
District 2: SEQ – West Sub Region	Cr Paul Tully – Ipswich City Council
District 2: SEQ – North Sub Region	Cr Peter Flannery – Moreton Bay City Council
District 3: Wide Bay Burnett	Cr George Seymour – Fraser Coast Regional Council
District 4: Darling Downs	Cr Rebecca Vonhoff – Toowoomba Regional Council
District 5: South West	Cr Samantha O'Toole – Balonne Shire Council
District 6: Central QLD	Cr Matt Burnett – Gladstone Regional Council
District 7: Whitsunday	Cr Kelly Vea Vea – Isaac Regional Council
District 8: Central West	Cr Andrew Martin – Blackall-Tambo Regional Council
District 9: Northern QLD	Cr Kurt Rehbein – Townsville City Council
District 10: Far North QLD	Cr Angela Toppin – Mareeba Shire Council
District 11: North West	Cr Greg Campbell – Cloncurry Shire Council
District 12: Aboriginal and Island Councils	Cr Wayne Butcher – Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council Cr Alf Lacey – Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

In accordance with the [LGAQ Constitution](#) rule 6.3(2) **the LGAQ now calls for nominations of any person qualified under rule 5.2(1) to fill the role of President.** Under the Constitution this includes that the person must be, and remain, a councillor of an LGAQ member council; and that person must also not have been convicted of a disqualifying offence as defined in the *Industrial Relations Act*. The elected President will take office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting being held on 23 October 2024.

In accordance with rule 6.3(3) **nominations must actually be received by the Chief Executive Officer at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the next Annual General Meeting. The deadline for nominations will therefore be 8:30am on 9 October 2024.**

I would like to 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](tel:0438787038), or Darren Leckenby on [0488 725 098](tel:0488725098).

Kind regards,



ALISON SMITH
Chief Executive Officer
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Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and
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21 May 2024

Councillor Anthony Rayner
Mayor
Longreach Regional Council
Mayor@longreach.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor

On behalf of the Queensland Government, I wish to congratulate you on the success of your application under round 2024–25 of the State Emergency Service (SES) Support Grant. I am pleased to advise that the Support Grant of \$89,709.09 has been awarded to contribute towards the Isisford Training/Storage Room project.

The aim of the SES Support Grant program is to provide financial assistance to local governments, enabling SES to respond to disasters and emergencies throughout Queensland.

As the Minister responsible for Fire and Emergency Services, I am very aware of the extensive and important work the local government does with the volunteer SES groups to support Queensland communities.

The SES will provide further correspondence outlining the details of your funded grant agreement. In the meantime, should you require further information in relation to your grant please contact SES.Grants@qfes.qld.gov.au.

I wish your organisation every success with your 2024–25 SES Support Grant project.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Mr Kerry Manifold, Chief of Staff on (07) 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki Boyd".

The Honourable Nikki Boyd MP
**Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and
Minister for Corrective Services**

11.1 - Councillor Information Correspondence --Appendix 4



THE HON CATHERINE KING MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional
Development and Local Government

THE HON KRISTY MCBAIN MP
Minister for Regional Development,
Local Government and Territories

Tony Rayner
Mayor
Longreach Regional Council
PO Box 144
ILFRACOMBE QLD 4727

Via: mayor@longreach.qld.gov.au
Cc: council@longreach.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor/Councillor

I am writing to advise your funding allocation under the **Roads to Recovery** (RTR) Program. The Australian Government is proud of its continued support for road construction and maintenance through RTR with \$4.4 billion being made available over the next five years. In 2024-25, the annual RTR budget is \$650 million and will increase over the funding period to reach \$1 billion per year from 2027-28. This represents the first increase in RTR funding since 2019-20. This permanent increase will allow for more effective long-term planning for the safer maintenance and upgrade of our local roads without being subject to budget cycles.

I am pleased to advise that **Longreach Regional Council** will receive **\$10,526,379** for the five-year funding period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029. This allocation has been calculated based on an increase to the initial funding allocation received for the 2019-2024 RTR funding period.

The once-off additional allocation Longreach Regional Council received in the 2020 calendar year on account of being eligible for the *Drought Communities Program* has now been exhausted. Over this period Longreach Regional Council was temporarily allocated an additional \$1,196,175 for the period 2019-20 through 2023-24.

The Australian Government is continuing to invest and support communities affected by drought by investing \$519.1 million in *Future Drought Fund* programs to prepare for the next drought and build climate resilience. Further information can be found at <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/drought/future-drought-fund>.

The RTR Program will continue to operate under simple administrative arrangements, allowing funding recipients to decide the priority local projects on which to spend their allocation. In accordance with the current arrangements, projects funded under RTR can be delivered at any time throughout the five-year funding period. While your nominal annual allocation gradually increases over the next five years, if you have local priorities that require

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access to funding sooner, I encourage you to identify and schedule your projects as early as possible in the new financial year and contact the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts by email to Roads.toRecovery@infrastructure.gov.au.

The department will soon write to formally advise you of the updated program conditions prior to the start of the new funding period, including in relation to your nominal annual allocation and own source expenditure requirements.

The Australian Government is committed to improving employment opportunities for First Nations peoples and we ask for this consideration to be applied to projects using RTR funding.

In addition to the RTR funding commitment, the Australian Government has increased funding to the **Black Spot Program**, and from 1 July 2024 will commence the new **Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program**. Collectively these programs provide a valuable source of funding to local governments seeking to improve road infrastructure and safety. Councils will also be interested to know that submissions are continuing to be accepted for the **Heavy Vehicle Rest Area initiative**. For further information on these programs and how to apply, please visit <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives>. I encourage you to consider these programs to support your local road safety improvements.

I look forward to continuing the successful relationship between the Australian Government and your council over the coming years.

Yours sincerely



THE HON CATHERINE KING MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government



THE HON KRISTY MCBAIN MP
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

22 May 2024



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development,
Communications and the Arts**

Dear State, Territory and Local Government colleagues

Bridges Renewal Program and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program is consolidating under the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program from 1 July 2024

I am writing to you as the proponent of one or more projects currently funded under the Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) and the Heavy Vehicle and Safety Productivity Program (HVSP). The Australian Government recently announced that it would merge the BRP and the HVSP into the new Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (the Program).

The Government is committed to delivering all projects funded under the BRP and HVSP and the Department will continue to work with you to deliver these projects, including managing issues as they arise.

Under the new Program the administrative arrangements for BRP and HVSP projects will continue under the guidelines and funding agreement under which they were approved until they are completed. The only exception to this is that reporting timeframes for these projects will move from monthly to quarterly in line with the new Program requirements. This is in response to the Government's commitment to reduce the administrative burden on proponents.

I have enclosed a fact sheet containing detailed information on the administration arrangements for BRP and HVSP projects under the new Program. The Department will also contact you in the coming weeks to provide further advice regarding the new Program guidelines and application process.

The new Program has been created as part of the Australian Government's commitment to strengthen investment to support the delivery of safer and more productive roads across Australia. The Program will allow state, territory and local governments to flexibly apply for funding against key government priorities which address current and emerging priorities in road infrastructure needs.

If you have any further questions regarding the transition arrangements, please email the Department at SLRIP@infrastructure.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melony Czajor'.

Melony Czajor
Assistant Secretary
Targeted Infrastructure Programs Branch
Road and Vehicle Safety Division

24 May 2024

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Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Administrative arrangements for Bridges Renewal Program and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program projects from 1 July 2024

Fact sheet

Overview

The Australian Government has announced that from 1 July 2024, it will merge the Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSP) to create the new Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP). SLRIP will be an application-based merit assessed rolling program allowing state and territory governments and local government authorities (LGAs) the flexibility to apply for project funding to address current and emerging priorities in road infrastructure needs.

What does it mean for proponents?

Existing BRP and HVSP projects will continue to be managed in accordance with the guidelines and funding agreement under which they were approved until they are completed. Proponents will continue to work with the departmental project officer managing their BRP and HVSP project(s).

Streamlining reporting requirements

One immediate change to ease the administrative burden is that BRP and HVSP projects will move to quarterly reporting from 1 July 2024 in line with the SLRIP. LGAs will continue to report through their state and territory government agencies or directly with the Department if required. A new reporting template will be provided by the Department which will be similar to the monthly reporting template that proponents currently use.

If you have any questions, contact the Department at:

For BRP projects:
bridgesrenewal@infrastructure.gov.au

For HVSP projects:
HVSP@infrastructure.gov.au

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I still able to seek milestone payments monthly or will it move to quarterly?

Yes, the Department will continue to process milestone payments as required in any month. Payments to LGAs will continue to be made through state and territory governments. Proponents will still be required to submit Milestone Claim Forms with evidence to support the payment.

Will I still need to submit a separate form for milestones or will that be part of the quarterly reporting process?

Yes, proponents must submit a Milestone Claim Form for each payment which can be downloaded from the Department's website. The requirement is separate from the quarterly report; however, proponents may wish to change current milestones to align with the quarterly reporting timeframes to reduce reporting requirements (see next question).

Bridges Renewal Program and Heavy Vehicle Safety Program under the Safer
Local Roads and Infrastructure Program

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If I would like to change current milestones for a project to align with the quarterly reporting process am I able to do so?

Yes, proponents will be able to align milestones with the quarterly reporting process if it aligns with milestone achievement and if appropriate evidence is available to support the payment. All changes to milestone timeframes should be agreed with the Department prior to any changes being made in IMS.

Will project variations still be possible for BRP and HVSP projects under the SLRIP?

As per the relevant guidelines a project was approved under, project variations must be sought as soon as practicable using the Project variation request form which can be downloaded from the Department's website. Variations can be requested to change the scope, budget or timeframe of a project. Project variations must be approved prior to actioning any change to the scope, cost and timing of a project. Variations will be considered on a case by case basis by the Department.

What happens if a BRP or HVSP project is over budget?

Where there are cost overruns on a project, the proponent needs to notify the Department and investigate other options to meet the cost increase for the project before seeking a funding increase. Variations will be considered on a case by case basis by the Department and in accordance with program guidelines.

Requests for project variations must be submitted using the Department's Project Variation Form. Increases in funding must be approved by the Minister or their delegate.

What happens if a project is outside the timelines of the guidelines under which it has been approved?

Proponents will need to contact the Department in the first instance to discuss any variations to the timelines set out in the Funding Agreement for that project. Requests for variations will be considered on case by case basis by the Department.

What do I do if I need to cancel or withdraw a BRP or HVSP project?

Proponents may request to withdraw or cancel a project. Prior to submitting a request, proponents should contact the Department to discuss the matter. Requests can be made using the Department's Project Withdrawal Form which can be downloaded from the Department's website. The Department may request the withdrawal or cancellation of a project under specific circumstances, and will contact the proponent to discuss.

Will I still be able to put in a re-application for additional funding for a BRP or HVSP project?

As the BRP and HVSP are merging into SLRIP, the Department will no longer accept re-applications for additional funding for existing projects in line with the new arrangements under SLRIP. Please contact the Department to discuss other options.

Should I still refer to BRP and HVSP projects in the media under the program that they were approved?

Yes, your project will remain a BRP or HVSP project. Wording could be "xx project approved under BRP/HVSP and now being delivered through SLRIP".

Will I still be able to apply for bridge and heavy vehicle projects under the new Program?

Yes, the Program consolidates the BRP and HVSP, and will continue to fund projects to upgrade and replace bridges and road projects related to improving heavy vehicle productivity, as well additional new focus areas.

Will there be any change to my Heavy Vehicle Rest Area (HVRA) initiative project?

The HVRA will sit under the SLRIP with its own separate funding stream. There will be no change to existing HVRA projects apart from moving to quarterly reporting from 1 July 2024 in line with the SLRIP.

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Administrative arrangements for BRP and HVSP projects from 1 July 2024



The 2024 LGAQ Annual Conference motions portal is now open

Dear Brett,

The motions portal is now open for you to submit your council's motions for the LGAQ 2024 Annual Conference. The portal will remain open for submissions until **Monday 29 July 2024**.

Motions submitted should:

- Relate to a statewide issue or an issue impacting a large portion or segment of the membership
- Ask for action from the State or Federal government
- Not result in a responsibility or cost shift to local government
- Not relate to a matter considered at a previous Annual Conference in the last five years, unless seeking to alter or update the adopted policy position.

Please remember that all motions must have been passed by a council resolution prior to being lodged.

[Motions portal](#)

I recently wrote to all mayors and CEOs with details of the 2024 Annual Conference motions process, including the introduction of a new motions protocol.

What changes will the new protocol bring?

From October this year, resolutions passed by members will stay binding for the LGAQ to progress over a five-year period, unless they can be achieved or resolved earlier.

Once that five-year period is up, the resolution will be considered closed, with members invited to move the motion again at the next Annual Conference – should it continue to be a priority. This will ensure the positions taken by the LGAQ on your behalf remain contemporary and represent you fully.

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It will also ensure we can be as responsive as possible to changing needs and political landscapes.

Resolutions due to be closed this year are listed [here](#), so all members can understand which, if any, may remain a priority that you would like to move once again.

In addition, motions moved in the last five years should not be moved again unless to change or update the relevant policy position contained within it.

For example, in 2023, the Policy Executive moved the following motion, which was resolved in the affirmative by the membership:

"The LGAQ calls on the State Government to commit to supporting the autonomy of Queensland local governments and the manner in which they are elected by their local communities, for the remainder of this term and as an election commitment in 2024, by ruling out any changes to the current voting system (including any moves to introduce Compulsory Preferential Voting) and ruling out the introduction of a State imposed rate capping policy for Queensland councils."

This now stands as a resolution of the membership and a firm policy position the LGAQ is advocating for all sides of politics to respect and adhere to. This motion cannot be moved again unless a member council would like to ask the membership to consider updating or changing this position.

To understand which resolutions have been made by the LGAQ membership in the last five years, please see the final outcomes documents from each Annual Conference via [Congruent](#) or the links below.

[2023 Resolutions](#)

[2022 Resolutions](#)

[2021 Resolutions](#)

[2020 Resolutions](#)

[2019 Resolutions](#)

You can also visit Congruent for the latest updates on progress.

Of course, the LGAQ's [Policy Statement](#) – our 'policy bible' – will continue to represent the long-held, firm policy positions of Queensland councils.

The Policy Statement will continue to be reviewed regularly by the membership as well, with updates approved by the LGAQ Policy Executive. Any changes are then ratified by members at the next Annual Conference. You can find the latest version [here](#).

If you have any questions on the motions process or previous years' resolutions, please email LGAQ Planning and Projects Coordinator, [Grace McSorley](#).

Kind regards

31 May 2024

Councillor Anthony Rayner
Longreach Regional Council
PO Box 472
LONGREACH QLD 4730

Email: mayor@longreach.qld.gov.au

Dear Councillor Rayner,

On behalf of the Senate, staff and students of The University of Queensland (UQ), I would like to sincerely congratulate you on your recent re-election as Mayor of the Longreach Regional Council.

As a UQ alum, your dedication to serving the community of Longreach is a great source of pride and an inspiration for our students, staff, alumni and supporters. We feel privileged to have you as part of our global UQ community.

Allow me to take this opportunity to share with you The Queensland Commitment Roadmap, which we have recently released: uq.edu.au/queensland-commitment

This comprehensive plan details 58 strategic actions UQ will take to ensure more equitable access to education by 2032.

With an immediate focus on supporting students from low socio-economic backgrounds, regional or remote areas, and those identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, we are committed to increasing our presence in the regions.

We also wish to congratulate you on the establishment of the Regional Study Hub, a significant milestone in advancing education opportunities in regional areas.

We are thrilled to have partnered with the Festival of Outback Opera again this year and look forward to continuing to strengthen the bonds between UQ and the Longreach community.

Congratulations, once again.

Yours sincerely



Professor Deborah Terry AC
Vice-Chancellor and President

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Our reference: MBN24/44



11 June 2024

Department of
**Housing, Local Government,
Planning and Public Works**

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

Dear Mr Walsh

I am writing to you about the recently announced 2024-28 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP), which will provide up to \$115 million to Queensland councils.

The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works, has recently announced the release of the program and has written to your Mayor.

The 2024-28 LGGSP will support councils to deliver priority infrastructure projects that support safe, liveable and prosperous local communities and sustainable councils, with \$10 million available for planning projects.

Councils are invited to submit applications for up to two infrastructure projects and one planning project using the eGrant portal for the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works (the department) by **9 August 2024**. For most projects, a subsidy of 60 per cent of the eligible project costs will be provided.

Under the 2024-28 LGGSP a two-stage application methodology will be used. This approach is focused on ensuring approved projects are best placed to be delivered on time and budget.

- Stage 1 applications will open on **12 June 2024** and are required to be submitted by **9 August 2024**.
- Successful Stage 1 infrastructure project applications will be granted in-principle approval and progress to Stage 2.
- Stage 2 applications provide councils with the opportunity to demonstrate that proposed projects can be successfully completed within the program funding period and on budget. Stage 2 applications can be submitted any time between late September 2024 and 31 May 2025.

More information on project eligibility and the project assessment process can be found in the 2024-28 LGGSP Guidelines available on the department's website at: [2024-28 LGGSP Funding Guidelines](#).

Councils are encouraged to consult with the department's regional advisor prior to submitting a project application.

The Head Funding Agreement executed by the council and the Queensland Government along with a specific 2024-28 LGGSP Project Funding Schedule will govern the delivery of endorsed projects. Council will have until 30 June 2028 to deliver the approved projects.

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11.1 - Councillor Information Correspondence --Appendix 9

I have asked for Mr John Martinkovic, Regional Director, Southern Region, Local Government Division in the department to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Mr Martinkovic on (07) 3452 6872 or by email at John.Martinkovic@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Joshua Hannan
Deputy Director-General
Local Government Division

11CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.2 - Request to allocate 2025 Special Holiday

11.2 Request to allocate 2025 Special Holiday

Consideration of dates for the 2025 Special Holiday in the Longreach Regional Council Local Government Area.

Council Action

Recognise
Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012
Holidays Act 1983
Industrial Relations Act 2016

Policy Considerations

04-01 Employment Policy

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.1	Council will have a values driven culture.

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2023-07-183)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Smith

That Council, pursuant to section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983, applies to the Office of Industrial Relations for the following Special Holidays in 2024:

- 1. Friday 24 May 2024 for the bounded localities of Longreach and Ilfracombe for the purpose of the annual Longreach Show; and*
- 2. Friday 17 May 2024 for the bounded localities of Isisford and Yaraka for the purpose of the Isisford sesquicentenary celebrations.*

CARRIED 7/0

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: *Simon Kuttner – Manager of Governance and Economy*

11CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.2 - Request to allocate 2025 Special Holiday

Background:

In correspondence received from the Office of Industrial Relations (OIR) Council is invited, in accordance with the *Holidays Act 1983*, to request special holidays to be observed during the following year for our region. Submissions for 2025 are due to be lodged no later than 12 July 2024.

Upon receiving Ministerial approval, the holidays will be published in the Queensland Government Gazette.

Issue:

Unless they are aligned to an annual agricultural, horticultural, or industrial show, these special holidays are gazetted as 'bank' holidays and are not recognised as public holidays by employers.

Council approaches the Longreach Show Society each year to ensure they support the nomination of their event for a special holiday. Council also approaches community associations in Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yaraka to seek their input.

The Longreach Show Society have confirmed that they are supportive of their event being nominated a special holiday in Longreach. The Ilfracombe District Progress Association have confirmed their support for sharing the same date as the Longreach special holiday in the Ilfracombe bounded locality. This date will be recognised as a public holiday by employers in those localities.

Feedback has also been sought from the Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association and the Yaraka Sport and Progress Association. No response has been received at the time of agenda preparation. If received in time, feedback from these communities will be tabled at the meeting. Because Isisford and Yaraka have previously chosen to observe the Longreach Show special holiday in years where the Westech event doesn't take place, officers are recommending that the Longreach Show date be nominated as a special holiday for all communities in the region.

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:	Minor
Rating:	Low (2/25)

The above risk has been calculated based on Council proceeding as recommended.

Community Consultation:

Consultation has taken place with the following groups:

- Longreach Show Society
- Ilfracombe and District Progress Association
- Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association
- Yaraka Sport and Progress Association

11CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.2 - Request to allocate 2025 Special Holiday

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

The Longreach Show Society have yet to confirm the date of the 2025 Longreach Show, however it is expected to do so prior to the 12 July Office of Industrial Relations deadline.

Appendices

1. Request letter 2025 ↓

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983, applies to the Office of Industrial Relations to have the date of the annual Longreach Show gazetted a Special Holiday in 2025, for the entire Longreach Regional Council local government area.

11.2 - Request to allocate 2025 Special Holiday --Appendix 1



Office of
Industrial Relations

Department of State
Development and
Infrastructure

24 May 2024

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

As you may be aware, each year in accordance with the *Holidays Act 1983* local governments are invited to request special holidays to be observed during the following year for districts in their area.

If you wish to request special holidays to be observed during 2025 for districts in your local government area, please complete the attached request form and submit via email to info@oir.qld.gov.au by no later than **Friday, 12 July 2024**.

A local council requested special holiday is a public holiday only if it is in respect of an agricultural, horticultural or industrial show. Under federal industrial relations legislation, on a public holiday employees are, without loss of ordinary pay, entitled to be absent from work or refuse to work in reasonable circumstances. Employees who work on a public holiday are entitled to penalty rates in accordance with their award or agreement.

A special holiday for any other reason is not a public holiday but is a bank holiday only and under the *Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990*, is only a holiday for banks and insurance offices and under a directive of the *Public Sector Act 2022*, a holiday for public service employees unless otherwise determined by a chief executive.

Upon receiving Ministerial approval, the holidays will be published in the Queensland Government Gazette. Confirmation of the approved special holidays together with a link to the Queensland Government Gazette will be emailed to your office.

Should you require further information regarding this process, please contact Patricia Faulkner, Office of Industrial Relations on (07) 3406 9845 or email patricia.faulkner@oir.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.3 - SES Controller - Honarium Payment Consideration 2024 - 2025

11.3 SES Controller - Honarium Payment Consideration 2024 - 2025

Consideration to provide the Regional SES Controller with an honorarium payment for their volunteer services for financial year 2024/2025.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Disaster Management Act 2003

Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990

Policy Considerations

N/A

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR ECONOMY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
2.1	Collaborative engagement with stakeholders to maximise economic opportunities.

Budget Considerations

An allocation of \$5,500 for 2024/2025 financial year.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2020-04-001)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That Council:

- a) *Endorses an honorarium payment of \$5,000 for financial year 2020/21 (with a review annually) for the Local SES Controller for the Longreach Unit; and*
- b) *Approves the CEO to advertise the SES Local Controller position for a 3 year term as a joint advertisement with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.*

(Res-2021-08-002)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith

That Council endorses an honorarium payment of \$5,000 for financial year 2021/22 (with a review annually) for the Local SES Controller for the Longreach Unit.

(Res-2022-08-224)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council endorse an honorarium payment of \$5,000 for financial year 2022/23 for the Local SES Controller of the Longreach Unit

(Res-2023-06-141)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Bignell

That Council approves an honorarium payment of \$5,500 to the Local SES Controller for the 2023/24 financial year.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.3 - SES Controller - Honorarium Payment Consideration 2024 - 2025

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: *Elizabeth Neal, Executive Assistant to the CEO, Mayor & Councillors*

Background:

The SES Local Controller position became vacant in September 2019. This volunteer position was advertised in the Longreach Leader from 8 – 27 November 2019 with no applications received. The position was readvertised in the Longreach Leader in early 2020 with an annual \$5,000 honorarium to be paid to the successful applicant. Applications were received and a Local Controller was appointed to the position and commenced on 15 July 2020. He continues to fulfil this role and was paid the honorarium for the 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and the 2023/24 financial years.

Issue:

The SES Local Controller was paid an honorarium of \$5,500 last year which is subject to an annual review by Council. The Local Controller has continued to fulfil his obligations to a high standard and provided positive leadership and management of the Longreach SES which includes the Longreach and Isisford Units. There have been several recent events including but not limited to flooding requiring direct SES assistance/input with the SES Local Controller diligently performing his duties in these emergent situations.

Council is being requested to consider the payment of the \$5,500 honorarium payment to the SES Local Controller for the financial year 2024/25.

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: Likely
Consequence: Moderate
Rating: High (12)

As previously advised to Council, the risk is the resignation of the SES Local Controller should the honorarium payment not be paid.

Community Consultation:

N/A

Environmental Management Factors:

N/A

Other Comments:

The SES Local Controller has continued to build on the solid platform of good work undertaken during his first three years in the position. He remains passionate about the work and ensuring SES volunteers are developed with appropriate skills and qualifications.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.3 - SES Controller - Honorarium Payment Consideration 2024 - 2025

Recommendation:

That Council endorses an honorarium payment of \$5,500 for the 2024/25 financial year for the Local SES Controller.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.4 - Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024 - 2028

11.4 Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024 - 2028

The Longreach Regional Council's Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024-2028 (the Strategy) presents a comprehensive framework focused on enhancing domestic animal management over the next five years.

Council Action

Partner
Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009
Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008
Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011
Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
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 LEADERSHIP	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
5.2	Informed and considered decision making based on effective governance practices
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: *Jeffrey Newton, Manager of Regulatory Services*

Background:

Council's Regulatory Services department have developed a Domestic Animal Management Strategy (the Strategy), to serve as a proactive and future-oriented guide for operations relating to the domestic animal management function of Council.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.4 - Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024 - 2028

The Strategy guides Council's role in improving the safety and social amenity of the region, as it relates to cats and dogs, as well as perceptions of the community. This also includes the requirements and considerations that exist for keeping pets and how Council can support responsible pet ownership in accordance with legislative requirements.

The Vision of the Strategy is to foster a balanced relationship between People, pets and public spaces and is driven by three primary outcomes - Content Pets, Educated People and Inclusive places.

Issue:

Since 2012, there have been numerous demographics, social and work-related developments that have culminated towards increased animal welfare expectations.

Further, the legislative requirements on workplaces that provide animal management services has grown with the development, implementation, and continued improvements of the *WHS ACT 2011 & Reg 2011*, *Human Rights Act 2020*, *Queensland Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Breeding Dogs and their Progeny*, and the *Victorian Code of Practice for operation of shelters and pounds*.

At the 2022 LGAQ Annual Conference in Cairns, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) proposed three motions that specifically related animal management, and these were:

1. Cat Management, including desexing, registration and uniformity.
2. Better Regulation for breeders of cats and dogs.
3. Review of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.

Risk Management Factors:

This matter has been assessed using Council's Risk Matrix to decide the likelihood and consequence of any risk to Council if The Strategy is *not* introduced. The residual risk would be Low 1 (Likelihood: Rare; Consequence: Insignificant) following the introduction of The Strategy.

Likelihood: Possible
 Consequence: Moderate
 Rating: Medium 9

Risk	Risk Score
Inability to comply with legislated compliance (i.e. Animal Care & Protection, Community Education, responsible pet ownership, microchipping and registration requirements etc.) Outcome Inability to meet Animal Care & Protection and Legislative requirements resulting in possible intervention by Queensland Government departments, Provisional Improvement Notices (PIN's) or imposed penalty.	Possible Moderate M9

Community Consultation:

Consultation occurred with residents and visitors to the region with two separate surveys, one gathered detailed input from residents of the community, and another shorter survey

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.4 - Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024 - 2028

to gather input from visitors (see attached Community consultation survey – Pets, People and Places). There were 140 total responses and 440 survey visits. The survey was promoted via the Council staff at the 2023 Longreach Annual Show, the Council Website, Facebook post, ILY Community Newsletter, the Longreach Leader, Radio and the Longreach Library.

Further engagement of the community occurred through a Pet Photo Competition, themed “Pets in out Places”. Community engagement was high with 99 photo submissions, and the winning pet photos have been showcased within the Strategy.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. LRC Animal Management Strategy Snapshot CF FD [↓](#)
2. LRC AMS Action Plan Web Version FD [↓](#)
3. LRE AMS Pets and People community Survey Results Summary FD [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Domestic Animal Management Strategy as presented.



Longreach Regional Council
Domestic Animal Management Strategy
2024-2028

SNAPSHOT



**Longreach
Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

Executive summary

The Longreach Regional Council’s Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024-2028 (the Strategy) presents a comprehensive framework focused on enhancing domestic animal management over the next five years. The scope of the Strategy pertains to domestic animals, specifically defined as companion pets that can be domesticated and trained, such as dogs and cats.

The core purposes of the Strategy are to guide Council’s animal management services, determine operational targets and budget requirements, and ensure compliance with State legislation and the Council’s Local Laws. As a central goal, the Strategy aims to facilitate responsible pet ownership and encourage voluntary compliance with pet-related regulations.

The Strategy was developed using significant community input via the ‘Pets, People and Places’ survey, which attracted 140 responses, equating to 3.75% of the Longreach region’s population. Community and stakeholder engagement will be ongoing throughout the implementation of this Strategy. The engagement process highlighted three key themes for improving animal management in our region:

- » Content Pets: The community emphasised the importance of proactive services and initiatives that encourage responsible pet ownership
- » Educated People: The need for strategic initiatives to promote knowledge sharing and awareness around responsible pet ownership, including an understanding of related laws and regulations
- » Inclusive Places: The community supported the provision of pet-friendly facilities and spaces while maintaining public safety

Strategic initiatives proposed to achieve the desired outcomes of content pets, educated people and inclusive places include:

- » Enhanced community services
- » Positive incentives for responsible pet ownership
- » Upgrading facilities and innovative amenities for a pet-friendly community
- » Fostering responsible pet ownership through education, engagement, and advocacy
- » Equipping pet owners with essential disaster preparedness supplies
- » Revamping animal-related signage across the region
- » Collaborating with businesses to determine spaces that are safe and welcoming to pets and people
- » Proactive enforcement and innovative solutions for pet-related compliance
- » Internal continuous improvement (such as technology introductions, policy reviews, and updating of processes)

The Longreach Regional Council’s Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024-2028 is a robust, comprehensive and community-oriented framework designed to guide the Council’s animal management services over the next five years. This Strategy acknowledges the growing importance of pets in our society. It aims to enhance public services, promote responsible pet ownership, provide improved facilities, and enable strategic community engagement. With its focus on content pets, educated people, and inclusive places, this Strategy marks a decisive step towards promoting harmonious relationships between pets, their owners and the broader community in the Longreach Region.

A complete review of the Strategy is planned for 2028, with minor revisions to be carried out annually to align with evolving best practices, legislative changes and lifestyle trends.



Introduction

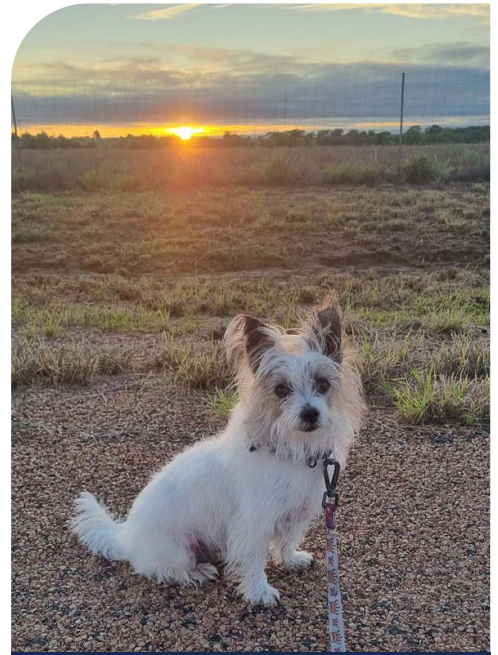
Pets play an important role in our community, contributing to the wellbeing of many people within our Longreach Region. They provide companionship and comfort and are, for many people, a vital member of the family. More than ever, people are choosing to live life alongside a furry friend, with pet ownership rapidly increasing across the country in recent years.

Longreach Regional Council recognises the diversity of lifestyle preferences, including experiences and views about pets. While some prefer to enjoy our communities and public places without pet interaction, others may like to take their pets with them during day-to-day activities.

Objectives

For Council to deliver on the purposes of the Strategy, the following key objectives have been identified as the principal outcomes:

- » **Responsible Pet Ownership** – Encourage voluntary compliance with responsible pet ownership principles and legislation, particularly registration, microchipping, desexing and effective control. Ensure that pet owners are educated and aware of the principles of responsible pet ownership
- » **Community Facilities and Spaces** – Improve and increase community-accessible facilities that support responsible pet ownership and meet community expectations. Provide safe and enjoyable access to public spaces
- » **Framework** – Ensure that Council’s Local Laws are appropriate to consider lifestyle preferences and harmonious enjoyment of our communities
- » **Compliance and Enforcement** – Apply an appropriate enforcement process to address non-compliance with State legislation and Local Laws. Develop a clear and robust enforcement directive to ensure consistent compliance action.
- » **Animal Management Facility** – Provide a fit-for-purpose animal management facility appropriate for the welfare, housing and reclaiming of impounded animals



1. Outcome one: Content PETS

‘Content Pets’ are happy, healthy and well behaved when interacting with other people and animals in our communities. **Content pets are welcomed in our community, as they are less likely to cause nuisance or put the safety of others at risk.** When pets are content, their needs are met and their wellbeing is cared for, the community becomes a safer place for people and pets to co-exist. For many people, pets are incredibly important and become members of the family. **We are committed to supporting and encouraging pet owners to meet their pet ownership requirements, allowing pets to be accepted as part of the community.**

1.1 What our community told us

The community has emphasised the importance of responsible pet ownership and the integral role of pets in our society. Pets form a significant part of many households. There’s a strong desire among community members for pet owners to manage their pets’ behaviours, such as barking and wandering. Managing these behaviours are crucial, as they can impact the wellbeing of pets and the harmony of the community.

Findings from the Pets and People Community Survey 2023 include:

- » Most community members support the implementation of stricter penalties for irresponsible pet owners. Many have had personal experiences with issues related to wandering or barking dogs
- » Council services have strong support for immediate response to aggressive animals, discounts on registration fees for desexed and microchipped pets, and a robust enforcement approach for irresponsible pet ownership
- » Overall, the community supports measures that encourage responsible behaviours and discourage irresponsible ones

Insights from key stakeholders, including veterinary, biosecurity and rehoming services, include:

- » Better education and incentives for pet wellbeing, such as the importance of desexing, is needed to improve pet wellbeing, enhance biosecurity and aid in rehoming. Dogs’ tendency to wander and the resulting issues, such as aggression and skin diseases, are often linked to a lack of desexing
- » The prevalence of pet obesity and the lack of ongoing preventive care as significant barriers to pet wellness
- » Socioeconomic factors, such as the cost of fencing and discounts on desexing, should be considered when enforcing compliance
- » Further collaborative efforts between local law enforcement, veterinary professionals and biosecurity officers could enhance public understanding and support for animal welfare initiatives

1.2 What we’re working towards

The proposed strategic initiatives highlight the importance of responsible pet ownership and immediate response to disruptive pet behaviour. These include:

- » Enhanced community services, such as initiatives that promote responsible pet ownership through community education, behaviour training and complaints handling
- » Positive incentives for responsible pet ownership, such as discounts on registration fees for desexed and microchipped pets
- » Proactive enforcement and innovative solutions for pet-related compliance. Emphasising the enforcement of penalties for irresponsible pet owners and working on immediate response mechanisms for aggressive animals

1.3 How we’ll track our progress

Our progress in this area will be measured by:

- » The number of new community service initiatives and the number of people and pets positively impacted
- » Uptake of incentives for responsible pet ownership
- » Decrease in dog attack incidents
- » Increase in pets cared for in line with or above Council’s minimum standards



2. Outcome two: Educated PEOPLE

'Educated People' refers to every person in our community, whether they own a pet or not, being aware and informed of what responsible pet ownership means. People must also understand the diverse community that we live in and acknowledge that not all people wish to closely share the community with animals. **Our community is made up of people from various backgrounds, with differing experiences and feelings towards pets and animals.** We are committed to encouraging voluntary compliance with responsible pet ownership principles and animal-related State and Local Laws, by improving access to information and services that reflect our community's preferences and requirements.

2.1 What our community told us

Findings from the Pets and People Community Survey 2023 include:

- » The balance between preferences for education and enforcement leans slightly towards education, indicating a community preference for understanding and compliance over punitive measures
- » There's a preference for a greater emphasis on education and information about responsible pet ownership rather than focusing solely on microchipping or desexing
- » The community has also expressed a desire for the Council's website to be a more comprehensive and accessible source of information

Insights from key stakeholders, including veterinary, biosecurity and rehoming services, include:

- » Resource allocation should prioritise education
- » Opportunities for joint information sessions with Council to improve community education on the signs of a content and healthy pet
- » Education on the reduced caloric needs of desexed dogs could help address the issue of pet obesity
- » Educational initiatives in schools by local law officers could foster a cultural shift towards compliance and prevention of dog attacks
- » The need for animal behavioural specialists and a comprehensive introduction to pet ownership for newcomers to the community

2.2 What we're working towards

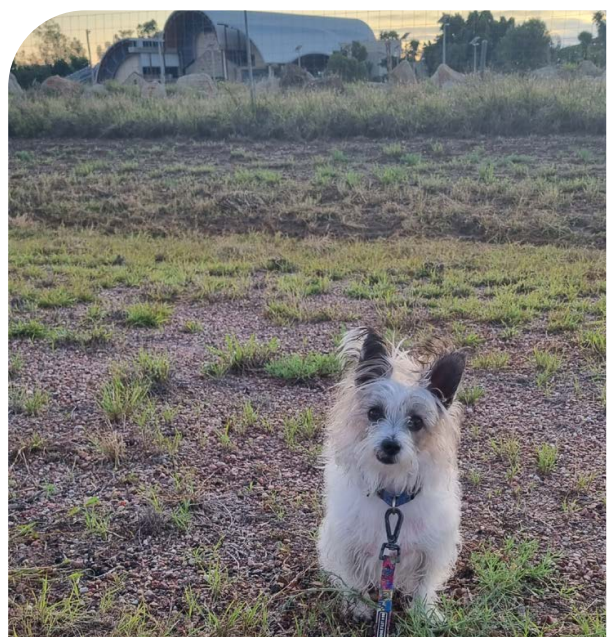
The proposed strategic initiatives reflect the community's preference for understanding and compliance over punitive measures. The community has shown interest in more comprehensive information about responsible pet ownership, beyond just microchipping or desexing. Therefore, planned initiatives include:

- » Fostering responsible pet ownership through education, engagement and advocacy.
 - Developing robust educational programs to provide necessary information to potential and current pet owners, including community education and school initiatives
 - Aligning with the education program being proposed by the Queensland Government as part of the Animal Management Act review
 - Creating accessible and comprehensive online resources and handouts
- » Revamping animal-related signage across the region
- » Equipping pet owners with essential disaster preparedness supplies

2.3 How we'll track our progress

Our progress in this area will be measured by:

- » Number of education programs, total participation and participant feedback
- » Engagement with online resources
- » Completion of updates to animal-related signage and community feedback
- » Uptake of disaster preparedness supplies



3. Outcome three: Inclusive PLACES

‘Inclusive Places’ are the areas and spaces we share in the community, such as parks, shopping precincts, walkways, tourist attractions, community events and more. Public spaces should be safe, welcoming, and accessible for anyone who attends them, and the wildlife and natural environment must be protected. Inclusive places not only provide pet-friendly facilities to accommodate those who choose to be part of the community with their furry friends by their side but also identify places that are best enjoyed without the presence of animals. We are committed to providing infrastructure and services that support responsible pet ownership, improving the liveability of our region and promoting a strong and connected community.

3.1 What our community told us

Findings from the Pets and People Community Survey 2023 include:

- » A need for more pet-friendly facilities and off-leash areas
- » A desire for a more inclusive approach to public spaces, with a balance between pet-friendly areas and spaces reserved for people
- » The majority of respondents supported domestic animal-related legislation being applied across the entire council
- » Respondents expressed personal safety concerns due to dog behaviour

Insights from key stakeholders, including veterinary services, biosecurity and rehoming, include:

- » There is a strong call for off-leash dog parks to provide socialisation opportunities

3.2 What we’re working towards

Inclusive places represent areas and spaces that are safe, welcoming, and accessible for everyone in the community. The community feedback indicated a need for a balanced approach to public spaces, ensuring both pet-friendly areas and spaces reserved for people. Relevant strategic initiatives include:

- » Upgrade facilities and innovative amenities, such as all-inclusive Animal Management Facility and new off-leash areas
- » Collaborating with CBD businesses to create welcoming spaces for pets and dog-free areas
- » Proactive enforcement and innovative solutions for pet-related compliance

It is important to note that the proposed initiatives to create inclusive places, and increase capacity for other initiatives, largely depend on upgrading the Pound to an all-inclusive Animal Management Facility.

3.3 How we’ll track our progress

Our progress in this area will be measured by:

- » Completion of facility projects
- » Community satisfaction with new and upgraded facilities
- » Number of CBD businesses confirmed as ‘pet-friendly’ or dog-free



Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Longreach Regional Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the region we share.

We pay our respects to their elders past and present, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders of other communities who may live here as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples. Longreach Regional Council is committed to cultivating inclusive environments.

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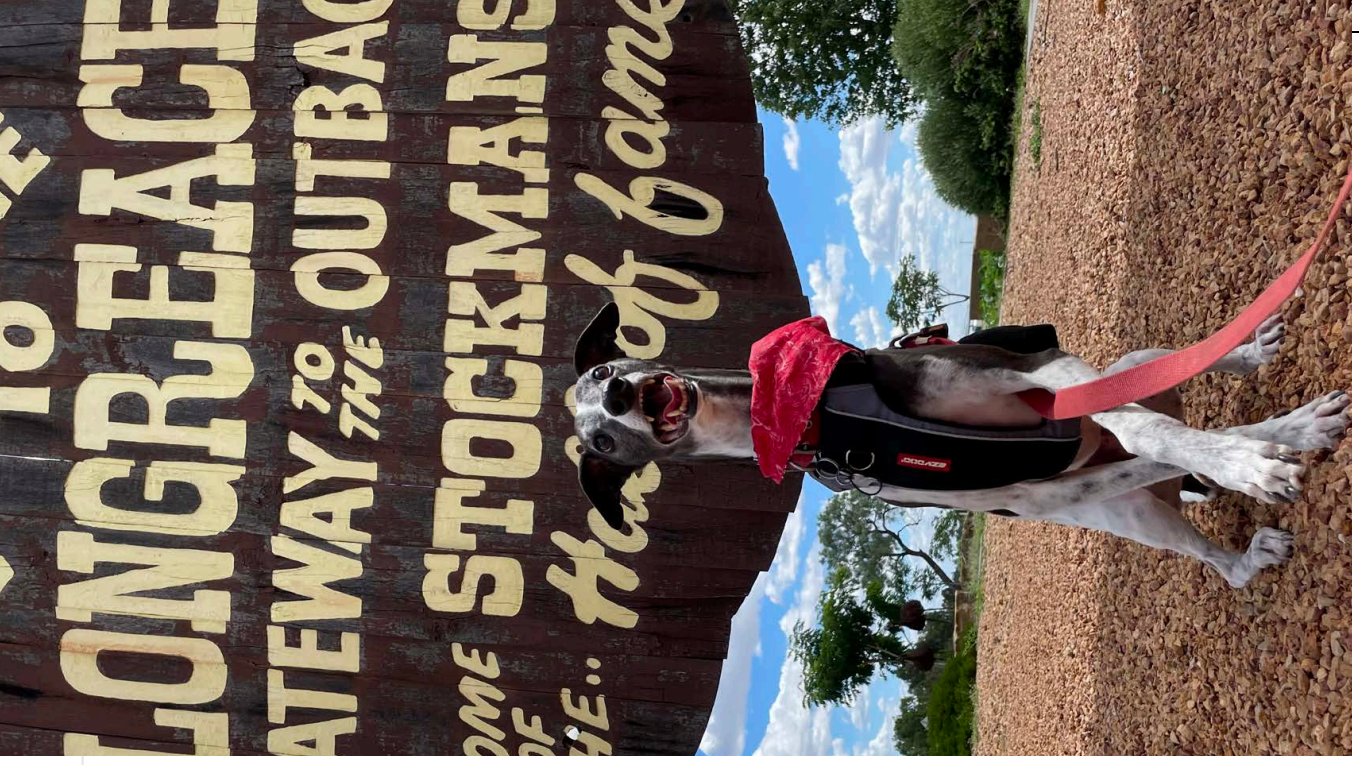
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Action plan

In developing the Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024-2028, Longreach Regional Council has considered relevant legislation, extensive community and stakeholder feedback, plus current and future opportunities and challenges.

A unified vision for our community has been established to foster a balanced relationship between people, pets and public spaces. This vision drives the three primary outcomes we aim to achieve by 2028:

- » Content Pets
- » Educated People
- » Inclusive Places

The Domestic Animal Management Strategy provides a comprehensive framework outlining how Council, key stakeholders, and the broader community will collaborate to achieve these outcomes by 2028. The strategy focuses on promoting responsible pet ownership, enhancing public amenities, and ensuring community safety.

The following action plan details the specific priorities and actions necessary to realise our three key outcomes. It offers a clear, targeted approach that ensures our services and initiatives align with the strategy's long-term goals. This structured approach enables ongoing progress monitoring and evaluation.

The action plan will undergo annual reviews to ensure alignment with the strategy's objectives and compliance with legislative requirements. This iterative process ensures our actions remain relevant and practical, driving continuous improvement in domestic animal management within the Longreach region.

Enhanced community services

Action	Plan Initiation	Content Pets	Educated People	Inclusive Places	CI ¹
1 >> Consideration for free first time registration for dogs who are microchipped and de-sexed.	Second year	✓	✓		
2 >> Investigate the possibility for a limited number of de-sexing vouchers	Second year	✓	✓		
3 >> Consideration of free or subsidised microchipping	Second year	✓	✓	✓	
4 >> Provide on-site administration and payment for animal-related matters	Second year	✓	✓		
5 >> Provide extended operating hours and after-hours animal release in specified circumstances	Second year	✓	✓		
6 >> Collaborate with Veterinary practices on community services, such as microchipping and euthanasia	First year	✓	✓		

Positive incentives for responsible pet ownership

Action	Plan Initiation	Content Pets	Educated People	Inclusive Places	CI
7 >> 3-year registration incentivised fee structure (minimal cost) – only for dogs that are microchipped and desexed	Second year	✓	✓		
8 >> Registration fees structured with incentives for desexing and/or microchipping	Second year	✓	✓		
9 >> Investigate ways to support those experiencing financial hardship to register, microchip and desex their animals.	Second year	✓	✓		

1 Continuous Improvement

Upgraded facilities and innovative amenities for a pet-friendly community

Action	Plan Initiation	Content Pets	Educated People	Inclusive Places	CI
10 >> Upgrade of Pound to all-inclusive Animal Management Facility	Second year	✓		✓	✓
11 >> Investigate the construction of a fenced off-leash area in Longreach Township	Second year	✓	✓	✓	
12 >> Investigate the community need and construction of a fenced off-leash area in Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yaraka Townships	First year	✓	✓	✓	
13 >> Dog faeces disposal bags and bins	First year	✓	✓	✓	
14 >> Investigate the need and construction of safe and legal places to tie dogs in CBD	Fourth year	✓	✓	✓	
15 >> Investigate the construction of multi-purpose fountains – human drinking water and dog water bowl lower down (as well as disability accessible).	Third year	✓		✓	
16 >> Shade over impound yard at Showgrounds	Third year	✓			✓
17 >> Investigate potential of short-term/day boarding for travellers to attend tourist attractions	Second year	✓		✓	

Fostering responsible pet ownership through education, engagement and advocacy

Action	Plan Initiation	Content Pets	Educated People	Inclusive Places	CI
18	Second year	✓	✓		
19	First year	✓	✓		
20	Second year	✓	✓	✓	
21	Second year	✓	✓		
22	First year		✓		
23	First year	✓	✓		
24	First year	✓	✓		
25	First year		✓		
26	First year		✓		

Equipping pet owners with essential disaster preparedness supplies

Action	Plan initiation	Content Pets	Educated People	Inclusive Places	CI
27 » Provide essential items in times of emergency items – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collapsible water bowls • dog faeces bag dispensers • leashes • collars • play toys • pet first aid kits 	First year	✓	✓	✓	
28 » Initiate a Pet Ready! Kit giveaway competition 	First year	✓	✓	✓	

Revamping animal-related signage across the region

Action	Plan initiation	Content Pets	Educated People	Inclusive Places	CI
29 » Audit and update all animal-related signage across the Region as required	First year		✓	✓	✓
30 » Audit and highlight Prohibited Areas – children’s playgrounds, within 5 metres of BBQ facilities and food-service areas at events, boat ramp, public swimming pools, Apex Park	First year	✓	✓	✓	
31 » Consideration for mandatory cat registration	Second year	✓	✓		

Collaborating with CBD businesses to create welcoming spaces for pets and dog free areas

Action	Plan Initiation	Content Pets	Educated People	Inclusive Places	CI
32	Investigate community need for and create identification of businesses who would like to promote themselves as “pet friendly” or as “pets not welcome”.	First year	✓	✓	✓

Proactive enforcement and innovative solutions for pet-related compliance

Action	Plan Initiation	Content Pets	Educated People	Inclusive Places	CI
33	Conduct an Annual Approved Inspection Program to check properties for animals that are not registered, microchipped, or being kept in accordance with minimum standards, as well as for the keeping or excess or prohibited animals	First year	✓	✓	✓
34	Investigate new solutions to aid in pet-related compliance issues, such as online public reporting functionality, and engagement of animal behavioural specialists	Third year	✓	✓	✓
35	Investigate the opportunity to adopt innovative procedures and technologies to address noise nuisance complaints	Third year	✓	✓	✓

Internal continuous improvement (technology, processes)

Action	Plan Initiation	Content Pets	Educated People	Inclusive Places	CI
36	Investigate an online cat and dog registration (new and renewal) form on website, with ability to attach photos and pay.	First year	✓	✓	✓
37	Investigate the creation of an online excess animal application form	Third year	✓	✓	✓
38	Investigate and implement Case management software	First year	✓	✓	✓

**Longreach Animal Management Strategy
Pets and People – Animal Survey 2023
Survey Results**

June 2023

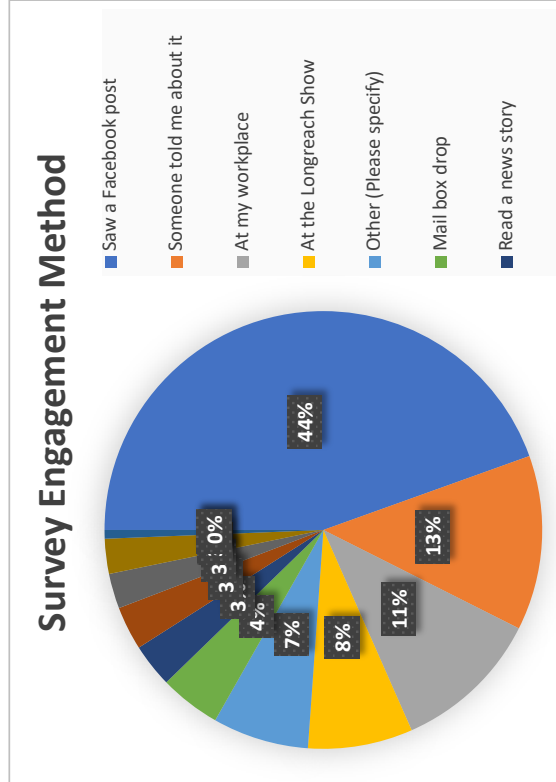
Total Respondents: 140

Survey Engagement

The Survey had 140 respondents, with most respondents (63.58%) engaging with the survey via Facebook or word of mouth.

1. How did you find out about this survey?

Engagement Method	Response Percent	Response Count
Saw a Facebook post	49.29%	69
Someone told me about it	14.29%	20
At my workplace	12.14%	17
At the Longreach Show	8.57%	12
Other (Please specify)	7.86%	11
Mail box drop	5.00%	7
Read a news story	3.57%	5
Saw it on Council's website	3.57%	5
From a Regulatory Services Officer	2.86%	4
I received an email about it	2.86%	4
At a Council office (including Library, Visitor Information Centre)	0.71%	1
Heard it on the radio	0.00%	0



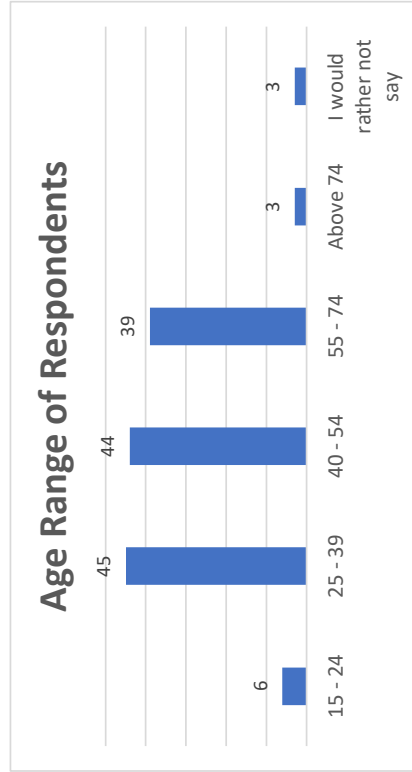
Demographics

Most survey respondents (91.43%) were aged between 25 and 74, and 86.43% lived within the Longreach town area. Most (72.15%) were long-term residents of the Longreach Region (14.29% between 5 and 10 years, and 57.86% over 10 years).

The survey had 4 responses from visitors.

2. What is your age range?

Age Range	Response Percent	Response Count
15 - 24	4.29%	6
25 - 39	32.14%	45
40 - 54	31.43%	44
55 - 74	27.86%	39
Above 74	2.14%	3
I would rather not say	2.14%	3



3. Where do you live?

Location	Response Percent	Response Count
Longreach	86.43%	121
Ifracombe	6.43%	9
Isisford	1.43%	2
Yaraka	0.00%	0
Out of the Designated Town Area	2.86%	4
Other (Please specify)	2.86%	4

4. How long have you lived in the Longreach Region?

Time Frame Range	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 1 year	5.71%	8
Between 1 and 5 years	20.00%	28
Between 5 and 10 years	14.29%	20
More than 10 years	57.86%	81
N/A (i.e. I don't live here, only visiting, short-term, etc.)	2.14%	3

Pet Ownership

The following summarises the responses to Question 5 and 6.

Most respondents (80.71%) owned a domestic pet, the total number of pets covered by this survey were 156 dogs and 54 cats. In Longreach, the average number of dogs per household was 1.4, with the survey covering 127 dogs and 44 in the Longreach town area. For all the regions covered by this survey, the average number of pets per household (for households with a pet) was:

Town	Total Cats	Av. Cats per Household	Total Dogs	Av. Dogs per Household
Ilfacombe	8	2.0	14	1.6
Isisford			2	2.0
Longreach	44	1.5	127	1.4
Other (Please specify) - Cairns	1	1.0	1	1.0
Other (Please specify) - Roma			1	1.0
Other (Please specify) - Sandalwoods	1	1.0	3	3.0
Out of the Designated Town Area (e.g. rural property, estate, non-residential land types)			8	2.0
Total	54	1.5	156	1.5

Registration and Dog Number Restrictions

There were five households which responded with more than two dogs, three households in Longreach, one in Sandalwoods, and one located in an Out of the Designated Town Area.

For the Longreach town area, respondents notified that 99 dogs (77.9%) and 20 cats (45.5%) were registered with the Longreach Regional Council, and 114 dogs (89.8%) and 31 cats (70.5%) were microchipped.

NOTE: Question 6 was manually adjusted as respondents notified that the survey needed a response (could not choose no pets).

7. Do you own any other animals?

The most common other pets owned by respondents included poultry (11.43%), horses (6.43%) and birds (5.0%).

Animal Category	Response Percent	Response Count
Birds	5.00%	7
Poultry (chickens, ducks, geese, etc.)	11.43%	16
Sheep	0.71%	1
Goats	0.71%	1
Cattle	0.71%	1
Horses	6.43%	9
Alpacas	0.00%	0
Deer	0.00%	0
Reptiles	1.43%	2
Fish	4.29%	6
Rabbits	0.00%	0
Guinea Pigs	2.14%	3
Mice	0.00%	0
No other animals	74.29%	104
Other (Please specify)	2.14%	3

Domestic Animal Management Services

Question 10 described 25 Animal Management Services that could or are being delivered by the Council (results on following page). Of the 25 Services, 16 reached a consensus level of 75% or above as the respondents agreeing with the services to be provided by the Longreach Regional Council.

The top five Services which respondents agree with were:

Animal Management Service	Response %
Immediate response to aggressive dogs or other animals	98.57%
Discounts on registration fees if pet is desexed and microchipped	95.71%
Strong enforcement approach for irresponsible pet ownership	94.29%
Preventing and reducing the amount of dog attacks	92.86%
Animal management facility that complies with animal welfare standards	92.86%

The bottom five Services which respondents agree with were:

Animal Management Service	Response %
Council offering a pet boarding service	52.14%
Increased services outside of standard working hours	52.86%
Council coordinating pet behavioural / obedience training classes	55.71%
Discounts for first-time registrations	61.43%
Proactive education programs in schools	63.57%

10. Please tell us whether you think the following domestic animal management services should be provided by Council.

Animal Management Service	Yes		No		Unsure	
	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count
Using innovative methods to address barking dog complaints	88.57%	124	2.86%	4	8.57%	12
Off-leash areas for dogs to exercise and socialise	85.71%	120	7.14%	10	7.14%	10
Council coordinating pet behavioural / obedience training classes	55.71%	78	31.43%	44	12.86%	18
Prompt response for wandering animal reports (non-aggressive)	90.00%	125	2.14%	3	7.86%	11
Preventing and reducing the amount of dog attacks	92.86%	130	2.86%	4	4.29%	6
Reducing the number of feral/unclaimed cats	90.00%	125	3.57%	5	6.43%	9
Proactive education programs in schools	63.57%	89	21.43%	30	15.00%	21
Strong enforcement approach for irresponsible pet ownership	94.29%	132	2.14%	3	3.57%	5
Increased services outside of standard working hours	52.86%	74	20.00%	28	27.14%	38
Animal management facility that complies with animal welfare standards	92.86%	130	2.14%	3	5.00%	7
Community education initiatives such as pop-up events	67.14%	94	13.57%	19	19.29%	27
Discounts on registration fees if pet is desexed and microchipped	95.71%	134	2.86%	4	1.43%	2
Council offering a pet boarding service	52.14%	73	34.29%	48	13.57%	19
Council offering pets for rehoming	65.71%	92	21.43%	30	12.86%	18
Life-long registration for pets / discount on multi-year registrations	86.43%	121	7.14%	10	6.43%	9
Mandatory registration for cats	66.43%	93	20.00%	28	13.57%	19
Domestic cats being contained to their own yards	70.00%	98	13.57%	19	16.43%	23
Discounts for first-time registrations	61.43%	86	28.57%	40	10.00%	14
Council being able to microchip cats and dogs on-site	75.71%	106	13.57%	19	10.71%	15
Council coordinating desexing programs with discounts / vouchers	82.14%	115	10.00%	14	7.86%	11
Dog poo bag dispensers being available in commonly used public places	84.29%	118	7.14%	10	8.57%	12
Consistent approach for dealing with the keeping of cats and dogs	91.43%	128	2.14%	3	6.43%	9
Immediate response to aggressive dogs or other animals	98.57%	138	0.00%	0	1.43%	2
Prompt seizing of dogs or other animals that have attacked, for assessment	91.43%	128	1.43%	2	7.14%	10
All water bubblers in the community having dog water bowls attached	76.43%	107	12.86%	18	10.71%	15

11. Do you have any other comments or feedback about domestic animal management services?

Question 11 offered open-ended feedback that respondents could provide. A summary of the key themes from this question is as follows:

The most occurring themes were LRC staff related (16), wandering dogs (14), barking (12), responsible pet ownership (12), and personal safety (10). It is important to note that when Council staff were mentioned, there was both positive, neutral, and negative feedback provided.

Theme	No. of Instances
Animal Welfare	7
Barking	12
Boarding Kennels / Doggy Day Care	6
Cleaning Up After Dog	1
Complaint Process	5
Council Dog Training	5
Discounted Desexing and Other Services	2
Dog Facilities	2
Dog Friendly Town	1
Dog Parks	7
Education	4
Heavier Fines / Punishment	8
Hunting Dog Ban in Town	5
Limit Dog Numbers Per Household	1
LRC staff	16
Microchipping	2
Multi-Person Dwellings and Pet Ownership Limitations	2
Noisy Roosters	2
Personal Safety	10
Pound Condition	1
Pound Fees	1
Register Of Breeders	3
Register of Offending Dogs or Owners	1
Registration Enforcement	2
Registration Fees	4

Registration Process	2
Responsible Pet Ownership	12
Unliveable	1
Wandering Cats	7
Wandering Dogs	14
Working Dogs in Town	1

Below is a list of the select ideas and feedback provided in Question 11 and the last section for General Feedback:

Feedback Given
Would like to see more options in regards to paying pound fees eg being able to pay it off.
would like to see a link on website for current impounded dogs as I know not all dogs are put up on facebook for owners to be aware if dog has been brought into the pound, the link on website could also serve as a way for people to check if they are possibly looking to give a loving home to a fur friend.
I would also love to see more pet friendly areas, but just off leash areas but places with appropriate poo bag rubbish bins and drinking water access.
Re water bubblers - maybe just a running water bubbler that has a timer button on it at every park in Longreach. Not still water in case someone poisons it.
Could we pay online through a website instead of having to renew in person? Work hours don't match your operating hours.
ALL HUNTING DOGS must be BANNED from being in town, always, no exceptions. Hunting dogs are far too dangerous to be kept in residential areas as they always pose a threat to children and adults, and given the high numbers of irresponsible hunting dog owners in this town, it is well past time, the council took proactive steps to implementing a full and complete BAN on the keeping of hunting dogs in town.
Lake Eyre Basin Ranger program can support with education of feral animal, as well as feral animal relocation.
The method for reporting barking dogs by way of a diary is a joke as is an inspector sitting outside a house waiting for dogs to bark when owners are home. Dogs don't bark on cue and in Council working hours.
Increase the registration price of mixed breed entire animals - particularly over the age of 2years and without providing registered/approved breeder documentation.
vouchers or special deals on desexing, microchipping or payment plan prior to procedure to allow for owners to save the money to have these procedures completed
Dog behaviour training like puppy pre-school, dog obedience
Make rego for a animals easier to complete & pay online. Offer an auto renewal option that will auto debit with a warning a month out. Warning for first time pet escapes.
Safe pet drop off zones would be good. A different approach to the euthanasia and disposal of animals that is more humane.

An animal deposit system similar to Ipswich would be good - where you can take a roaming cat / dog out of hours, leave it in a lock-box (which has water), for council to pick up in the morning.
First registration should be in full and then discounted for every rego for that animal thereafter.
Would love to be able to report instances of animal abuse/neglect to Council and if deemed appropriate, for Council to have the ability to take the animals and offer up for adoption.

Council Regulation

12. Council's Regulatory Services team identified several principles as themes or key focus areas when considering improvement of service delivery.

Respondents were given one option to select out of the nine focus areas, the top three focus areas were Responsible Pet Ownership (47.86%), Pet-Friendly Facilities and Spaces (16.43%) and Compliance and Enforcement (15.00%). This is in line with the respondent feedback in Question 14 and General Feedback were respondents frequently described (14 times) the need for pet owners to take responsibility for negative pet behaviours such as barking and wandering. Respondents also mentioned the need for Council-facilitated dog poo bags, water facilities and pet-friendly spaces.

Focus Area	Response Percent	Response Count
Responsible Pet Ownership	47.86%	67
Pet-Friendly Facilities and Spaces	16.43%	23
Animal Management Facility	6.43%	9
Appropriate Local Laws	5.71%	8
Awareness and Education	2.14%	3
Compliance and Enforcement	15.00%	21
Well-Informed Council Officers	1.43%	2
Environmental Responsibility	0.71%	1
Community, Lifestyle and Safety	4.29%	6

Question 13 asked respondents to describe their satisfaction with Council services, fees and charges.

In general, most respondents agree with or have no opinion of the statements. For satisfaction with the animal-related services provided by the Council, 33.57% were not satisfied. The top 5 themes identified by these respondents in Question 14 and the General Feedback section were barking, wandering dogs, LRC staff, complaint process and personal safety.

The respondents agree that registration fees and charges are appropriate and reasonable (62.15%), and agree permit and approval fees and charges are also appropriate and reasonable (53.57%).

General Satisfaction Statement	Strongly agree		Somewhat agree		No opinion / Does not		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree	
	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count
I am satisfied with the service that Council currently provides for animal-related issues	10.71%	15	46.43%	65	9.29%	13	20.71%	29	12.86%	18
I am satisfied with the service and response that Council has provided to me about animal-related matters that I have reported	20.71%	29	22.14%	31	36.43%	51	7.86%	11	12.86%	18
Council's fees and charges are appropriate and reasonable for animal registrations	24.29%	34	37.86%	53	21.43%	30	8.57%	12	7.86%	11
Council's fees and charges are appropriate and reasonable for animal keeping permits and approvals	15.71%	22	37.86%	53	36.43%	51	5.00%	7	5.00%	7

Question 14 asked respondents to give their opinion of Council Information and Education.

A high number of respondents (83.57%) were confident in their knowledge of laws and requirements as pet-owners in the Longreach Region. Although many respondents (55.71%) believe that Animal Management Officers are informative and knowledgeable, there was a number of respondents who disagree (15.71%).

There is potential for the improvement of the Council website to be more informative (15.72% disagree) and more accessible (23.58% disagree).

Respondents would like the Council to prioritise proactive education and information on responsible pet ownership (53.57%), over microchipping (45.71%) or desexing (46.42%). Although close to parity, more Respondents would prefer education (49.29%) over enforcement (41.72%).

Information and Education Statement	Strongly agree		Somewhat agree		No opinion / Does not		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree	
	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count
I feel confident in my knowledge about the laws and requirements about keeping domestic animals	32.86%	46	50.71%	71	8.57%	12	7.86%	11	0.00%	0
Council's Animal Management Officers are informative and knowledgeable	20.71%	29	35.00%	49	28.57%	40	5.71%	8	10.00%	14
Council's website has relevant information regarding Local Laws and other animal-related requirements	15.00%	21	47.14%	66	22.14%	31	12.86%	18	2.86%	4
Council's website is easily accessible, user friendly and readily provides the information I am looking for	16.43%	23	48.57%	68	11.43%	16	19.29%	27	4.29%	6
Council provides adequate proactive education and information to the community which promotes responsible pet ownership	5.71%	8	17.86%	25	22.86%	32	35.00%	49	18.57%	26
Council provides adequate education and information to the community about the laws and benefits of microchipping domestic animals	6.43%	9	23.57%	33	24.29%	34	28.57%	40	17.14%	24
Council provides adequate education and information to the community about the importance and benefits of desexing pets	4.29%	6	25.00%	35	24.29%	34	30.71%	43	15.71%	22
Council's approach to handling animal management issues should focus on education before enforcement	19.29%	27	30.00%	42	9.29%	13	20.71%	29	20.71%	29

Question 15 asked respondents to give their opinion of Council Compliance and Enforcement.

Most respondents want to see a more consistent approach to enforcement (93.57%), increased enforcement to non-compliance (95.00%) and support domestic animal-related legislation being applied consistently across the entire Council region (97.14%). Although many respondents have witnessed active patrolling in the community (65.72%), many disagree with this statement (22.86%). 33.58% of respondents disagree with the Council providing appropriate regulatory enforcement, 37.86% agree with the legislative framework for investigating, enforcing and resolving animal-related compliance issues while 28.57% disagree.

Enforcement and Compliance	Strongly agree		Somewhat agree		No opinion / Does not		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree	
	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count
I have observed Council's Animal Management Officers engaging with community members and actively patrolling through the towns and region	22.86%	32	42.86%	60	11.43%	16	14.29%	20	8.57%	12
Council provides an appropriate regulatory enforcement response to domestic animal issues within the community	10.71%	15	31.43%	44	24.29%	34	19.29%	27	14.29%	20
Council's Local Laws provide a sound legislative framework for the investigation, enforcement, and resolution of animal-related compliance issues	12.86%	18	25.00%	35	33.57%	47	22.14%	31	6.43%	9
I support Council in taking a consistent approach towards enforcement for all domestic animals	72.14%	101	21.43%	30	2.14%	3	3.57%	5	0.71%	1
I support Council in applying increased or proportionate enforcement action towards continued non-compliance	78.57%	110	16.43%	23	1.43%	2	3.57%	5	0.00%	0
I support domestic animal-related legislation being applied consistently across the entire Council region	75.00%	105	22.14%	31	0.00%	0	2.14%	3	0.71%	1

Question 16 asked respondents to give their opinion of their Personal Experience and Preferences.

Responses in Question 16 align with the responses from previous questions. Respondents agree (90.00%) with tougher penalties for irresponsible owners, with 95.72% of respondents witnessing a wandering dog and 81.43% experiencing an issue with barking dog.

Respondents (76.43%) are looking for dedicated dog-free areas around town, and many (74.28%) have personal safety concerns because of a dog's behaviour. Breed-specific legislation is less responded to as 54.29% agree and 36.43% disagree.

Personal Experience and Preferences	Strongly agree		Somewhat agree		No opinion / Does not		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree	
	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count
I believe that there should be dedicated dog-free areas around town	42.14%	59	34.29%	48	8.57%	12	12.14%	17	2.86%	4
It bothers me when I see people walking with their dogs on a very long lead or on no lead at all	44.29%	62	29.29%	41	8.57%	12	13.57%	19	4.29%	6
I have experienced an issue with barking dogs	59.29%	83	22.14%	31	12.14%	17	5.00%	7	1.43%	2
I have observed a dog wandering at large	77.86%	109	17.86%	25	2.14%	3	2.14%	3	0.00%	0
I have been fearful for the safety of myself, another person, or an animal because of a dog's behaviour	53.57%	75	20.71%	29	12.86%	18	7.14%	10	5.71%	8
I believe that breed-specific legislation is appropriate	35.00%	49	19.29%	27	9.29%	13	19.29%	27	17.14%	24
I believe that tougher penalties are suitable for irresponsible owners of dogs that cause harm, including jail time for people who own dogs that kill or cause grievous bodily harm to a person	69.29%	97	20.71%	29	3.57%	5	5.00%	7	1.43%	2

Question 17 asked respondents to give their opinion of their Personal Experience and Preferences.

Three statements in Question 17 reached a consensus level above 75%: where respondents have a clear understanding of pet ownership requirements (85.00%), Council needs to increase enforcement of keeping excessive animals (83.57%), and Council should provide more pet-friendly facilities and off-leash areas (78.57%). Divided opinions were shared of the following opinions; observed that most pet owners comply with laws (48.58% agree and 42.86% disagree), Council provides adequate facilities to encourage responsible pet ownership (40.71% agree to 41.43% disagree).

The other statements were below a consensus level of 75%, however, 27.86% of respondents disagree with children’s playgrounds and public BBQs should be dog-free areas.

Pet Ownership and Regulations	Strongly agree		Somewhat agree		No opinion / Does not		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree	
	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count
I know how many pets of each species are allowed to be kept without the need for a permit/approval	35.71%	50	37.14%	52	11.43%	16	11.43%	16	4.29%	6
I have observed that most pet owners comply with the laws for keeping domestic animals	9.29%	13	39.29%	55	8.57%	12	27.86%	39	15.00%	21
I have a clear understanding of the requirements for pet owners	38.57%	54	46.43%	65	7.14%	10	7.14%	10	0.71%	1
I believe that the current provision relating to numbers of animals able to be kept is reasonable for each property type	35.00%	49	37.14%	52	15.00%	21	5.71%	8	7.14%	10
Council needs to increase enforcement of keeping excess animals	60.00%	84	23.57%	33	12.14%	17	2.14%	3	2.14%	3
Council should provide more pet-friendly facilities and off-leash areas that are accessible, reliable, and sustainable	46.43%	65	32.14%	45	12.14%	17	7.14%	10	2.14%	3
Council provides adequate facilities to encourage responsible pet ownership	17.14%	24	23.57%	33	17.86%	25	26.43%	37	15.00%	21
Council needs to better control the presence of animals in the CBD areas	33.57%	47	34.29%	48	15.71%	22	14.29%	20	2.14%	3
I believe that children’s playgrounds and public BBQs should be dog-free areas	45.00%	63	21.43%	30	5.71%	8	21.43%	30	6.43%	9

Question 18 asked respondents to give their opinion of Council Services and Programs.

Four statements in Question 18 reached a consensus level above 75%: where respondents agree that Council should provide a microchipping service (81.42%) – keeping in mind that Question 6 resulted that of the respondent’s pets, 89.8% dogs and 70.5% cats were microchipped – that seeing Council’s pound as a “one-stop shop” for animal recovery services (80.71% agree), that supported an incentive program for desexing pets (97.15% agree), that proactive inspections of all properties in the region is an appropriate method for improving compliance (75.00% agree).

More respondents disagree than agree that current animal pound facility is accessible, located appropriately and easy to find (37.14% agree to 38.57% disagree). Most respondents did not have an opinion or agree with the operational hours of the pound as adequate (37.14% agree and 45.71% no opinion) and the current impounded animal fees for reclaiming (40.00% agree and 35.71% no opinion).

Just under a consensus level of 75% was animal adoption/rehoming service provided by Council (70.71% agree to 20.71% disagree), supporting mandatory cat registration (73.57% agree to 17.86% disagree), and Council rewarding responsible pet ownership (72.85% agree to 17.14% disagree).

There was medium agreement for Council offering an animal boarding service for daytime only (60.71% agree to 22.14 disagree), and Council providing pet behavioural / obedience training (61.42% agree to 21.43% disagree).

11.4 - Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024 - 2028 --Appendix 3

Council Services and Programs	Strongly agree		Somewhat agree		No opinion / Does not		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree	
	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count	Response Percent	Response Count
An animal adoption/rehoming service would be an appropriate Council function	35.00%	49	35.71%	50	8.57%	12	12.14%	17	8.57%	12
The current animal pound facility is accessible, located appropriately, and easy to find	10.71%	15	26.43%	37	24.29%	34	27.86%	39	10.71%	15
The current operational hours of the pound are adequate	10.00%	14	27.14%	38	45.71%	64	11.43%	16	5.71%	8
Current fees associated with reclaiming an impounded animal from the pound encourage responsible pet ownership and deter repeated non-compliance	13.57%	19	26.43%	37	35.71%	50	13.57%	19	10.71%	15
I would like to see Council offer a microchipping service to the community to facilitate legislation compliance	50.71%	71	30.71%	43	6.43%	9	11.43%	16	0.71%	1
I would like to see Council's pound as a "one-stop shop" for animal recovery services (e.g., all payments, microchipping, information, and animal collection at the same location)	52.14%	73	28.57%	40	7.86%	11	8.57%	12	2.86%	4
I would like to see Council offer an animal boarding service for daytime only	25.00%	35	35.71%	50	17.14%	24	10.00%	14	12.14%	17
I support the implementation of mandatory cat registration	52.86%	74	20.71%	29	8.57%	12	8.57%	12	9.29%	13
Proactive inspections of all properties in the region is an appropriate method of improving compliance with registration, microchipping, maximum numbers, and animal keeping standards	49.29%	69	25.71%	36	4.29%	6	12.86%	18	7.86%	11
I support an incentive program for pets to be desexed	69.29%	97	27.86%	39	0.00%	0	2.86%	4	0.00%	0
Council should reward responsible pet owners	52.14%	73	20.71%	29	10.00%	14	12.14%	17	5.00%	7
I would like to see Council offer pet behavioural / obedience training classes	35.71%	50	25.71%	36	17.14%	24	14.29%	20	7.14%	10

11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.5 - Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - May 2024

11.5 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - May 2024

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 31 May 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

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:

Operational updates for the month of May:

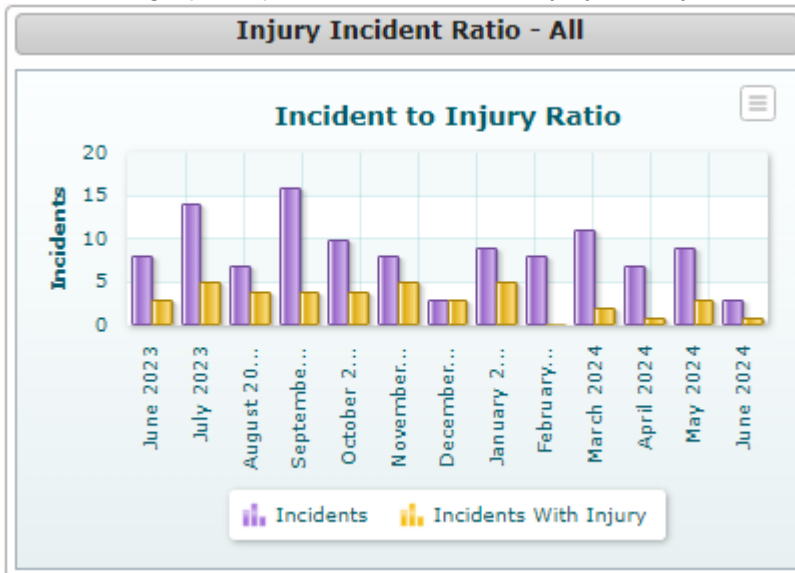
- Ongoing site visits are being conducted.
- Critical Risk Audit findings were presented to ELT.
- Confined Space Audit and Risk Assessment is 80% completed as per critical risk audit findings.
- Document Mapping and Gap analysis has been completed and high priority documents are being reviewed.

11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.5 - Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - May 2024

Incident Report Summary:

In total, 9 incidents were reported for the month of May 2024. Of these, only four resulted in injury. Of the remaining incidents, 3 were reports of property damage to Council plant because of stone chips or wildlife, with a further 2 incidents of property damage, which resulted in damage to both plant and minor infrastructure damage, with investigations currently underway.

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: Response
Consequence: Minor
Rating: M6

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 May 2024, as presented.

11.6 - Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 114 Galah Street, Longreach

11.6 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 114 Galah Street, Longreach

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on May 26, 2024, for a dwelling to be positioned on land located at 114 Galah Street, Longreach and described as Lot 1 on RP606521.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Building Act 1975

Planning Act 2016

Planning Regulation 2017

Queensland Development Code

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *Emily O’Hanlon, Business Support Officer*
Jason Burger, Consultant Building Certifier

Background:

The applicant has requested to position the proposed dwelling within the provision of a 1.5 metre setback from the southern neighbouring boundary. The information provided within the application locates the proposed structure to be built with a 1.05 metre setback from the southern adjoining boundary.

11CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.6 - Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 114 Galah Street, Longreach



Issue:

The proposed structure setback is not in line with the requirements of the Queensland Development Code, hence the reason for the application being referred to Council for consideration.

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: Minor
Rating: Low (2/25)

Environmental Management Factors:

N/A

Other Comments:

The Application has been assessed by Jason Burger, Council's Consultant Building Certifier who has recommended that Council approve the proposed structure location based on the following:

- The proposed reduced setback of 1.05 metres to the southern boundary of the required 1.5 metres would have little effect on the neighbouring property.
- Owner's consent from the southern neighbour has been provided and signed.
- The Building Certifier has made a condition of the siting variation to ensure all roof and surface water drainage to be taken clear of neighbouring properties to the satisfaction of Councils Builder Certifier.
- The size and width of the proposed dwelling is acceptable for the width of the lot.
- The southern neighbouring house eaves are positioned approximately 2.5 metres from the adjoining boundary, which allows an excess of distance relating to building code requirements.

11CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.6 - Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 114 Galah Street, Longreach

Appendices

1. Signed Consent form 112 Galah St - 31.05.24.pdf [↓](#)
2. SV signed consent form 116 Galah - 26.05.24.pdf [↓](#)
3. Siting Variation Assessment Sheet-114 Galah.pdf [↓](#)
4. Site Map and Plans 114 Galah St 22.05.2024.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council approves the siting variation of a dwelling with a 1.05 metre setback from the southern adjoining boundary at 114 Galah Street, Longreach and formally described as lot 1 on RP606521, pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the Building Act 1975, Planning Act 2016 and schedule 9, table 3 of the Planning Regulations 2017.



**Referral Agency Assessment Application
Alternative Siting Assessment**

Type of Referral – Concurrence Agency Response	
<input type="checkbox"/> Siting Variation	Under Schedule 9, Table 3 of the <i>Planning Regulations 2017</i>

Applicant Details	
Name: Adrian Scott	Mobile Number: 0427016162
Postal Address: 37 Victoria Street, North Ward, QLD, 4810	Email: admin@thescottbrothers.com.au
	Fax Number:
Telephone Number:	Date:

Property Details	
Address: 114 Galah Street, Longreach, QLD, 4730	Lot Number: 1
	Plan Number: RP606521

Description of Proposal
Class 1a building as per attached plans (SCO24-114GalahSt- C)

Provide details of the intended use of the building/structure e.g. what will be stored within building?
Class 1a building to be used as a primary place of residence for a young family.

Detail why the building/structure is required to be sited in the proposed location.
<p>114 Galah Street is a narrow block approximately 13.5m wide. In order to construct a practical building with sufficient floor space for a family, the minimum width we believe we need for the dwelling is 10.5m as per the attached plans.</p> <p>The house is positioned closer to the southern boundary to enable sufficient space on the northern side for utilities such as hot water unit, air conditioners and water tank as well as a wall hung clothes line outside the Laundry.</p> <p>We believe the design we have submitted has minimal impact on our neighbours and preserves the rear of the block for a shed with access off Parrot Lane and landscaping to suit the local area.</p>

NB. If sufficient justification is not provided in response to the following questions, it may result in your application being delayed. Please use additional sheets for your responses if required.

As most buildings have the potential to impact neighbouring properties, the enclosed "Adjoining Land Owner Consultation" form is to be completed by the effected neighbour/s and returned with this application.

ADJOINING LAND OWNER CONSULTATION

To whom it may concern,

I / We JAMES KING and ANNELISE KING
(Adjoining property owner's name) (Adjoining property owner's name)

Being the current property owners of 112 GALAH STREET
LONSREACH QLD 4730
(Adjoining property owner's street address)

Confirm that we have viewed the Proposed Plans requesting the variation to allow: CLASS 1A
BUILDING AS PER ATTACHED PLANS TO PROCEED
(detail proposal)

For the proposed building development at 114 GALAH STREET
LONSREACH QLD 4730
(street address of property requiring siting variation)

And fully understand the proposal.

I / we wish to confirm that (tick applicable statement):

I / we have no objections to the building proposal;

Or

I / we have concerns to the proposal as summarised below

Name (Please Print):	ANNELISE KING	JAMES KING
Signature:	<i>Annelise King</i>	<i>James King</i>
Date:	30.5.24	31-5-24
Telephone/ Mobile Number:		0427 099 811

If the adjoining Neighbour is uncontactable or will not complete the form, please tick the following box:

Unable to obtain Neighbouring consent/ concerns

Please note concerns forwarded to Council by adjoining neighbours if **not valid** may have no impact on the assessment process. An assessment officer may wish to contact you regarding your comments, provided you supply a telephone/mobile phone number below

Mandatory Information

The following information is required to be submitted to Council upon lodgement. Failure to provide this information may result in a not properly made submission resulting in your application being rejected and returned.

- Accurately dimensioned Site Plan including but not limited to:
 - o All property boundaries
 - o North point
 - o All existing and proposed buildings and structures including setback distances.

- Accurately dimensioned Floor Plan including but not limited to:
 - o The layout and use of proposed building or structure.

- Accurately dimensioned Elevations including but not limited to:
 - o The wall height and overall height of the proposed building or structure.

Advisory Notes:

A referral agency response from Council does not allow construction to commence.

For permission to start construction, a building approval must first be obtained from a private building certifier

As most buildings have the potential to impact neighbouring properties, the enclosed "Adjoining Land Owner Consultation" form is to be completed by the effected neighbour/s and returned with this application

ADJOINING LAND OWNER CONSULTATION

To whom it may concern,

I / We Allycia Bennett and _____
(Adjoining property owner's name) (Adjoining property owner's name)

Being the current property owners of 116 Galah St Longreach 4730
(Adjoining property owner's street address)

Confirm that we have viewed the Proposed Plans requesting the variation to allow: Applicant
to build residence according to the attached building plans
(detail proposal)

For the proposed building development at 114 Galah St 4730
(street address of property requiring siting variation)

And fully understand the proposal.

I / we wish to confirm that (tick applicable statement):

I / we have no objections to the building proposal;

Or

I / we have concerns to the proposal as summarised below

Name (Please Print):	<u>Allycia Bennett</u>
Signature:	<u>[Signature]</u>
Date:	<u>26-5-2024</u>
Telephone/ Mobile Number:	<u>0437302827</u>

If the adjoining Neighbour is uncontactable or will not complete the form, please tick the following box:

Unable to obtain Neighbouring consent/ concerns

Please note concerns forwarded to Council by adjoining neighbours if **not valid** may have no impact on the assessment process. An assessment officer may wish to contact you regarding your comments, provided you supply a telephone/mobile phone number below

11.6 - Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 114 Galah Street, Longreach --Appendix 3

SITING VARIATION ASSESSMENT SHEET
For Single Residential Use

Address 114 Galah Street Lot / Plan No: Lot 1 on RP606521
 Contact Person _____ Contact Number _____

Relevant Residential Code issues for consideration			Comments/Likely Impact
	Yes	No	
Does the proposal maintain residential amenity both internal and external to the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The reduced setback to the side boundaries will possibly effect
Does the proposal meet the accommodation and associated needs of one family?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the proposal provide for physical access and connection to a constructed road?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Galah street & Parrot Lane
Is the maximum height of a building or structure higher than 8.5 metres?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the area covered by buildings or roofed structures greater than 50% of the lot?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the proposal provide adequate provision for recreational space?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the location and design of car parking provision appropriate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rear of the allotment
Is the proposal sited, designed and constructed in a manner which does not cause a nuisance or disturbance to the occupiers or users of nearby land, particularly nearby residents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Condition required re Stormwater and surface water dispersal.
Does the proposal adversely affect the visual character and aesthetics of the nearby area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the proposal compatible with the physical characteristics of the site and its surrounds?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the height of the proposed buildings or structures compatible with the physical characteristics of the site and its surrounds?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the proposed buildings or structures sited and designed to provide:			
- Space around buildings and structures?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only at rear of allotment
- Access to natural light and ventilation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Provision for privacy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The reduced setback to the side boundaries will possibly effect some privacy
Will the proposal affect any existing approved pool fence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Will the proposal comply with the "Deemed to Satisfy" provisions of the BSA for fire separation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the proposal require Build Over/Near Council infrastructure approval?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	


Form No: GBA-SF164

Issue Date: July 2019

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Relevant Residential Code issues for consideration			Comments/Likely Impact
	Yes	No	
Does the proposal encroach into a registered easement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the proposal shed near and Urban Stormwater Flow Path?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is a statement required from the owners of the adjoining properties?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No objections Received from both neighbours
Are further grounds for consideration of the proposal required from the applicant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Summary		
Condition to be placed on Siting Approval as per below		
All roof and surface water drainage to be taken clear of neighbouring properties to the satisfaction of Councils Building Certifier.		
Can approval be issued? Recommendation:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Inspector's Name	<u>Jason Burger</u>	Contact Number	<u>0438 605 811</u>	Date	<u>31/05/2024</u>
Signature					

Amendments
 A 25/04/2024
 B 20/05/2024
 C 21/05/2024

Description
 ISSUED FOR CLIENT REVIEW
 SKETCH PLANS ISSUED FOR CLIENT REVIEW
 FLOOR PLAN AMENDMENTS



1 SITE PLAN
 1:200

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
 Lot 1
 Registered Plan 606521
 Site Area 810m²

FOR SITING RELAXATION ONLY

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Project No: 24-018
Drawing No: SK1.01 **C**

Client: SCOTT BROTHERS
Project + Address: NEW RESIDENCE
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1 FLOOR PLAN
 1:100

FOR SITING RELAXATION ONLY

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Drawing Title: FLOOR PLAN

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Project + Address: NEW RESIDENCE
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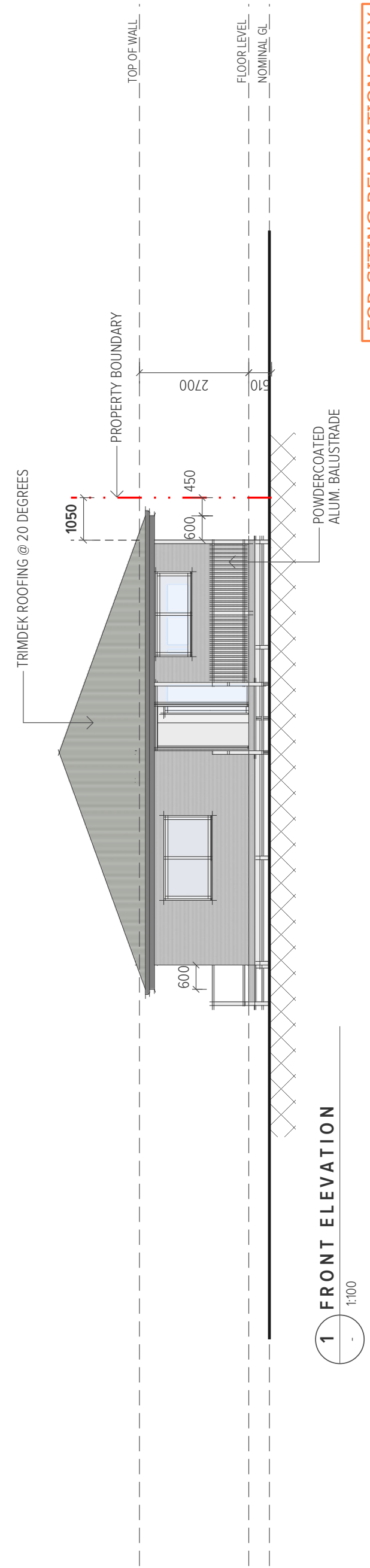
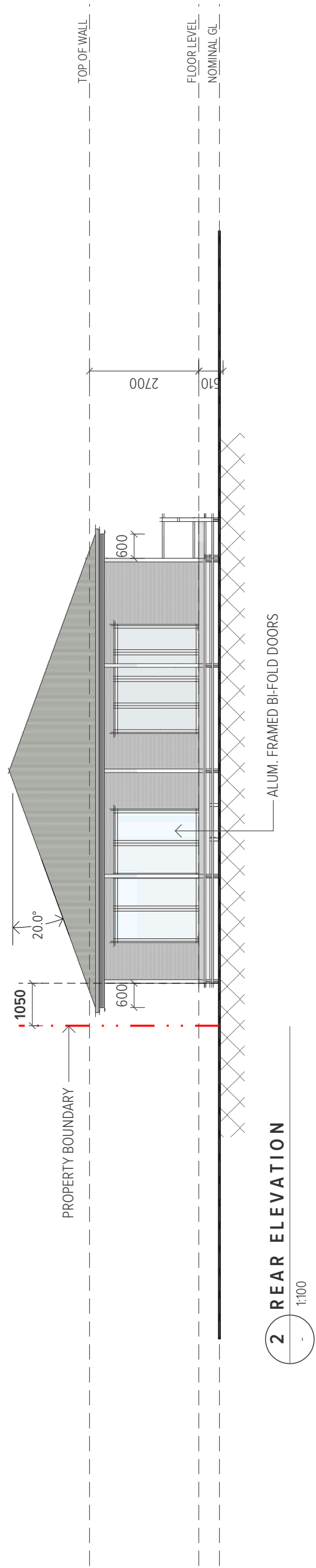
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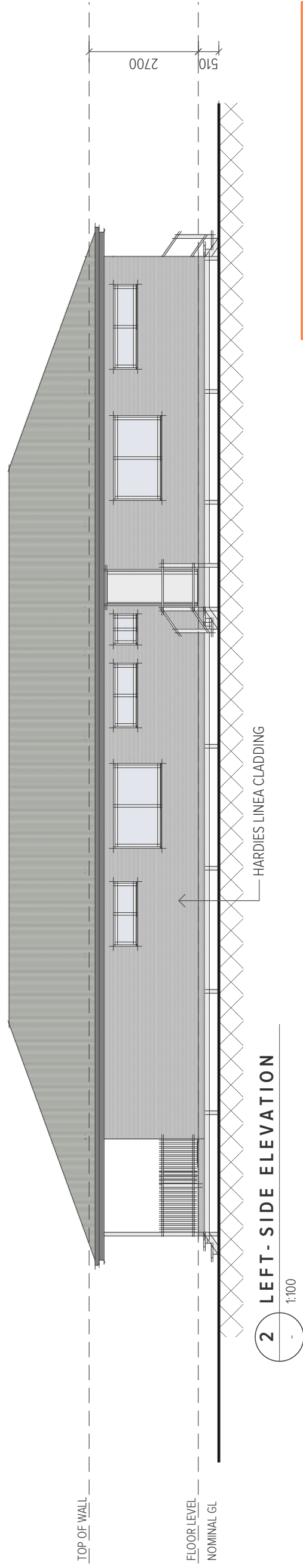
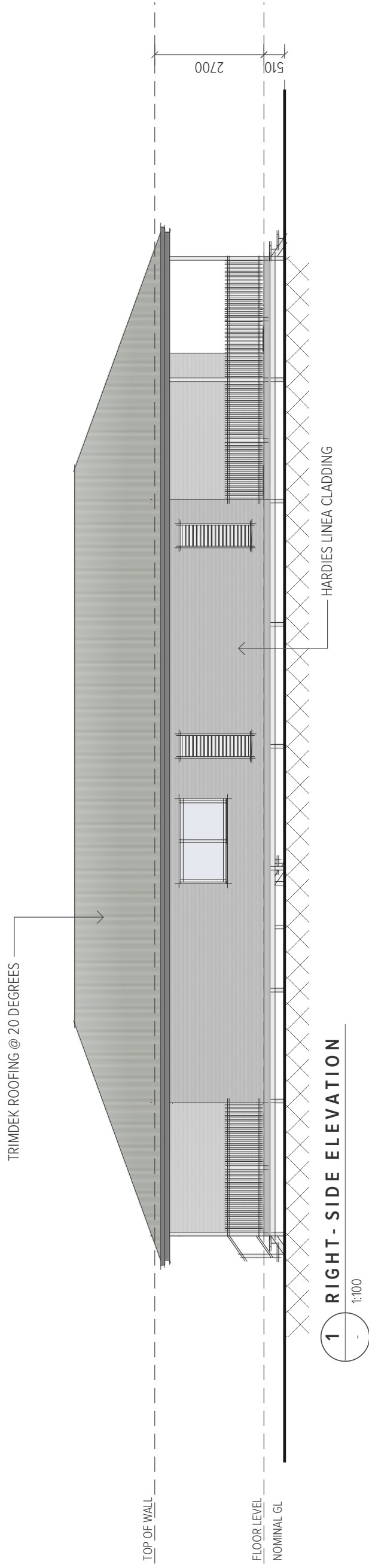
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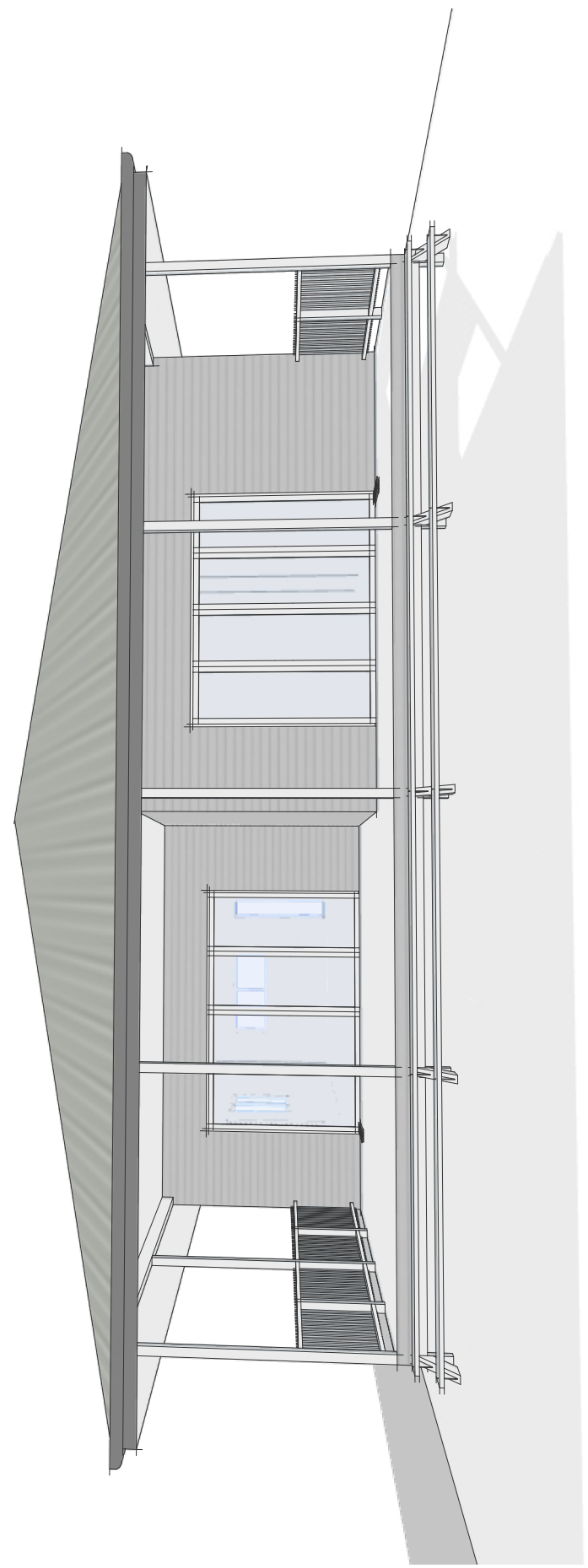
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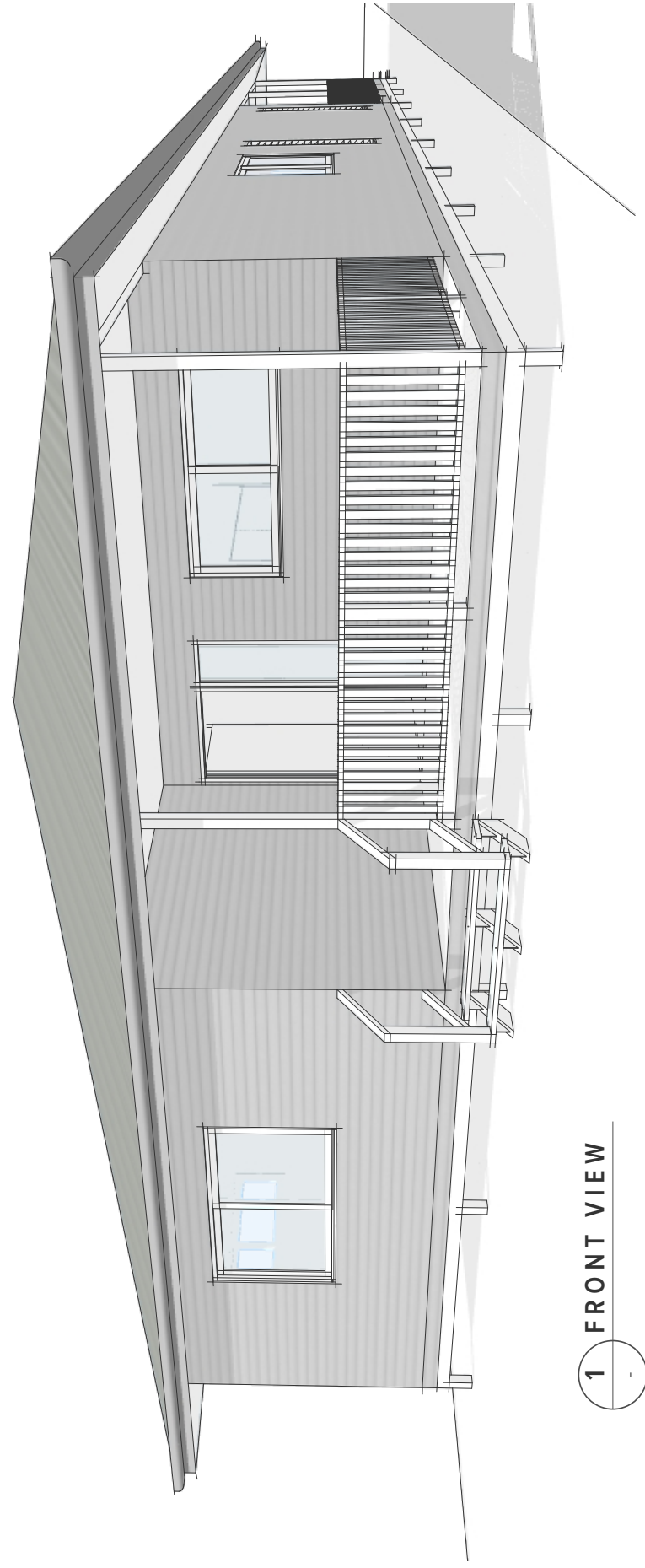
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2 REAR VIEW



1 FRONT VIEW

FOR SITING RELAXATION ONLY

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Project No:	24-018
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Drawing Title:
PERSPECTIVES

Client:
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11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.7 - Information Report - Planning and Development Report

11.7 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.7 - Information Report - Planning and Development Report

Issue:

1. DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

No new applications have been received by Council since the last monthly report. There are two (2) applications currently in their appeal period.

The following applications were approved at the May General meeting with the decision notices issued to the applicants soon thereafter. The applicants have a 20 business day Appeal Period within which they can file an appeal. At this stage, there has been no indication that the applicants will pursue this course. The Appeal Period for the applications is expected to finish around 20 June 2024.

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 Fairlane, Karen Coleman, Peter Douglas and Denise Dexter
	Approved:	16 May 2024
	Status:	Appeal Period

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
	Approved:	16 May 2024
	Status:	Appeal Period

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11.7 - Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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
09/05/24	Site operator	<p><u>Request</u> Council received a request regarding an extension to an existing Tourist Park including the addition of a restaurant.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in Tourism zone • The extension would be defined as Short-term accommodation • Short-term accommodation is Code assessable in the Tourism zone • Short-term accommodation is a supportable use in the Tourism zone • The restaurant is defined as a Food and drink outlet • A Food and drink outlet is Code assessable in the Tourism zone • Overall, a Code assessable development application would be required <p>Due to the nature of the proposal, it may be beneficial to engage a town planner to assist with the application.</p>	Closed
10/05/24	Potential purchaser	<p><u>Request</u> Council received a request regarding storage of a truck and an associated caretaker's flat.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Industry zone • The use will be either defined as a Transport depot or a Warehouse • Both uses are Code assessable and would be supportable <p>The caretaker's residence could be done as accepted development as it will be</p>	Closed

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PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		associated with the warehouse/transport depot.	
27/05/24	Potential purchaser	<p><u>Request</u> Council received a request about subdividing land.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Industry zone • The entire site is included within the flood overlay (significant) • The minimum lot size in the Industry zone is 800m² with a frontage requirement of 20m • Reconfiguring a lot where within the flood overlay is subject to Impact assessment • Impact assessable applications require public notification of 15 business days and are subject to third party appeal rights • As the site is affected by flooding, any filling above 50m³ will require a flood report to demonstrate that the fill does not change local flood characteristics or cause impacts to surrounding lots • Although it will be impact assessable it should be generally supportable as it is not included in the extreme or high flood risk areas. 	Closed
03/06/24	Potential purchaser	<p><u>Request</u> Council received a request regarding establishing a fuel depot.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in the Industry Zone • A Fuel depot would be defined as a Service station • A new Service station would be a material change of use • A material change of use for Service station in the Industry zone is Code assessable 	Closed

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PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Service station is a suitable use in the Industry zone • The site is affected by both the Significant and High flood hazard areas and will be assessed against the Flood overlay code • If more than 50m³ of fill is proposed, then a Flood study may be required to demonstrate that the fill doesn't change flood characteristics outside the subject site (PO1 of Flood overlay code) • It will also need to be demonstrated that the fuel storage area is bunded to ensure fuel isn't released into flood waters • The site is also located within 25m of state-controlled road and will require referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) • SARA have different assessment criteria to Council and also a separate fee. 	
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES			
Date received	Customer details	Type	Status
Nil			
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES			
Nil			
SURVEY PLAN ENDORSEMENT			
Nil			

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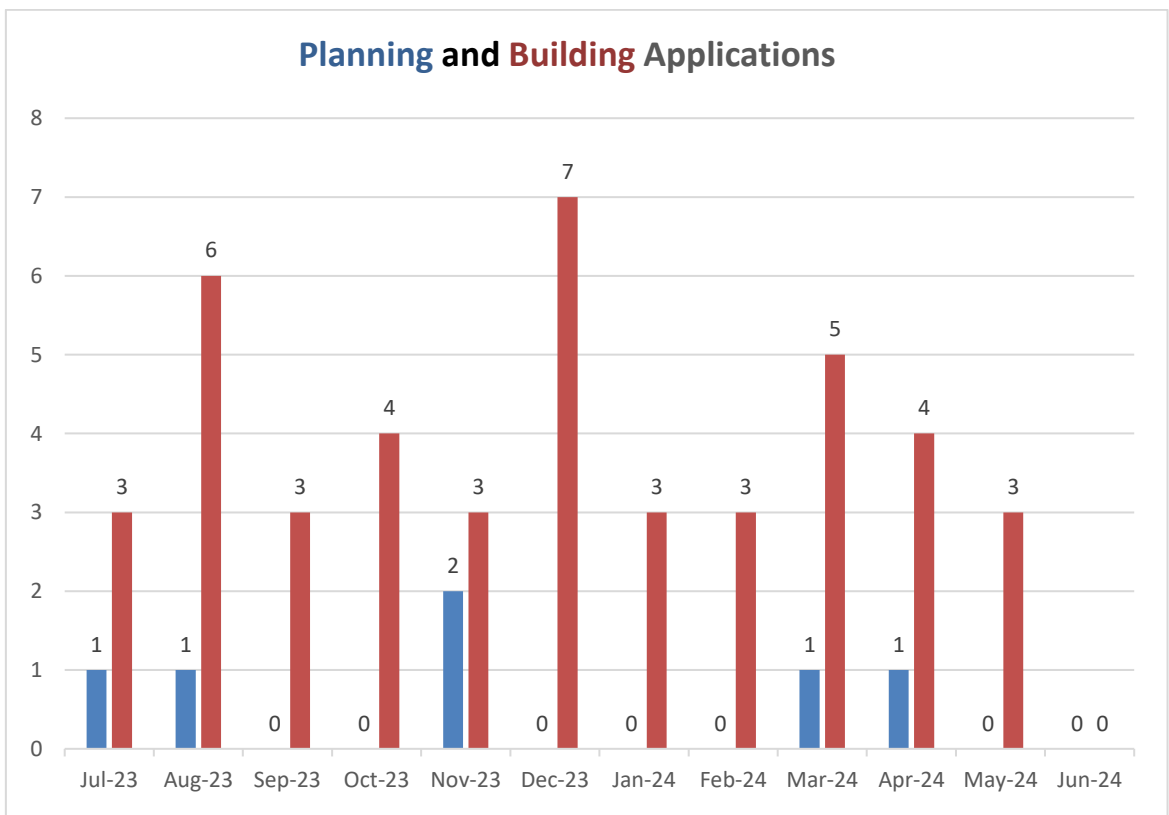
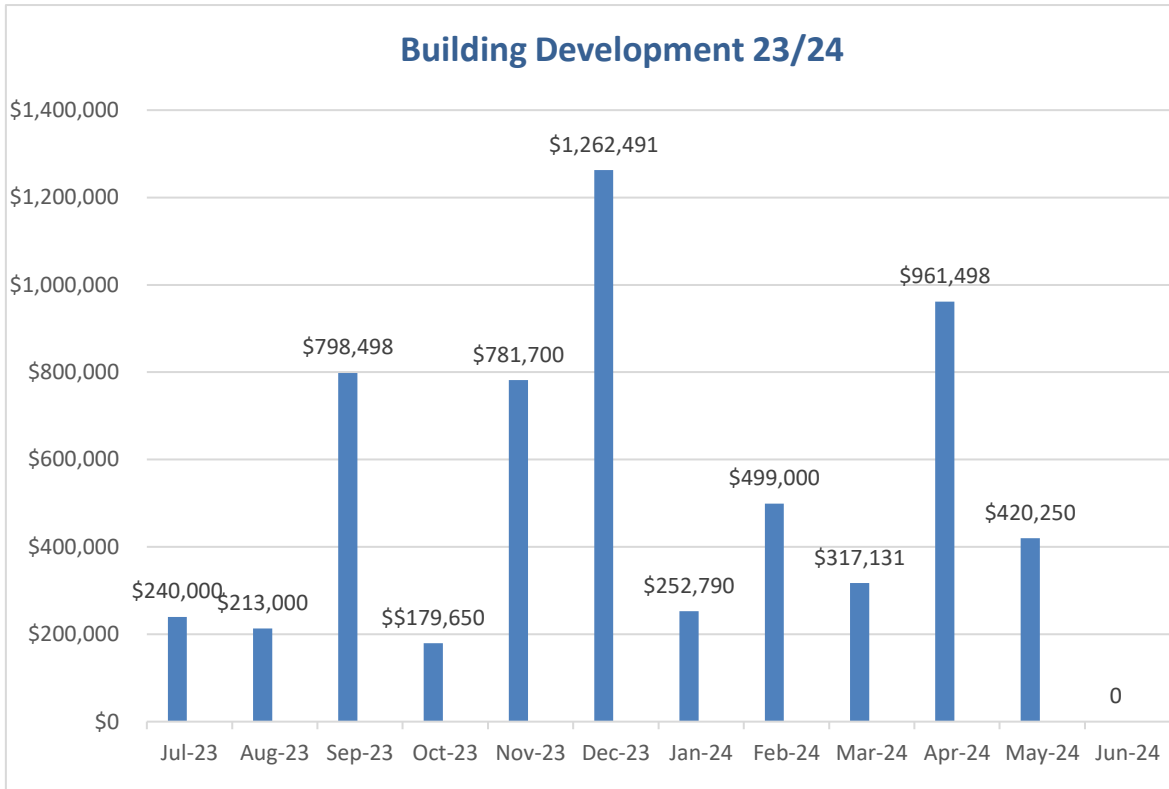
Development Applications Received

Application Type	May	YTD
Building (Council Certifier)	3	31
Building (Private Certifier)	0	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)	0	1
Operational Works	0	0
Plumbing & Drainage	2	8
Reconfiguration of a Lot	0	3
Siting Variation	1	6
Building Record Searches/ Planning Certificates	0	15
Operational Works – Bore	0	3
Total	6	81

Project Value of Building Applications

Date	Development Type	Development Details	Value of Work	Location
Carried forward			\$5,443,900	
9/05/2024	Building	Squash Courts	\$369,250	Longreach
17/05/2024	Building	Carport	\$6,000	Isisford
17/05/2024	Building	Shed	\$45,000	Longreach
May			\$420,250	
Total		Total Development for '23/'24 Year	\$5,864,150	

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Risk Management Factors:

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

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

Risk has been calculated based on proceeding as recommended.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

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

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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: *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 12 June 2024. I was on annual leave from 4 May to 26 May, with David Wilson acting in the CEO role during this period.

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Strategic Leadership

- Attend monthly RAPAD meeting (Blackall) including ORRTG, RAPADWSA and CWRPMG meetings
- Attend Natural Resource Management forum (at RAPAD)
- Meet with RAPAD renewable energy consultants re opportunities for the region
- Examine options for Country University Centre location
- Meet with QAL representative on site re future land opportunities
- Meet with Telstra re future connectivity planning

Operational Management

- Meet with parks and gardens staff re future operations
- Review scope of works for the childcare footpath
- Meet with Qld Fire Service re burning of Iningai and town common

Financial Management

- Participate in final budget workshop and review final budget documents prior to adoption
- Participate in QTC workshop on financial management
- Participate in a procurement workshop with the Executive Leadership Team

Workforce Capability

- Participate in a workshop with the Executive Leadership Team to review the Organisational Structure

Stakeholder Engagement

- Meet with CEO of Qantas Founders Museum re current tourism numbers
- Meet with Parkrun organisers re new road sealing project
- Meet with local resident re funeral issues
- Meet with QTC representatives re current operations
- Attend Qld Day event at the Longreach Showground

Risk Management

- Meet with QRA to review Council's Local Resilience Action Plan

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Calendar of Council Events

June 2024			
6 Thursday 9.00am-11.00am	QTC Councillor induction presentation	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
19 Wednesday 10.00am-4.00pm	Briefing Session	Council Chambers, 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
July 2024			
2 Tuesday - 5 Friday	Australian Local Government Assembly	Canberra	Councillors & CEO
16 Tuesday 9.00am - 11:00am	Audit & Risk Committee Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	Audit & Risk Committee
17 Wednesday 10.00am	Briefing Session	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
18 Thursday 9.30am	Ordinary Council Meeting	Yaraka Town Hall	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
August 2024			
2 Friday 9.00am	RAPAD Board meeting	Video Conference	Mayor Chief Executive Officer
14 Wednesday 10.00am	Briefing Session	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
15 Thursday 9.00am	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ilfracombe Town Hall	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
26 Monday	RAPAD CUC	Video Conference	Mayor
27 Tuesday 28 Wednesday	RAPAD ORRTG, RAPADWSA, CWRPMG	Longreach	Mayor Chief Executive Officer Councillors

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Economic/Consumer Spending Data (Spendmapp)

Presented here is data for May 2024:

Total Local Spend was \$13.5M. This is a 5.93% increase from the same time last year.

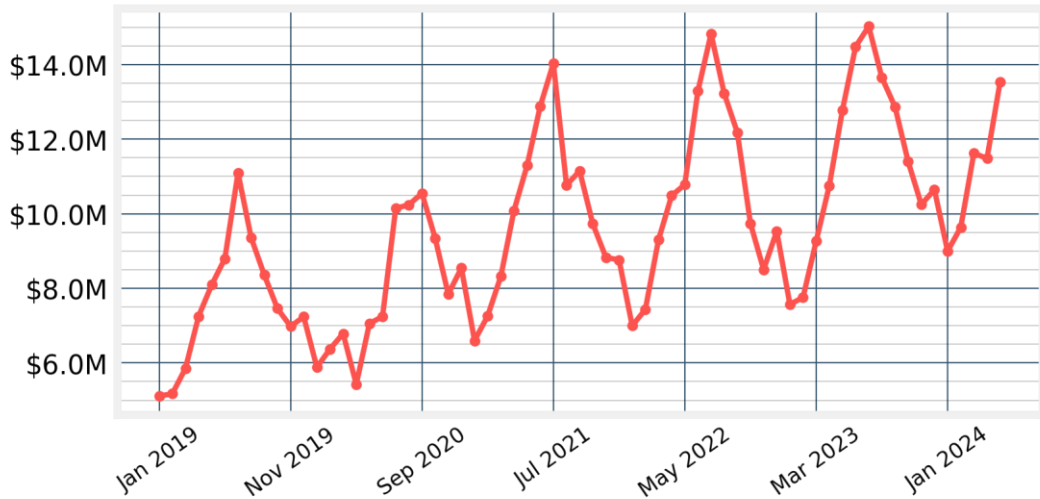
Resident Local Spend was \$8.2M. This is a 11.26% increase from the same time last year.

Visitor Local Spend was \$5.4M. This is a -1.26% decrease from the same time last year.

Resident Escape Spend was \$5.4M, a 10.04% increase from the same time last year.

Total Local Spend

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



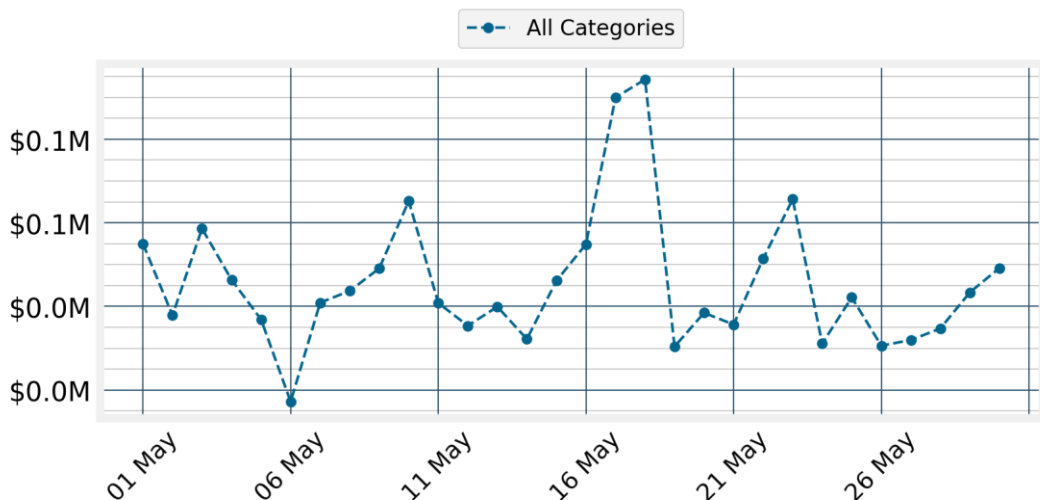
The Top 3 Suburbs by Resident Escape Spend for May 2023

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

- Emerald: \$310k
- Barcaldine: \$210k
- Blackall: \$200k

Night Time Economy for May 2023

The biggest spending night of the month of May 2024 was Saturday 18 May.



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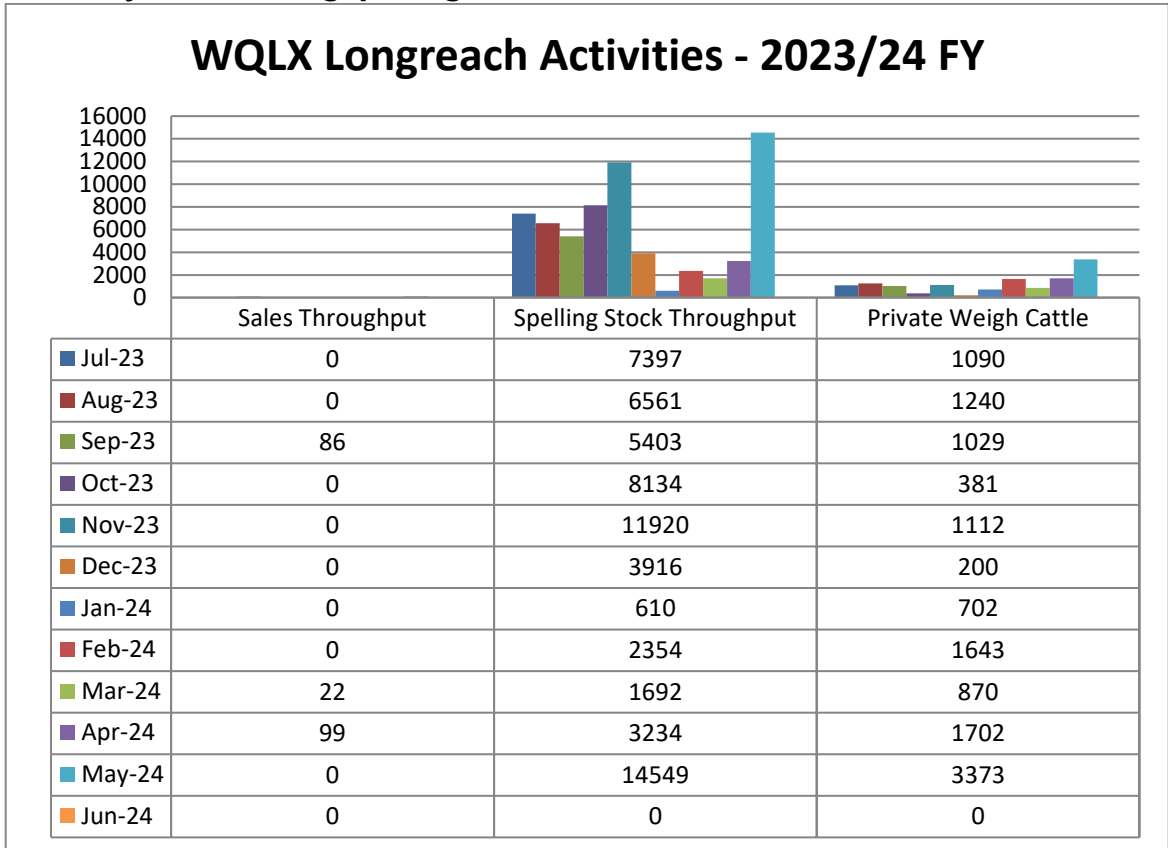
Human Resources

Staffing Levels as at 31 May 2024

ALL Employees FTE	Operational	Admin/ Supervisors	Contract	Total	Last Month	30/06/2023
Full Time	81.0	53.0	11.0	145	144	145.0
Permanent Part Time	3.77	4.07	0.83	8.67	8.77	7.7
Contracted Staff (Consultants)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Permanent Employees	84.77	57.07	11.83	153.67	152.77	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	-	3.0	-	3.0	2.0	-
Casual Staff	0.35	2.48	-	2.83	2.96	4.1
Total Temporary Employees	5.35	10.17	-	15.52	14.65	12.1
Total Current Employees FTE	90.12	67.24	11.83	169.19	167.42	164.8
Current Vacant Positions	12.00	6.00	1.00	19.00	19.0	13.0
Complement FTE				188.19	186.42	177.8

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Regulatory Services – Compliance

Throughout May, 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 May were:

1. Increase in dog registration across the region continues with 27 new dog registrations (100% first time registered dogs) in the month of May.
2. Regulatory Services have continued monitoring and enforcement actions with regard to overgrown and unsightly properties. This 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.
3. Officers completed follow up reports on 55 properties with 39 properties found to have complied with the Remedial Notices sent and we are working with 16 properties to meet their obligations as part of their Remedial Notices. A further 16 new Remedial Notices have been issued for Overgrown properties in May.
4. Five caution notices were issued this month for Illegal Watering.

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5. 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: 743 Dogs
 - Dogs with registration expired 2023/2022/2021/2020, not renewed or updated (excluding cancelled/deceased/transferred registrations): 250
 - New registrations for dogs within current rego period (since 15/08/2023): 227
 - Microchipping rate across Region (details on LRC file, active registrations only): ~77.9%
 - Total animals impounded YTD 2024: 76
 - Total animals impounded in May 2024: 24
6. Public facing and internal Animal Management Strategy finalisation

Regulatory Services Tasks Completed – May 2024

Animals	95	Water	21
Dogs Impounded	22	Watering / Sprinkler Patrols	23
Domestic Cats Impounded	4	Illegal Water Usage – Residential	4
Pound Releases	14	Illegal Water Usage – Business/Public	0
Animals Euthanaised – unclaimed/abandoned	5	Water Leaks Reported/Observed	0
Animals Euthanaised – surrendered	6	Water Exemption Applications/Permits	0
Animals Rehomed	0	Notices / Fines Issued	0
Feral Cats Trapped and Euthanaised	2	Property	158
Dog Attacks / Investigations	2	Town Common Patrols	8
Dogs Involved in Attacks	3	Common Gates Open / Damaged	0
Dog Traps Issued	0	Town Patrols - Longreach	25
Cat Traps Issued	13	Town Patrols - Ilfracombe	22
Wandering Dogs (not impounded)	4	Town Patrols - Isisford	0
Wandering Animals Reported / Impounded (other than dogs)	0	Town Patrols - Yaraka	0
Wandering Animal Posts on FB – not reported to Council (minimum)	14	Camping / Apex Park / River Patrols	
Barking Dogs Reported	2	Overgrown / Unsightly Reports (initial + follow up) (private + LRC-controlled)	71
Animal Inspections – Extra dogs/cats, adequate housing, insecure enclosure, compliance	4	Overgrown / Unsightly Notices Issued (unattended, falling within follow-up)	16

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checks		timeframes)	
Assist with Animal Welfare	0	Notices / Fines Issued*	16
Notices / Fines Issued	0	Other	29
Vehicles	0	Customer Service Requests	24
Abandoned Vehicles "Tagged Out"	0	Equipment Maintenance	1
Vehicles Impounded / Processed	0	After Hours Call Out	0
Impounded Vehicle Release	0	Impound Facility Maintenance	4
Environmental Health	15	Illegal Dumping / Littering	0
Complaints/Queries Received	15	Pest Weed Spraying by LLO	15
*All Overgrown reports receiving a Compliance Notice from first report in May			Total
			318

Regulatory Services - Environmental Health

There were 15 food safety-related queries received in May. All have been resolved and advice provided. Main queries food business licence applications, licence and inspection queries, licence amendments and food safety matters.

The contractor EHO is shared between RAPAD Councils, and periodically attends each Council for food business inspections and other matters as available. Contract EHO reports completion of emails and phone consultation (food business related), Editing of the Inspection Proforma, ongoing, conducting Inspections of Food Business, ongoing; and follow up and action regarding a Complaint.

In April, the Contractor EHO completed 2 food business inspections in Longreach, with all passing the inspection requirements, and some minor comments for improvement provided. Three applications for Food Business Licences were provided over May, all with applications pending. One new licence was provided, and three queries relating to amendments to current licences were received.

Regulatory Services - Rural Lands

Town Commons

Agistment – All four (4) town Commons are being used for Agistment. There are;

- 6 horses on Longreach Common,
- 12 Horses and 40 Cattle on the Ilfracombe Common,
- 64 Cattle on the Isisford Common, and
- 18 cattle and 1 horse on the Yaraka Common.

An audit and inspection of the number of animals on the common was completed in preparation for EOFY invoicing, with follow up and owner identification of excess animals pending.

Compliance Officers and Rural Land Officer completed various patrols of the common areas to check on stock, check water facilities and fencing, repairing when available. Assistance was provided to a customer who was unable to find their animal agisted on the common.

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Rural Lands Officer maintains the water facilities as required and checks on stock when traveling through common areas to complete ongoing pest weed spraying.

Stock Routes & Reserves

Traveling stock permits

There were no travelling stock permits granted throughout the month.

Permit to Occupy (PTO)

There was one PTO requested for previously surrendered lands for new landholder of Westford Ho, Longreach.

Water Facilities (WF)

One final Capital Works Project finalised in May. Delays in completion due to damage to infrastructure purchased for project (split tank) and rain. Four Capital Works Projects to the combined value of \$242 092.80 managed and completed for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries within the 2023/2024 financial year.

Pest Weeds and Animals

Stock Route Management Plan and Biosecurity Plan

Commencement of review and production of both the Longreach Regional Council *Stock Route Management Plan* and *Biosecurity Plan* for the next 5 year period.

Ongoing Pest Weed Issues:

- Lack of awareness, support and obligations within the Community in regard 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 for May:

Weeds sprayed, identified, and reported – Sticky Florestina, Tiger Pear Cactus, Agave Tequilana, Parthenium, Rubber Vine, Parkinsonia and Mesquite

- Stock route U286 Ilfracombe Road to Crossmoor Road
- Isisford
- Emmet Yaraka Road
- Stonehenge Bimrah Road
- Ilfracombe Racecourse
- Kelso Lane
- Bersheeba Place to Old River Bridge
- Fairmont (Starlights Road)
- Dandaraga Road
- Winton Hwy to Darr River Road
- Stonehenge River Road to Arrilalah

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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.

Preparation for briefing to Council for Sticky Florestina (Florestina Tripteris) to be a declared pest plant, targeted for control under the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002.

Declared Pest Plants are species that have, or could have, serious economic, environmental or social impacts. Pest management legislation aims to help protect Queensland's economy, biodiversity and people's lifestyles by:

- preventing the introduction and establishment of new pest plants in Queensland
- preventing the spread of established pest plants into new areas
- reducing the extent of existing infestations where feasible.

Pest Animals

All Rural Land Officers attending the CWRPMG meeting this month identified increased activity and presence of Wild Dogs in the regions.

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	22	0
3	93	1	0
4	89	3	102
Total	206	20	102

Wild Dog & Feral Pig Baiting Program

The biannual baiting program commenced in the last week of April, finalising in the first week of May. For this round, landholders chose to supply their own meat or could 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.

Other - Rural lands

Recruitment

Recruitment plans are commencing for an additional Rural Lands Officer after the departure of one employee.

Meeting attendance

Attendance and Chairing of the May Central West Regional Pest Partnership Group
Attendance and presentation at the LGAQ Natural Resource Management Forum in Blackall

Attendance at the RAPAD and Central West Regional Pest Management Group Meeting in Blackall

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

- Pest weed spraying, mapping and reporting
- Repair and maintenance of QuickSpray units and other plant
- Assistance to Barcaldine Regional Council with monitoring and spraying of Sticky Florestina
- Wild Dog and Feral Pig bi-annual program
- Common infrastructure maintenance and vegetation management
- Assistance with the Bexley Project Snake Cactus Project
- After-hours on-call roster, shared with Compliance Officers

Regional Recovery and Resilience

Production and distribution of Emergency Services Cards to graziers

Robyn Neilson was a guest speaker at the Longreach Regional Council 'Big Day In' held on Friday, 20 October 2023. Robyn spoke about the medical assistance she provided to her neighbour who suffered severe injuries including the loss of her right arm and shoulder after becoming entangled in a post hole digger. After Robyn stabilised the patient, she recalled that an Emergency Services Card was fastened to the wall near the landline inside her neighbour's home. Robyn used the information contained in the Emergency Services Card to call the emergency services and she believes this information saved her neighbour's life.

After hearing this story, the Regional Recovery and Resilience Coordinator contacted Robyn Nielson and obtained particulars of the Emergency Services Card she referred to at the 'Big Day In.' Following recent consultation with graziers at the four community consultations, consulting with graziers at a recent Agforce meeting in Longreach and speaking to mothers and governesses at a recent cluster at Longreach School of Distance Education, the Regional Recovery and Resilience Coordinator has developed a local Emergency Services Card which will be posted to all graziers and managers who reside within the Longreach Regional Council Local Government area.

The Emergency Services Card has provision for recipients to complete the names of occupants who reside on the property, the property name, rural service address, contact phone numbers, UHF radio channel, details of their nearest air strip including the latitude and longitude, landing direction and length of the air strip. The Card also has provision for the names and best contact details of neighbouring properties and a QR code to download the *EmergencyPlus* app.

Graziers will be encouraged to complete the information on the Emergency Services Cards and to place the Card in a location where it can be easily accessed by all occupants. The Regional Recovery and Resilience Coordinator wishes to collect this information to assist in planning for resupply and possible evacuations during future natural disaster events which affect the Longreach Regional Council Local Government area.

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A covering letter will accompany the Emergency Services Card explaining its purpose and requesting recipients to photograph or scan the completed card and return it to the Regional Recovery and Resilience Coordinator.

The Emergency Services Cards and covering letters will be posted to graziers and managers in the next week. A copy of the Emergency Services Card is attached.

Risk Management Factors:

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

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

Low risk, information report only

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. Emergency Services Card [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.



Emergency Services Card

General Information

Property Name: _____

Rural Service Address: _____

UHF Channel: _____

Names of Occupants (age in brackets): _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you have an RFDS kit? (please circle) Yes No RFDS Box No: _____

Closest Air Strip

Property Name: _____

Is this airstrip RFDS approved? (please circle) Yes No

Longitude: _____

Latitude: _____

Landing Direction: _____

Length: _____

Neighbouring Properties

Property Name: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Property Name: _____

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Property Name: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Personal information is confidential and will only be used for purposes for which the information is relevant. The Information Privacy Act 1988 (QLD) (IP Act) authorises us to collect this information.



Emergency Services
Police, Fire,
Ambulance -

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RFDS - 1300 697 337

Ergon - 13 16 70

SES - 132 500

Any further enquiries,
please contact
Longreach Regional
Council - (07) 4658 4111



Download the
emergencyplus app

12 FINANCE REPORT

12.1 - 2025 Budget - Estimated Financial Results for the 2023-24 Financial Year

12. Finance Report

12.1 2025 Budget - Estimated Financial Results for the 2023-24 Financial Year

Receipt and noting of the estimated financial results for the 2023/24 financial year as part of the 2024/25 budget resolutions.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter
(Res-2023-06-149)
Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn
That Council receives, pursuant to section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the 2022/2023 financial year ("the Statement of Estimated Financial Position").

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:
Section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present the local government's annual budget meeting with a statement of estimated financial position, comprising the financial operations and financial position, of the local government for the previous financial year.

Issue:

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12.1 - 2025 Budget - Estimated Financial Results for the 2023-24 Financial Year

Council is estimated to achieve a net positive result of \$2.3 million for the year ending 30 June 2024. The improved financial result is due to estimated savings in employee costs due to vacancies and lower expenditure on materials and services. The estimated improvement in the net result is expected to increase Council's cash balance at the end of the financial year to \$31.6 million.

The key risk to Council's estimated financial position at the end of the 2023/24 financial year is the uncertainty of the Financial Assistance (FA) Grant payment expected in June. Council has budgeted for an expected FA Grant payment of approximately \$10.9 million in June. If the Commonwealth Government changes its payment methodology of this grant, then there will be a material change to the estimated financial position as at 30 June 2024.

The absence of this payment will reduce the expected net result from a net gain of \$2.3 million to a net loss of \$8.6 million and reduce Council's closing cash balance from \$31.6 million to \$20.7 million. While the lower cash balance is significant and reduces Council's ability to react to unexpected events, the forecast cash balances will be sufficient to maintain Council's target six months of cash expense cover over the long-term. The reduction in the opening cash balance will not impact the 2024/25 budget, however the opening cash balances will be amended in a future budget adjustment.

The following statements of financial position states the estimated financial operations and financial position of Council for the 2023/24 financial year and includes the estimated impact if the FA Grant payment is not received in June 2024.

Longreach Regional Council
Statement of Estimated Financial Position 2023/24

Estimated statement of financial performance	Forecast \$'000	New FAG timing \$'000
Revenue		
Rates, levies and charges	12,006	12,006
Fees and charges	2,595	2,595
Recoverable works income	7,742	7,742
Other revenue	1,104	1,104
Operating grants, subsidies and contributio	24,705	13,805
Capital grants, subsidies and income	4,439	4,439
Profit on sale of assets	640	640
Total revenue	53,231	42,331
Expenses		
Employee expenses	16,688	16,688
Materials and services	25,555	25,555
Finance expenses	650	650
Depreciation	8,063	8,063
Total expenses	50,956	50,956
Net surplus or (deficit)	2,275	(8,625)

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Longreach Regional Council
Statement of Estimated Financial Position 2023/24

Estimated statement of financial position	Forecast \$'000	New FAG timing \$'000
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	31,624	20,724
Current trade and other receivables	3,573	3,573
Inventories	593	593
Non-current assets		
Trade and other receivables	10,434	10,434
Property, plant and equipment	372,765	372,765
Total assets	418,989	408,089
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	2,066	2,066
Current borrowings	1,357	1,357
Current provisions	3,252	3,252
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	12,411	12,411
Provisions	2,583	2,583
Total liabilities	21,669	21,669
Net community assets	397,320	386,420
Community equity		
Asset revaluation reserve	177,323	177,323
Retained surplus	219,997	209,097
Total community equity	397,320	386,420

Risk Management Factors:

The impact of the FA Grant timing has been assessed using Council's Risk Matrix to decide the likelihood and consequence of any risk to Council:

Likelihood: Possible
Consequence: Major
Rating: High (12/25)

Community Consultation:
Nil

Environmental Management Factors:
Nil

Other Comments:
Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives, pursuant to section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the statement of the estimated financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the 2023/2024 financial year ("the Statement of Estimated Financial Position").

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12.2 2025 Budget - Proposed Register of Commercial and Regulatory Fees 2024-2025

Proposed schedule of fees and charges that will apply for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Revenue Policy

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 Budget

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter

(Res-2023-06-163)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 97, 98 and 262 of the Local Government Act 2009, adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: *David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer*

Background:

Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* enables a local government to fix a cost recovery fee under a local law or a resolution.

Section 98 of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires a local government to maintain a register of cost recovery fees.

Section 262 of the *Local Government Act 2009* provides a local government with the power to, amongst other things, charge for a service or facility, other than a service or facility for which a cost-recovery fee may be fixed.

Issue:

The Schedule of Fees and Charges sets out the amounts that Council will charge users of specific services or facilities to recover the cost of supplying the services and facilities during the 2024/25 financial year. Users of specific services and facilities are charged a fee based on "user pays" to reduce the financial impact on the whole community.

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Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood: Rare
Consequence: Minor
Rating: Low

Risk that Council does not recover the cost of providing services and facilities to specific users of those services and facilities, increasing the requirement to have the community as a whole pay for those services and facilities.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. 2024/25 Fees and Charges [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 97, 98 and 262 of the Local Government Act 2009, adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.



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Fees & Charges 2024/2025

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Searches, Services & Sundry Items

Searches

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC001	Written enquiry involving search of rate record including maps	Per search	N	\$133	LGR2012 S199 (2)(C)
FC002	Fast tracked rates search – Two (2) -day service cost in addition to rates search cost	Per search	N	\$35	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC003	Historical rates/Data request (older than 12 months)	Per search	N	\$59	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC004	Building record search or retrieval of information from building file plus copy charges	Per search	N	\$137	LGR2012 S199 (2)(C)
FC005	Right to Information application fee	Per lot	N	\$58	RTIR2009
FC006	Right to Information subsequent charge > 5 hours spent processing application	Per page	N	\$9	RTIR2009
FC007	Right to Information third-party entity search and retrieval fees	Per application	N	Cost Recovery	RTIR2009
FC008	Right to Information relocation of physical records in processing of application	Per application	N	Cost Recovery	RTIR2009
FC009	Right to Information transcription of recording to prepare a written document	Per application	N	Cost Recovery	RTIR2009

Services

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC0010	Special water meter reading - one week's notice required	Per reading	N	\$67	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC0011	One side - Black & White - any size	Per page	Y	\$1	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC0012	Bulk copying - Black & White	Per 100	Y	\$33	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC0013	One Side - Colour - any size	Per page	Y	\$2	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC0014	Bulk copying - Colour	Per 100	Y	\$66	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC0015	Concrete Mix (Isisford area only)	Per cubic metre	Y	\$430	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC0016	Hire of Cement Truck (Isisford Area Only)	Per hour	Y	\$235	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC0017	Repair to Damaged Council Monogrammed Wheelie bin where damage is caused by individual	Per repair	Y	\$135	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)

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Sundry Items

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC018	Banks of the Barcoo (+\$10.00 postage if required)	Per book	Y	\$20	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC019	The Longreach Story (+\$10.00 postage if required)	Per book	Y	\$20	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC020	A rush for grass (+\$10.00 postage if required)	Per book	Y	\$20	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC021	Purchase of Used 1,000L Chemical Tank	Per tank	Y	\$279	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)

Equipment Hire

All damages or breakages to furniture or equipment shall be paid for at cost recovery. All prices indicated are pick up only, during the hours of Monday - Friday 10-10.30AM. If single day only equipment bookings fall on a weekend they will be charged at a single day rate.

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC022	Delivery charge if required <i>no in-kind support available for this charge</i>	Per delivery	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC023	23 cm Dinner plates white <i>200 available</i>	Per 10	Y	\$7	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC024	20cm Entrée plates <i>200 available</i>	Per 10	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC025	Side plates <i>200 available</i>	Per 10	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC026	Soup / Dessert bowls large flat white <i>200 available</i>	Per 10	Y	\$7	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC027	Tea/Coffee mugs <i>200 available</i>	Per 10	Y	\$7	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC028	Tea cups & saucers <i>200 available</i>	Per 10	Y	\$7	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC029	Sugar bowls with lids <i>5 available</i>	Per 5	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC030	Milk jugs small <i>10 available</i>	Per Set	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC031	Salt & Pepper shaker sets white <i>24 available</i>	Per 10	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC032	Aluminium Tea Pots large <i>3 available</i>	Per 10	Y	\$7	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)

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Equipment Hire (cont'd)

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC033	Glasses <i>available in varying quantities</i>	Per 10	Y	\$6	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC034	Knives, Forks, Desert/entree Forks, Dessert Knife, Soup Spoons, Dessert Spoons, Tea Spoons	Per 10	Y	\$6	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC035	Rectangle Tables	Each Per Day	Y	\$9	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC036	Steel Chairs	Each Per Day	Y	\$3	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC037	Portable Address System	Per day	Y	\$36	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC038	Portable Stage <i>12 pieces 2 x 1m: 1 piece 1 x 1m: 2 sets steps</i>	Per Table	Y	\$88	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC039	Gazebo Hire <i>3 x 3m, 3 x 4.5m or 3 x 6m</i>	Per Gazebo/Day	Y	\$38	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC040	240L Garbage Bin	Per bin/Per day	Y	\$3	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC041	Additional collection of garbage	Per bin	Y	\$12	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)

Regulatory Services

Stock Routes

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC042	New application fee – Stock travelling in excess of two (2) days	Per application	Y	\$150	SRMR2023
FC043	Renewal application fee – Stock travelling in excess of two (2) days	Per application	Y	\$150	SRMR2023
FC044	Amendment to an application	Per request	Y	\$78.40	SRMR2023
FC045	Stock Route agistment – Large Stock	Per head/ per week	Y	\$5.50	SRMR2023
FC046	Stock Route Agistment – Small Stock	Per head/per week	Y	\$4	SRMR2023
FC047	Stock Route travel permit – Small Stock	Per 140 head/ per day	Y	\$1	SRMR2023
FC048	Stock Route travel permit – Large Stock	Per 20 head / per day	Y	\$1	SRMR2023
FC049	National Vendor Declaration/s or eDeclaration/s	Per declaration	Y	\$37.60	SRMR2023

Reserves & Town Commons

Total head permitted on Reserves and/or Town Commons will be determined by Council.

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC050	Agistment application processing fee - all reserves	Per application	Y	\$156	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC051	Agistment - Town Common – Longreach <i>Horses only, no cattle or sheep</i>	Per head/per week	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC052	Agistment - Town Common – Isisford <i>Cattle and Horses only, no sheep</i>	Per head/per week	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC053	Agistment - Town Common – Ilfracombe <i>Cattle and Horses only, no sheep</i>	Per head/per week	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC054	Agistment - Town Common – Yaraka <i>Cattle and Horses only, no sheep</i>	Per head/per week	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC055	National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) Tags	Per head	Y	\$6	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)

Tailing Livestock

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC056	Tailing livestock application fee	Per application	Y	\$156	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC057	Tailing livestock - Small stock	Per head/per day	Y	\$1	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)
FC058	Tailing livestock - Large stock	Per head / per day	Y	\$1	LGA2009 S262 (3)(C)

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Pest Animal Control

The below charge is in relation to a coordinated baiting program that is detailed in Longreach Regional Council Pest Animal Control Policy.

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC059	Bi-annual baiting program – meat substrate	Per kilogram	Y	Cost Recovery	LGR2009 S262 (3)(C)

Animal Registration

Pro-Rata Registration Fee - 15 February - 14 August - 50% of full annual fee.

No pro-rata for Regulated Dog registration - payable from date Declaration is made, then annually in line with standard registration period.

Refund of Registration Fee - 15 August to 15 February - 50% of registration fee paid. Refunds only available for Deceased registrations. Refund request must be in writing. No refund from 15 February - 14 August. No refund for dogs or cats that are removed or transferred from the Council region - free to transfer to another Local Government. NO REFUND FOR DECEASED REGULATED DOGS.

If a dog or cat has been desexed after payment of registration fee for entire dog or cat, the difference in registration fees may be refunded. Refund applications must be provided in writing, and must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate as evidence of sterilisation.

Registrations must not be transferred to a new/replacement animal.

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC060	Replacement dog tag	Per dog	N	Free	AMA2008 S46 (b)(i)
FC061	Registration of entire dog <i>not desexed</i>	Per dog	N	\$70	Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011 S6
FC062	Registration of desexed dog <i>must provide veterinary certificate as evidence of sterilisation</i>	Per dog	N	\$35	AMA2008 S46 (b)(i)
FC063	Registration pensioner discount - all dogs <i>pension concession card only</i>	Per dog	N	\$35	AMA2008 S46 (b)(i)

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Animal Registration (cont'd)

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC064	Registration of Guide and Assistance dog* <i>*As defined under the guide, hearing and assistance dogs act 2009, certified under part 4</i>	Per dog	N	Free	AMA2008 S46 (b)(i)
FC065	Registration of working dogs (non-compulsory) <i>Registration payable if dog is impounded</i> <i>*As defined in Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 – Schedule 2</i>	Per dog	N	Free	AMA2008 S46 (b)(i)
FC066	Registration and permit fee for regulated dogs <i>No pro-rata for regulated registration</i> <i>*Declared dangerous, menacing or restricted under Section 94 of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008</i>	Per dog	N	\$830	AMA2008 S46 (b)(i)
FC067	Regulated dog supplies <i>including signage, tags, muzzle, collars</i>	Per dog	N	Cost Recovery	AMA2008 S46 (b)(i)
FC068	Registration of entire cat <i>not desexed</i>	Per cat	N	\$35	AMA2008 S46 (b)(i)
FC069	Registration of desexed cat <i>Must provide veterinary certificate as evidence of sterilisation</i>	Per cat	N	\$18	AMA2008 S46 (b)(i)
FC070	Annual application processing fee for keeping an animal that requires approval <i>includes inspection and administration</i>	per application	N	\$133	Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011 S9

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Impoundment of Cats & Dogs

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC071	Unregistered dog/cat <i>plus registration fee is payable prior to release</i>	Per dog/cat	N	\$33	Local Law No.2 2011
FC072	Registered dog/cat <i>reclaimed on first day of impoundment</i>	Per dog/cat	N	Free	Local Law No.2 2011
FC073	Registered dog/cat <i>reclaimed after first day of impoundment</i>	Per dog/cat	N	\$33	Local Law No.2 2011
FC074	Unregistered dog/cat (second release in 12 months) <i>plus registration fee is payable prior to release</i>	Per dog/cat	N	\$163	Local Law No.2 2011
FC075	Registered dog/cat (second release in 12 months) <i>reclaimed on first day of impoundment</i>	Per dog/cat	N	\$163	Local Law No.2 2011
FC076	Unregistered dog/cat (third & subsequent release in 12 months) <i>plus registration fee is payable prior to release</i>	Per dog/cat	N	\$246	Local Law No.2 2011
FC077	Registered dog/cat (third & subsequent release in 12 months) <i>reclaimed on first day of impoundment</i>	Per dog/cat	N	\$246	Local Law No.2 2011
FC078	Regulated dog (as defined in AMCDA) includes dangerous, menacing & restricted	Per dog	N	\$857	Local Law No.2 2011
FC079	Sustenance fee dogs & cats (per each day or part thereof impounded)	Per day/per animal	N	\$16	Local Law No.2 2011
FC080	Veterinary services	Per animal	N	Cost Recovery	Local Law No.2 2011
FC081	Additional impoundment services	Per animal	N	Cost Recovery	Local Law No.2 2011

Impoundment of Livestock

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC082	Large stock - first head	Per head	N	\$259	Local Law No.2 2011
FC083	Large stock - subsequent head	Per head	N	\$104	Local Law No.2 2011
FC084	Small stock - first head	Per head	N	\$62	Local Law No.2 2011
FC085	Small stock - subsequent head	Per head	N	\$26	Local Law No.2 2011
FC086	Daily sustenance - all stock and animals other than cats/dogs	Per day/per animal	N	\$28	Local Law No.2 2011
FC087	Equipment or contractor costs to impound livestock/animals	Per day/per animal	N	Cost Recovery	Local Law No.2 2011

Impoundment of Birds & Poultry

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC088	Large birds	Per bird	N	\$35	Local Law No.2 2011
FC089	Small birds	Per bird	N	\$14	Local Law No.2 2011
FC090	Sustenance fee <i>As required for feed purchased to meet dietary needs</i>	Per bird	N	Cost Recovery	Local Law No.2 2011

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Impoundment of Vehicles & other items

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC091	All vehicles, boats, trailers or machinery	Per vehicle	N	\$150	Local Law No.2 2011
FC092	Equipment or contractor towing costs	Per vehicle	N	Cost Recovery	Local Law No.2 2011
FC093	Release of item (other than vehicle) from impoundment	Per item	N	\$75	Local Law No.2 2011

Impoundment of Signage

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC094	Mobile, bunting, garage sale type signage	Per sign	N	\$23	Local Law No.2 2011
FC095	Large billboard type signage	Per sign	N	\$98	Local Law No.2 2011

Impoundment of Outdoor Dining Equipment

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC096	Any item of outdoor dining equipment	Per item	N	\$32	Local Law No.2 2011

Surrender/Disposal of Animals

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC097	Surrender and disposal of dogs/cats at owner's request <i>live animals only</i>	Per animal	N	Free	Local Law No.2 2011
FC098	Surrender and disposal of small & large animals <i>live animals only</i>	Per animal	N	Cost Recovery	Local Law No.2. 2011

Equipment Rental

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC099	Rental of dog/cat trap	Per week	N	Free	Local Law No.2 2011
FC100	Replacement of lost, stolen or damaged traps	Per trap	N	Free	Local Law No.2 2011
FC101	Hire of portable panels	Per panel/per day	N	\$10	Local Law No.2 2011

Overgrown & Unightly Allotments

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC102	Overgrown or unsightly allotment non-compliance administration fee	Per allotment	N	\$150	Local Law No.2 2011
FC103	Overgrown or unsightly allotment clean-up fee <i>including mowing, slashing, object removal*</i>	Per allotment	N	Cost Recovery	Local Law No.2 2011

*Following non-compliance with a compliance notice

Environmental Health

Personal Appearance (High Risk) Services

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC104	Application for Licence (Sect 30)	Per application	N	\$211	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S30
FC105	Renewal of Licence (Sect 44)	Per application	N	Max \$15,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S44
FC106	Amendment of Licence (Sect 47)	Per application	N	Max \$10,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S47
FC107	Transfer of Licence (Sect 49)	Per application	N	Max \$7,500	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S49
FC108	Application for Replacement Licence [Sect 61(2) (c)]	Per application	N	Max \$5,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S61 (2) (c)
FC109	Inspection fee for an inspection of a higher risk personal appearance service carried on at:				
FC110	(a) A fixed premise Incl. in annual licence renewal & initial application (Sect 106)	Per application	N	\$1,257	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S106
FC111	(b) A mobile premise (Incl. in annual licence renewal & initial application) (Sect 106)	Per application	N	Max \$15,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S106
FC112	Inspection fee for an inspection of a non-higher risk personal appearance service carried on at fixed premises (Sect 107) NB No annual licence required for this category	Per application	N	Max \$10,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S107
FC113	Inspection fee for an inspection of a non-higher risk personal appearance service carried on at a place of business that is not a fixed premises (Sect 108) NB No annual licence required for this category	Per application	N	Max \$7,500	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S108
FC114	Inspection fee for an inspection to check if a remedial notice has been complied with (Sect 110)	Per application	N	Max \$5,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) PHA2005 S110

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Food Business Licencing

Pro-Rata Licence Fee - 15 February - 14 August - 50% of full annual fee.

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC115	Health records search - For licencing and transfer information	Per search	N	\$239	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC116	Premises inspection fee (For requested inspections)	Per inspection	N	\$239	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC117	First re-inspection (Included in annual licence renewal and initial application)	Per inspection	N	Free	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC118	Re-inspection (as required)	Per inspection	N	\$102	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC119	Category 1 Food Business Licences Application Fee <i>(includes administration, initial inspection and first year permit)</i>	Per application	N	\$400	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC120	Category 2 Food Business Licences Application Fee <i>(includes administration, initial inspection and first year permit)</i>	Per application	N	\$500	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
Category 1 Food Business					
FC121	<i>Businesses with breakfast preparation only (as part of accommodation activity), fruit and vegetable cutting only, ice-cream only, food vehicles and home base food businesses manufacturing non-potentially hazardous foods only, drinking (potable), water carriers and food stores with pies or similar only.</i>	Per licence	N	\$250	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
Category 2 Food Business					
FC122	<i>Hotels, resorts, restaurants, clubs, supermarkets and similar medium-large premises, takeaway food, bars, cafes, bakeries, small convenience stores and similar small-medium premises, food vehicles and home base food business manufacturing potentially hazardous food.</i>	Per licence	N	\$350	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006

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Food Safety Programs

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC123	Application for accreditation of a Food Safety Program <i>Council Officer Audits and Accredited Food Safety Program</i>	Per application	N	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC124	Amendment to an accredited Food Safety Program application <i>An amendment to an Accredited Food Safety Program may be as a result of audits on the food business or caused by a change in business process.</i>	Per application	N	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC125	Non-conformance audit	Each report	N	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006

Outdoor Dining Permit

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC126	Application Fee <i>Includes application fee, initial inspection & first year permit</i>	Per application	N	\$300	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC127	Annual Permit/Renewal of Approval <i>Area approved by EHO</i>	Per application	N	\$150	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006 Subordinate Local Law 1.2
FC128	Major amendment to permit <i>Major amendment would be a change to business location, undertaking or similar</i>	Per request	N	\$150	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006

Prescribed Activity Permits

A prescribed activity permit is required for any undertaking or part thereof that occurs on Council-controlled land.
A Public Liability Insurance policy with a minimum \$10m is required as part of the application requirement.

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC129	"Not-for-Profit", Charity or Community Organisations	Per permit	N	Free	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC130	For profit organisation/s	Per permit	N	\$115	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006

Mobile Vending on Council-controlled Land

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC131	Annual licence fee - operating a maximum of 18 days per year on Council-controlled land	Per licence	N	\$270	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006
FC132	Additional days of operation in excess of initial allocation	Per day	N	\$16	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006

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Water Exemptions (under Drought Management Plan)

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC133	Application for exemption	Per application	N	\$50	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e) FA2006

Development & Planning

Application fees for a preliminary approval on development applications are set at 75% of the relevant fees. A 25% credit of the fee paid for a preliminary approval will be refunded if a full development application is lodged within 12 months of the request for preliminary approval.

Administration

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC134	Archival Fee	Per application	N	\$218	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Material Change of Use

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC135	Impact Assessable Development - up to 300m2 of Total Use Area	Per application	N	\$1,600	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC136	Impact Assessable Development - each 100m2 (or part thereof) after initial allocation	Per application	N	\$500	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC137	Code Assessable Development - up to 300m2 of Total Use Area	Per application	N	\$1,100	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC138	Code Assessable Development - each 100m2 (or part thereof) after initial allocation	Per application	N	\$250	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Operational Works

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC139	Operational Works Permit	Per application	N	\$1,281	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Building works assessable against the planning scheme

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC140	Building works - up to 300m2 of Total Use Area	Per application	N	\$1,500	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC141	Building works - each 100m2 (or part thereof) after initial allocation	Per application	N	\$500	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

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Reconfiguration of a lot

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC142	Subdivide one allotment into two*	Per lot	N	\$990	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC143	Subdivide one allotment into more than two - Additional charge for each lot after two	Per lot	N	\$321	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC144	Boundary realignment (No new lots created)	Per application	N	\$990	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC145	Amalgamation of lots is exempt from development	Per application	N	Free	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC146	Survey Plan Endorsement (Includes compliance assessment against relevant development approval)	Per seal	N	\$617	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC147	Endorsing a document (i.e. Community Management Statement , Easement)	Per seal	N	\$204	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC148	Re-approval And Sealing Of Plans Survey (Building Unit Or Group Title Plan)	Per seal	N	\$210	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Planning & Development Certificates

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC149	Limited Certificate *	Per certificate	N	\$311	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC150	Standard Certificate	Per certificate	N	\$518	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC151	Full Certificate	Per certificate	N	\$1,553	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Refund of Fees

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC152	If withdrawn at Application Stage*	Per application	N	75% of application	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC153	If Withdrawn at Information and Referral Stage	Per application	N	50% of application	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC154	If withdrawn during Public Notification stage	Per application	N	25% of application	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC155	If withdrawn during Decision Stage	Per application	N	0% of application	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

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Other Development Application Fees

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC156	Request to apply superseded Planning Scheme*	Per application	N	\$703	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC157	Written advice for a "Generally in Accordance" determination or other written advice as determined by Council	Per application	N	\$703	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC158	Change Application - Minor Change	Per application	N	Maximum fee of 25% of current development fees and charges schedule with a minimum fee of \$1,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC159	Change Application - Other Change	Per application	N	Maximum fee of 75% of current development fees and charges schedule with a minimum fee of \$1,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC160	Request for Exemption Certificate	Per application	N	\$472	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Building Applications

Lodgement by a Private Certifier

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC161	Archival Fee	Per application	N	\$218	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Application for a Certificate of Classification (Built pre-1998)

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC162	Inspection Fee	Per application	N	\$621	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Change of Classification Certificate

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC163	Inspection Fee	Per application	N	\$419	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC164	Assessment Fee	Per application	N	\$419	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC165	Certificate Issuing Fee	Per application	N	\$129	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Application for a Preliminary Decision

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC166	Archival Fee	Per application	N	As per full application fee	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC167	Assessment Fee	Per application	N	As per full application fee	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC168	Inspection Fee	Per inspection	N	As per full application fee	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

* A 50% discount applies to subsequent application fees lodged to confirm a preliminary decision.

Application for Building Approval

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC169	Application Fee (includes archival & administration) (applicable to Building Applications)	Per application	N	\$214	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

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Building Approvals - Class 1 to Class 10

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC170	Building Approval Fee – for all works and classes of building	Per Application	N	Per quote	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Refund of Fees

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC171	If withdrawn at Application Stage	Per application	N	\$211	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC172	If assessment and inspections have been undertaken	Per application	N	max \$15,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC173	If withdrawn during Decision Stage	Per application	N	max \$10,000	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Swimming Pool Safety Compliance Inspection

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC174	Swimming Pool Safety Compliance Inspection <i>Includes certificate</i>	Per application	N	\$211	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

Building, Plumbing & Sewerage

Plumbing inspections to be paid at time of building approval.

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC175	Commercial Building 500m2 and over	Price on application	N	\$211	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC176	Septic Tank/Onsite Sewerage Treatment Facility Design to be certified by qualified person	Per inspection	N	Per quote	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)
FC177	Application for building over sewer	Per Application	N	Per quote	LGA2009 S97 (2)(a)(e)

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Cemeteries & Funerals

Service Charges

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC178	Search of Burial Register Only for more than 5 deceased persons	Per search	Y	\$55	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC179	Advertising Costs	Per copy	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC180	Submitting Request for Death Certificate on Behalf Family	Per copy	Y	\$61	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC181	Body Transfer or additional Hearse usage - in excess of 15km	Per trip	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC182	Transport of deceased body and preparation to Morgue from place of Death, if deceased did not pass away in the Longreach Hospital.	Per deceased person	Y	\$615	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC183	Standard Plaque for Burial Plots - 381mm x 279mm Bevelled Edge - 8 lines	Per plaque	Y	\$640	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC184	Ceramic Photo for Standard Plaques - 5cm x 7cm Photo with milling	Per photo	Y	\$268	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC185	Standard Plaque for Niches Section - 229mm x 184mm - 8 lines	Per plaque	Y	\$420	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC186	Standard Plaque for Interment of Ashes - 205mm x 110mm	Per plaque	Y	\$370	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
<i>If a plaque is ordered and the cost is higher than the standard prices that have been provided, the plaque will be invoiced at cost recovery.</i>					
FC187	Installation of plaque on continuous cement plinth	Per plaque	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC188	Purchase of incline concrete plinth for Old and Lawn Cemetery sections	Per incline plinth	Y	\$168	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC189	Installation of plaque and base on continuous cement plinth	Per funeral	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC190	Transportation of body to/from another township other than Longreach	Per trip	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Cemeteries

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC191	Gravesite & preparation (Monument section only - lawn section cost detailed below)	Per funeral	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC192	Sale of Single Burial Plot (Right to Burial)	Per plot	Y	\$900	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC193	Preparation of Grave site Standard (6ft) - Lawn section - Digging of grave site and covering of coffin (completed by contractor)	Per site	Y	\$450	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC194	Preparation of Grave site Standard (8ft) - Lawn section - Digging of grave site and covering of coffin (completed by contractor)	Per site	Y	\$550	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC195	Sale of Ashes Interment Plot (Right of Burial)	Per plot	Y	\$361	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC196	Permit to dispose of human remains outside cemeteries	Per permit	Y	\$103	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

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Funerals

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC197	Casket & fittings - standard coffin	Per funeral	Y	\$1,100	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC198	Casket & fittings - premium coffin	Per funeral	Y	\$1,400	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC199	Administration - Church Funeral Administrator's time to meet with family, make relevant arrangements, place advertisements, complete relevant paper work and lodgements, ordering of plaques etc	Per funeral	Y	\$834	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC200	Administration - Graveside Funeral Administrator's time to meet with family, make relevant arrangements, place advertisements, complete relevant paper work and lodgements, ordering of plaques etc	Per funeral	Y	\$743	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC201	Administration - Cremation Funeral Administrator's time to meet with family, make relevant arrangements, place advertisements, complete relevant paperwork and lodgements, ordering of plaques etc.	Per cremation	Y	\$390	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC202	Funeral/Cremation - inclusive of transportation to Rockhampton from Longreach, cremation, cremation certificate, death certificate & casket	Per cremation	Y	\$2,100	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC203	Funeral/Church- Inclusive of standard 6ft gravesite preparation, memorial booklet, viewing of deceased at morgue, setting up the portable shade, table and 12 chairs (PA System if requested) at the cemetery, undertaker's time for the funeral and plant hire of the hearse- excluding church service and Sale of burial plot. ** Additional Charges may apply**	Per funeral	Y	\$1,485	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC204	Funeral/Church- Inclusive of standard 8ft gravesite preparation, memorial booklet, viewing of deceased at morgue, setting up the portable shade, table and 12 chairs (PA System if requested) at the cemetery, undertaker's time for the funeral and plant hire of the hearse- excluding church service and Sale of burial plot. ** Additional Charges may apply**	Per funeral	Y	\$1,713	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC205	Streaming of funeral service in Longreach - includes hire of equipment, IT personnel time and transport	Per funeral	Y	\$223	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC206	Streaming of funeral service in Ilfracombe or Isisford - includes hire of equipment, IT personnel time and transport	Per funeral	Y	\$446	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

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Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC207	Internment of cremated remains - Preparation of grave site	Per interment	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC208	Internment of cremated remains including service/graveside (Inclusive of a memorial booklet, set up and use of table, 12 chairs and portable shade (PA System if requested), excludes Hearse)	Per interment	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC209	Internment of deceased remains including service/graveside (Inclusive of a memorial booklet, set up and use of table, 12 chairs and portable shade (PA System if requested) undertaker's allowance, including Hearse)	Per interment	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC210	Additional Charge for Funeral outside hours of 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday (May vary depending on staff numbers and hours worked)	Per funeral	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Childcare

Multi-functional Childcare Centre

Child Care Subsidy entitlements are available to all families for Outside School Hours Care, Child Care and Vacation Care.

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC211	Per Hour	Per hour	N	\$28	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC212	Per day (7.30am to 5.30pm or any part thereof)	Per day	N	\$124	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC213	Per week (Monday to Friday incl. 7.30 am to 5.30pm)	Per week	N	\$512	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Kindergarten Program

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC214	Per Day (8.45 am to 2.45 pm or any part thereof)	Per day	N	\$75	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Outside School Hours Care

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC215	Before School 7.30 am to 9am including bus fare	Per session	N	\$32	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC216	Before School 7.30 am to 9am including bus fare (Casual)	Per session	N	\$35	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC217	After School 3pm to 5.30pm including bus fare	Per session	N	\$48	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC218	After School 3pm to 5.30pm including bus fare (Casual)	Per session	N	\$53	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC219	Vacation Care - Per child daily 7.30 am to 5.30 pm Mon to Fri (includes activities, resources and some food)	Per day	N	\$93	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC220	Vacation Care - Per child 7.30 am to 5.30 pm Mon to Fri (includes activities, resources and some food) (Casual)	Per day	N	\$99	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC221	Vacation Care - Per child 7.30 am to 5.30 pm Mon to Fri (includes activities, resources and some food)	Per week	N	\$365	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Facilities

Following are daily rates, however should a facility or room on be required for 4 hours or less the charge will be halved. Room hire charges include the use of existing crockery and cutlery, glassware, chairs and tables. Cancellation policies apply as per booking forms.

All damages or breakages to any aspect of the buildings and surrounds including the Lady Walker Fountain, furniture or equipment, shall be paid for at full repair or replacement cost. Subsidised Commercial & Local Community Groups and Organisations (50% discount) - Schools, churches, concerts and musical events (for schools) includes community groups holding functions, events, fundraisers, etc.

Fundraising (25% discount) - For-Profit organisations using Council facilities to raise funds for a charity or cause.

If a request for In-kind support is submitted for the Hire of Council facilities, the hirer foregoes all discounts and the full rate will apply

The Hire of Caretakers Services does not qualify for any discount

Service Charges

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC222	Issuing of key to access facilities outside of Council's operating hours	Per key	Y	\$65	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC223	Issuing of RFID key fob to access facilities outside of Council's operating hours	Per fob	Y	\$18	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Longreach Civic & Cultural Centre

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC224	Entire Building including public toilet stocking/cleaning etc.	Per day	Y	\$1,200	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC225	Landsborough Auditorium (includes Stage, Hall, Change Rooms & Foyer)	Per day	Y	\$800	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC226	Fairmont Room - full size	Per day	Y	\$300	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC227	Kitchen and Bar- including fixed equipment and cold-room	Per day	Y	\$350	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC228	Thomson and Redford Rooms combined	Per day	Y	\$140	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC229	Courtyard	Per day	Y	\$350	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC230	Additional Cleaning charges <i>Applicable only if determined by Council's Manager of Facilities</i>	Per booking	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC231	Catering arranged by Civic Centre	Per booking	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

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Longreach Showgrounds

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC232	Entire Facility (Including oval lighting)	Per day	Y	\$1,142	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC233	Users of Facility per day/night per week <i>Applicable scheduled training & games. Events booked separately</i>	Per annum	Y	\$453	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC234	Individual and Group Fitness Use including lighting, unlimited use <i>Commercial Use</i>	Per annum	Y	\$850	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC235	Individual and Group Fitness Use including lighting, unlimited use	Per annum	Y	\$216	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC236	Oval Only - Including Oval Lighting	Per day	Y	\$400	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC237	Oval Only - No lighting included	Per day	Y	\$300	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC238	Arts & Craft Pavilion	Per day	Y	\$126	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC239	Wool Pavilion	Per day	Y	\$350	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC240	Wavy Roof Shelter 30x15m concrete slab, GPO, lights, toilets, BBQ Bar/Coldroom & Kitchen/Canteen includes fridge, freezer, stove, 2 urns, toaster, sink and Barbecue perm or portable excluding gas - gas bottle to be filled after each use	Per day	Y	\$126	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC241		Per day	Y	\$250	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC242	Working Dog Arena only - include showers and toilets	Per day	Y	\$115	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC243	Campdraft Arena only - including event stabling, showers and toilets	Per day	Y	\$115	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC244	Rodeo Arena only - including event stabling, showers and toilets	Per day	Y	\$115	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC245	Overnight Stable Hire per animal	Per day	Y	\$10	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC246	Hire of Portable Grandstand	Per delivery	N	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC247	Additional Cleaning Charge <i>Applicable only if determined by Council's Manager of Facilities</i>	Per hour	Y	\$78	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC248	Excessive Lighting Fee <i>When showgrounds lights are left on overnight by clubs/committees</i>	Per breach	Y	\$229	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

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Ilfracombe Recreation Centre

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC249	Recreation Centre Only (Including Hall, Bar, Canteen, Toilets and Cold-room)	Per day	Y	\$500	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC250	Oval Only - including lights	Per day	Y	\$150	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC251	Multi-purpose Court Facility Only - including lights	Per day	Y	\$150	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC252	Local Community Groups and Organisations - Annual Meeting Fee (this applies to regular meetings only, events are charged as above) No discount applied	Per year	Y	\$195	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC253	Individual and group fitness use - including lighting (financial gain)	Per year	Y	\$750	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC254	Hire of Caretakers Services - setup function, assistance for before, during or after functions (no in-kind support available for this charge)	Per hour	Y	\$78	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC255	Hire of Caretaker Services - cleaning	Per hour	Y	\$78	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC256	Call out fee - Any staff/contractor required to attend facility after hours for any reason	Per hour	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Isisford & Yaraka Community Halls

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC257	Entire Building	Per day	Y	\$400	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC258	Individual and group fitness use - including lighting (financial gain)	Per year	Y	\$750	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC259	Local Community Groups and Organisations - Annual Meeting Fee (this applies to regular meetings only, events will be charged as above) No discount applied	Per year	Y	\$195	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC260	Hire of Caretakers Services - Cleaning, setup function, assistance for before, during or after functions	Per hour	Y	\$78	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Isisford Racecourse

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC261	Inclusive of Lights, Cold Room, Tables, Chair and Kitchen	Per day	Y	\$650	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Kiama Park

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC262	Inclusive of Lights, Cold Room, Tables, Chair and Kitchen	Per day	Y	\$650	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

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Camping Fees

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC263	Exhibitors & Itinerant Vendors Camping Fee - including use of showers and toilets <i>Power unavailable at Ilfracombe Recreation Centre</i>	Per night/per vehicle	Y	\$54	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC264	Bus Groups, School Groups includes toilets & showers per head	Per night/per person	Y	\$20	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC265	Overnight camping - Unpowered including showers/toilets	Per night/per vehicle	Y	\$18	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC266	Overnight camping - Powered including showers/toilets <i>Power unavailable at Ilfracombe Recreation Centre</i>	Per night/per vehicle	Y	\$35	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC267	Defence Force	Per night/per person	Y	\$10	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC268	Other Council Areas Camping Fee <i>Apex Park, Isisford Weir, Oma Waterhole, Yaraka Campgrounds</i>	Per night/per vehicle	Y	\$10	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC269	Other Council Areas Camping Fee <i>Apex Park, Isisford Weir, Oma Waterhole, Yaraka Campgrounds</i>	Per week/per vehicle	Y	\$40	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Tourism

Longreach Powerhouse Museum

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC270	Adult admission	Per adult	Y	\$20	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC271	Concessional admission	Per person	Y	\$15	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC272	Child admission (under 12 years)	Per child	Y	\$10	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC273	Family admission (maximum 2 adults & 2 children)	Per family	Y	\$50	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Public Swimming Pools

All Public Swimming Pools

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC274	Adults	Per entry	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC275	Pensioners & Student Card Holders	Per entry	Y	\$4	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC276	Children under 16 years	Per entry	Y	\$4	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC277	Children under three (3) years	Per entry	Y	Free	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC278	Family pass	Per entry	Y	\$15	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC279	Non-swimmers (Spectators)	Per entry	Y	Free	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC280	Non-swimmers (Showers)	Per entry	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC281	Adults	Per four weeks	Y	\$60	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC282	Pensioners	Per four weeks	Y	\$48	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC283	School Senior Students	Per four weeks	Y	\$48	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC284	Children 3 years to 15 years	Per four weeks	Y	\$42	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC285	Family pass	Per four weeks	Y	\$180	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC286	Children under three (3) years	Annual pass	Y	Free	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC287	Adults	Annual pass	Y	\$260	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC288	Pensioners	Annual pass	Y	\$180	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC289	School Senior Students	Annual pass	Y	\$180	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC290	Children 3 years to 15 years	Annual pass	Y	\$158	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC291	Children under three (3) years	Annual pass	Y	Free	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC292	Family pass	Annual pass	Y	\$720	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC293	School Carnival Set Fee	Full day	Y	\$277	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC294	Swimming Club, School Carnival (Night)	Per hour	Y	\$57	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC295	Coaches, Supervisors, Teachers, Officials	Per entry	Y	Free	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC296	Spectators	Per entry	Y	Free	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Roads

Gates & Grids

Pursuant to Local Law No.1 (Administration) 2011 and Subordinate Local Law No1.16 (Gates & Grids 2011)

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC297	Application for approval (New Grids)	Per grid/gate	Y	\$393	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC298	Contribution towards cost of construction and installation of grid.	Per grid	Y	\$5,000	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Waste

Grease Trap or Septic Waste Disposal

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC299	Private Septic Tank Waste	Per litre	Y	\$0.10	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC300	Commercial & Industrial Septic/ Grease/ Grey Tank Waste	Per litre	Y	\$0.20	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC301	Commercial Domestic Waste	Per cubic metre	Y	\$45	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Tyre Disposal

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC302	Shredded/Cut-up Tyres	Per cubic metre	Y	\$26	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC303	Car Tyres	Per tyre	Y	\$5	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC304	Motorcycles Tyres	Per tyre	Y	\$3	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC305	Light Truck/4WD Tyres	Per tyre	Y	\$8	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC306	Forklift/Bobcat Tyres	Per tyre	Y	\$17	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC307	Truck Tyres	Per tyre	Y	\$17	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC308	Super Single Tyres	Per tyre	Y	\$33	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC309	Heavy Plant and Tractor Tyres	Per tyre	Y	\$47	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Asbestos Disposal

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC310	Asbestos Disposal Fee - Up to 4 cubic metres	Min charge	Y	\$332	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC311	Asbestos Disposal Fee - Over 4 cubic metres	Per cubic metre	Y	Per quote	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Construction & Demolition Waste

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC312	Construction and Demolition Waste where not associated with a Building Application and/or a Planning Application	Per cubic metre	Y	\$20	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

12.2 - 2025 Budget - Proposed Register of Commercial and Regulatory Fees 2024-2025 --
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Water

Bulk Water (Purchase Only)

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC313	Treated Water	Per KL	Y	As per revenue statement	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC314	Bore Water	Per KL	Y	As per revenue statement	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Water Connections

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC315	Connection to river water 20mm	Per connection	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S97 (2)(c) P&DA2002 S86 (2)(c)
FC316	Connection to river water larger sizes	Per connection	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S97 (2)(c) P&DA2002 S86 (2)(c)
FC317	Water meter testing (payment in advance required before testing will take place. Will be read once per day over a 7-10 day period No charge if meter found faulty)	Per test	Y	\$250	LGA2009 S97 (2)(c) P&DA2002 S86 (2)(c)

Filling of Private Pools

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC318	Labour	Per hour	Y	\$65	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)
FC319	Water	Per KL	Y	As per revenue statement	LGA2009 S262 (3)(c)

Sewer

Sewer Connections

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC320	Sewerage connection	Per connection	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S97 (2)(c)

Services

Fee Code	Fee Description	Unit	GST	Fee	Legislation
FC321	Clearing blockage in house connections	Per blockage	Y	Cost Recovery	LGA2009 S97 (2)(c)

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.3 - 2025 Budget - Discount on Rates and Charges

12.3 2025 Budget - Discount on Rates and Charges

Proposed discount allowed for payment of rates and charges by the due date for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations
The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations
Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-161)
Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Nunn
That Council, pursuant to section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, allows a discount of 10 percent on gross rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, excluding any charge specifically excluded from the discount entitlement, provided payment of the full amount outstanding, including any overdue rates and interest to the date of payment, less any discount entitlement, is paid by the due date on the original rates notice.

Charges excluded from discount entitlement are:

- *Bulk water consumption charges*
- *Excess water consumption charges*
- *Emergency Services Levy*

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows a local government to decide to allow a discount for payment of rates or charges before the end of the discount period.

Issue:

Council has previously allowed a discount on gross rates and charges to encourage ratepayers to promptly pay their rates, levies and charges by the due dates. The proposed

12 FINANCE REPORT

12.3 - 2025 Budget - Discount on Rates and Charges

10 percent discount on gross rates and charges paid by the due date on the rates notice will be a continuation of this practice. The estimated impact of the discount allowed on the 2024/25 budget is to reduce gross revenue by \$1.0 million.

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood:	Unlikely
Consequence:	Minor
Rating:	Low (4/25)

There is a risk that the amount of discount allowed exceeds the estimated amount of discount in the budget, which will reduce the overall receipts received by Council. The estimated amount of discount included in the budget is equivalent to prior year discounts taken up and any difference between budgeted and actual discounts is likely to be immaterial.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, allows a discount of 10 percent on gross rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2025, excluding any charge specifically excluded from the discount entitlement, provided payment of the full amount outstanding, including any overdue rates and interest to the date of payment, less any discount entitlement, is paid by the due date on the original rates notice.

Charges excluded from discount entitlement are:

- *Bulk water consumption charges*
- *Excess water consumption charges*
- *Emergency Services levy*

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.4 - 2025 Budget - Pensioner Rating Concessions

12.4 2025 Budget - Pensioner Rating Concessions

Proposed granting of a rating concession for pensioners for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Revenue Policy

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations
The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations
Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-162)
Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell
That Council, pursuant to sections 120 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, grants a concession to pensioner ratepayers, for the year ending 30 June 2024, as follows: Council offers a subsidy of 39.5%, to a maximum of \$940, on all rates levied in respect of the property owned and occupied by a pensioner as their principal place of residence, excluding special rates and charges, water consumption charges and the Emergency Services Levy.
A pensioner is a person who holds a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans Affairs Repatriation Health Card.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:
Section 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* permits a local government to decide, by resolution, the granting of concessions to a ratepayer or group of ratepayers.

Section 120(1)(a) allows a local government to grant a ratepayer a concession for land that is owned or occupied by a pensioner.

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.4 - 2025 Budget - Pensioner Rating Concessions

Issue:

Council has granted a concession to pensioners in prior years by offering a subsidy on rates charged. In the 2024/25 financial year, Council will retain the subsidy at the same rate percentage rate as the previous financial year. The estimated impact on the 2024/25 budget for granting this concession is a reduction in gross rates received by \$169,727.

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood: Unlikely
Consequence: Minor
Rating: Low (4/25)

Risk that the number of properties owned by pensioners who are eligible for the concession increases significantly, increasing the amount of the subsidy.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to sections 120 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, grants a concession to pensioner ratepayers, for the year ending 30 June 2025, as follows:

Council offers a subsidy of 39.5%, to a maximum of \$940, on all rates levied in respect of the property owned and occupied by a pensioner as their principal place of residence, excluding special rates and charges, water consumption charges and the Emergency Services Levy.

A pensioner is a person who holds a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans Affairs Repatriation Health Card.

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.5 - 2025 Budget - Interest on Overdue Rates or Charges

12.5 2025 Budget - Interest on Overdue Rates or Charges

Proposed interest charge on overdue rates or charges for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-160)

Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Smith

That Council, pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, for the financial year ending 30 June 2024:

1) Applies an interest rate of 11.64% per annum (compounding daily) on overdue rates and charges, and

2) Applies the interest charge from the date that rates and charges become overdue.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

A local government may decide if it will charge interest on overdue rates and charges and the amount of interest that will be charged. Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* sets out how a local government calculates interest on overdue rates or charges.

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.5 - 2025 Budget - Interest on Overdue Rates or Charges

Issue:

Council's practice has been to charge interest on overdue rates and charges at the maximum rate allowed by the Department of Local Government. The rate set by the Department of Local Government for the 2024/25 financial year is 12.35 percent.

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: Minor
Rating: Low (2/25)

Risk that Council does not recover the cost of providing services and infrastructure to the community.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, for the financial year ending 30 June 2025:

- 1) Applies an interest rate of 12.35% per annum (compounding daily) on overdue rates and charges, and*
- 2) Applies the interest charge from the date that rates and charges become overdue.*

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.6 - 2025 Budget - Rates and Charges Levy and Payment

12.6 2025 Budget - Rates and Charges Levy and Payment

Proposed setting of the dates when rates and charges will be levied and when they are payable for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-159)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and section 114 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990, issues rate notices as follows:

*Rate notices for all rates and charges, excluding Bulk Water, shall be issued on a half-yearly basis: - for 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 - in August/September 2023; and
- for 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 - in February/March 2024.*

Bulk Water rate notices will be issued quarterly.

That Council, pursuant to section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, sets the date by which rates and charges must be paid, as 30 clear days from the date of the issue of the rate notice.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

Section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows local government to issue rates notices for the whole or part of a financial year as the local government considers appropriate.

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.6 - 2025 Budget - Rates and Charges Levy and Payment

Section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* sets out that a local government must decide the date by which rates and charges must be paid, the date must be at least 30 days after the rate notice is issued.

Section 129 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows a local government to allow ratepayers to pay rates or charges by instalments.

Issue:

Council will continue to issue rates notices half-yearly and maintain the due dates as 30 days from the issue date on the rates notices.

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: Minor
Rating: Low (2/25)

Risk that Council does not hold sufficient cash on hand due to the timing between the issue of rates notices. Council's cash flow forecasts illustrate that this risk is likely to be rare.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council:

(a) pursuant to section 107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and section 114 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990, issues rate notices as follows:

(i) Rate notices for all rates and charges, excluding Bulk Water, shall be issued on a half-yearly basis:

- for 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 - in August/September 2024; and*
- for 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 - in February/March 2025.*

(ii) Bulk Water rate notices will be issued quarterly.

(b) pursuant to section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, sets the date by which rates and charges must be paid, as 30 clear days from the date of the issue of the rate notice.

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.7 - 2025 Budget - Waste Charges

12.7 2025 Budget - Waste Charges

Proposed waste collection charges to be levied for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations
Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-158)
Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn
That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services for the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:
Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 enables a local government to levy a utility charge for the financial year. A local government must decide, by resolution at the local government's budget meeting for a financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year.

Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that a local government may levy utility charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.

An explanation of how the rates and charges are applied is included in the Revenue Statement.

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.7 - 2025 Budget - Waste Charges

Issue:

Council will set utility charges to recover the costs of operating and maintaining services to the region.

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: Medium (6/25)

The risk that Council does not recover the costs of providing waste infrastructure and services to the community.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services for the financial year ending 30 June 2025, as follows:

Location	Service	Frequency	Annual charge
All towns	Waste collection (minimum charge)	1 per week	\$308.00
Longreach	Waste collection (minimum charge food related business)	2 per week	\$616.00
All towns	Additional collection (for each additional bin)	1 per week	\$308.00
Additional collections for Longreach businesses			
Longreach	Additional collection per week (for each bin)	1 per week	\$308.00

Application of waste collection charges

Charges for new waste services will commence upon a premises being considered to be able to be occupied¹ and the delivery of the 240 litre bin to the premises by Council.

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.7 - 2025 Budget - Waste Charges

If a property has one or more residential structures or units capable of separate occupation, the relevant waste collection charges will be levied for each structure or unit (including flats, studios, cabins, dwellings and secondary dwellings).

If there is more than one commercial operator on land capable of separate occupation, the owner will be charged the appropriate fee according to the quantity of collections provided.

If a collection service is cancelled, charges will not be levied in the next period. If a 240 litre bin is returned to Council in a damaged state that is not due to normal wear and tear, the ratepayer will be charged the bin repair and replacement fee identified in Council's schedule of fees and charges.

¹ **Occupied** means land that has located on it, a building or structure greater than 25m², or which is used for commercial purposes (i.e., agistment, heavy vehicle parking, and commercial cultivation)

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.8 - 2025 Budget - Sewerage Charges

12.8 2025 Budget - Sewerage Charges

Proposed sewerage charges to be levied for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

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.
OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.3	Council delivers a positive customer experience in all service areas.

Budget Considerations
Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-157)
Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Smith
That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the following sewerage charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2024:
Council provides a sewerage network in the town of Longreach, and Common Effluent Drainage (CED) networks in the towns of Ilfracombe and Isisford.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.8 - 2025 Budget - Sewerage Charges

Background:

Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 enables a local government to levy a utility charge for the financial year. A local government must decide by resolution at the local government's budget meeting for a financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year.

Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that a local government may levy utility charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.

An explanation of how the sewerage rates and charges are calculated is included in the Revenue Statement.

Issue:

Council sets utility charges to recover the cost of operating and maintaining essential services.

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood:	Possible
Consequence:	Minor
Rating:	Medium (6/25)

Risk that Council does not recover the costs of maintaining sewerage or CED infrastructure to the community.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the following sewerage charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2025:

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.8 - 2025 Budget - Sewerage Charges

Charge	Charges Apply to:	Location	Annual Charge
First pedestal	Charge applied to each separate single unit dwelling and the 1st pedestal at all other connected assessments.	Longreach	\$754
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$216
Additional pedestal	Charge applied to each additional non-residential pedestal (including urinal cistern) that is connected to the sewer scheme after applicable first pedestal charge.	Longreach	\$452
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$135
Vacant sewerage	Vacant land per lot/parcel to which Council is prepared to connect a sewerage service.	Longreach	\$567
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$114

Council provides a sewerage network in the town of Longreach, and Common Effluent Drainage (CED) networks in the towns of Ilfracombe and Isisford.

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.9 - 2025 Budget - Water Service Charges

12.9 2025 Budget - Water Service Charges

Proposed water charges to be levied for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

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.
OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.3	Council delivers a positive customer experience in all service areas.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-156)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Paterson

That Council, pursuant to sections 99 and 101 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, levies water charges, including water allocations, for the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 enables a local government to levy a utility charge for the financial year. A local government must decide, by resolution at the local government's budget meeting for a financial year, what rates and charges are to be levied for that financial year.

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.9 - 2025 Budget - Water Service Charges

Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that a local government may levy utility charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.

Section 101 of Local Government Regulation 2012 states that utility charges for a water service must be charged:

- a) Wholly according to the water used; or
- b) Partly according to the water used, using a two-part charge.

An explanation of how water charges are calculated is included in the Revenue Statement.

Issue:

Council sets utility charges to recover the cost of operating and maintaining essential services.

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood:	Possible
Consequence:	Minor
Rating:	Medium (6/25)

The risk that Council does not recover the costs of providing water infrastructure and services to the community.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to sections 99 and 101 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, levies water charges, including water allocations, for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 as follows:

12 FINANCE REPORT
12.9 - 2025 Budget - Water Service Charges

Longreach per connection water item number and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
1) Land used for commercial, industrial, residential or recreational purposes for each dwelling or building erected on a parcel of land (except if the facility is identified separately in this table).	8	1,200	\$1,438.56
2) Each additional vacant lot/parcel on an assessment being charged water.			
3) Each additional shop/office of multiple shop/office facility (see item 13)	2	300	\$359.64
4) Each motel room or unit (also see item 18a and 19a)			
5) Vacant land within water area - not connected			
6) Church or church land	4	600	\$719.28
7) Stables per allotment improved (other than at Racecourse or Showgrounds)			
8) Vacant land - connected	6	900	\$1,078.92
9) Restaurant/café/conference venue (or additional units if part of another facility, see item 18a and 19a)	12	1,800	\$2,157.84
10) Church hall			
11) Land used for flats, hostels, aged persons accommodation or residential multi-unit buildings for the first 2 units/flats (including owner//manager residence) (for each additional unit see item 4)	16	2,400	\$2,877.12
12) Water/sewerage pumping station, electrical sub station			
13) Supermarket (if a supermarket is part of a complex containing other uses, such other uses shall attract the charge applicable to single or multiple shop/office as per item 3)			
14) Caravan parks each additional 20 sites a) charge for additional sites to caravan parks less than 20 sites item 19	20	3,000	\$3,596.40
15) Childcare centre or pre-school or kindergarten on separate parcel. a) additional charge if facility is included with school item 25			
16) Police station and associated uses (other than dwelling)			
17) Car wash			
Longreach per connection water item number and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
18) Hotel, motel, tavern and licensed clubs a) for each unit see item 4, for restaurant/café see item 9			
19) Caravan parks less than 20 sites a) greater than 20 sites see item 14, for restaurant/café see item 9			
20) Railway station and associated uses (other than dwelling)	40	6,000	\$7,192.80
21) Fire station and residence			
22) Cemetery			
23) Public toilet block, council park			
24) Racecourse	48	7,200	\$8,631.36
25) School, childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten per parcel of land a) for additional childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten charges see item 15	60	9,000	\$10,789.20
Ilfracombe, Isisford, Yaraka per connection water item and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
1) Vacant land within water area - not connected	4	600	\$424.48
2) Vacant land - connected	6	900	\$636.72
3) Land used for commercial, industrial, residential or recreational purposes for each dwelling or building erected on a parcel of land (except if the facility is identified separately in this table).	8	1,200	\$848.96
4) Land used for a hotel, caravan park, school or recreation purposes	16	2,400	\$1,697.92
5) Public toilet block, council park	32	4,800	\$3,395.84
6) Untreated water users	Nil		

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12.9 - 2025 Budget - Water Service Charges

The charge for the provision of water includes a water consumption allocation for the financial year. In the case of land not connected to the Council's water supply but capable of being connected, a vacant water charge is applied to contribute toward the cost of the water supply infrastructure.

Where an assessment consumes water above the allocated amount, it will be charged for excess water usage. The first 500 kilolitres in excess of the allocation will be charged at a rate of \$1.37 per kilolitre and every kilolitre thereafter charged at a rate of \$2.72 per kilolitre.

Council will read meters as at 30 June each year. Pursuant to section 102(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before, and ends 2 weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read. If a water meter fails or registers inaccurately, the quantity of water used may be estimated by the Chief Executive Officer using the consumption for the same period in the prior year and having regard to climatic conditions.

Other water charges

Where land is used for a purpose for which no charge is specified herein, the Council or the Chief Executive Officer by delegation may decide the applicable number of units and annual allowance. Notwithstanding the charges specified above, the Council may, by resolution approve a lesser charge where it considers such lesser charge is justified.

Where a service is provided for part of a year, a pro-rata charge shall be levied.

Bulk Water Utility Charges - Longreach

A charge is to be levied for the provision of bulk water for certain identified properties which will be charged at a rate per kilolitre for all water supplied and measured by a water meter. The identified properties will be billed on a quarterly basis.

The assessments to be levied for the provision of bulk water are shown in the following table:

Assessment	Charge per kl	Assessment	Charge per kl	Assessment	Charge per kl
A1308	\$1.66	A1724	\$1.66	A774	\$1.66
A1397/A1398	\$1.66	A30332	\$1.66	A2226	\$1.66
A1787	\$1.66	A1807	\$1.66	A1764	\$1.66
A1790	\$1.66	A1047	\$1.66	A745	\$1.66
A1789	\$1.66	A2205	\$1.66	A1783	\$1.66
A1778	\$1.66	A1084	\$1.66	A1597	\$1.66
A1786	\$1.66	A30299	\$1.66	A2212	\$1.66
A1484	\$1.66	A1590	\$1.66	A2227	\$1.66
A1748	\$1.66	A2202	\$1.66	A1806	\$1.66
A1781	\$1.66	A2054	\$1.66	A40199	\$1.66
A1793	\$1.66	A30341	\$1.66		
A1722	\$1.66	A40200	\$1.66		

Untreated Water Users - Ilfracombe

Separate to the table above, Untreated Water Users in Ilfracombe will be charged at a rate of \$1.37 per kilolitre.

12 FINANCE REPORT

12.10 - 2025 Budget - Special Charge - Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme

12.10 2025 Budget - Special Charge - Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme

Proposed special charge for the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme to be levied for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-155)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012, makes and levies a special charge for the provision of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme on certain rural properties.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows Council, by resolution, to levy special rates and charges for a financial year.

Issue:

Council established the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme in July 2016 for the provision of fencing for the control of pest animals.

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12.10 - 2025 Budget - Special Charge - Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood: Unlikely
Consequence: Moderate
Rating: Medium (6/25)

The risk that Council does not fully recover the costs of administering the scheme.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012, makes and levies a special charge for the provision of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme on certain rural properties in accordance with the Overall Plan.

The Overall Plan for the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme Special Charge was adopted by Council at its 21 July 2016 Budget Meeting and amended at subsequent Budget Meetings. Council now amends the Overall Plan to read as follows:

- The service, facility or activity is the borrowing of funds to implement the project, purchase materials and construct exclusion fencing that controls pest animals for the identified rateable land to which the special charge will apply.*
- The Scheme is intended to be cost neutral to Council. It does not involve a loan arrangement with landowners but is implemented through the exercise of Council's statutory powers under the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulations 2012.*
- Council has borrowed funds from the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) to fund the Scheme.*
- The rateable land which has been identified in the Overall Plan (or its occupier) specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because the provision of the exclusion fencing empowers a landholder or group of landholders to develop an integrated property pest management plan involving baiting, trapping and shooting to control pest animals and improve the economic viability of this land for grazing purposes. The rateable land to which the special charge will apply are the properties listed in the table below.*

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12.10 - 2025 Budget - Special Charge - Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme

- *The amount of Special Charge will differ for each parcel of identified rateable land according to the level of benefit that the property receives from the provision of the exclusion fencing. The level of benefit for each property will be determined according to the total costs associated with Council's borrowing from QTC, the purchase of materials and construction of fencing. Special Charges will be levied and paid over 20 years for each of the parcels of identified rateable land from the commencement of the arrangement with each property.*
- *The Total Cost for each parcel of rateable land to determine the amount of Special Charge under the Scheme will be calculated as follows:*
 - *the net cost of materials and construction paid by Council; plus*
 - *the notional interest on the net cost of materials and construction paid by Council for the first two-year period where no Special Charges will be levied for a parcel of identified rateable land; plus*
 - *the QTC Administration fee; plus*
 - *Council's 2% Administration fee which will be calculated on the sum of costs noted above (Total Cost)*
- *Special Charges will then be levied by Council as follows:*
 - *For years one and two of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will not be levied;*
 - *For years three to five of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will be levied to cover notional interest only on the Total Cost of the Scheme for that property; and*
 - *For years six to twenty of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will be levied to cover repayment of the Total Cost of the Scheme for that property and notional interest on outstanding amounts for the remaining term.*
- *The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$17.8 million. This figure includes all of the costs associated with the installation of the exclusion fencing, administrative costs, and interest and fees charged on the Total Cost for each parcel of identified rateable land.*
- *The estimated time for carrying out the Overall Plan is 22 years, with the Overall Plan commencing on 1 July 2016 and concluding on 30 June 2038. The first fence construction on a parcel of identified rateable land commenced in 2017 and the final Special Charge for the Overall Plan will be levied by Council in 2038;*
- *The annual implementation plan for this special charge for the 2024/2025 financial year is the levying of the special charges as per the table below, for the purposes of making ongoing repayments to QTC of funds previously borrowed.*
- *Council will not accept any lump sum payments in settlement of amounts to be paid under the Scheme. Because the Scheme does not involve a loan arrangement, early repayment is not possible and will not be permitted by Council. No early payment discounts apply to payments of Special Charges.*

12 FINANCE REPORT

12.10 - 2025 Budget - Special Charge - Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme

- If a reconfiguration of any of the rateable assessments that are part of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme, into one or more rateable assessments, occurs after the special charge has been determined for the financial year, a concession, granted pursuant to sections 120(1)(c) and 122(1)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 will be applied to the landowner as follows:
 - Council will obtain information from the original applications to the LWDEFS to determine the total length and cost per metre of the fencing on each original rateable assessment on commencement of the scheme.
 - By reference to mapping data, Council will measure the distance of the fencing on the new rateable assessments to apportion the costs of the scheme between each new assessment.
 - Council will provide a concession to each of the new rateable assessments by deducting a concession amount from the gross amount of the special charge so that the net result of the concession is that the landowner will only pay a special charge equivalent to the amount calculated in 1 and 2 above.

The amount of the special charge for each assessment for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 is as follows:

Assessment	Amount to be levied 2024/25	Assessment	Amount to be levied 2024/25	Assessment	Amount to be levied 2024/25
A1930	14,068.76	A30443	17,170.32	A1849	10,344.28
A1886	-	A30297	20,189.54	A30209	14,215.78
A40104	20,744.04	A30177	28,385.96	A1881	55,799.84
A1695	-	A1676	38,573.14	A20150	9,431.16
A40009	32,571.46	A30196	9,494.50	A1912	16,565.52
A1875	25,112.08	A1726	32,625.90	A1891	-
A30353	26,240.14	A1935	47,668.68	A40125	17,491.60
A20219	13,881.60	A20139	19,991.28	A40126	38,862.06
A1715	1,589.14	A1692	15,764.70	A1642	40,807.32
A20132	15,721.36	A20166	10,965.86	A1686	4,183.52
A20162	24,413.72	A20175	15,849.26	A1667	18,551.02
A20138	19,087.70	A20159	14,476.14	A20120	3,546.24
A20118	13,699.26	A20164	10,388.16	A20141	31,730.44
A30243	10,625.04	A20157	46,449.62	A1928	3,367.46
A20133	3,153.04	A40105	3,182.98	A2149	-
A30223	22,348.36	A40106	6,815.30	A40086	12,037.36
A20174	8,565.40	A40107	1,393.02	A1631	17,954.32
A2009	2,876.86	A20158	14,095.56	A1666	24,795.86
A20161	10,872.96	A30351	3,682.72	A30226	11,668.68
A20117	2,215.96	A1634	-	A1888	13,887.04
A30428	6,604.62	A2178	-	A40084	13,208.30
A1700	6,979.62	A40148	22,910.16		
A1609	44,003.68	A20176	25,271.92		

Those assessments that have been struck out in the above schedule have been subject to a sub-division or amalgamation and the charges have been applied against the new assessments added to the schedule.

12 FINANCE REPORT

12.11 - 2025 Budget - Special Charge - Control of Pest Animals

12.11 2025 Budget - Special Charge - Control of Pest Animals

Proposed special charge for the control of pest animals to be levied for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(*Res-2023-06-154*)

Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, makes and levies a special charge for the provision of pest control services through coordinated baiting programs to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on rural land.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows Council, by resolution, to levy special rates and charges for a financial year.

Issue:

Council levies a special charge to partially recover the cost of implementing a baiting program on certain properties.

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12.11 - 2025 Budget - Special Charge - Control of Pest Animals

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: Minor
Rating: Low (2/25)

Risk that Council does not recover the cost of providing services and infrastructure to the community.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, makes and levies a special charge for the provision of pest control services in accordance with the Overall Plan.

The Overall Plan is for coordinated baiting programs to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on rural land as follows:

The rateable land to which the special charge applies is all rural land within the Longreach Regional Council area with an area greater than 25 hectares.

The service, facility or activity for which the special charge is made is the provision of a coordinated baiting program to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on rural land for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

The occupier of the land to be levied with the special charge will specially benefit from the pest control services as the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on the properties improves the viability of and benefits from the land for the occupier.

The estimated cost of Council implementing the Overall Plan is \$165,000 of which the sum of \$106,225 will be funded by this special charge.

The estimated time for implementing the Overall Plan is 12 months ending on 30 June 2025.

The special charge shall apply to each of the designated assessments listed in the table below at an annual charge of 2.85 cents per hectare for the financial year ending 30 June 2025. The amount of the special charge per assessment is:

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12.11 - 2025 Budget - Special Charge - Control of Pest Animals

Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge
A1608	\$394.98	A1732	\$50.28	A2213	\$380.78	A30172	\$250.61	A30449	\$315.15
A1609	\$1,876.44	A1739	\$292.45	A2214	\$272.64	A30173	\$1,397.43	A40001	\$428.40
A1618	\$456.16	A1744	\$233.89	A20117	\$227.86	A30177	\$255.64	A40008	\$1,311.54
A1619	\$351.93	A1745	\$116.38	A20118	\$268.68	A30178	\$221.54	A40009	\$202.66
A1624	\$768.38	A1769	\$35.75	A20120	\$246.74	A30184	\$932.24	A40010	\$1.48
A1627	\$221.28	A1804	\$162.51	A20122	\$870.06	A30187	\$472.76	A40011	\$469.13
A1629	\$138.47	A1830	\$140.17	A20126	\$251.07	A30190	\$224.99	A40012	\$763.64
A1630	\$585.61	A1831	\$578.09	A20129	\$439.03	A30192	\$1,645.49	A40013	\$734.20
A1631	\$418.52	A1834	\$87.83	A20130	\$265.69	A30195	\$111.11	A40015	\$3,559.64
A1632	\$306.87	A1844	\$0.91	A20131	\$54.27	A30196	\$686.70	A40019	\$138.20
A1633	\$77.02	A1849	\$921.58	A20132	\$179.38	A30197	\$194.13	A40020	\$219.66
A1635	\$342.27	A1856	\$295.24	A20133	\$247.12	A30199	\$6.70	A40021	\$896.03
A1637	\$290.83	A1865	\$194.20	A20137	\$118.83	A30205	\$652.42	A40083	\$493.88
A1639	\$4,936.12	A1866	\$92.78	A20138	\$232.53	A30209	\$355.20	A40084	\$385.20
A1640	\$491.45	A1869	\$334.86	A20139	\$106.18	A30214	\$9.79	A40086	\$343.87
A1641	\$1,623.93	A1871	\$270.09	A20141	\$468.22	A30223	\$802.37	A40087	\$613.23
A1642	\$541.10	A1873	\$398.45	A20147	\$396.12	A30224	\$2,367.92	A40088	\$393.88
A1643	\$198.12	A1874	\$283.26	A20148	\$232.45	A30225	\$348.93	A40089	\$470.14
A1646	\$300.16	A1875	\$404.66	A20149	\$363.99	A30226	\$875.68	A40091	\$642.40
A1647	\$234.50	A1876	\$234.60	A20150	\$243.01	A30231	\$593.09	A40104	\$290.36
A1648	\$529.17	A1878	\$10.54	A20151	\$177.51	A30235	\$5.16	A40105	\$117.90
A1650	\$1,184.90	A1881	\$562.12	A20152	\$210.48	A30243	\$1,171.62	A40106	\$79.21
A1651	\$502.22	A1885	\$211.09	A20153	\$889.26	A30244	\$821.55	A40107	\$79.23
A1652	\$320.10	A1888	\$321.40	A20157	\$2,848.98	A30247	\$640.96	A40108	\$0.03
A1654	\$714.08	A1889	\$211.04	A20158	\$108.28	A30257	\$313.39	A40110	\$131.25
A1655	\$373.33	A1892	\$526.39	A20159	\$231.87	A30263	\$16.15	A40113	\$630.24
A1657	\$418.38	A1893	\$133.17	A20161	\$518.58	A30280	\$10.16	A40122	\$301.39
A1658	\$625.90	A1904	\$881.45	A20162	\$407.94	A30292	\$255.32	A40123	\$943.63
A1666	\$182.44	A1912	\$655.04	A20163	\$80.99	A30297	\$555.09	A40125	\$302.02
A1667	\$602.27	A1918	\$675.21	A20164	\$221.21	A30301	\$404.43	A40126	\$695.09
A1672	\$652.66	A1919	\$488.87	A20165	\$94.20	A30342	\$1.41	A40111	\$131.25
A1673	\$262.53	A1928	\$304.46	A20166	\$286.28	A30351	\$320.89	A40186	\$106.30
A1676	\$477.38	A1930	\$406.38	A20167	\$266.47	A30353	\$106.23	A40187	\$234.37
A1677	\$384.44	A1931	\$429.30	A20168	\$94.98	A30354	\$354.51	A40119	\$52.06
A1679	\$106.42	A1932	\$365.18	A20169	\$290.28	A30365	\$48.75	A40128	\$866.12
A1684	\$329.30	A1935	\$341.70	A20173	\$389.37	A30395	\$231.44	A40148	\$960.13
A1685	\$233.09	A1936	\$322.79	A20174	\$127.15	A30397	\$309.86	A40128	\$866.12
A1686	\$218.74	A1979	\$3.23	A20175	\$290.32	A30399	\$230.71	A40127	\$1,142.05
A1689	\$299.20	A2009	\$459.37	A20176	\$388.12	A30402	\$7.45	A40179	\$794.99
A1692	\$191.82	A2023	\$153.27	A20179	\$349.04	A30415	\$73.13	A40150	\$1,178.28
A1700	\$263.84	A2055	\$744.42	A20180	\$450.92	A30417	\$457.31	A40152	\$677.76
A1705	\$697.98	A2077	\$367.51	A20203	\$347.02	A30427	\$213.46	A40174	\$358.98
A1712	\$446.34	A2142	\$500.25	A20219	\$594.37	A30428	\$238.88	A40188	\$116.70
A1714	\$1,349.14	A2143	\$1,098.51	A20220	\$229.44	A30432	\$187.54	A40189	\$118.67
A1715	\$600.42	A2144	\$835.17	A20224	\$209.58	A30441	\$437.22	A40193	\$448.01
A1716	\$1.17	A2145	\$379.60	A20230	\$89.14	A30442	\$305.38		
A1718	\$197.59	A2147	\$288.21	A20233	\$245.11	A30443	\$153.01		
A1726	\$370.43	A2148	\$679.30	A30171	\$968.13	A30445	\$103.00		

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.12 - 2025 Budget - Separate Charge - Environmental Levy

12.12 2025 Budget - Separate Charge - Environmental Levy

Proposed separate charge for the environmental levy for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations
The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(*Res-2023-06-153*)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith

That Council, pursuant to section 103 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, makes and levies a separate charge, to be known as the Environmental Levy Separate Charge, of \$128.00 per rateable assessment, to be levied equally on all rateable land in the local government area for the purposes of funding natural resource, environmental and waste management strategies.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* enable a local government to impose a separate charge.

Issue:

A small increase to the Environmental Levy Separate Charge is proposed.

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.12 - 2025 Budget - Separate Charge - Environmental Levy

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: Minor
Rating: Low (2/25)

Risk that Council does not recover the cost of providing services and infrastructure to the community.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 103 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, makes and levies a separate charge for the year ending 30 June 2025, to be known as the Environmental Levy Separate Charge, of \$132.00 per rateable assessment, to be levied equally on all rateable land in the local government area for the purposes of funding natural resource, environmental and waste management strategies.

12 FINANCE REPORT

12.13 - 2025 Budget - Financial Policies for the 2024-25 Financial Year

12.13 2025 Budget - Financial Policies for the 2024-25 Financial Year

Consideration of the financial policies for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

The 2024/25 budget has been constructed to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

OUR FINANCES	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-151)

Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Nunn

That Council adopts:

- 1) the Longreach Regional Council Investment Policy 2023/24 as presented;*
- 2) the Longreach Regional Council Debt Policy 2023/24 as presented; and*
- 3) the Longreach Regional Council Debt Recovery Policy 2023/24 as presented.*

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* sets out:

Section 191 – that a local government must prepare and adopt an investment policy,

Section 192 – that a local government must prepare and adopt a debt policy, and

Section 129 – a local government may decide to allow ratepayers to pay rates or charges by instalments.

Part 12, Division 2 and 3 – a local government may recover overdue rates and charges by bringing court proceedings against a person and a local government has the power to sell or acquire land for overdue rates and charges.

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12.13 - 2025 Budget - Financial Policies for the 2024-25 Financial Year

Issue:

Policies are presented for adoption.

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: Minor
Rating: Low (2/25)

Risk that Council does not recover the cost of providing services and infrastructure to the community.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil


Appendices

1. Investment Policy [↓](#)
2. Debt Policy [↓](#)
3. Debt Recovery Policy [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council adopts:

- 1) *the Longreach Regional Council Investment Policy 2024/25 as presented*
- 2) *the Longreach Regional Council Debt Policy 2024/25 as presented*
- 3) *the Longreach Regional Council Debt Recovery Policy 2024/25 as presented.*

Investment Policy 2024-2025		 Longreach Regional Council
Policy Number:	1.8	
Policy Category:	Financial	
Authorised by:		
Date approved:	20 June 2024	
Review Date:	30 June 2025	

PURPOSE

This policy sets out how Longreach Regional Council (Council) will manage investments in the 2024/25 financial year.

SCOPE

As required under s 191 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*, this policy outlines:

- Council’s investment objectives and overall risk philosophy; and
- procedures for achieving the goals related to investment stated in the policy.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will hold sufficient cash to ensure it can meet its obligations in providing services and infrastructure to the Council Area, pay its current and non-current liabilities as they fall due and manage liquidity risks.

Investment options may be considered if they are allowed under the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982* and the investment is:


- 1) undertaken in accordance with Council’s Risk Management Framework, in particular within Council’s risk appetite for investments and cash management; and
- 2) made with suitable credit-worthy financial counterparties; and
- 3) made for a period of time that meets Council’s cash flow requirements but not for a period of more than 12 months; and
- 4) able to provide a commercially acceptable return.

During the 2024/25 financial year, any cash not required for short-term cash flow will be invested in term deposits with an approved counterparty for a period of up to 12 months.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Authority for the implementation of the Revenue Policy is delegated by Council to the CEO in accordance with section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

<p>Authorised by resolution as at 20 June 2024:</p> <hr/> <p>Brett Walsh Chief Executive Officer</p>

Debt Policy 2024-2025		 Longreach Regional Council
Policy Number:	1.7	
Policy Category:	Financial	
Authorised by:		
Date approved:	20 June 2024	
Review Date:	30 June 2025	

PURPOSE

This policy sets out how Longreach Regional Council (Council) will manage debt in the 2024/25 financial year.

SCOPE

As required under s 192 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*, this policy states:

- the new borrowings planned for the current financial year and the next nine financial years; and
- the period over which Council plans to repay existing and new borrowings.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will maintain a low level of debt so that it is able to meet the financial sustainability metrics set out by the Department of Local Government. As a general principle, Council will maintain a sustainable level of services and infrastructure using grant funding and its own cash.

Council will consider borrowing money under the following circumstances:


- 1) To fund the repair, upgrade or construction of infrastructure, or the acquisition of an asset, that has an effective life of over 1 year. Council will not borrow money to fund operational expenses.
- 2) The asset or infrastructure is critical to providing essential services to the community or will create a new revenue stream to Council that will offset the cost of obtaining the loan.
- 3) The term of the loan will match as closely as possible, the effective life of the asset or infrastructure.
- 4) The financial risks of taking on the loan has been properly assessed over the long-term, including scenario analysis and stress testing.

For the 2024/25 financial year and the following nine financial years:

- 1) Council plans not to enter into new borrowings; and
- 2) Current loans will be repaid according to their repayment schedules. Existing borrowings have maturity dates falling between 2026 and 2038.

Authorised by resolution as at 20 June 2025:

 Brett Walsh
 Chief Executive Officer

Debt Recovery Policy		 Longreach Regional Council
Policy Number:	1.12	
Policy Category:	Financial	
Authorised by:		
Date approved:	20 June 2024	
Review Date:	30 June 2025	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set out Council’s recovery procedures for overdue amounts owed to Council. The policy provides Council Officers with the framework and flexibility to work with ratepayers and other debtors to settle overdue amounts as soon as possible.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all amounts owed to Council from all revenue sources.

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009 Chapter 4 Part 1 Section 95-96

Local Government Regulation 2012 Chapter 4 Part 12

DEFINITIONS

Due Date

In the case of rates and charges, including water charges, the Due Date is specified on the rates notice. In the case of other debts, the Due Date is specified on the invoice.

Debtor

A Debtor is any person or entity that owes an amount to Council. The amount owed may include rates, levies and charges or other amounts charged by Council for the provision of goods or services.

Instalment Arrangement

An agreement made between the Debtor and Council to repay an amount in full over a series of scheduled instalment payments.

Financial Hardship Arrangement

An agreement between the Debtor and Council to repay an amount in full over a series of scheduled instalment payments that exceeds the acceptable period of a regular Instalment Arrangement.

1.1 Recovery process

Step 1 – Within 14 days after the Due Date, Council Officers will contact the Debtor to advise them of the overdue amount. If requested, the Debtor will be sent a copy of the rates notice or invoice and advised of how to make payment.

Step 2 – If payment has not been received within 14 days after Step 1, Council Officers will contact the Debtor. If they are unable to pay the amount, Council Officers will work with the Debtor to enter into an Instalment Arrangement.

Step 3 – If the amount has not been repaid by the agreed payment date or if a Debtor does not make an instalment payment, Council Officers will send the Debtor formal notification that if the debt is not paid in full within 14 days of the notification, then

legal action may be taken.

Step 4 – If the amount has not been repaid by the date specified on the formal notification, the Chief Executive Officer or a duly delegated officer will consider Council's options on the basis of:

- a) The security afforded the debt,
- b) The prospects of successfully recovering the debt,
- c) The cost effectiveness of recovering the debt.

After consideration of these factors, the Chief Executive Officer or a duly delegated officer may:

- a) Commence legal action,
- b) Write off the debt,
- c) Recommend to Council that it exercises its powers to sell land under the provisions of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

1.2 Instalment Arrangements

In cases where a Debtor cannot pay an amount in full, Council Officers may negotiate an Instalment Arrangement with the Debtor under the following guidelines:

- a) The Instalment Arrangement will not exceed 6 months,
- b) The payment frequency shall be no longer than monthly,
- c) The full amount of the debt plus all scheduled charges that fall within the period must be settled by the end of the Instalment Arrangement,
- d) Interest charges on overdue amounts will be waived as long as the Arrangement is in place,
- e) If an instalment payment is not made as scheduled, then the Instalment Arrangement is deemed to be voided.

The Council Officer will prepare an Instalment Arrangement Application form and send it to the Debtor to sign. Once the signed application has been returned, the Instalment Arrangement will be put in place.

1.3 Financial Hardship Arrangements

In cases where a Debtor cannot pay an amount in full and is unable to settle an amount owing under an Instalment Arrangement, the Debtor may apply for a Financial Hardship Arrangement. To enter into a Financial Hardship Arrangement, the Debtor must complete a Financial Hardship Application form and provide proof of financial hardship. A Financial Hardship Application must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer or a duly delegated officer before it is put in place.

Council Officers will waive interest charges on overdue amounts as long as a Financial Hardship Arrangement is in place.

If an instalment payment is not made as scheduled, then the Financial Hardship Arrangement is deemed to be voided.

1.4 Legal Action

Legal action may be undertaken in the relevant Court jurisdiction and may be undertaken under instruction by the Chief Executive Officer or a duly delegated officer

to solicitors or mercantile agents acting on Council's behalf.

Before legal action is implemented, a third party Letter of Demand will be issued by the solicitor.

Should Judgement of the Court be obtained, the request to execute the Judgement and the method of execution will be approved by the Chief Executive Officer or a duly delegated officer.

1.4 Debt Write-off

Where it is determined, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or a duly delegated officer that a debt is irrecoverable or uneconomical to recover, the debt will be written-off. Debts written-off under delegated authority will be reported to Council on a quarterly basis.

Authorised by resolution as at 20 June 2024:

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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12.14 - 2025 Budget - Differential General Rates Categories and Levies

12.14 2025 Budget - Differential General Rates Categories and Levies

Proposed differential general rating categories and levies for the 2025 financial year.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations
The budget has been prepared to be consistent with the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan.

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Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-06-152)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 77, 80 and 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

- 1) Creates the differential general rating categories of rateable land, and descriptions for each of those categories for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 as detailed in the table below, and*
- 2) Levies differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 as detailed in the table below, and*
- 3) Applies a minimum general rate for each rateable land assessment within each rating category for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 as detailed in the table below, and*
- 4) Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.*

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

Section 80 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 allows a local government to levy different rates for different categories of land (differential general rates).

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If this option is to be adopted, Section 81 requires a local government to decide by resolution at its budget meeting the different categories of rateable land for rating purposes and a description of each of the rating categories.

Section 77 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 allows a local government the option to fix a minimum amount of general rates. A local government may identify parcels of rateable land to which a minimum amount of general rates applies in any way the local government considers appropriate

The local government must identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land in the local government area belongs and may do so in any way it considers appropriate.

Issue:

During the year, the Valuer General revalued properties in the Longreach Region. These valuations led to variable and in some cases significant increases through the region. Council has made adjustments to the Cents In the Dollar rates for categories to reduce the impact of the valuation increases on the rates paid by ratepayers.

Council has also consolidated some rating categories to simplify its rating system .

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood:	Unlikely
Consequence:	Moderate
Rating:	Medium (6/25)

Risk related to properties not being categorised correctly.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 77, 80 and 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

- 1) Creates the differential general rating categories of rateable land, and descriptions for each of those categories for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 as detailed in the table below, and*
- 2) Levies differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 as detailed in the table below, and*
- 3) Applies a minimum general rate for each rateable land assessment within each rating category for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 as detailed in the table below, and*

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- 4) *Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.*

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12.14 - 2025 Budget - Differential General Rates Categories and Levies

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate
25 – Residential (Longreach) <1 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the township of Longreach which has an area of less than 1 Ha which is not otherwise categorised.	3.2956	\$955
26 – Residential (Longreach) 1 Ha or more or rural residential	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the township of Longreach which has an area of more than 1 Ha or for rural residential purposes outside of but adjacent to Longreach town, which is not otherwise categorised.	2.1565	\$955
27 - Residential (Other Towns)	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the townships of Ilfracombe, Isisford, Emmet and Yaraka which is not otherwise categorised.	1.4050	\$529
28 - Multi Residential	Land used, or intended for use, in whole or in part, for long term residential purposes with multiple dwelling units within the one title.	3.9261	\$1,385
44 - Commercial	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for commercial purposes, including short term accommodation in all towns unless otherwise categorised.	4.1151	\$955
14 – Major Caravan Parks	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for commercial purposes of cabins, camping, caravan, campervan and motor home accommodation of 40 or more accommodation sites for the travelling public.	3.8416	\$13,846
16 -Transformer Sites	Land used for the purposes of a transformer.	2.0510	\$955
18 – Tourist Attractions (All areas)	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for a major tourist attraction, which is greater than 1 hectare in area.	1.1555	\$5,363
19 - Not for profit	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of a not for profit activity.	1.2250	\$450
21 – Horse Stable Precinct	Land in the Longreach Horse Stable Precinct used for the purposes of a horse stable.	4.9321	\$625
30 - Rural <100 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is less than 100 hectares in area, except land included in category 54 to 61.	1.7688	\$486
31 - Rural 100 - 1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is between 100 and 1000 hectares in area, except land included in category 54 to 61.	0.8228	\$670

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DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate
32 - Rural >1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is more than 1000 hectares in area, except land included in category 54 to 61.	0.4371	\$955
42 - Industrial	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for industrial purposes including transportation and storage unless otherwise categorised.	5.9011	\$955
45 - Airport	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for any purpose on land designated as Longreach Airport Precinct.	5.3679	\$955
50 - Small Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 0 and 10 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	1.7445	\$440
51 - Medium Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 11 and 300 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.7470	\$204,402
52 - Large Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 301 and 1000 people on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.7470	\$408,768
53 - Extra Large Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of over 1000 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.7470	\$736,049
54 - Intensive Accommodation 15 – 50 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 15 and 50 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	8.3469	\$13,127
55 - Intensive Accommodation 51 – 100 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 51 and 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$26,220
56 - Intensive Accommodation 101 – 200 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 101 and 200 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$52,417

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DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate
57 - Intensive Accommodation 201 – 300 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 201 and 300 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$78,615
58 - Intensive Accommodation 301 – 400 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 301 and 400 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$104,823
59 - Intensive Accommodation 401 – 500 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 401 and 500 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$131,031
60 - Intensive Accommodation 501 – 600 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 501 and 600 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$157,228
61 - Intensive Accommodation 600 + persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for more than 600 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$183,436

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DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate
62 - Power Station <50 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of less than 50 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	1.9597	\$13,915
63 - Power Station 50 – 250 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of more than 50 MW but less than 250 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	1.9597	\$39,313
64 - Power Station >250 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of more than 250 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	1.9597	\$78,615
65 - Major Transmission Site >5MVA	Land used, or intended to be used, for an electricity substation with a capacity greater than 5 MVA.	1.9597	\$32,761
66 - Petroleum Lease – Gas	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of gas.	26.0000	\$26,220
67 - Petroleum Other	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing and/or transportation (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction /processing and/or transportation such as for example water storages, compressor stations, block valves or transportation by pipelines), excluding petroleum leases.	7.7095	\$13,127
70 - Petroleum Lease –Oil < 30 wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have less than 30 wells.	26.0000	\$26,220
72 - Petroleum Lease- Oil 30+ Wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have 30 wells or more.	26.0000	\$157,228

Longreach Airport Precinct

For the purposes of rating, the Longreach Airport Precinct incorporates the land on assessment number A30396, and any new assessments created through sub-division and amalgamation.

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12.15 - 2025 Budget - Adoption of the 2024-25 Budget and Long-Term Forecast

12.15 2025 Budget - Adoption of the 2024-25 Budget and Long-Term Forecast

Adoption of the budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations
Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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Corporate Plan Outcome	
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Adoption of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter

(Res-2023-06-150)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Bignell

That Council adopts the Longreach Regional Council Budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, as presented, that incorporates all of the requirements under section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

Section 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires a local government to adopt its budget for a financial year that must comply with section 169.

Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* sets out that a local government's budget for each financial year must include certain things including:

1. Statements of the following for the financial year for which it is prepared and the next 2 financial years s169 (1)(b)-
 - a. Financial position;
 - b. Cash flow;
 - c. Income and expenditure;
 - d. Changes in equity.
2. A long-term financial forecast s169 (2)(a);
3. A revenue statement s169 (2)(b);
4. A revenue policy s169 (2)(c);

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5. Each of the relevant measures of financial sustainability for the financial year for which it is prepared and the next 9 financial years s169 (4);
6. The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget s169 (6). For calculating the rates and utility charges levied for a financial year, any discounts and rebates must be excluded s169 (7).

Issue:

The 2025 Budget has been compiled following several workshops with Councillors and management. It has been compiled in an environment where rising costs continue to present challenges to Council and the community and where uncertainty remains with grant funding. The budget as presented provides a financial plan for Council to be able to continue to provide the community of the Longreach Region with services and infrastructure while remaining financially sustainable.

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: Almost certain
Consequence: Major
Rating: Extreme (20/25)

Constructing a responsible budget is a key component of Council's financial accountability responsibilities.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. Revenue Policy [↓](#)
2. Revenue Statement [↓](#)
3. Budget statements for FY25 plus 2 years [↓](#)
4. Long term financial forecasts [↓](#)
5. Financial Sustainability Statement [↓](#)
6. Percentage change in rates and utilities [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Longreach Regional Council Budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2025, as presented, that incorporates all the requirements under section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Revenue Policy 2024-2025		 <p>Longreach Regional Council</p>
Policy Number:	1.5	
Policy Category:	Financial	
Authorised by:		
Date approved:	20 June 2024	
Review Date:	30 June 2025	

PURPOSE

This policy sets out how Longreach Regional Council (Council) will levy rates and charges in the 2024/25 financial year.

SCOPE

This policy identifies the principles that Council has applied in the preparation and adoption of the 2024/25 budget for:

- the making and levying of rates and charges,
- granting concessions for rates and charges,
- recovering overdue rates and charges, and
- setting of cost-recovery fees and methods.

The policy also addresses:

- the purpose for concessions, and
- infrastructure charges for Council.

LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*

PRINCIPLES

In preparing the Revenue Policy for the 2024/25 financial year, Council considered the Guideline on Equity and Fairness in Rating for Queensland Local Governments, issued by the Department of Local Government.

This guideline is intended to promote best practice and sets out the principles (Principles) to assist local government implement fair and equitable rating systems while ensuring flexibility for raising sufficient own source revenue. The Principles are:

- Equity for like properties
- User pays
- Meaningful contribution
- Predictability
- Fairness

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Principles used for the making and levying of rates and charges

Council seeks to improve its financial sustainability while minimising the impact of Council rates and charges on the community. Council aims to achieve this by distributing the burden of payments equitably across the community having regard to the consumers of each service, the benefit to the community and to all factors that contribute to Council’s costs.

Land valuations will be used as the basis of general rates, with differential rating categories determined by land use, ownership, availability of services, consumption of and demand for services and whether any attribute of the land gives rise to, or is likely to give rise to, increased costs for the Council.

Council will levy special rates and charges to minimise the extent to which the general community subsidises the unique costs arising from the provision of local government services to particular land.

When levying the rates and charges, Council will:

- Consider the impact of setting rates and charges on its long-term financial forecast,
- Seek to minimise the revenue required to be raised by rates and charges by:
 - Maximising income from available grants and subsidies, and
 - Imposing fees in respect of services and activities for which it believes cost-recovery is appropriate.
- Attempt to avoid significant price escalation in any one year where possible, taking into consideration the prevailing economic conditions, and
- Offer an early payment discount to provide an incentive for the timely payment of rates and charges.

2. Principles used for granting concessions for rates and charges

In considering the application of concessions, Council will:

- Reduce the financial burden of rates and charges payable by pensioners,
- Apply the same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances,
- Consider the different levels of capacity to pay within the community,
- Make clear the requirements necessary to receive and/or retain concessions, and
- Be flexible by responding, where necessary, to local economic issues.

3. Principles used for recovering overdue rates and charges

Council will exercise its rates recovery powers in order to reduce the overall rate burden upon ratepayers while:

- Making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the process used by Council in assisting them to meet their obligations,
- Making the processes used to recover outstanding rates and utility charges clear, simple to administer and cost effective,
- Considering the capacity to pay in determining appropriate payment plans for different sectors of the community,
- Endeavouring to treat ratepayers with similar circumstances in a consistent way, and
- Applying flexibility to ratepayers experiencing financial hardship through concessional arrangements.

4. Setting of cost-recovery fees

Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* allows Council to establish fees to recover costs associated with the provision of certain activities or services. When setting its cost-recovery fees for these services, Council will ensure that the fee is not more than the cost to Council of providing the service or activity.

5. Infrastructure charges

Council tries to strike a reasonable balance between minimising costs for new developments and managing the burden of new developments upon existing ratepayers. Council reserves the right to fund the costs of any new development by levying charges upon that development. Council may choose to subsidise from other sources the charges payable for the development when Council believes that it is in the community's interest.

6. Commercial charges

Section 262(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* empowers Council to charge for services or facilities it supplies, other than a service for which a cost-recovery fee may be fixed.


Council imposes such a charge where it is prepared to provide a commercial service to a party that may choose to use that service. Council considers the nature, level and standard of the service when setting the charges and may set the charge to generate revenue.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Authority for the implementation of the Revenue Policy is delegated by Council to the CEO in accordance with section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Authorised by resolution as at 20 June 2024:

Brett Walsh
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This Revenue Statement has been prepared to comply with section 104(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and in accordance with sections 169(2)(b) and 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

1. RATES AND CHARGES (s 94 *Local Government Act 2009*)

The Revenue Statement outlines the revenue measures adopted by Longreach Regional Council (Council) for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

For the financial year ending 30 June 2025, Council will make and levy rates and charges including:

- Differential general rates,
- Special rates and charges,
- Separate charges, and
- Utility charges for water, sewerage and waste management.

2. GENERAL RATES RATIONALE

General rates are for services, facilities and activities that are supplied or undertaken for the benefit of the community in general.

In accordance with section 74(1) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*, Council calculates the rates for land by using the rateable value of the land, which is determined by the Department of Resources. The general rate could be determined by dividing the income needed from general rates by the rateable valuation of lands, however that would be inequitable due to the diversity in the Longreach region in terms of land use and location, land values, access to, and actual and potential demands for, services and facilities.

To provide a more equitable and reasonable basis for its revenue raising, Council has adopted a general rating system that takes into account a combination of specific user charges, separate charges, special rates and charges and differential general rates.

3. DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES (Chapter 4, Part 5, Division 1 *Local Government Regulation 2012*)

Council levies differential general rates, which means the amount of general rates payable for any property depends upon:

- The land’s unimproved value as advised by the Department of Resources, and
- The Differential General Rating Category that Council gives to the land.

Council considers the following factors in determining the Differential General Rating Categories:

- The rateable value of the land and rates that would be payable if only one general rate was levied,
- The use of the land as it relates to actual and potential demand for Council services,
- The location of the land as it relates to actual and potential demand for Council services, and
- The impact of rateable valuations on the level of general rates to be paid.

The Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to identify the rating category applicable to each parcel of rateable land. In undertaking this task, the Chief Executive Officer will be guided by the descriptions of each category.

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate
25 – Residential (Longreach) <1 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the township of Longreach which has an area of less than 1 Ha which is not otherwise categorised.	3.2956	\$955
26 – Residential (Longreach) 1 Ha or more or rural residential	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the township of Longreach which has an area of more than 1 Ha or for rural residential purposes outside of but adjacent to Longreach town, which is not otherwise categorised.	2.1565	\$955
27 – Residential (Other Towns)	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the townships of Ilfracombe, Isisford, Emmet and Yaraka which is not otherwise categorised.	1.4050	\$529
28 – Multi Residential	Land used, or intended for use, in whole or in part, for long term residential purposes with multiple dwelling units within the one title.	3.9261	\$1,385
44 – Commercial	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for commercial purposes, including short term accomodation in all towns unless otherwise categorised.	4.1151	\$955
14 – Major Caravan Parks	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for commercial purposes of cabins, camping, caravan, campervan and motor home accommodation of 40 or more accommodation sites for the travelling public.	3.8416	\$13,846
16 –Transformer Sites	Land used for the purposes of a transformer.	2.0510	\$955
18 – Tourist Attractions (All areas)	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for a major tourist attraction, which is greater than 1 hectare in area.	1.1555	\$5,363
19 – Not for profit	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of a not for profit activity.	1.2250	\$450
21 – Horse Stable Precinct	Land in the Longreach Horse Stable Precinct used for the purposes of a horse stable.	4.9321	\$625
30 – Rural <100 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is less than 100 hectares in area, except land included in category 54 to 61.	1.7688	\$486
31 – Rural 100 – 1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is between 100 and 1000 hectares in area, except land included in category 54 to 61.	0.8228	\$670

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Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate
32 - Rural >1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is more than 1000 hectares in area, except land included in category 54 to 61.	0.4371	\$955
42 - Industrial	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for industrial purposes including transportation and storage unless otherwise categorised.	5.9011	\$955
45 - Airport	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for any purpose on land designated as Longreach Airport Precinct.	5.3679	\$955
50 - Small Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 0 and 10 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	1.7445	\$440
51 - Medium Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 11 and 300 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.7470	\$204,402
52 - Large Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 301 and 1000 people on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.7470	\$408,768
53 - Extra Large Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of over 1000 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.7470	\$736,049
54 - Intensive Accommodation 15 - 50 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 15 and 50 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	8.3469	\$13,127
55 - Intensive Accommodation 51 - 100 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 51 and 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$26,220
56 - Intensive Accommodation 101 - 200 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 101 and 200 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$52,417

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Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate
57 - Intensive Accommodation 201 – 300 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 201 and 300 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$78,615
58 - Intensive Accommodation 301 – 400 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 301 and 400 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$104,823
59 - Intensive Accommodation 401 – 500 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 401 and 500 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$131,031
60 - Intensive Accommodation 501 – 600 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 501 and 600 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$157,228
61 - Intensive Accommodation 600 + persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for more than 600 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.1735	\$183,436

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Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate
62 - Power Station <50 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of less than 50 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	1.9597	\$13,915
63 - Power Station 50 – 250 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of more than 50 MW but less than 250 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	1.9597	\$39,313
64 - Power Station >250 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of more than 250 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	1.9597	\$78,615
65 - Major Transmission Site >5MVA	Land used, or intended to be used, for an electricity substation with a capacity greater than 5 MVA.	1.9597	\$32,761
66 - Petroleum Lease – Gas	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of gas.	26.0000	\$26,220
67 - Petroleum Other	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing and/or transportation (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction /processing and/or transportation such as for example water storages, compressor stations, block valves or transportation by pipelines), excluding petroleum leases.	7.7095	\$13,127
70 - Petroleum Lease –Oil < 30 wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have less than 30 wells.	26.0000	\$26,220
72 - Petroleum Lease- Oil 30+ Wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have 30 wells or more.	26.0000	\$157,228

Longreach Airport Precinct

For the purposes of rating, the Longreach Airport Precinct incorporates the land on assessment number A30396, and any new assessments created through sub-division and amalgamation.

4. LIMITATION ON RATE INCREASE (Chapter 4, Part 9, Division 3 Local Government Regulation 2012)

Council has determined that it is not appropriate to apply limits to increases applicable to any of the Differential Rating Categories identified in this Revenue Statement and will not be making a resolution to limit the increases in rates and charges for the current period.

5. SEPARATE CHARGES (s 94 Local Government Act 2009)

Council will make and levy pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* separate charges to defray the expense it incurs in providing identified services or facilities or engaging in identified activities for the benefit of its local governed area.

The charges are calculated on the basis of the estimated cost to Council of providing these services. Revenue raised from these charges will only be used to fund either all or part of the costs associated with the activities.

Council considers that the benefit of each service, facility or activity is shared equally by all parcels of rateable land, regardless of their value.

5.1 Environmental Levy Separate Charge

Council will make and levy a separate charge to defray part of the cost of formulating and implementing initiatives for natural resources, environmental protection and waste management strategies that contribute to these outcomes.

Council will make and levy the charge equally on all rateable land within the Longreach Regional Council area.

The amount of the Environmental Levy Special Charge will be \$132 per annum per rateable assessment throughout the region.

6. SPECIAL CHARGES (s 94 Local Government Act 2009)

Council will make and levy pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* special charges to defray the expense it incurs in providing identified services or facilities, or engaging in identified activities because, the land or its occupiers has especially benefited, or will especially benefit from, or will have special access to the identified services, facilities or activities. Revenue raised from these rates and charges will only be used to fund the implementation program or scheme for the specific services, facilities or activities.

6.1 Control of Pests Special Charge

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council will make and levy a special charge for the provision of pest control services through coordinated baiting programs to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on rural land as follows:

The rateable land to which the special charge applies is all rural land within the Longreach Regional Council area with an area greater than 25 hectares.

The service, facility or activity for which the special charge is made is the provision of a coordinated baiting program to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on rural land for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

The occupier of the land to be levied with the special charge will specially benefit from the pest control services as the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on the properties improves the viability of and benefits from the land for the occupier.

The estimated cost of Council implementing the Overall Plan is \$165,000 of which the sum of \$106,225 will be funded by this special charge.

The estimated time for implementing the Overall Plan is 12 months ending on 30 June 2025.

The special charge shall apply to each of the designated assessments listed in the table below at an annual charge of 2.85 cents per hectare for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

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The amount of the special charge per assessment is:

Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge	Assess-ment	2024/25 charge
A1608	\$394.98	A1732	\$50.28	A2213	\$380.78	A30172	\$250.61	A30449	\$315.15
A1609	\$1,876.44	A1739	\$292.45	A2214	\$272.64	A30173	\$1,397.43	A40001	\$428.40
A1618	\$456.16	A1744	\$233.89	A20117	\$227.86	A30177	\$255.64	A40008	\$1,311.54
A1619	\$351.93	A1745	\$116.38	A20118	\$268.68	A30178	\$221.54	A40009	\$202.66
A1624	\$768.38	A1769	\$35.75	A20120	\$246.74	A30184	\$932.24	A40010	\$1.48
A1627	\$221.28	A1804	\$162.51	A20122	\$870.06	A30187	\$472.76	A40011	\$469.13
A1629	\$138.47	A1830	\$140.17	A20126	\$251.07	A30190	\$224.99	A40012	\$763.64
A1630	\$585.61	A1831	\$578.09	A20129	\$439.03	A30192	\$1,645.49	A40013	\$734.20
A1631	\$418.52	A1834	\$87.83	A20130	\$265.69	A30195	\$111.11	A40015	\$3,559.64
A1632	\$306.87	A1844	\$0.91	A20131	\$54.27	A30196	\$686.70	A40019	\$138.20
A1633	\$77.02	A1849	\$921.58	A20132	\$179.38	A30197	\$194.13	A40020	\$219.66
A1635	\$342.27	A1856	\$295.24	A20133	\$247.12	A30199	\$6.70	A40021	\$896.03
A1637	\$290.83	A1865	\$194.20	A20137	\$118.83	A30205	\$652.42	A40083	\$493.88
A1639	\$4,936.12	A1866	\$92.78	A20138	\$232.53	A30209	\$355.20	A40084	\$385.20
A1640	\$491.45	A1869	\$334.86	A20139	\$106.18	A30214	\$9.79	A40086	\$343.87
A1641	\$1,623.93	A1871	\$270.09	A20141	\$468.22	A30223	\$802.37	A40087	\$613.23
A1642	\$541.10	A1873	\$398.45	A20147	\$396.12	A30224	\$2,367.92	A40088	\$393.88
A1643	\$198.12	A1874	\$283.26	A20148	\$232.45	A30225	\$348.93	A40089	\$470.14
A1646	\$300.16	A1875	\$404.66	A20149	\$363.99	A30226	\$875.68	A40091	\$642.40
A1647	\$234.50	A1876	\$234.60	A20150	\$243.01	A30231	\$593.09	A40104	\$290.36
A1648	\$529.17	A1878	\$10.54	A20151	\$177.51	A30235	\$5.16	A40105	\$117.90
A1650	\$1,184.90	A1881	\$562.12	A20152	\$210.48	A30243	\$1,171.62	A40106	\$79.21
A1651	\$502.22	A1885	\$211.09	A20153	\$889.26	A30244	\$821.55	A40107	\$79.23
A1652	\$320.10	A1888	\$321.40	A20157	\$2,848.98	A30247	\$640.96	A40108	\$0.03
A1654	\$714.08	A1889	\$211.04	A20158	\$108.28	A30257	\$313.39	A40110	\$131.25
A1655	\$373.33	A1892	\$526.39	A20159	\$231.87	A30263	\$16.15	A40113	\$630.24
A1657	\$418.38	A1893	\$133.17	A20161	\$518.58	A30280	\$10.16	A40122	\$301.39
A1658	\$625.90	A1904	\$881.45	A20162	\$407.94	A30292	\$255.32	A40123	\$943.63
A1666	\$182.44	A1912	\$655.04	A20163	\$80.99	A30297	\$555.09	A40125	\$302.02
A1667	\$602.27	A1918	\$675.21	A20164	\$221.21	A30301	\$404.43	A40126	\$695.09
A1672	\$652.66	A1919	\$488.87	A20165	\$94.20	A30342	\$1.41	A40111	\$131.25
A1673	\$262.53	A1928	\$304.46	A20166	\$286.28	A30351	\$320.89	A40186	\$106.30
A1676	\$477.38	A1930	\$406.38	A20167	\$266.47	A30353	\$106.23	A40187	\$234.37
A1677	\$384.44	A1931	\$429.30	A20168	\$94.98	A30354	\$354.51	A40119	\$52.06
A1679	\$106.42	A1932	\$365.18	A20169	\$290.28	A30365	\$48.75	A40128	\$866.12
A1684	\$329.30	A1935	\$341.70	A20173	\$389.37	A30395	\$231.44	A40148	\$960.13
A1685	\$233.09	A1936	\$322.79	A20174	\$127.15	A30397	\$309.86	A40128	\$866.12
A1686	\$218.74	A1979	\$3.23	A20175	\$290.32	A30399	\$230.71	A40127	\$1,142.05
A1689	\$299.20	A2009	\$459.37	A20176	\$388.12	A30402	\$7.45	A40179	\$794.99
A1692	\$191.82	A2023	\$153.27	A20179	\$349.04	A30415	\$73.13	A40150	\$1,178.28
A1700	\$263.84	A2055	\$744.42	A20180	\$450.92	A30417	\$457.31	A40152	\$677.76
A1705	\$697.98	A2077	\$367.51	A20203	\$347.02	A30427	\$213.46	A40174	\$358.98
A1712	\$446.34	A2142	\$500.25	A20219	\$594.37	A30428	\$238.88	A40188	\$116.70
A1714	\$1,349.14	A2143	\$1,098.51	A20220	\$229.44	A30432	\$187.54	A40189	\$118.67
A1715	\$600.42	A2144	\$835.17	A20224	\$209.58	A30441	\$437.22	A40193	\$448.01
A1716	\$1.17	A2145	\$379.60	A20230	\$89.14	A30442	\$305.38		
A1718	\$197.59	A2147	\$288.21	A20233	\$245.11	A30443	\$153.01		
A1726	\$370.43	A2148	\$679.30	A30171	\$968.13	A30445	\$103.00		

6.2 Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme Special Charge

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council will make and levy a special charge for the provision of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme on certain rural properties.

The Overall Plan for the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme Special Charge was adopted by Council at its 21 July 2016 Budget Meeting and amended at subsequent Budget Meetings. Council now amends the Overall Plan to read as follows:

- The service, facility or activity is the borrowing of funds to implement the project, purchase materials and construct exclusion fencing that controls pest animals for the identified rateable land to which the special charge will apply;
- The Scheme is intended to be cost neutral to Council. It does not involve a loan arrangement with landowners but is implemented through the exercise of Council's statutory powers under the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.
- Council has borrowed funds from the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) to fund the Scheme.
- The rateable land which has been identified in the Overall Plan (or its occupier) specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because the provision of the exclusion fencing empowers a landholder or group of landholders to develop an integrated property pest management plan involving baiting, trapping and shooting to control pest animals and improve the economic viability of this land for grazing purposes. The rateable land to which the special charge will apply are the properties listed in Table 4A below.
- The amount of Special Charge will differ for each parcel of identified rateable land according to the level of benefit that the property receives from the provision of the exclusion fencing. The level of benefit for each property will be determined according to the total costs associated with Council's borrowing from QTC, the purchase of materials and construction of fencing. Special Charges will be levied and paid over 20 years for each of the parcels of identified rateable land from the commencement of the arrangement with each property.
- The Total Cost for each parcel of rateable land to determine the amount of Special Charge under the Scheme will be calculated as follows:
 - the net cost of materials and construction paid by Council; plus
 - the notional interest on the net cost of materials and construction paid by Council for the first two-year period where no Special Charges will be levied for a parcel of identified rateable land; plus
 - the QTC Administration fee; plus
 - Council's 2% Administration fee which will be calculated on the sum of costs noted above (**Total Cost**)
- Special Charges will then be levied by Council as follows:
 - For years one and two of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will not be levied;
 - For years three to five of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will be levied to cover notional interest only on the Total Cost of the Scheme for that property; and
 - For years six to twenty of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will be levied to cover repayment of the Total Cost of the Scheme for that property and notional interest on outstanding amounts for the remaining term.
- The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$17.8 million. This figure includes all of the costs associated with the installation of the exclusion fencing, administrative costs, and interest and fees charged on the Total Cost for each parcel of identified rateable land;
- The estimated time for carrying out the Overall Plan is 22 years, with the Overall Plan commencing on 1 July 2016 and concluding on 30 June 2038. The first fence construction on a parcel of identified rateable land commenced in 2017 and the final Special Charge for the Overall Plan will be levied by Council in 2038;

- The annual implementation plan for this special charge for the 2024/2025 financial year is the levying of the special charges as per the table that follows, for the purposes of making ongoing repayments to QTC of funds previously borrowed.
- Council will not accept any lump sum payments in settlement of amounts to be paid under the Scheme. Because the Scheme does not involve a loan arrangement, early repayment is not possible and will not be permitted by Council. No early payment discounts apply to payments of Special Charges.
- In regards to rateable assessments that are identified as land that is part of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme, if a reconfiguration of any of the rateable assessments into one or more rateable assessments occurs after the special charge has been determined for the financial year, a concession, granted pursuant to sections 120(1)(c) and 122(1)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 will be applied to the landowner as follows:
 - Council will obtain information from the original applications to the LWDEFS to determine the total length and cost per metre of the fencing on each original rateable assessment on commencement of the scheme.
 - By reference to mapping data, Council will measure the distance of the fencing on the new rateable assessments to apportion the costs of the scheme between each new assessment.
 - Council will provide a concession to each of the new rateable assessments by deducting a concession amount from the gross amount of the special charge so that the net result of the concession is that the landowner will only pay a special charge equivalent to the amount calculated in 1 and 2 above.

The amount of the special charge for each assessment for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 is set out on the next page. Those assessments that have been struck out in the schedule have been subject to a sub-division or amalgamation and the charges have been applied against the new assessments added to the schedule.

Assessment	Amount to be levied 2024/25	Assessment	Amount to be levied 2024/25	Assessment	Amount to be levied 2024/25
A1930	14,068.76	A30443	17,170.32	A1849	10,344.28
A1886	-	A30297	20,189.54	A30209	14,215.78
A40104	20,744.04	A30177	28,385.96	A1881	55,799.84
A1695	-	A1676	38,573.14	A20150	9,431.16
A40009	32,571.46	A30196	9,494.50	A1912	16,565.52
A1875	25,112.08	A1726	32,625.90	A1891	-
A30353	26,240.14	A1935	47,668.68	A40125	17,491.60
A20219	13,881.60	A20139	19,991.28	A40126	38,862.06
A1715	1,589.14	A1692	15,764.70	A1642	40,807.32
A20132	15,721.36	A20166	10,965.86	A1686	4,183.52
A20162	24,413.72	A20175	15,849.26	A1667	18,551.02
A20138	19,087.70	A20159	14,476.14	A20120	3,546.24
A20118	13,699.26	A20164	10,388.16	A20141	31,730.44
A30243	10,625.04	A20157	46,449.62	A1928	3,367.46
A20133	3,153.04	A40105	3,182.98	A2149	-
A30223	22,348.36	A40106	6,815.30	A40086	12,037.36
A20174	8,565.40	A40107	1,393.02	A1631	17,954.32
A2009	2,876.86	A20158	14,095.56	A1666	24,795.86
A20161	10,872.96	A30351	3,682.72	A30226	11,668.68
A20117	2,215.96	A1634	-	A1888	13,887.04
A30428	6,604.62	A2178	-	A40084	13,208.30
A1700	6,979.62	A40148	22,910.16		
A1609	44,003.68	A20176	25,271.92		

7. UTILITY AND SERVICE CHARGES (s 94 Local Government Act 2009)

Council will make and levy utility service charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 on the basis of an equitable distribution of the burden on those who utilise, or stand to benefit from, the provision of the utility services.

7.1 Water

Water charges will be set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of water services by Council in the 2024/25 financial year. These costs include loan interest, depreciation, the cost of ongoing maintenance and operation of the system including treatment plant operations and the provision of infrastructure.

The charge for the provision of water includes a water consumption allocation for the financial year. In the case of land not connected to the Council's water supply but capable of being connected, a vacant water charge is applied to contribute toward the cost of the water supply infrastructure.

Where an assessment consumes water above the allocated amount, it will be charged for excess water usage. The first 500 kilolitres in excess of the allocation will be charged a rate of \$1.37 and every kilolitre thereafter being charged at a rate of \$2.72 per kilolitre.

Council will read meters as at 30 June each year. Pursuant to section 102(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before, and ends 2 weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read. If a water meter fails or registers inaccurately, the quantity of water used may be estimated by the Chief Executive Officer using the consumption for the same period in the prior year and having regard for climatic conditions.

The fixed water charges are shown in the following tables:

Longreach per connection water item number and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
1) Land used for commercial, industrial, residential or recreational purposes for each dwelling or building erected on a parcel of land (except if the facility is identified separately in this table).	8	1,200	\$1,438.56
2) Each additional vacant lot/parcel on an assessment being charged water.			
3) Each additional shop/office of multiple shop/office facility (see item 13)	2	300	\$359.64
4) Each motel room or unit (also see item 18a and 19a)			
5) Vacant land within water area - not connected			
6) Church or church land	4	600	\$719.28
7) Stables per allotment improved (other than at Racecourse or Showgrounds)			
8) Vacant land - connected	6	900	\$1,078.92
9) Restaurant/café/conference venue (or additional units if part of another facility, see item 18a and 19a)	12	1,800	\$2,157.84
10) Church hall			
11) Land used for flats, hostels, aged persons accommodation or residential multi-unit buildings for the first 2 units/flats (including owner//manager residence) (for each additional unit see item 4)	16	2,400	\$2,877.12
12) Water/sewerage pumping station, electrical sub station			
13) Supermarket (if a supermarket is part of a complex containing other uses, such other uses shall attract the charge applicable to single or multiple shop/office as per item 3)			
14) Caravan parks each additional 20 sites			
a) charge for additional sites to caravan parks less than 20 sites item 19	20	3,000	\$3,596.40
15) Childcare centre or pre-school or kindergarten on separate parcel.			
a) additional charge if facility is included with school item 25			
16) Police station and associated uses (other than dwelling)			
17) Car wash			

Longreach per connection water item number and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
18) Hotel, motel, tavern and licensed clubs a) for each unit see item 4 , for restaurant/café see item 9			
19) Caravan parks less than 20 sites a) greater than 20 sites see item 14 , for restaurant/café see item 9			
20) Railway station and associated uses (other than dwelling)	40	6,000	\$7,192.80
21) Fire station and residence			
22) Cemetery			
23) Public toilet block, council park			
24) Racecourse	48	7,200	\$8,631.36
25) School, childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten per parcel of land a) for additional childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten charges see item 15	60	9,000	\$10,789.20

Ilfracombe, Isisford, Yaraka per connection water item and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
1) Vacant land within water area - not connected	4	600	\$424.48
2) Vacant land - connected	6	900	\$636.72
3) Land used for commercial, industrial, residential or recreational purposes for each dwelling or building erected on a parcel of land (except if the facility is identified separately in this table).	8	1,200	\$848.96
4) Land used for a hotel, caravan park, school or recreation purposes	16	2,400	\$1,697.92
5) Public toilet block, council park	32	4,800	\$3,395.84
6) Untreated water users	Nil		

Other water charges

Where land is used for a purpose for which no charge is specified herein, the Council or the Chief Executive Officer by delegation may decide the applicable number of units and annual allowance. Notwithstanding the charges specified above, the Council may, by resolution approve a lesser charge where it considers such lesser charge is justified.

Where a service is provided for part of a year, a pro-rata charge shall be levied.

Bulk Water Utility Charges - Longreach

A charge is to be levied for the provision of bulk water for certain identified properties which will be charged at a rate per kilolitre for all water supplied and measured by a water meter. The identified properties will be billed on a quarterly basis.

The assessments to be levied for the provision of bulk water are shown in the following table:

Assessment	Charge per kl	Assessment	Charge per kl	Assessment	Charge per kl
A1308	\$1.66	A1724	\$1.66	A774	\$1.66
A1397/A1398	\$1.66	A30332	\$1.66	A2226	\$1.66
A1787	\$1.66	A1807	\$1.66	A1764	\$1.66
A1790	\$1.66	A1047	\$1.66	A745	\$1.66
A1789	\$1.66	A2205	\$1.66	A1783	\$1.66
A1778	\$1.66	A1084	\$1.66	A1597	\$1.66
A1786	\$1.66	A30299	\$1.66	A2212	\$1.66
A1484	\$1.66	A1590	\$1.66	A2227	\$1.66
A1748	\$1.66	A2202	\$1.66	A1806	\$1.66
A1781	\$1.66	A2054	\$1.66	A40199	\$1.66
A1793	\$1.66	A30341	\$1.66		
A1722	\$1.66	A40200	\$1.66		

Untreated Water Users - Ilfracombe

Separate to the table above, Untreated Water Users in Ilfracombe will be charged at a rate of \$1.37 per kilolitre.

7.2 Sewerage

Sewerage charges will be set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of sewerage services by Council in the 2024/25 financial year. These costs include loan interest, depreciation, the cost of ongoing maintenance and operation of the system including treatment plant operations and the provision of infrastructure.

Council provides a sewerage network in the town of Longreach, and Common Effluent Drainage (CED) networks in the towns of Ilfracombe and Isisford. The sewerage charges are shown in the following table.

Charge	Charges Apply to:	Location	Annual Charge
First pedestal	Charge applied to each separate single unit dwelling and the 1st pedestal at all other connected assessments.	Longreach	\$754
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$216
Additional pedestal	Charge applied to each additional non-residential pedestal (including urinal cistern) that is connected to the sewer scheme after applicable first pedestal charge.	Longreach	\$452
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$135
Vacant sewerage	Vacant land per lot/parcel to which Council is prepared to connect a sewerage service.	Longreach	\$567
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$114

7.3 Waste management

Council make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as follows:

Location	Service	Frequency	Annual charge
All towns	Waste collection (minimum charge)	1 per week	\$308.00
Longreach	Waste collection (minimum charge food related business)	2 per week	\$616.00
All towns	Additional collection (for each additional bin)	1 per week	\$308.00
Additional collections for Longreach businesses			
Longreach	Additional collection per week (for each bin)	1 per week	\$308.00

Application of waste collection charges

Charges for new waste services will commence upon a premises being considered to be able to be occupied¹ and the delivery of the 240 litre bin to the premises by Council.

If a property has one or more residential structures or units capable of separate occupation, the relevant waste collection charges will be levied for each structure or unit (including flats, studios, cabins, dwellings and secondary dwellings).

If there is more than one commercial operator on land capable of separate occupation, the owner will be charged the appropriate fee according to the quantity of collections provided.

If a collection service is cancelled, charges will not be levied in the next period. If a 240 litre bin is returned to Council in a damaged state that is not due to normal wear and tear, the ratepayer will be charged the bin repair and replacement fee identified in Council’s schedule of fees and charges.

¹ **Occupied** means land that has located on it, a building or structure greater than 25m², or which is used for commercial purposes (i.e., agistment, heavy vehicle parking, and commercial cultivation)

8. TIMING FOR PAYMENT (s 118 Local Government Regulation 2012)

Rates, charges and utility charges referred to in the Revenue Statement shall generally be levied half yearly:

- Billing period 1 July to 31 December 2024 (issued August/September)
- Billing period 1 January to 30 June 2025 (issued February/March).

The exception will be the levying of bulk water consumption which will be levied at quarterly intervals. All rates, charges and utility charges shall be payable by the due date detailed on the rates and charges notice. Each rates and charges notice includes one half of the annual charges levied.

All rates and charges issued will be due and payable within 30 days of the issue of a notice to pay.

9. INTEREST (s 133 Local Government Regulation 2012)

Overdue rates and charges will bear interest at the rate of 12.35 percent per annum, compounded daily. Interest is payable from the date that the rates and charges become overdue.

10. DISCOUNT (s 130 Local Government Regulation 2012)

A discount of 10 percent will be allowed on gross Council rates and charges, excluding any charge specifically excluded from discount entitlement, provided payment of the full amount outstanding, including any overdue rates and interest to the date of payment, less any discount entitlement, is paid by the due date on the original rates notice.

Charges excluded from discount entitlement include:

- Bulk water consumption charges
- Excess water consumption charges
- Emergency Services Levy

11. CONCESSIONS (s 121 Local Government Regulation 2012)

11.1 Pensioner Subsidy

For pensioner ratepayers of their principal place of residence, Council will offer a subsidy of 39.5% (to a maximum of \$940) on all rates levied in respect of the property the person owns and occupies, excluding special rates and charges, water consumption charges and the Emergency Services Levy.

A pensioner is a person who holds a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans Affairs Repatriation Health Card.

12. COST RECOVERY FEES (s 97 Local Government Act 2009)

Council will fix a cost recovery fee for any of the following:

- An application for, or the issue of, an approval, consent, licence, permission, registration or other authority under a local government act;
 - Recording a change of ownership;
 - Giving information kept under a local government act;
 - Seizing property or animals under a local government act; or
- Performing another responsibility imposed on Council under the Building Act or the Plumbing and Drainage Act.

The principles of full cost pricing are applied in calculating all cost recovery fees of the Council where applicable, but the fees will not exceed the cost to Council of providing the service or taking the action for which the fee is charged.

Cost Recovery Fees are listed in Council's Register of Fees and Charges.

13. OTHER FEES AND CHARGES (s 262 Local Government Act 2009)

Council has the power to conduct business activities and make fees and charges for services and facilities it provides on this basis. Other fees and charges are made where Council provides a service and the other party to the transaction can choose whether or not to avail itself of the service. These fees and charges will reflect full cost recovery plus a profit margin.

Other Fees and Charges are listed in Council’s Register of Fees and Charges.

Authorised by resolution as at 20 June 2024:

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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Longreach Regional Council
2024/25 Budget

Statement of financial performance	FY25 budget \$'000	FY26 forecast \$'000	FY27 forecast \$'000
Revenue			
Rates, levies and charges (gross)	13,584	13,984	14,398
less discounts	(1,206)	(1,249)	(1,292)
Rates, levies and charges (net)	12,378	12,736	13,106
Fees and charges	2,809	2,884	2,962
Recoverable works income	3,911	7,411	7,596
Other revenue	1,581	1,583	1,454
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	23,392	23,849	16,319
Capital grants, subsidies and income	12,929	4,195	4,292
Profit on sale of assets	689	650	650
Total revenue	57,689	53,308	46,378
Expenses			
Employee expenses	19,222	20,101	20,807
Materials and services	19,322	19,753	17,282
Finance expenses	614	550	486
Depreciation	8,712	9,147	9,199
Total expenses	47,870	49,551	47,775
Net surplus or (deficit)	9,819	3,757	(1,396)
Operating deficit			
Net surplus/(deficit)	9,819	3,757	(1,396)
less capital grants and income	(13,618)	(4,845)	(4,942)
Operating deficit	(3,799)	(1,088)	(6,338)

Statement of financial position	FY25 budget \$'000	FY26 forecast \$'000	FY27 forecast \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	31,356	31,806	30,380
Current trade and other receivables	1,490	1,602	1,499
Inventories	593	593	593
Non-current assets	-	-	-
Trade and other receivables	9,126	8,431	7,707
Property, plant and equipment	387,610	393,673	396,619
Total assets	430,175	436,106	436,798
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	1,645	1,683	1,482
Current borrowings	1,410	1,294	1,274
Current provisions	3,269	3,367	3,468
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	10,983	9,688	8,414
Provisions	2,324	2,331	2,340
Total liabilities	19,630	18,364	16,978
Net community assets	410,544	417,741	419,820
Community equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	180,729	184,169	187,643
Retained surplus	229,816	233,573	232,176
Total community equity	410,544	417,741	419,820
Statement of cash flows	FY25 budget \$'000	FY26 forecast \$'000	FY27 forecast \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from ratepayers and customers	22,570	25,206	25,800
Receipts from grants	24,893	23,840	16,463
Payments to suppliers and employees	(38,919)	(39,767)	(38,238)
Interest paid	(557)	(493)	(429)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	7,987	8,786	3,596
Cash flows from Investing activities			
Receipts from capital grants	12,968	4,195	4,292
Receipts from sale of assets	650	650	650
Payments for capital expenditure	(20,526)	(11,771)	(8,670)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(6,908)	(6,926)	(3,728)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments	(1,346)	(1,410)	(1,294)
Net cash outflows from financing activities	(1,346)	(1,410)	(1,294)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(267)	450	(1,426)
Opening cash balance	31,624	31,357	31,807
Closing cash balance	31,357	31,807	30,380

Statement of changes in equity	FY25 budget \$'000	FY26 forecast \$'000	FY27 forecast \$'000
Accumulated surplus			
Opening balance	219,997	229,816	233,573
Net profit or (loss)	9,819	3,757	(1,396)
Closing accumulated surplus	229,816	233,573	232,176
Asset revaluation reserve			
Opening balance	177,323	180,729	184,169
Other comprehensive income	3,406	3,440	3,474
Closing asset revaluation reserve	180,729	184,169	187,643
Total community equity	410,544	417,741	419,820

Longreach Regional Council
2024/25 budget – long term financial forecast

	FY25 budget	FY26 forecast	FY27 forecast	FY28 forecast	FY29 forecast	FY30 forecast	FY31 forecast	FY32 forecast	FY33 forecast	FY34 forecast
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Statement of financial performance										
Revenue										
Rates, levies and charges	12,378	12,736	13,106	13,487	13,880	14,285	14,702	15,131	15,574	16,030
Fees and charges	2,809	2,884	2,962	3,041	3,123	3,207	3,293	3,382	3,472	3,566
Recoverable works income	3,911	7,411	7,596	7,786	7,981	8,180	8,385	8,594	8,809	9,030
Other revenue	1,581	1,583	1,454	1,199	962	1,046	1,137	1,233	1,334	1,477
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	23,392	23,849	16,319	16,808	17,313	17,832	18,367	18,918	19,486	20,070
Capital grants, subsidies and income	12,929	4,195	4,292	4,391	4,492	4,594	4,699	4,806	4,915	5,027
Profit on sale of assets	689		650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
Total revenue	57,689	53,308	46,378	47,363	48,400	49,794	51,233	52,714	54,240	55,849
Expenses										
Employee expenses	19,222	20,101	20,807	21,538	22,295	22,843	23,404	23,979	24,568	25,171
Materials and services	19,322	19,753	17,282	16,121	16,486	16,859	17,241	17,631	18,031	18,439
Finance expenses	614	550	486	429	371	321	286	250	213	178
Depreciation	8,712	9,147	9,199	9,247	9,299	9,350	9,404	9,463	9,520	9,738
Total expenses	47,870	49,551	47,775	47,335	48,450	49,373	50,335	51,322	52,331	53,526
Net surplus or (deficit)	9,819	3,757	(1,396)	28	(49)	421	898	1,392	1,909	2,322
Operating deficit										
Net surplus/(deficit)	9,819	3,757	(1,396)	28	(49)	421	898	1,392	1,909	2,322
less capital grants and income	(13,618)	(4,845)	(4,942)	(5,041)	(5,142)	(5,244)	(5,349)	(5,456)	(5,565)	(5,677)
Operating deficit	(3,799)	(1,088)	(6,338)	(5,012)	(5,191)	(4,823)	(4,451)	(4,064)	(3,656)	(3,354)

	FY25 budget	FY26 forecast	FY27 forecast	FY28 forecast	FY29 forecast	FY30 forecast	FY31 forecast	FY32 forecast	FY33 forecast	FY34 forecast
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Statement of financial position										
Current assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	31,356	30,380	30,257	30,036	30,650	31,611	32,942	34,737	36,935	
Current trade and other receivables	1,490	1,489	1,549	1,605	1,661	1,719	1,776	1,804	1,804	
Inventories	593	593	593	593	593	593	593	593	593	
Non-current assets										
Trade and other receivables	9,126	8,431	7,707	6,953	6,168	5,350	4,498	3,611	2,724	
Property, plant and equipment	387,610	393,673	396,619	399,724	402,990	406,420	410,016	413,778	417,710	
Total assets	430,175	436,106	439,076	441,392	444,674	448,437	452,700	457,568	462,851	
Current liabilities										
Trade and other payables	1,645	1,683	1,482	1,385	1,420	1,453	1,486	1,515	1,554	
Current borrowings	1,410	1,294	1,274	1,330	870	906	936	898	970	
Current provisions	3,269	3,367	3,468	3,572	3,680	3,790	3,904	4,021	4,141	
Non-current liabilities										
Borrowings	10,983	9,688	8,414	7,084	6,214	5,308	4,372	3,473	2,540	
Provisions	2,324	2,331	2,340	2,348	2,356	2,374	2,384	2,384	2,403	
Total liabilities	19,630	18,364	16,978	15,719	14,540	13,821	13,072	12,291	11,562	
Net community assets	410,544	417,741	419,820	423,357	426,852	430,853	435,366	440,409	446,006	
Community equity										
Asset revaluation reserve	180,729	184,169	187,643	191,152	194,696	198,276	201,891	205,543	209,231	
Retained surplus	229,816	233,573	232,176	232,205	232,155	232,577	233,474	234,866	236,775	
Total community equity	410,544	417,741	419,820	423,357	426,852	430,853	435,366	440,409	446,006	

	FY25 budget	FY26 forecast	FY27 forecast	FY28 forecast	FY29 forecast	FY30 forecast	FY31 forecast	FY32 forecast	FY33 forecast	FY34 forecast
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Statement of cash flows										
Cash flows from operating activities										
Receipts from ratepayers and customers	22,570	25,206	25,800	26,226	26,686	27,489	28,321	29,179	30,060	30,974
Receipts from grants	24,893	23,840	16,463	16,800	17,302	17,822	18,357	18,908	19,474	20,059
Payments to suppliers and employees	(38,919)	(39,667)	(38,238)	(37,701)	(38,686)	(39,607)	(40,546)	(41,511)	(42,496)	(43,498)
Interest paid	(557)	(493)	(429)	(372)	(314)	(264)	(229)	(193)	(156)	(121)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	7,987	8,786	3,596	4,963	4,988	5,440	5,902	6,384	6,891	7,414
Cash flows from investing activities										
Receipts from capital grants	12,968	4,195	4,292	4,391	4,492	4,594	4,699	4,806	4,915	5,027
Receipts from sale of assets	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
Payments for capital expenditure	(20,526)	(11,771)	(8,670)	(8,843)	(9,020)	(9,201)	(9,385)	(9,572)	(9,764)	(9,959)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(6,908)	(6,926)	(3,728)	(3,803)	(3,879)	(3,956)	(4,035)	(4,116)	(4,198)	(4,282)
Cash flows from financing activities										
Loan repayments	(1,346)	(1,410)	(1,294)	(1,274)	(1,330)	(870)	(906)	(936)	(898)	(934)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(1,346)	(1,410)	(1,294)	(1,274)	(1,330)	(870)	(906)	(936)	(898)	(934)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(267)	450	(1,426)	(124)	(220)	613	961	1,332	1,794	2,198
Opening cash balance	31,624	31,357	31,807	30,380	30,257	30,037	30,650	31,611	32,943	34,737
Closing cash balance	31,357	31,807	30,380	30,257	30,037	30,650	31,611	32,943	34,737	36,935

	FY25 budget	FY26 forecast	FY27 forecast	FY28 forecast	FY29 forecast	FY30 forecast	FY31 forecast	FY32 forecast	FY33 forecast	FY34 forecast
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Statement of changes in equity										
Accumulated surplus										
Opening balance	219,997	229,816	233,573	232,176	232,205	232,155	232,577	233,474	234,866	236,775
Net profit or (loss)	9,819	3,757	(1,396)	28	(49)	421	898	1,392	1,909	2,322
Closing accumulated surplus	229,816	233,573	232,176	232,205	232,155	232,577	233,474	234,866	236,775	239,098
Asset revaluation reserve										
Opening balance	177,323	180,729	184,169	187,643	191,152	194,696	198,276	201,891	205,543	209,231
Other comprehensive income	3,406	3,440	3,474	3,509	3,544	3,580	3,615	3,652	3,688	3,725
Closing asset revaluation reserve	180,729	184,169	187,643	191,152	194,696	198,276	201,891	205,543	209,231	212,956
Total community equity	410,544	417,741	419,820	423,357	426,852	430,853	435,366	440,409	446,006	452,054

Asset management

Council maintains a Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) which sets out its approach to managing its assets and infrastructure. The SAMP sets the strategy and the framework under which asset management plans are created. Council has set a long-term allowance for capital expenditure which provides a sufficient replacement and upgrade program for its essential existing assets. As Council improves its asset management maturity and as grant funding becomes available, the level of expenditure each year will vary.

Longreach Regional Council
2024/25 budget – financial sustainability statement

Sustainability metric	Target	FY25 budget	FY26 forecast	FY27 forecast	FY28 forecast	FY29 forecast	FY30 forecast	FY31 forecast	FY32 forecast	FY33 forecast	FY34 forecast
Council-Controlled Revenue	Contextual	34%	32%	39%	39%	39%	39%	39%	39%	39%	39%
Population Growth Ratio	Contextual	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Operating Surplus Ratio	Contextual	-9%	-2%	-12%	-12%	-11%	-10%	-9%	-7%	-8%	-7%
Operating Cash Ratio	>0%	13%	18%	11%	10%	11%	11%	12%	12%	12%	13%
Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	>4 months	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.5	9.3	9.8	10.2
Asset Sustainability Ratio	>90%	138%	94%	96%	97%	98%	100%	101%	100%	103%	102%
Asset Consumption Ratio	>60%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%
Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	Contextual	Not reported until FY27									
Leverage Ratio	0-3 times	2.5	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.6		0.4

Calculation methodology	
Council-Controlled Revenue	Net rates, levies and charges plus Fees and charges divided by Total operating revenue
Population Growth Ratio	Prior year estimated population divided by Previous year estimated population minus 1
Operating Surplus Ratio	Operating result divided by Total operating revenue
Operating Cash Ratio	Operating result add depreciation add Finance costs divided by Total operating revenue
Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Total cash add credit limits less Externally restricted cash divided by Total operating expenditure less depreciation less finance costs *12
Asset Sustainability Ratio	Capital expenditure on replacement infrastructure assets divided by depreciation on infrastructure assets
Asset Consumption Ratio	WDV replacement costs of depreciable infrastructure assets divided by current replacement cost of depreciable infrastructure assets
Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	Total of planned capex on asset renewals over 10 years divided by total of required capex on asset renewals over 10 years
Leverage Ratio	Book value of debt divided by Total operating revenue less total operating expenditure add depreciation

12.15 - 2025 Budget - Adoption of the 2024-25 Budget and Long-Term Forecast --Appendix 6

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2024/25 budget – percentage change in rates and utility charges levied for the financial year

Movements in rates, levies and charges	2023/24	2024/25	Movement	
			\$	%
General rates	6,342,060	6,567,882	225,822	3.6%
LWDEFS	474,745	449,000	(25,745)	(5.4%)
Pest special charge	97,032	106,225	9,193	9.5%
Water base charges	3,050,994	3,183,327	132,333	4.3%
Consumption charges	369,288	384,060	14,772	4.0%
Waste charges	81,900	845,638	33,738	4.2%
Environmental levy	262,386	273,828	11,442	4.4%
Sewerage charges	1,828,759	1,774,206	(54,553)	(3.0%)
Gross rates, charges and levies	13,237,164	13,584,166	347,002	2.6%
less discounts and rebates	1,234,375	1,205,949		
Net rates, charges and levies	12,002,789	12,378,217	375,428	3.1%

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12.16 - Request for Treasurer approval to enter into a financial arrangement

12.16 Request for Treasurer approval to enter into a financial arrangement

A requirement of the Housing Investment Fund grant approval is for Council to enter into a mortgage over the dwellings being built. The Chief Executive Officer is requesting Council to grant approval to submit a request for Treasurer Approval to enter into a financial arrangement.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009
Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982

Policy Considerations
Not applicable

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
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

The Council Housing @ Teal Street (CH@TS) project is included in the 2024/25 budget. The project is fully funded by the Housing Investment Fund and will have a net nil impact on Council's cash flow.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2023-03-067)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

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

(Res-2023-07-184)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives and endorses the Longreach Regional Council Housing Strategy, as presented.

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(Res-2023-11-295)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Paterson

That Council, subject to successfully obtaining funding for the Council Employee Housing Project, authorises the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to:

1. Enter into any agreements with the funding provider necessary to secure the funding for the Council Employee Housing Project; and,
2. Enter into any contracts necessary to build the dwellings and deliver on the Council Employee Housing Project.

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Background:

In April 2023, Council identified the Housing Investment Fund as a potential source of grant funding to support Council's Housing Strategy. Council successfully applied for funding to construct six new dwellings for the purpose of providing affordable housing to attract and retain council employees. The delivery and the continued operation of the dwellings is estimated to have a net nil impact on Council's cash flows.

A condition of receiving the funding is that Council agrees to operate the dwellings as affordable housing for a period of 20 years. As part of this agreement with the State (administered by the Department of Housing), the State requires Council to sign a mortgage over the six dwellings to be constructed as security over the 20-year period.

The purpose of the mortgage is to enable the State to enforce Council to pay back part of the grant funding if Council fails to operate the dwellings as affordable housing. The pay-back amount would be determined according to the period that Council has operated the dwellings according to the agreement. For example, if Council ceased operating the dwellings as affordable housing at 10 years, it would be required to pay back 50% of the funding provided to build the dwellings.

Issue:

As a local government, Council is bound by the requirements of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982 (SBFAA)*. Under the SBFAA, Council requires Treasurer Approval before entering into a financial arrangement, including creating an encumbrance such as a mortgage.

Councillors are being asked to grant approval for the Chief Executive Officer to apply for Treasurer's Approval to enter into a financial arrangement for the Housing Investment Fund agreements including creating an encumbrance by way of a mortgage.

Creating this encumbrance and entering into the funding arrangements, will not create a liability or an obligation to make any repayments to the Department of Housing. The encumbrance creates a security interest over the six dwellings in favour of the Department of Housing, so that if Council fails to fulfil its obligation to operate the dwellings as affordable housing over the full term of the agreement, the State may deal with the dwellings to enforce the penalty.

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Risk Management Factors:

The material risks of this issue have been assessed and described below:

Risk	Inherent Risk			Treatment	Residual Risk		
	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating		Likelihood	Consequence	Rating
<p>Treasurer does not provide approval to create a mortgage. The consequence would be that the project would not proceed.</p> <p><i>The likelihood has been rated as Rare as the funding is provided by the Department of Housing and supports the State Government's agenda to create additional social and affordable housing.</i></p>	1 Rare	4 Major	6 Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CFO has been liaising with the Department of Housing and Local Government on preparing the application for Treasurer approval. Contracts to construct would not be entered into until approval is obtained. 	1 Rare	4 Major	6 Medium
<p>Creating a mortgage impacts Council's ability to enter into future loans.</p>	1 Rare	2 Minor	2 Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mortgage is limited to the 6 dwellings that are subject to the funding agreement and not over Council as a whole. A future lender would not rely on the 6 dwellings as security, or will take a subordinate position to the Department of Housing in these assets if equity exists. The CFO has been consulting with QTC on the funding. 	1 Rare	2 Minor	2 Low

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

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12.16 - Request for Treasurer approval to enter into a financial arrangement

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to request Treasurer Approval, as required under the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982, to enter into financial arrangements with the Department of Housing for the purpose of obtaining Housing Investment Fund grant funding, to construct affordable dwellings for Council employees.

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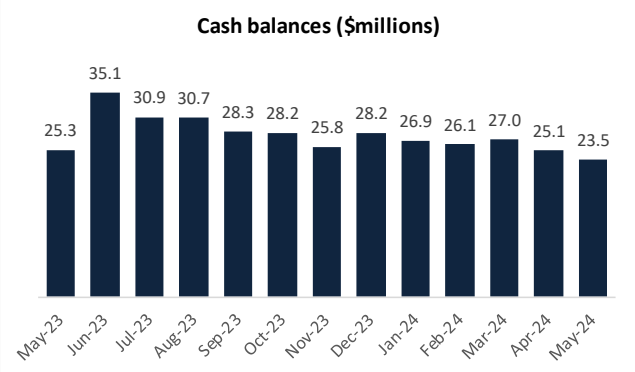
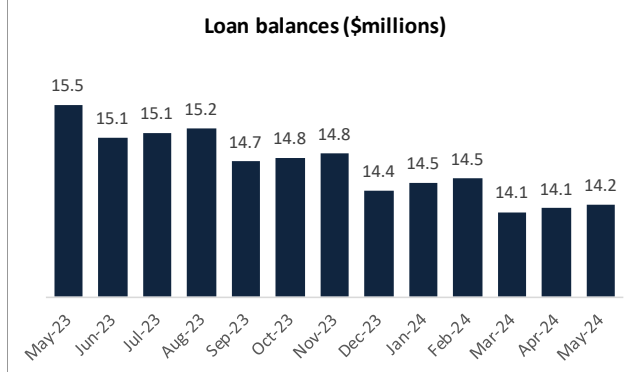
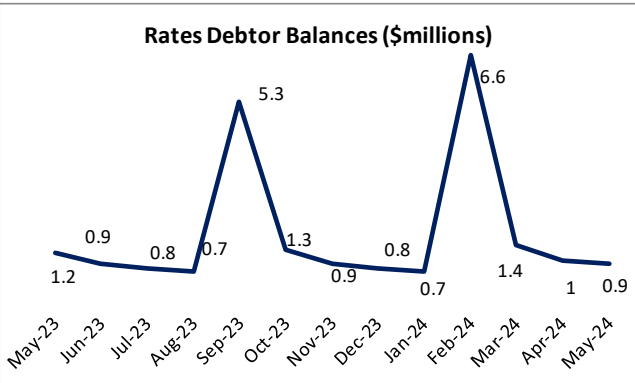
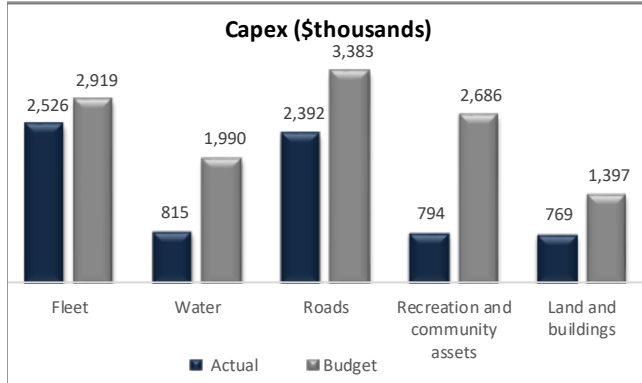
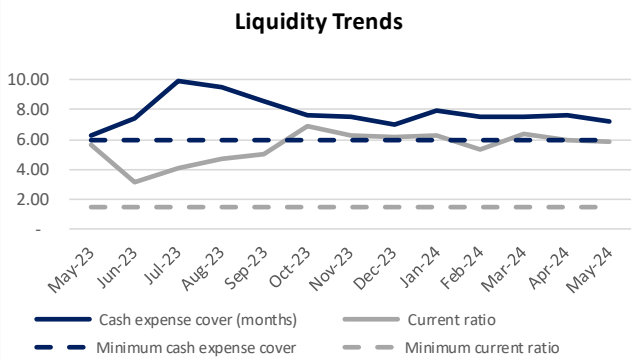
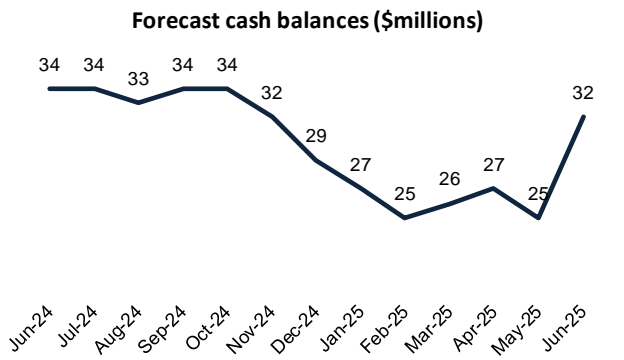
Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 May 2024:

Longreach Regional Council Financial Dashboard

for the month ending May 2024

(all amounts in \$millions)

Income statement	YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	Last YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$37.8	\$37.7	\$0.1	\$41.0	(\$3.2)
Expenses	\$45.5	\$47.9	\$2.4	\$44.8	(\$0.7)
Net result	(\$7.7)	(\$10.2)	\$2.5	(\$3.8)	(\$3.9)
Balance sheet	May 2024	Jun 2023	Movement	Last YTD	Movement
Total assets	\$404.5	\$418.5	(\$14.0)	\$378.7	\$25.8
Total liabilities	\$20.2	\$26.5	\$6.3	\$23.3	\$3.1
Total equity	\$384.3	\$392.0	(\$7.7)	\$355.4	\$28.9
Cash flow	YTD	Last YTD	Movement	Cash expense cover	
Operating cash flow	(\$6.5)	(\$7.9)	\$1.4	7 months	
Capex	(\$6.8)	(\$7.4)	(\$0.7)	Current ratio	
Other investing cash flow	\$2.6	\$4.6	(\$2.0)	6:1	
Loan repayments	(\$0.9)	(\$2.6)	\$1.7	Unrestricted Cash Balance	
Net cash flow	(\$11.5)	(\$13.4)	\$1.8	\$23.1	



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Financial performance

- Council has operated better than budget YTD with a positive variance of \$2.5 million.
- The positive variance is mainly caused by lower Employee Expenses and Materials and Services than expected. The variance in Employee Expenses is due to vacancies (10% vacancy rate at 31 May). The savings in Materials and Services is due to some one-off projects not being completed by May, but are expected to be completed in June, and other general savings in program delivery.
- The financial performance compared with Last YTD is worse due to lower amounts of grant funding received and higher Employee Expenses.
- Overall financial performance is sound. The YTD loss will be reversed if the Financial Assistance Grant is received in June as budgeted.

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.
- 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.

Cash flow

- Closing cash balance was \$23.5 million (\$23.1 million unrestricted).
- Operating cash flow was (\$6.5) 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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- As at 31 May, Council has earned \$1 million in interest income.

Debtors

	Current	1 year	2 years	3 years
Outstanding rates	\$646,437	\$137,856	\$48,591	\$53,863
Number of assessments	71	33	17	12

- There are a total of 133 assessments with unpaid rates totaling \$0.9 million (7.5% of annual rates revenue).
- Of the unpaid rates,
 - \$276K (31%) is being repaid on payment plans
 - \$292K (32%) is being recovered through legal action
 - \$332K (37%) 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.	Likelihood – Likely Consequence – Major Rating – High
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
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	Examine services, assets and business processes to reduce fixed costs in Council so that it becomes more adaptable and resilient. Diversify Council's	Likelihood – Possible Consequences – Moderate if the reductions impact a single year. Major if the reductions impact several consecutive

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	financial result and cash position.	revenue sources.	years. Rating – Medium to High
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Risk	Description	Treatment	Rating
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 [↓](#)
2. Directors Report 31 May.pdf [↓](#)
3. Capital Report 31 May.pdf [↓](#)
4. Grant Report May [↓](#)

Recommendation:

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

12.17 - 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	12,001	12,089	11,668	12,151	12,151
Fees and charges	2,038	2,367	1,899	2,595	2,595
Recoverable works income	5,801	6,712	6,154	7,743	7,742
Other revenue	1,762	1,012	1,255	1,104	1,104
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	13,650	11,938	15,447	24,705	13,805
Capital grants, subsidies and income	2,205	2,926	4,096	4,439	4,439
Profit on sale of assets	364	640	495	640	640
Total revenue	37,821	37,683	41,014	53,376	42,476
Expenses					
Employee expenses	14,579	15,843	13,367	17,283	17,283
Materials and services	22,600	23,735	23,217	27,040	27,040
Finance expenses	673	596	700	650	650
Depreciation	7,668	7,712	7,520	8,063	8,063
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	45,521	47,886	44,804	53,036	53,036
Net surplus or (deficit)	(7,699)	(10,203)	(3,790)	340	(10,560)

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	23,530	35,079	29,364	18,464
Current trade and other receivables	4,628	6,238	3,573	3,573
Inventories	1,205	1,092	593	593
Non-current assets				
Trade and other receivables	11,075	11,075	10,433	10,433
Property, plant and equipment	364,085	364,999	372,571	372,571
Other non-current assets	-	-	-	-
Total assets	404,523	418,483	416,534	405,634
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	698	5,958	2,066	2,066
Current borrowings	1,292	1,292	1,357	1,357
Current provisions	3,148	3,174	3,252	3,252
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	12,899	13,764	12,411	12,411
Provisions	2,209	2,315	2,583	2,583
Total liabilities	20,245	26,503	21,669	21,668
Net community assets	384,278	391,980	394,866	383,966
Community equity				
Asset revaluation reserve	174,368	174,368	177,323	177,323
Retained surplus	209,911	217,612	217,543	206,643
Total community equity	384,278	391,980	394,866	383,966

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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	23,212	23,607
Receipts from grants	11,330	25,903
Payments to employees	(14,711)	(17,283)
Payments to suppliers	(25,656)	(28,521)
Interest paid	(673)	(620)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(6,499)	3,086
Cash flows from Investing activities		
Receipts from capital grants	2,205	4,849
Receipts from sale of assets	364	640
Payments for capital expenditure	(6,754)	(12,995)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(4,185)	(7,506)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Loan repayments	(866)	(1,295)
Net cash outflows from financing activities	(866)	(1,295)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(11,549)	(5,715)
Opening cash balance	35,079	35,079
Closing cash balance	23,530	29,364

Statement of changes in equity	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Accumulated surplus		
Opening balance	217,612	204,297
Recognise land sold in prior years	-	-
Net profit or (loss)	(7,699)	340
Closing accumulated surplus	209,912	204,637
Asset revaluation reserve		
Opening balance	174,368	150,095
Other comprehensive income	0	2,955
Closing asset revaluation reserve	174,368	153,050
Total community equity	384,279	357,687

Longreach Regional Council
 Program Report
 for the YTD May 2024

Program	Revenue		Expenses		Net result	
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget full year
Office of the CEO						
Human resources	-	-	(1,233)	(1,299)	(1,233)	(1,418)
Governance	-	-	(638)	(812)	(638)	(812)
Elected member expenses	-	-	(546)	(614)	(546)	(670)
Disaster management and regional coordination	199	143	(234)	(157)	(36)	(16)
Economic development	-	-	(132)	(130)	(132)	(142)
Local laws	410	294	(910)	(1,247)	(500)	(1,039)
Health and environmental services	16	12	(24)	(71)	(7)	(64)
Land, leased out assets and commercial businesses	167	71	(501)	(773)	(334)	(265)
Development services	54	55	(184)	(143)	(129)	(96)
Total Office of the CEO	847	576	(4,403)	(5,246)	(3,556)	(4,670)
Infrastructure Services						
Infrastructure administration	-	-	(461)	(881)	(461)	(961)
Depot and airstrips	-	-	(480)	(437)	(480)	(477)
Roads, streets and stormwater	42	605	(5,888)	(6,430)	(5,838)	(6,410)
2020 NDRA Event	290	-	-	-	290	-
2021 NDRA Event	(38)	-	(1)	-	(39)	-
2022 NDRA event	11,851	10,083	(11,851)	(10,083)	-	-
Contract works	5,722	6,650	(5,650)	(5,556)	73	1,381
Fleet management	377	337	2,000	476	2,377	887
Sewerage	1,759	1,670	(668)	(736)	1,091	866
Waste management	1,071	1,024	(608)	(761)	464	211
Water	3,347	3,276	(3,232)	(2,996)	115	280
Total Infrastructure Services	24,422	23,645	(26,840)	(27,405)	(2,410)	(3,760)
						(4,400)

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12.17 - Monthly Financial Statements --Appendix 2

Program	Revenue		Expenses		Net result	
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget full year
Community Services						
Child Care	2,098	2,190	(2,311)	(2,492)	(214)	(301)
Community development and events	33	-	(410)	(331)	(377)	(331)
Donations and sponsorship	-	-	(132)	(148)	(132)	(148)
RADF	28	-	(51)	(38)	(23)	(38)
Community administration	13	-	(1,342)	(1,250)	(1,329)	(1,250)
Libraries	13	-	(194)	(177)	(181)	(177)
Community centres and halls	18	32	(323)	(324)	(305)	(292)
Public conveniences	11	7	(139)	(223)	(128)	(216)
Council housing	49	68	(180)	(212)	(130)	(144)
Showgrounds and sporting facilities	28	55	(704)	(687)	(676)	(659)
Cemeteries	138	119	(254)	(328)	(116)	(209)
Parks and gardens	27	-	(1,829)	(2,256)	(1,802)	(2,382)
Swimming pools	6	7	(932)	(1,087)	(926)	(1,080)
Tourism, museums and VIC	140	110	(946)	(956)	(806)	(903)
Total Community Services	2,602	2,589	(9,746)	(10,508)	(7,144)	(8,919)
Financial Services						
Insurance	-	-	(715)	(691)	(715)	(691)
Finance	1,428	1,204	(1,935)	(1,951)	(507)	(747)
Rates	5,404	5,629	(153)	(129)	5,251	5,486
LW/DEFS	475	475	(361)	(365)	114	77
Internal recharges	10	-	-	-	10	-
IT	65	-	(1,367)	(1,592)	(1,302)	(1,592)
Total Financial Services	7,381	7,308	(4,531)	(4,727)	2,850	2,566
Total Council Operating Result	35,252	34,117	(45,521)	(47,886)	(10,261)	(13,784)
						(5,041)

Notes to the program report

- 1 - Disaster Management expense high due to storm damage - insurance claim being processed.
- 2 - Development Services high due to town planning expenses.
- 3 - STIP carpark grant in income however will carry over to 24/25
- 4- Flood Damage and Contract works ahead of schedule.
- 5- Timing of income with works.
- 6 - Wages over in this area due to budget being allocated in Community Admin.
- 7 - RADF carry over projects from the previous year expended.
- 8 - Lower income then forecasted.
- 9- Debt recovery cost offset against rates

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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 Childcare Footpath	143,513	128,900	
23/24 Concrete Slab For Wtp Generator / Chlorine Area	35,000	30,314	
23/24 Corella Lane Pave And Seal	125,000	101,714	
23/24 Electrical Swtichboards Upgrade At Murray Mcmillan Dam	25,000	151	
23/24 Exclusion Fencing Of Town Raw Water Storage (Dams)	30,000	20,569	
23/24 Isisford- Bimerah Road Gravel Re-Sheet	225,000	229,540	
23/24 Local Laws Buggy	30,000	-	
23/24 Pave And Seal Turn Around At Ior Fuel Pod (Lrci4)	148,000	37,920	
23/24 Replacment Of Elevated Reservoir & Stand At Wtp	500,000	3,970	
23/24 River Reading Arno Crossing	18,000	9,669	
23/24 Rural Property Signs Upgrade Stage 1 (Lrci4)	100,000	83,187	
23/24 Rural Road Signs Upgrade (LRCI4)	150,000	99,460	
23/24 Stip Funded Project	270,000	1,440	
23/24 Tids Drainage Upgrade Bustard/Crow Land, Bustard Cassowary	50,000	58,878	
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	486,367	
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	212,803	
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	93,296	
R2R 23/24 Town Street Reseal	450,000	102,506	
Race Horse Training Pool	15,000	-	
Stonehenge River Road- Prep & Reseal 4 Mile Creek	85,000	82,826	
Tids 23/24 Silsoe Road Reseal	100,000	111,027	
Tids 23/24 Stonhenge River Road Reseal	100,000	72,806	
W4Q Covid Isisford Wtp Upgrade	140,000	81,126	
TS047 - 23/24 Ergon Roundabouts in Longreach		21,025	
23/24 Replace pump at Fairmount Weir	120,000	-	
23/24 Tids Isisford Rehab & New Kerb St Mary'S Street	200,000	241,873	
Grand Total	8,567,660	5,524,159	64%

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	12,086	
23/24 Beersheba Park Shade Structure Lrci4	50,000	47,123	
23/24 Build New Multipurpose Court (Lrci4)	631,175	529,103	
23/24 Civic Centre Shade Structure	200,000	55,417	
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	15,644	
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	1,930	
Longreach Administration Building Air Conditioning Replacement	200,000	205,606	
LRCI P4 Eagle Street Improve Swan Street 23/24	80,000	30,384	
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	66,624	
Isisford Showgrounds septic tank	40,000	29,100	
Lioness Park Shade Structure 23/24	100,000	-	
Grand Total	3,787,011	1,692,652	45%

Grant/s Information (current as of Tuesday, 04 June 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 (ORRQ)	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 - QFES Annual Subsidy 2023/2024	\$ 19,646	\$ 19,646	\$ -	15/09/2023	30/06/2024
GC2024259	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES - QFES 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 QLD	SLO - Service Development Subsidy 2023-2024	\$ 8,775	\$ 8,775	\$ -	29/09/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023237	STATE LIBRARY OF QLD	SLO - 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
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	\$ 10,620,806	\$ -	\$ 10,620,806		

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 - FranklyAI project	\$ 55,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	24/01/2024	30/09/2024
GC2023193	Department of Agriculture & Fisheries	QCFCG - 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	OKFS_Kindy for All 2024	\$ 60,000	\$ 27,486	\$ 32,514	01/01/2024	31/12/2024
GC2023185	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	MIPI - 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 Iffracombe 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 (Iffracombe & 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 St to Childcare Centre)	\$ 143,513	\$ 57,405	\$ 86,108	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2019036	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	BoR4 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	WLGG 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 Muttubarra 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 ISSFORD 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	\$ 12,296,832	\$ -	30/04/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023199	DEPT OF PREMIER AND CABINET OFFICER FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL QLD	Queensland Day Sponsorship Program 2024	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,750	\$ 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
GC2022169	DEPT. OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	LGSP 2022/2024 - Water and Sewerage Replacement	\$ 600,000	\$ 163,636	\$ 436,364	01/07/2022	30/06/2024
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
GC2023235	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES_Support Grant - Isisford SES Training Room	\$ 67,282	\$ -	\$ 67,282	30/05/2024	30/06/2025
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.0025.2122J.REC (21 April to 12 May 2022 events)	\$ 14,930,610	\$ 11,132,624	\$ 3,797,986	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.GQR	\$ 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
GC2024260	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	GRQ_Get Ready Queensland 2024-2025	\$ 9,700	\$ -	\$ 9,700	27/05/2024	30/06/2025
GC2024263	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0029.2223G.REC	\$ 438,146	\$ 129,773	\$ 308,373	31/05/2024	30/06/2025
GC2022166	Translink Division- Transport Dept	PTIIP - Long Distance Coach Stops Grant	\$ 75,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	01/06/2022	30/06/2024
		Total	\$ 51,644,854	\$ 41,250,455	\$ 10,394,399		

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

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	
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.
ANCESOUR 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
(Res-2024-05-125)
Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch
That Council receives the Finance information report, as presented.

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:

Procurement

Purchasing Thresholds for Purchase Orders YTD			
Order Value	#	Order Value	Value Invoiced
\$100 Under	281	\$ 15,291	\$ 11,431

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\$101-\$5,000	2021	\$ 1,770,207	\$ 1,520,123
\$5,001 - Under \$15,000	559	\$ 3,653,172	\$ 3,145,320
\$15,001 - under \$200,000	273	\$ 11,725,061	\$ 8,799,294
\$200,000 or more	19	\$ 10,726,465	\$ 8,159,713
Total	3153	\$ 27,890,198	\$21,635,884

YTD Percentage of purchase made locally

2023-24	2022-23
39.5%	40.3%

Contracts awarded in May

VP / QTender Number Request Name	Supplier	Value of Contract Exc. GST

Tenders and RFQ open in May

TENDER/RFQ	No.	PLATFORM	RESPONSES	LOCAL Y/N
VP404308 – Supply & Delivery of One (1) 4WD Extra Cab Dropside Ute	7	Vendor Panel Local Buy Panel	2	Y
LRC022024 – Design and Construct – Longreach Library Rear Refurbishment	Open Tender	QTender		Not Yet Awarded
VP409785 – Seal Fuel Storage Area in Yaraka 1	3	Vendor Panel Local Buy Panel	1	N
VP409781 – Seal Fuel Storage Area in Yaraka (Pre-Coated Agg)	3	Vendor Panel Pre- Qual Panel LRC082021	1	Y
VP412812 – Supply Pre-Coated Aggregate (X Bin)	6	Vendor Panel Pre- Qual Panel LRC082021	1	Y
VP412795 – Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bitumen	61	Vendor Panel Local Buy Pane	1	N

Upcoming Requests for Quote and Tenders

REQUEST	QUOTE/TENDER

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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	\$ 3,729,852.61	Plant and Labour Hire
MOORE CIVIL & PLANT HIRE PTY LTD	\$ 1,496,570.91	Plant and Labour Hire
TROPIC PETROLEUM	\$ 1,596,264.79	Fuel and Lubricants
JTCOX CONCRETE & PRECAST PTY LTD	\$ 1,168,990.53	Quarry Supplies
HASTINGS DEERING (AUSTRALIA) L	\$ 1,648,584.67	Plant
GEORGE BOURNE & ASSOCIATES	\$ 1,073,175.59	Engineering Services
CHAMPION CONTRACTING	\$ 931,549.80	Quarry Supplies
OMA CONTRACTING	\$ 829,600.00	Plant Hire
BORAL RESOURCES (QLD) PTY LIMITED	\$ 771,711.66	Quarry Supplies
ERGON ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED	\$ 754,390.26	Power
SOPHARR PTY LTD T/A KENT CONSTRUCTION	\$ 600,527.90	Construction
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AUTO PTY LTD	\$ 671,871.84	Plant
LGM ASSETS	\$ 523,712.89	Insurance
PROTERRA GROUP	\$ 522,732.15	Waste Management
FULTON HOGAN INDUSTRIES PTY LTD	\$ 348,873.99	Quarry Supplies
MIDLAND PTY LTD	\$ 323,139.54	Plant
TELSTRA LIMITED	\$ 380,539.34	Telecommunications
WESTERN QUEENSLAND LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE PTY LTD	\$ 301,054.76	Saleyards
NGH NQ PTY LTD	\$ 300,711.96	Consultancy
KOMATSU AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	\$ 260,817.95	Plant
WIDELAND TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	\$ 254,117.23	Plant
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKCARE	\$ 248,463.50	Workers Compensation
Flexihire Pty. Ltd.	\$ 239,084.02	Plant Hire
CENTWEST ENGINEERING AND STEEL SUPPLIES PTY LTD TTE	\$ 302,326.96	Supplies
Leading Roles	\$ 254,663.92	Recruitment
CIVICA PTY LTD	\$ 224,937.24	IT Management
NEWLANDS CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD	\$ 411,620.50	Water Mains
STEVENS SMITH REFRIGERATION	\$ 252,295.44	Air Conditioning
HOUSE PROUD	\$ 244,031.92	Cleaning
G & D BALLARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	\$ 233,267.00	Plant Hire
BTX GROUP PTY LTD	\$ 219,824.07	Water Supplies

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.18 - Information Report - Finance

Innovation and Business Improvement

On the 27 May 2024, Council cut over to the new Azure operating environment which included an upgrade to Microsoft 365. This project introduced significant change to the way Council staff operate and didn't come without its challenges in the first few weeks of migrating from the Civica Cloud environment where Council has been operating since 2011. Staff have been embracing the change and starting to explore some of the new features of the environment which will provide a range of improvements to the way we do business. Further polishing of the new environment will continue over the next few weeks along with decommissioning of the old environment.

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 has been updated in consultation with the Works teams. The updated data has been sent to Pinnacle for upload into the new Asset database.

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.

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

13. Communities Report
13.1 Community Donations - Individuals

Considerations of applications received for the month of June 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 June 2024	Budget remaining for future applications
Community Donations	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,767.17	\$2,800.00	\$2,967.17

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 eight (8) applications for the month of June 2024.

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13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

- Abbey will be participating in the Kokoda Challenge which is being held at the Gold Coast on 13 and 14 July 2024. Abbey will be along side several other competitors from Longreach.

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

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

- Alexander will be participating in the Kokoda Challenge which is being held at the Gold Coast on 13 and 14 July 2024. Alexander will be along side several other competitors from Longreach.

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

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Alexander Fitzgerald \$350.00</i>	<i>Alexander Fitzgerald \$350.00</i>

- Demi will be participating in the Kokoda Challenge which is being held at the Gold Coast on 13 and 14 July 2024. Demi will be along side several other competitors from Longreach.

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

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Demi Ramsay \$350.00</i>	<i>Demi Ramsay \$350.00</i>

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

4. Noah will be participating in the Kokoda Challenge which is being held at the Gold Coast on 13 and 14 July 2024. Noah will be along side several other competitors from Longreach.

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

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Noah Walton \$350.00</i>	<i>Noah Walton \$350.00</i>

5. Mackenzie will be participating in the Kokoda Challenge which is being held at the Gold Coast on 13 and 14 July 2024. Mackenzie will be along side several other competitors from Longreach.

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

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Mackenzie Neuendorf \$350.00</i>	<i>Mackenzie Neuendorf \$350.00</i>

6. Liela will be participating in the Kokoda Challenge which is being held at the Gold Coast on 13 and 14 July 2024. Liela will be along side several other competitors from Longreach.

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

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

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

7. Lara 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.

<i>Lara Palmer</i>	
<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

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

8. Taya travelled to Toowoomba from 23 – 26 May 2024 to participate in the North West Netball team for the Queensland School Sport Championships which are being held in Toowoomba

<i>Taya Miller</i>	
<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

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

<i>Organisation/ Individual</i>	<i>Event/Project Activity</i>	<i>Event Date</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Abbey Cowley</i>	Kokoda Challenge	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Alexander Fitzgerald</i>	Kokoda Challenge	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Demi Ramsay</i>	Kokoda Challenge	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Noah Walton</i>	Kokoda Challenge	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Mackenzie Neuendorf</i>	Kokoda Challenge	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Liela Ballin</i>	Kokoda Challenge	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Lara Palmer</i>	Regional Massed Choir	<i>15-20 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Taya Miller</i>	North West Netball	<i>23 – 26 May 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$2,800</i>

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.2 - Information Report - Community Services

13.2 Information Report - Community Services

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.

Library Services - May 2024

With the cooler weather approaching the Library has seen an increase in tourist and local numbers using the library facilities. First 5 in Isisford and Longreach

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13.2 - Information Report - Community Services

continue to see new mums coming along with their babies to meet other mums within the Community. It's great to see the young children -learn and play together.

The weekly support group is continuing in Longreach facilitated in partnership with Outback Futures. Tea & Tots happens every Monday morning from 10.30am until 12.00pm.

Library Statistics (YTD)

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford	
	May	YTD	May	YTD	May	YTD
Loans	384	4,420	8	177	5	200
New Members	15	121	0	2	5	5
Total Members	1,669		72		143	

Swimming Pools

	Ilfracombe		Isisford		Yaraka	
	MAY	YTD	MAY	YTD	MAY	YTD
Adults	324	3257	closed	295	0	85
Children	10	1105	closed	207	0	82

Longreach statistics for the month of May
 Adult - 408
 Children - 641

The winter season hours commenced at the Longreach Swimming Pool on the 1st May. The Isisford Pool is now closed for the winter season and will reopen in the September school holidays.

May events at the Longreach Swimming Pool -

- A Winter Clinic was held at the Longreach Pool on Saturday, 11 May.
- A Learn to Swim Teacher Course was held on Sunday, 12 May.

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13.2 - Information Report - Community Services

Childcare Services

Spotlight on May

- Our Service hosted a lovely Mother's Day Event in May which was attended by many of our beautiful Mums, Grandmother's and even some Dad's! it was a great way celebrate with our families, enjoying this event with delicious food, warm cuppas and some light-hearted games.
- Current bookings are steady. We have recently been informed of the sole family daycare operator in Longreach is closing end of June and are anticipating enrolments for her current children.
- The cool weather is prompting lots of outdoor play which is perfect because our children love the real grass and shade from our big trees. The children getting that Vitamin D and fresh air which is proven to be a miracle worker for our health! The herb garden has also been a popular place to be lately with the rosemary being a favourite scent currently!
- Our families were excited to see their children's artwork displayed at the Longreach Show! This is just another way we endeavour to keep our community connections strong and our presence known within our wonderful town!
- Our Kindergarten children excitedly participated in an excursion to Longreach State School for Under 8's Day! Being such a popular event with attendees from all schools within our region as well as many families outside of school/care settings, our bright blue excursion vests for our children and Educators were once again a talking point amongst the event. How easy they make it for our children to stand out in a crowd and for our little ones to easily find their Educators!
- Our annual Rainbow Day event was celebrated in May, remembering a beautiful little angel who used to attend our Service. A colour run, cake and everything bright and colourful made the morning one to remember!
- We are so pleased to have had our Inclusion Support, partially-funded, Additional Educator commence with us! She is assisting in our 15month – 2 year old room. The Inclusion Support representatives also visited in May and were able to walk around our Service and see what measures we were putting in place to promote inclusion for all children. They were extremely impressed with the dedication and commitment to inclusion of our team.
- Outback Futures team visit - Our connections with Outback Futures extend beyond the children and it is always important to have them visit us to not only check on our children and families, but our staff also.

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RAINBOW Day!



Welcome Margie, our Inclusion Support Additional Educator!

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13.2 - Information Report - Community Services

Horticulture and Community Facilities

Facility Usage

The following community facilities were utilised in May -

Longreach Showgrounds	Heart Bus, Longreach Show, Longreach Touch Football, Junior & Senior Rugby, Stabling of Horses, Central West Career Expo, Longreach Junior Rugby League Cluster Day, Our Lady of the Southern Cross College Year 6 Camp
Isisford Hall	Isisford Ball for 150 Years Celebrations, Dance Classes, Craft Sessions
Isisford Racecourse	Isisford Sheep and Wool Show
Whitman's Memorial Park, Isisford	Meet and Greet for 150 Years of Isisford Celebrations
Ilfracombe Rec Centre	Longreach Baptist Church Family Camp, Senior Rugby

Water Tower Lights

The water tower lights were lit up in specific colours for the following occasions -

National Road Safety Week	Yellow
Do It For Dolly Day	Blue
WOW Day in support of SES Volunteers	Orange
World MS Day	Red



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13.2 - Information Report - Community Services

Funeral Services

Longreach Cemetery Funeral Figures May 2024	
Funeral Type	
Church & Graveside Funeral	1
Church Service Only	1
Graveside Funeral	
LRC Graveside Set up ONLY	
Memorial Service	
Cremation	3
Internment of Ashes -Private Family	1
Plaques arranged by LRC	2
Undertakers Services Only	

Communication Activity – Statistics for May 2024

Website:

- 8,858 sessions (7,734 in April)
- 18,649 page views (17,391 in April)
- After the Home landing page, the most popular pages are
 - Events
 - Current vacancies
 - Careers
 - Search
- Most people have found the website through an organic search, such as Google
- 64% of people use desktop as a device, followed by 34% mobile devices
- See attachments for the data

Facebook:

- 3,936 followers (3,917 followers in April), 67,4% of our followers are women
- 27 posts in total May 2024
- Post topics – Small Tourism Town Voting, Qld Day, Spray Painting workshop
- Post with the highest reach of 65,117 was the post that Longreach will receive another 7 round abouts in the coming months

ILLY:

- Delivered to 2,323 households in the region.
- The June edition will focus on the Skatepark spray painting workshop, Queensland Day event and the upcoming gardening competition.

Community Development

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13.2 - Information Report - Community Services

Central West Careers Expo

Council made strides at the Central West Careers Expo, reaching out to students from Longreach, Winton, and Barcaldine. Our mission: to gauge youth interests for targeted programs while challenging stereotypes surrounding local government. Emphasizing creativity and innovation, aimed to inspire young minds to consider public service and fostering conversations with our youth, council gains invaluable insight into community needs and aspirations. This outreach not only shapes a more informed workforce but also cultivates a culture of civic responsibility and engagement. As council continues to bridge the gap between government and youth, it lays the groundwork for a more collaborative and prosperous future.

Youth Council

Youth Council met for their third official meeting on Monday 13.04.2024 Topics discussed:

- Longreach Show and the stall.
- Ideas for school holiday programs and other activities that can happen in and around Longreach for youth.
- Meeting dates set for the rest of the year.
- Safety Induction

Community Engagement

- Outback Futures to talk about the gather the girl's program in partnership with the Longreach State High School. Moreover, the team met with the
- Longreach State Highschool to talk about the Youth Council, partnership options and other avenues/models for the Youth Council moving forward.
- Salvation Army regarding activities for the Youth and ideas from their side.

Upcoming events June/July 2024 (longreach.qld.gov.au/events)

June 2024			
Sunday 9 June 9am – 2pm	Amazing Race – Queensland Day Edition	Longreach Showgrounds	Free to attend
Monday 10 June 10am – 12pm	Isisford Branch Biggest Morning Tea	Isisford Branch Office	Gold Coin Donation
Saturday 15 June 9am – 7pm	Isisford Golf Open	Isisford Gold Club	\$50 includes breakfast, nomination fee and lunch
Tuesday 18 June 10am-12pm	Reimagining Aging	Longreach Civic Centre	Free to attend
July 2024			
Saturday 13 July	Ilfracombe Races	Ilfracombe Race Club	Members \$22 Non Members \$15 Shearers Quarters

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			\$165
Thursday 25 July 8am – 5pm	GrowWQ Innovation Expo	Longreach Showgrounds	TBA
Friday 26 July – Sunday 28 July	Isisford Fishing Competition 2024	Oma Waterhole, Isisford	Nomination Fee Adults \$30, Juniors \$10

Project Management Update

Ilfracombe Multi-Purpose Court

Sport fencing, surfacing and equipment is now installed at the multi-purpose court. Lines for tennis, basketball and netball have been laid. Electrical work is in progress with lights now installed, with a timer next to be fitted. The project is supported by the federal Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



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Swan Street Toilet Block Mural

A new mural has been painted onto the Swan Street toilet block. The artwork showcases the natural beauty of the Longreach Region by established artist Cam Scale. 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

After Hours Message Centre -May 2024

Incoming Calls Received	No. of Hang Ups	Total
42	30	72

During the month of May 2024 there were 42 after hours' calls received. The calls were related to the following sections of Council:

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF CALLS
Water and Sewerage	7
Local Laws/Animal Management	10
Facilities	7
Funeral / Undertaker Services	1
Tourism / Visitor Information	15
Other	2

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Customer Requests

A total of **154 Customer Service Requests** were received for the month of May 2024. Of these requests **129 were completed** within the same month.

Completed	Progress	Outstanding	Total
129	12	13	154

Tourism Update

We had had a lot happen during May with Opera in the Outback, Isisford 150 years, Isisford Sheep and Wool Show, the Longreach Show, Qld Weekender and a tourism filming project.

During Opera week Peter Murray and the lovely Fallon Family collaborated with Council Tourism and local operators to create footage show casing Longreach Region as a Family friendly destination. This project was supported by our local operators and included; Outback Aussie Tours Motor Rail experience, Qantas Founders Museum Tours, The Longreach Tourist Park and Woolshed Restaurant, Golden West Tours, Powerhouse & Historical Museum, Isisford, Isisford Sheep and Wool show, Ilfracombe, the Wellshot Hotel Mitchell Grass Retreat, Chute 1 Bar and The Branch Cafe.

ABOUT US

We are an adventurous family of five seeking to get off the beaten track and create unforgettable memories.

Our dream is to take our three young boys far off-grid and travel through remote parts of Australia. By slowing down our days, we hope to strengthen our bond with each other and the land. Immersing ourselves in Australian & Indigenous Culture as we experience life on the road.

George is a cinematographer experienced in documenting remote Indigenous culture in Australia, who has formed close relationships with Aboriginal Elders and communities. Kristianne is an International Fabric Designer who's confident with social media marketing.

Our children Maasai (9), Tamu (6) & Samoa (4), come with hearts of gold, cheeky smiles, and an insatiable appetite to soak in all that they can.



Qld Weekender travelled through the Outback Following the Dig the Tropic drive which included Ilfracombe Spa, Parks and Gardens had the area shining for filming on 15 May 2024. The episode can be seen on Sunday 9 June. [Ancient Encounters in the Outback - WEEKENDER \(7weekender.com\)](https://www.7weekender.com)

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.2 - Information Report - Community Services

Longreach Region Explore Centre Visitor Statistics May 2024

Mar 2024	April 2024	May 2024	2023/2024 YTD	2022/2023 total
307	1226	2965	17,818	21,948

Bookings made by information centre staff on behalf of Operators for the month of May were to the value of \$92,456.51

Information Requests 2023-2024	May 2024	2023 -2024 YTD
Phone calls	236	1,157
Emails	67	421
General Information over the Counter	216	11,872
Information packs posted	49	382
Phone Bookings	38	587
Over the Counter Bookings	406	2.272

Longreach Powerhouse and Historical Museum Statistics (financial year) 2023-24:

Mar 2024	April 2024	May 2024	2023/2024 YTD	2022/2023 total
91	297	383	3,823	4,205

Longreach Regional Council Approved Camping Areas (financial year) 2023-2024:

Location	Apr 2024 Vans	May 2024 Vans	2023 -2024 YTD Vans
Apex Park	433	832	TBA
Emergency Camping Passes	0	0	80
Barcoo Weir/Oma Waterhole	393	549	2,291
Isisford Emergency Passes	0	0	82
Yaraka	0		363

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13.2 - Information Report - Community Services

Experience Longreach Website had 8K views for the month of May 2024

Strategy and planning

The Communities team are also working on a number of other initiatives and projects such as:

Walking Network Plan (grant funded)	In progress	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 aspect has been completed and the draft report received by Council to review. Review by officers is underway.
Finalisation of facility concept plans	In progress	Isisford Racecourse Concept Plan – this has been worked on with user groups. Council have since been given contacts at Qld Racing to assist with planning and compliance requirements.
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 this was initially due to come to Council in June 2024 for endorsement, however due to new ideas changes and additions in the plan it is our aim to bring this concept brief to the July meeting. 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. Officers have worked through the draft version of the assessment and The final version of the report will come to Council for discussion in July 2024.
Longreach Disaster Resilience Survey	In progress	A survey of tourists and visitors will be undertaken in Longreach during April/May/June 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	Part of the tree order has arrived and planting begins in June 2024. Section 1 will be between the Stockman's

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		Hall of Fame and DAF
Iningai Nature Reserve – entrance way design improvements	In progress	Council continues to work with Desert Channels Queensland and the Iningai working group to plan future works at the reserve mainly investigating interpretive signage. Council has funded 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) has been completed.

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. Website Statistics May 2024 [↓](#)
2. Major Projects Dashboard [↓](#)
3. Projects Dashboard [↓](#)

Recommendation:

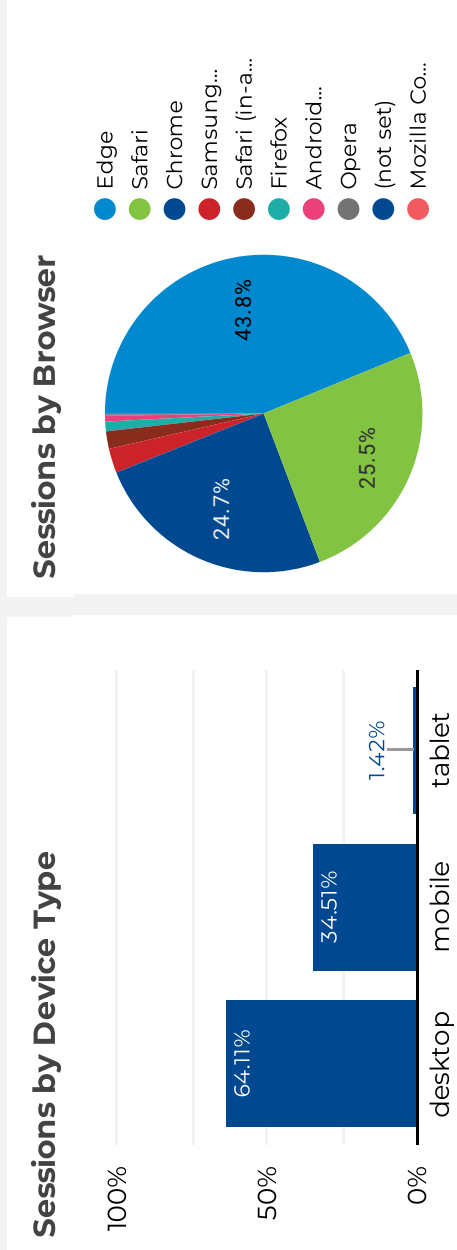
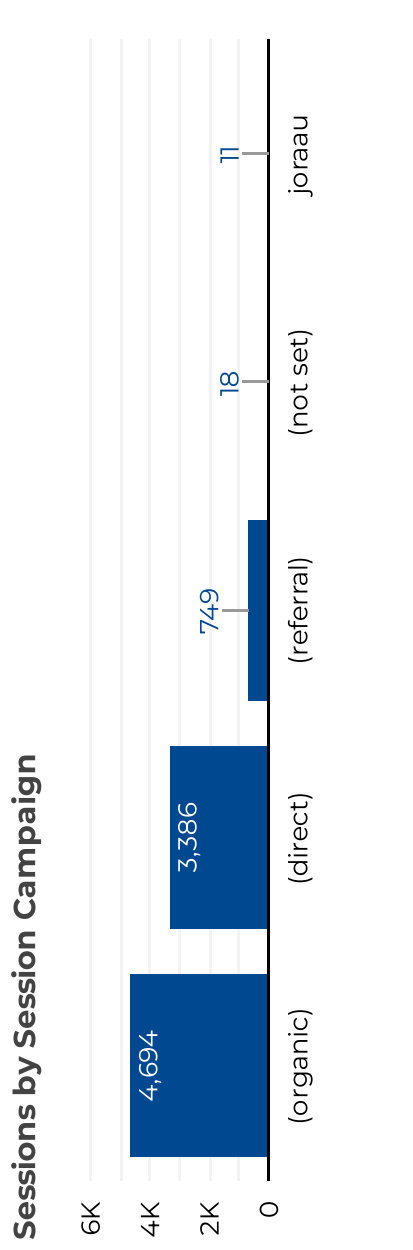
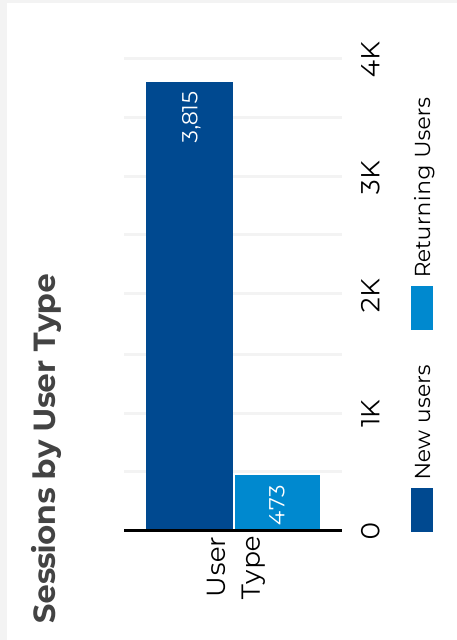
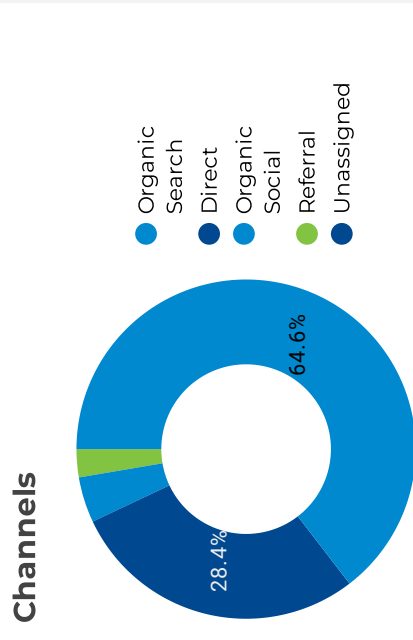
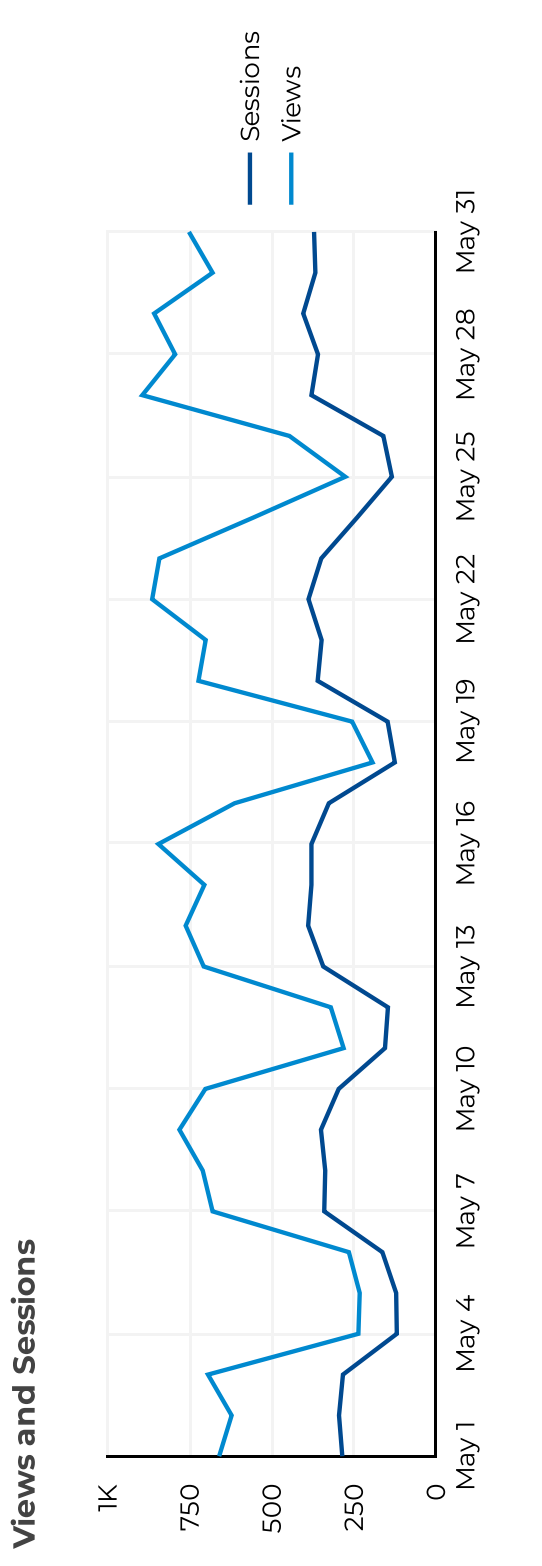
That Council receives the Community Services information report, as presented.



Longreach Regional Council - Monthly Analytics Snapshot

May 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024

Sessions	8,858
Views	18,649
Views / Session	2.11



Top 10 Pages

Page path	Views
1. /	8,199
2. /whats	1,068
3. /current-vacancies	872
4. /careers	559
5. /site-search/results/	540
6. /whats-on	308
7. /directory-record/15/apex-pa...	287
8. /queensland-day	269
9. /elected-members	207
10. /swimming-pools	196

Top 10 Referral Sources

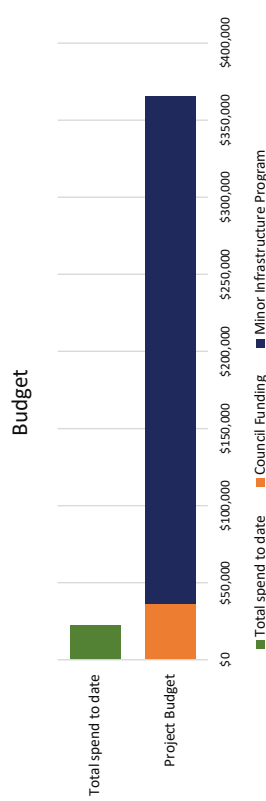
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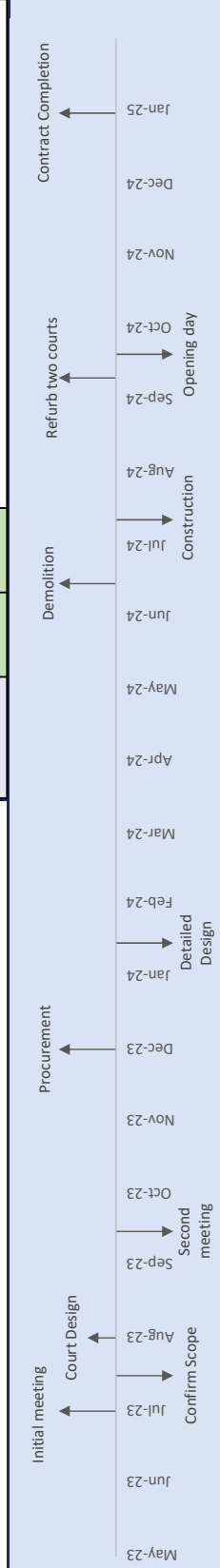
Project: Longreach Squash Court Upgrade

Status: Engaged 8/6/24

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	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.	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.	Final meeting with squash group prior the work commencing.	Final meeting with squash group prior the work commencing.
Key Stakeholders:	Longreach residents and ratepayers, Longreach Regional Council and Longreach Squash.	Work to commence in mid-late July.	Work to commence in mid-late July.



Risks	Previous status	Current status	Status Description
Overall	Green	Green	Delivery timeframe scheduled for minimal disruption to squash playing seasons.
Time	Green	Green	Work aimed to start mid 2024 which will disrupt only part of the second season of the year.
Budget	Yellow	Yellow	Scope marginally (6%) over budget.
Scope	Green	Green	Specifications and design with Architect has been completed.
Communication	Green	Green	General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.





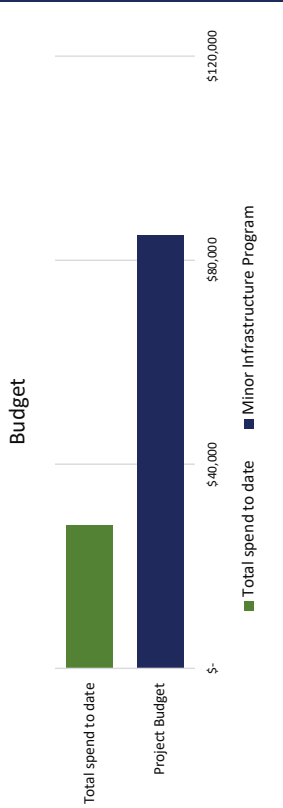
Project: Iffracombe Multi-Purpose Court		Status	8/6/24																								
Purpose: Construct a new multi-purpose court in Iffracombe next to the rec. centre. Allow the existing rec centre facilities to be utilised more as the area becomes the sporting hub of Iffracombe.		In Progress	Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period Electrical install to finish with a 1 hour timer to be installed.																								
Project Team: Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson Project Manager: Joel Perry		Recent Deliverables Fencing around the court to be completed.																									
Funding Source: Total current project budget is \$631,175, funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.		Sport surfacing completed.	Final drainage from downpipes to be completed.																								
Key Stakeholders: Iffracombe residents and ratepayers, Longreach Regional Council, Iffracombe District & Progress Association (LDPA) and Sport and Rec																											
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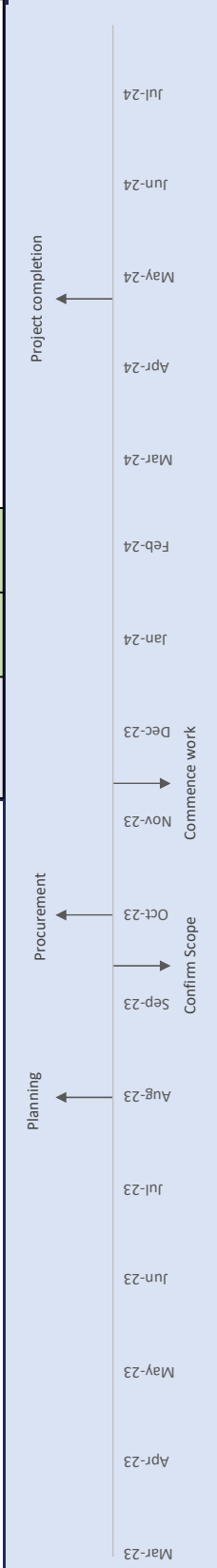
Project: Apex Park Beautification

Status **In Progress** 8/6/24

Purpose:	Remove old water tower; upgrade fence; install bar bench and install shade structures.	Recent Deliverables	Fencing progress continues with new rails and posts installed.	Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period	Fencing progress to continue with final painting.
Project Team:	Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson Project Manager: Joel Perry		Shade structures completed.		Final invoices to be processed.
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.				



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 onsite work will occur 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.





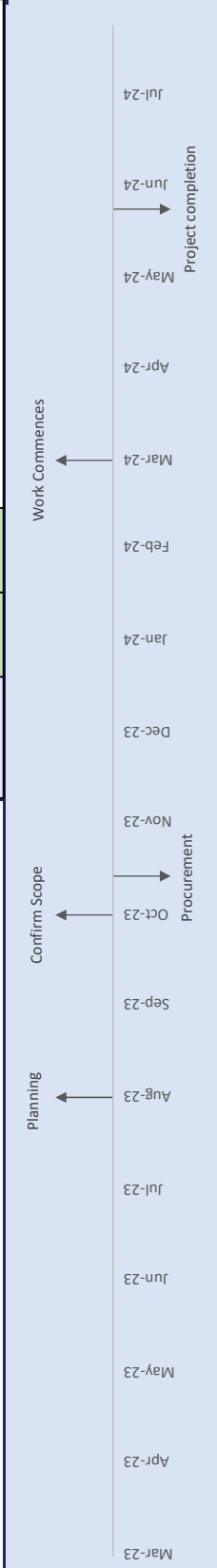
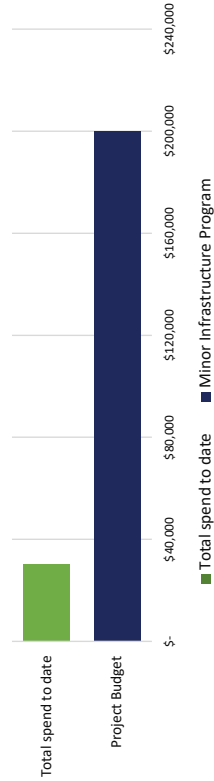
Project: Eagle and Swan Street Beautification

Status 8/6/24

In Progress		Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period
Purpose:	To improve the streetscape area around the Swan Street toilet block.	Final invoices to be processed.
Project Team:	Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson Project Manager: Joel Perry	
Funding Source:	Total current project budget is \$80,000, funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.	
Key Stakeholders:	Longreach residents and ratepayers and Longreach Regional Council.	

Risks	Previous status	Current status	Status Description
Overall			Work completed.
Time			Delays occurred due to qualified contractor availability.
Budget			Budget revised from \$200,000 to \$80,000 due to change in scope.
Scope			Nil risk.
Communication			General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.

Budget

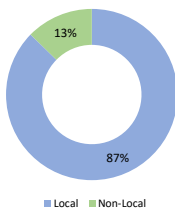


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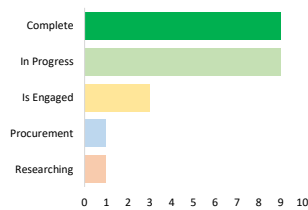


Project	Description	Progress	Funding	Status	
SF020	Ilfracombe Multi-purpose Court	Construct a new multi-purpose court in Ilfracombe next to the rec centre. Allow the existing rec centre facilities to be utilised more as the area becomes the sporting hub of Ilfracombe.	Shade structure complete. Fencing complete. Surface painting completed. Electrical work in progress.	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	In Progress
PO	Ilfracombe Post Office Relocation	Upgrade Ilfracombe Council building to incorporate postal services, visitor information, library council services and meeting rooms.	Scoping in progress with AusPost.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
MU035	Isisford OBIC Drainage Replacement	Install rat wall and spoon drain, additional downpipes and drainage to divert water away from building's foundations.	Work commenced with grease trap replaced and preparation work made for drainage improvement to occur in June.	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	In Progress
HC025	Longreach - Civic Centre Shade	Replace damaged shade with a barrel vault fabric structure.	Work has commenced and will be finished in June.	Longreach Regional Council	In Progress
PK062	Longreach Apex Park - Install 2 new shade structures over existing chairs	Install 2 3x3m shade structures.	Both shade structures installed plus new turf now laid.	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	Complete
10058	Longreach Apex Park Beautification	Upgrade fence with additional rails and fresh paint. Remove redundant water tower and install bin cages	Existing fence in progress of being upgraded.	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	In Progress
PK063	Longreach Beersheba Place - Shade Structure	Install 5x5m shade structure, drinking fountain and picnic table.	Structure completed. Signage in progress.	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	In Progress
MCM200	Longreach Cemetery Plinth Repairs	Relay concrete sections that are cracking. New concrete will be in 2m slabs, designed to reduce risk of future cracking.	Contractor engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
CC015	Longreach Childcare Fence Replacement	New external and internal fencing throughout childcare.	Work has commenced and will be completed over multiple weekends, outside of opening times.	Longreach Regional Council	In Progress
GP004	Longreach Council Chambers Upgrade	Upgrade existing room with modern IT infrastructure, more space and larger table.	Work completed, including new video meeting equipment.	Longreach Regional Council	In Progress
LB007	Longreach Disaster Centre Construction	Upgrade space behind the library to serve as the Disaster Coordination Centre and meeting space.	Tender now closed open via Qtender on 13th May. Responses currently being reviewed.	Longreach Regional Council	Procurement
PK064	Longreach Lioness Park Shade	Two solid shade structures fully covering main playground and swings.	Work scheduled to be completed prior to July.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
DS017	Longreach SES New Flood Boat Shed	Install new powered 12m by 7m shed on SES block on Minor Road.	Electrical install in progress.	SES Support Grant	In Progress
LA019	Longreach Squash Court Upgrade	Construct a new clubhouse area onto the existing facility and resurface squash courts walls.	Work to commence July.	Minor Infrastructure Program	Is Engaged
PK065	Longreach Swan/Eagle Street Improvements	Install a garden bed to replace the existing turning section between the Swan Street toilet and the Eagle Street roundabout. Beautify the existing toilet block with a mural.	Garden bed completed. Centre median shelter in front of Glasson House completed. Swan Street toilet mural completed	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	In Progress
CS015	Longreach Administration Building Air Con Replacement	New air-con units and ductwork for the Longreach Admin building.		Longreach Regional Council	Complete
SG013	Longreach Bar and Canteen upgrade	Bring bar and canteen to modern compliance standards.		Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	Complete
PK061	Longreach Apex Park bar bench & privacy screen	New bar bench underneath existing open shed frame facing the river.		Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	Complete
MVI200	Longreach VIC painting	Painting of the Longreach VIC.		Longreach Regional Council	Complete
PK060	Longreach Eagle Street Beautification - 22/23	Additional plant and refurb centre median in front of glasson house.		Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	Complete
LH010	Longreach Executive House Construction	An additional house for Council executive staff.		Longreach Regional Council	Complete
MSG201	Longreach Showground Electrical conduits	Relay conduits of east side of oval to compliant standards.		Longreach Regional Council	Complete
MU033	Longreach Powerhouse Museum Centenary Garden Beautification	Install a new sensory garden.		Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	Complete

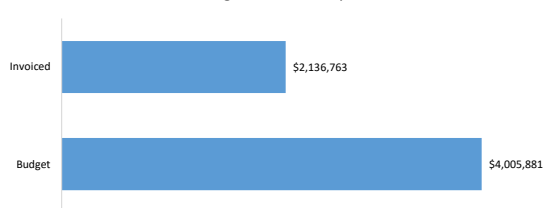
Local Engagement



Project Status



Budget vs Actual Expenditure



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14. Works Report

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Regional Roads Transport Groups (RRTG) are responsible for maintaining their Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS) register. Each LRRS road (both local government and state controlled) must have a Statement of Intent (SOI) which outlines the long-term investment strategy for the road, including; current link function, future link function, and development strategy. The Alliance encourages RRTGs to review their LRRS network every two years at a minimum. This review is to identify roads that may have decreased or increased in regional significance due to economic, demographic or other changes. LRRS are determined by the RRTG to focus Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) investment on roads of strategic importance, although other road infrastructure classes are eligible for RRTG consideration.

Council Action
Deliver

Applicable Legislation
Local Government Act 2009

Policy Considerations
Not applicable

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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

Budget Considerations
As per approved budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter
(Res-2016-03-074)

Moved Cr Bowden seconded Cr Smith

That Council adopts Revision 2 of the Transport Plan, as amended, and that future budget deliberations are made with consideration to these amendments.

CARRIED

Officer Comment

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Responsible Officer: André Pretorius, Director of Works

Background:

Regional Roads Transport Groups (RRTG) are responsible for maintaining their Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS) register and must identify the transport infrastructure that is important for their region. There are a number of infrastructure types and selected activities that RRTGs can consider for inclusion in their works program if deemed a priority by all members. Some examples are:

- Road infrastructure
- Marine infrastructure
- Airport infrastructure
- Active transport infrastructure
- Safe school travel infrastructure.

The RRTG has considered LRRS as well as airports as infrastructure of importance.

Each LRRS road (both local government and state controlled) must have a Statement of Intent (SOI) which outlines the long-term investment strategy for the road or airport infrastructure including; current link function, future link function, and development strategy. The Alliance encourages RRTGs to review their register every two years at a minimum. This review is to identify roads and airport infrastructure that may have decreased or increased in regional significance due to economic, demographic or other changes.

Discussion:

1. Roads Infrastructure

The main delivery focus of RRTGs is their Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS) network, consisting of lower-order State-controlled roads and higher-order local government-controlled roads that perform a similar function. As a general rule, LRRS fit within the state strategic road classification which includes the state-controlled road network and national network. (Figure. 1 below)

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Figure 1 – State/Local LRRS Alignment

LRRS are determined by the RRTG to focus Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) investment on roads of strategic importance, although other road infrastructure classes are eligible for RRTG consideration. The RRTG establishes the eligibility criteria appropriate for their LRRS network and may use one or more of the following criteria as a guide, for example, the road:

- a) Forms an important part of the economic development strategy of the region, including access to:
 - i. Natural resources, agricultural areas, industrial zones and attractions of regional significance.
- b) Provides access to rail heads, freight depots, ports and major airfields from a higher order road;
- c) Connects shires, towns, cities and regions and provides travel time and distance savings;
- d) Provides a connecting function across a local government boundary;
- e) Acts as a significant commuter route, that is, urban roads providing travel and distance savings;
- f) Provides access to regionally significant institutions like:
 - i. Community health, education, recreation, youth, aged care and entertainment facilities.
- g) Provides the only access to a remote community; and
- h) Provides emergency access.

2. Airport Infrastructure

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Works that enhance the safety and accessibility of airports under the ownership and/ or operation of local governments can be included in a RRTG works program, including:

- a) The upgrade of animal proof fencing, repair to surface damage, reseal of runway or improvements to lighting;
- b) Infrastructure improvements to ensure continued Royal Flying Doctor Service or other emergency evacuation capability
- c) Seals, reseals and major repairs of a runway, taxiway or apron

It should be noted that Airport details be updated through Air Services Australia to reflect current information and conditions.

Currently, Council's nominated LRRS roads and Airport Infrastructure are presented in the tables below:

LRRS Link Number	Roadname (Road_id)	From / to
1	Silsoe Rd (7202)	Intersection Landsborough Highway to Intersection Bogewong Rd
	Bogewong Rd (9010)	Intersection Silsoe Rd to Intersection Withywine Noonbah Rd
	Withywine Noonbah Rd (9043)	Intersection Bogewong Rd to Tonkoro Rd
2	Silsoe Rd (7202)	Intersection Bogewong Rd to Intersection Vergemont Rd
	Vergemont Rd (7205)	Intersection Silsoe Rd to Intersection Landsborough Highway
	Morella Rd (9003)	Intersection Landsborough Highway to Cramsie Muttaborra Rd
3	Isisford Bimerah Rd (R7104)	Intersection Isisford Ilfracombe Rd to Council boundary
	Tonkoro Rd (7206)	Intersection Thomson Development Rd to Council boundary (Barcoo) and again from council boundary (Barcoo) to council boundary
4	Amor Downs Rd (2)	Intersection Thomson Development Rd to intersection Isisford Ilfracombe Rd

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LRRS Link Number	Roadname (Road_id)	From / to
	Barcaldine Isisford Rd (21)	Intersection Isisford Ilfracombe Rd to Council boundary
5	Blackall Emmet Rd (R7166)	Council boundary to intersection Isisford Emmet Road
	Emmet Yaraka Rd (R7174)	Intersection Isisford Emmet Rd to intersection Yaraka Retreat Rd
	Yaraka Retreat Rd (R7172)	Intersection Emmet Yaraka Rd to Council Boundary

Number	Airport Infrastructure
1	Ilfracombe
2	Isisford
3	Yaraka

While the nominated LRRS have been adopted in the Transport Plan (*Res-2016-03-074*), and Council will have the opportunity to review and consider other roads when the Transport Plan is updated.

However, Councillors are being asked to consider and endorse the Statement of Intents for the LRRS roads and Statement of Intents for airport infrastructure to be entered into the relevant registers (Attachment 1). Please refer to the LRC Renamed Roads Map in Attachment 2 to refer to the various road-links.

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood: Almost Certain (5)
 Consequence: Moderate (3)
 Rating: High (15/25)

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

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Nil

Appendices

1. Attachment 1 - Statement of Intents [↓](#)
2. Attachment 2 - LRC Renamed Road Names [↓](#)

Recommendation: That Council endorses the Statement of Intents for the nominated roads and airport infrastructure as per Attachment 1 to be entered into the relevant Regional Road and Transport Group registers.

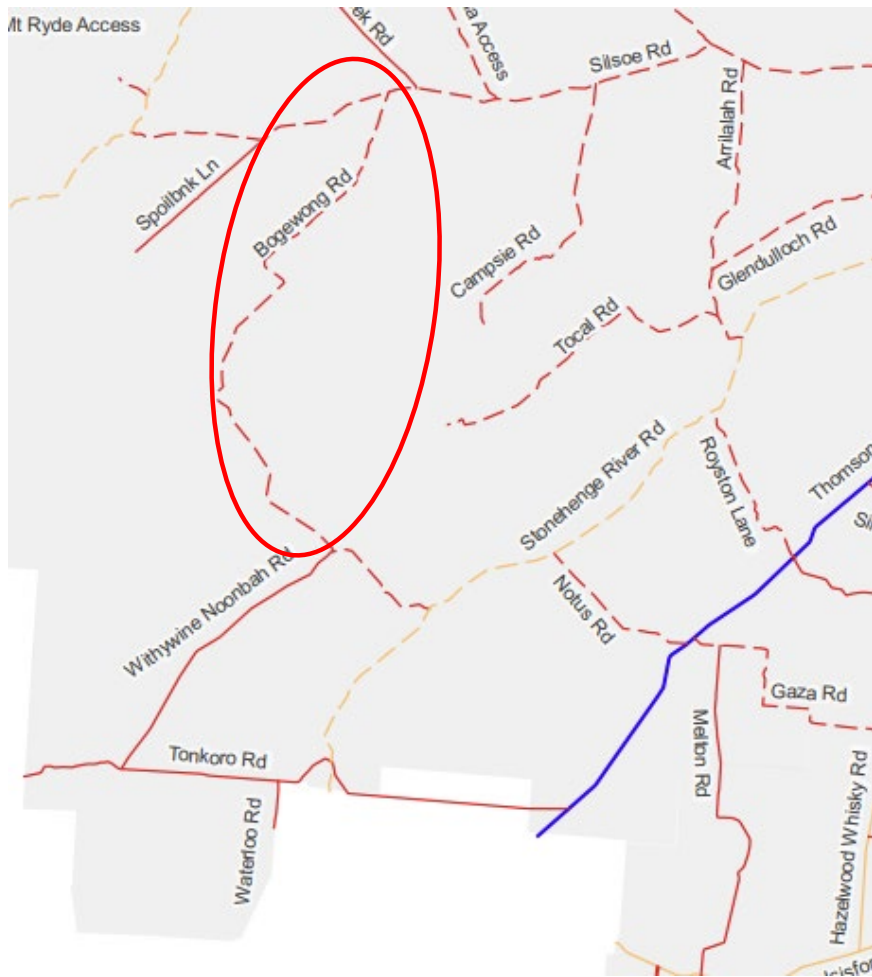
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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR BOGEWONG ROAD(9010)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Rural 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality 	Longreach Regional Council LRRS Road No 1 Longreach Silsoe – Bogewong – Withywine Noonbah From Intersection of Landsborough Highway and Silsoe Road to intersection of Silsoe Road and Bogewong Road to intersection of Tonkoro Road & Withywine Noonbah Road.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length 	85.88km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints 	Nil
AADT	5-24
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	Alternate flood access –for the western side of the Thomson River to Barcoo Shire. Services large area of agricultural lands.
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with a 90% reliability
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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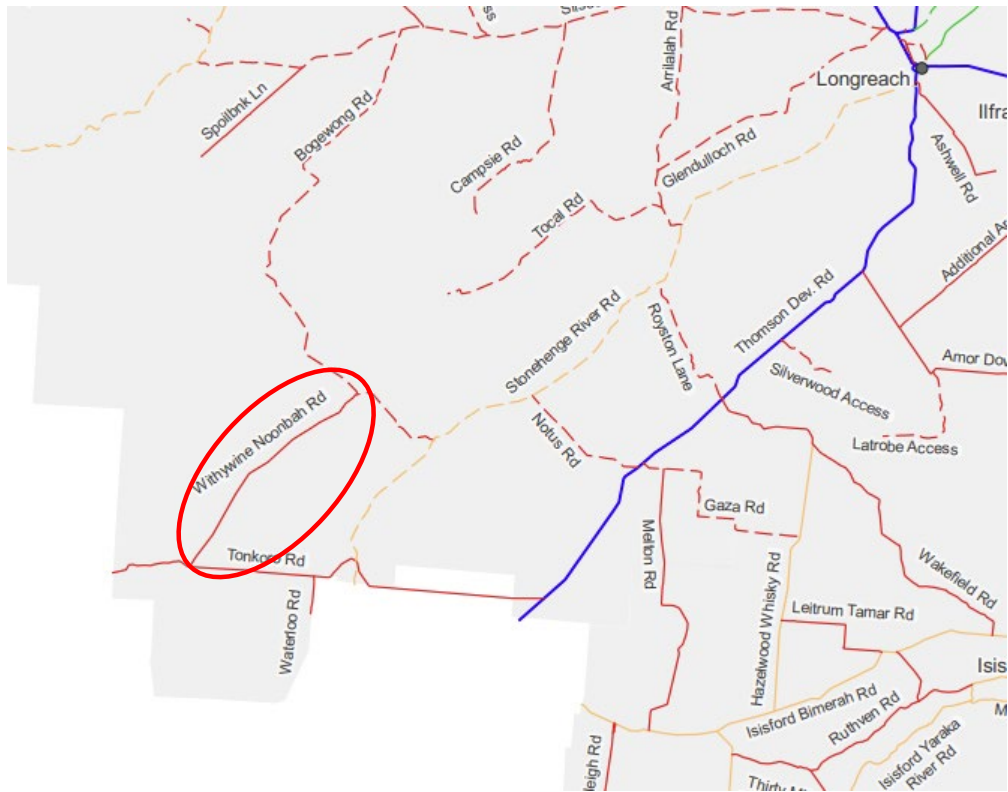
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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR WITHYWINE NOONBAH (9043)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Rural 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality 	Longreach Regional Council LRRS Road No 1 Silsoe – Bogewong– Withywine Noonbah From Intersection of Landsborough Highway and Silsoe Road to intersection of Silsoe Road and Bogewong Road to intersection of Tonkoro Road & Withywine Noonbah Road.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length 	36.9km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints 	Nil
AADT	5-24
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	Alternate flood access –for the western side of the Thomson River to Barcoo Shire. Services large area of agricultural lands.
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with a 90% reliability
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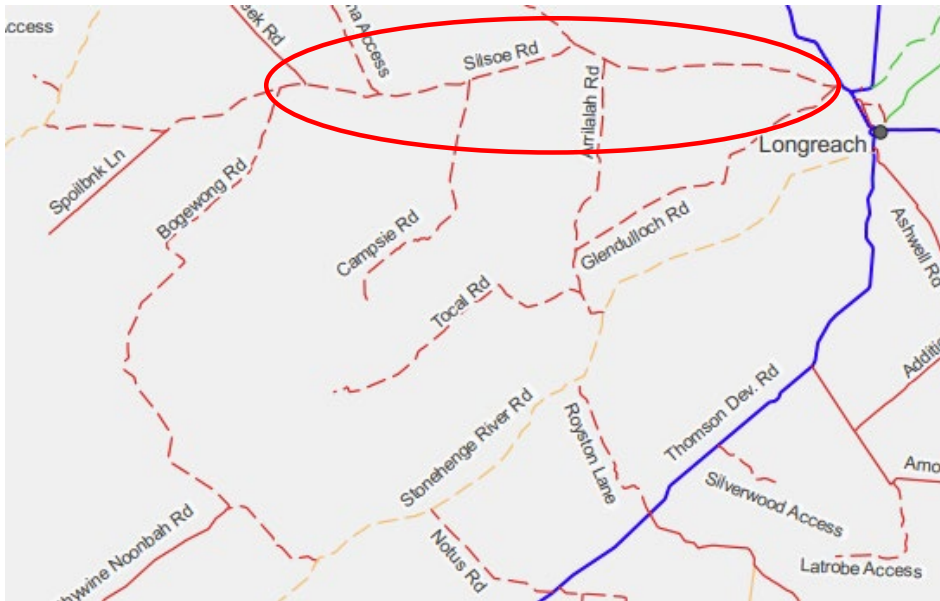
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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR Silsoe Road (7202)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Rural 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locality 	Longreach Regional Council LRRS Road No 4 Silsoe – Vergemont - Morella From Intersection of Silsoe Road and Bogewong Road to intersection of Landsborough Highway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length 	32.134km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constraints 	Nil
AADT	3-17
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	Service Road forming part of the road network identified to service a large area west and North of the Thomson River and linking with both the Landsborough Highway between Winton & Longreach and the Cramsie Muttaborra Road. Significant Service and Feeder road for the pastoral sector. School Bus Service Road.
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with a 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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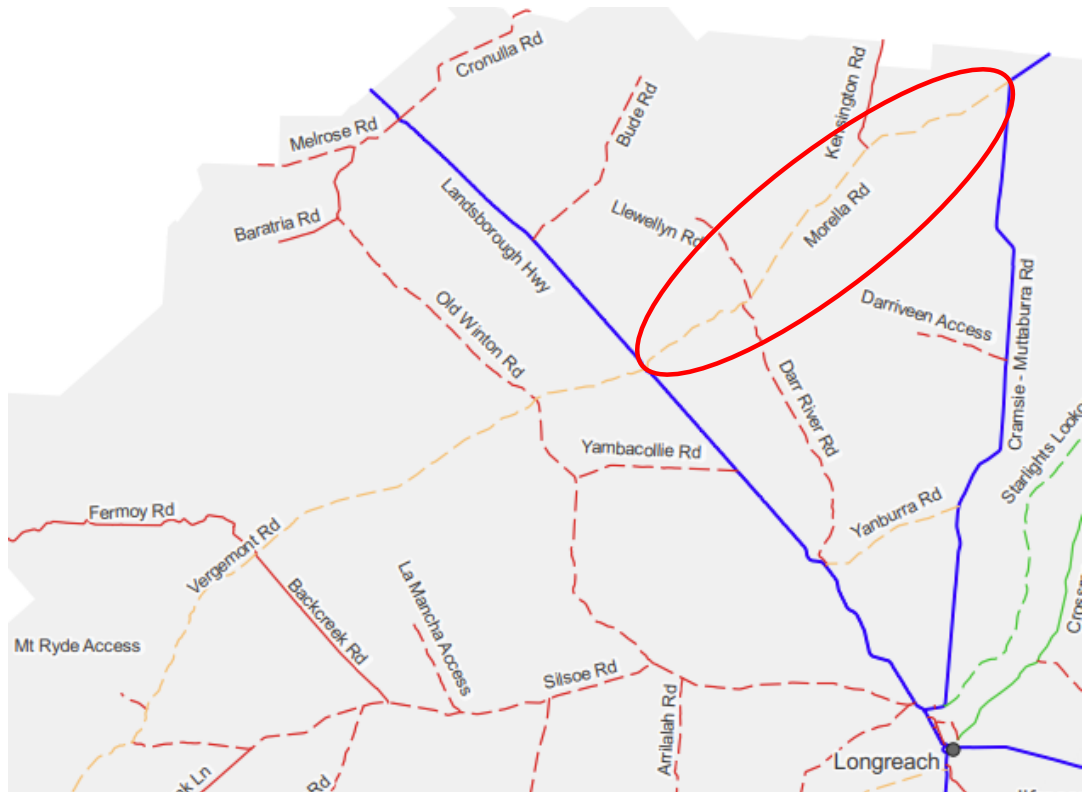
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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR Morella Road (9003)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Rural 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locality 	Longreach Regional Council LRRS Road No 4 Silsoe – Vergemont - Morella From Intersection of Silsoe Road and Bogewong Road to intersection of Cramsie Muttaborra Road.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length 	64.68km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constraints 	Nil
AADT	3-17
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	Service Road forming part of the road network identified to service a large area west and North of the Thomson River and linking with both the Landsborough Highway between Winton & Longreach and the Cramsie Muttaborra Road. Significant Service and Feeder road for the pastoral sector. School Bus Service Road.
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with a 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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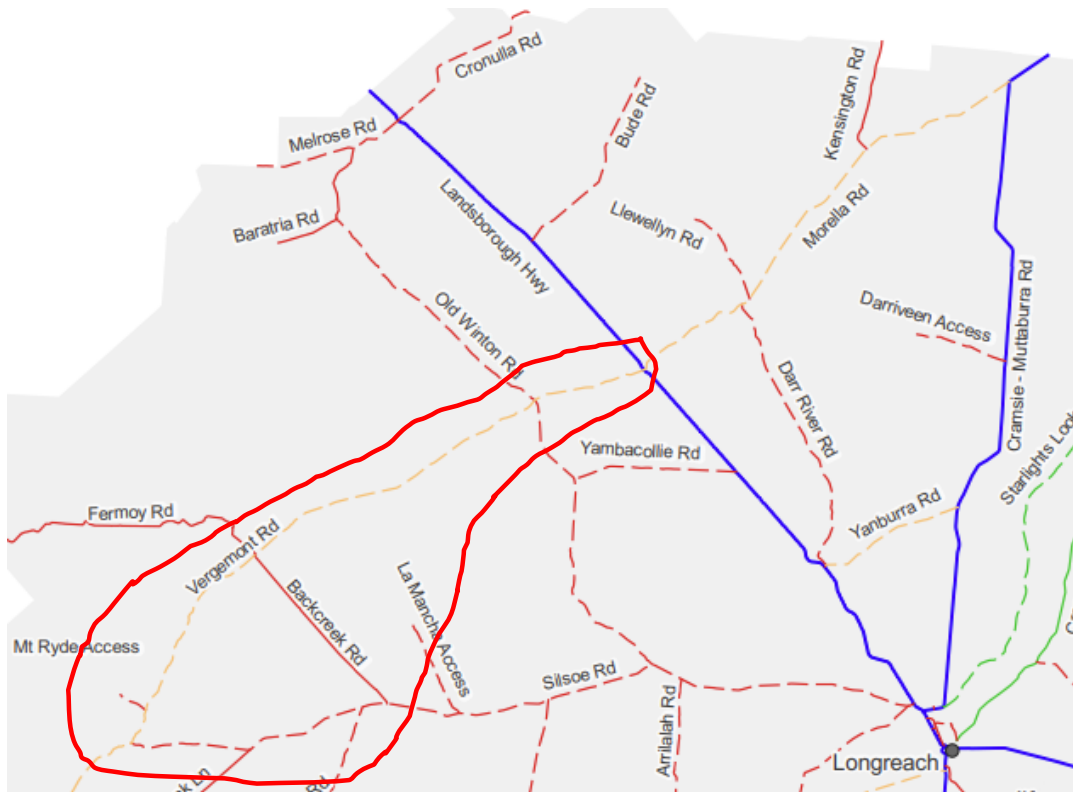
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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR Vergemont Road(7205)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Rural 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locality 	Longreach Regional Council LRRS Road No 4 Silsoe – Vergemont - Morella From Intersection of Longreach Silsoe Road and Bogewong Alroy Road to intersection of Cramsie Muttaborra Road.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length 	90.05km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constraints 	Nil
AADT	3-17
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	Service Road forming part of the road network identified to service a large area west and North of the Thomson River and linking with both the Landsborough Highway between Winton & Longreach and the Cramsie Muttaborra Road. Significant Service and Feeder road for the pastoral sector. School Bus Service Road.
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an al weather access across the length of the link with a 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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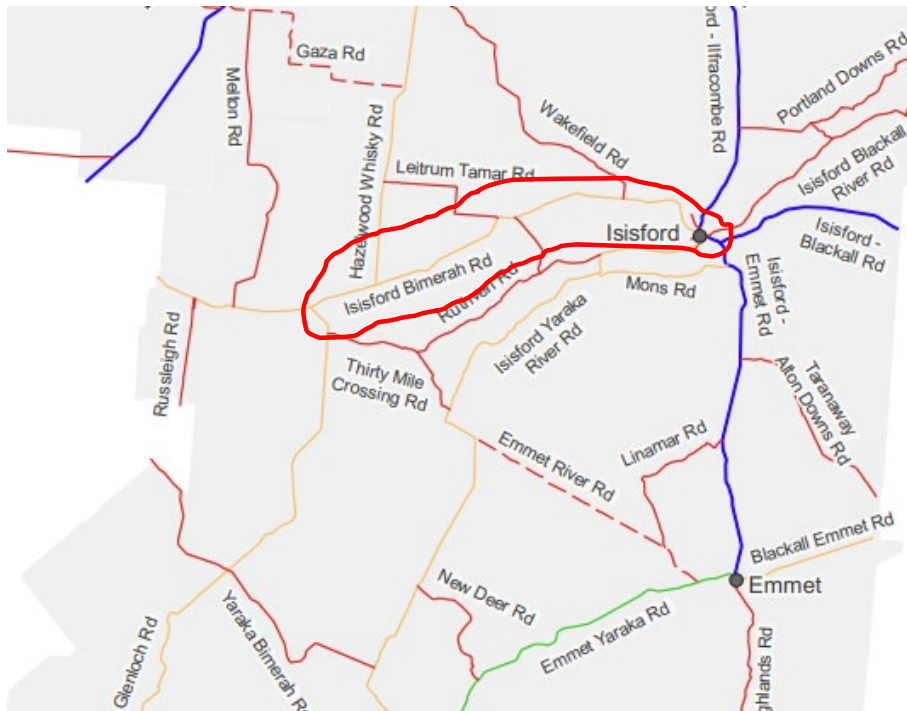
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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR Isisford – Bimerah (R7104)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locality 	<p>Longreach Regional Council LRRS Road No 2.</p> <p>Isisford Bimerah – Tonkoro Road</p> <p>From Isisford to the boundary of the Barcoo Shire Council, continuing through Barcoo Shire (as a Barcoo Shire Council LRRS Road) via the Thomson Developmental Road to the boundary of Barcoo Shire Council, continuing through Barcoo Shire (as a Barcoo Shire Council LRRS Road) and then into Longreach Regional Council again before continuing to boundary of Barcoo Shire Council.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length 	79.6km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constraints 	Nil
AADT	7-29
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	Access from Barcoo Shire and further west through Isisford to the east and a service road to Longreach. Services large area of agricultural lands.
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with a 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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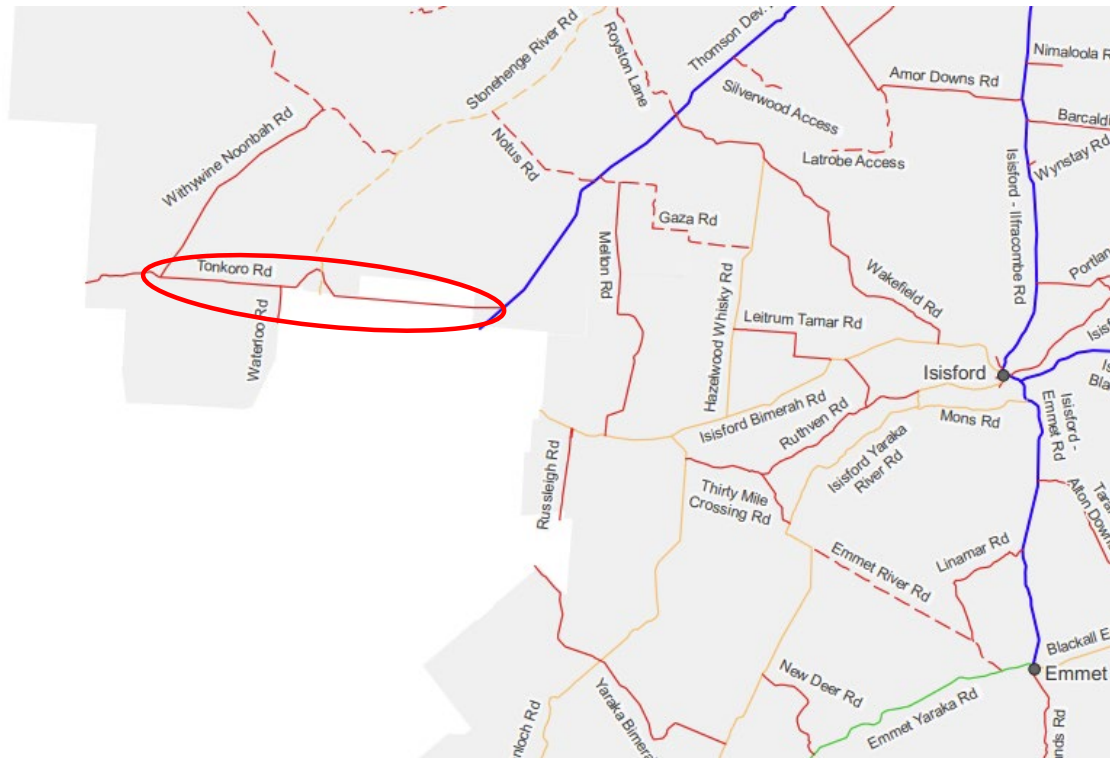


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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR Tonkoro (7206)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locality 	<p>Longreach Regional Council LRRS Road No 2.</p> <p>Isisford Bimerah – Tonkoro Road</p> <p>From Isisford to the boundary of the Barcoo Shire Council, continuing through Barcoo Shire (as a Barcoo Shire Council LRRS Road) via the Thomson Developmental Road to the boundary of Barcoo Shire Council, continuing through Barcoo Shire (as a Barcoo Shire Council LRRS Road) and then into Longreach Regional Council again before continuing to boundary of Barcoo Shire Council.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length 	51.39km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constraints 	Nil
AADT	7-29
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	Access from Barcoo Shire and further west through Isisford to the east and a service road to Longreach. Services large area of agricultural lands.
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with a 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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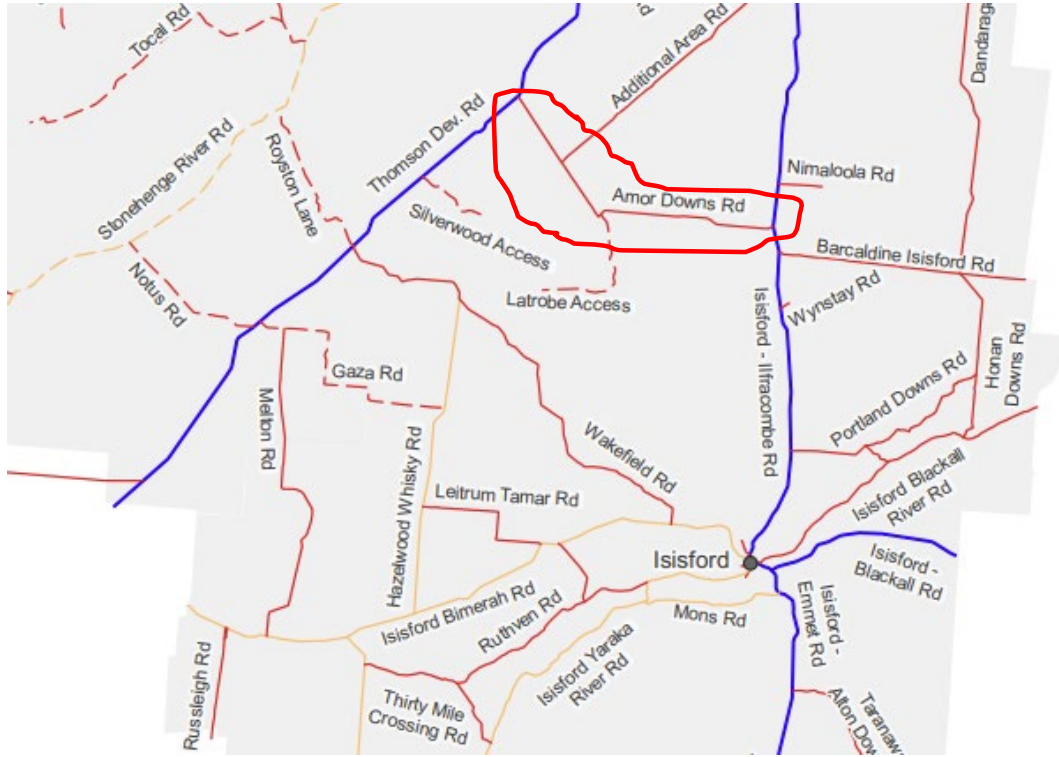


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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR AMOR DOWNS ROAD (2)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Class 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality 	From Intersection of Thomson Development Road to the Barcaldine Regional Council Boundary via the Ilfracombe Isisford Road.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length 	41.4Km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints 	Nil
AADT	2
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	Provides access to Isisford, Ilfracombe, Barcaldine & Blackall and links the Thomson Developmental Road with the Isisford Ilfracombe Road. Important primary production route.
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with a 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR BARCALDINE ISISFORD ROAD (21)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Class 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality 	From Intersection of Thomson Development Road to the Barcaldine Regional Council Boundary via the Ilfracombe Isisford Road.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length 	31.53
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints 	Nil
AADT	2
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	Provides access to Isisford, Ilfracombe, Barcaldine & Blackall and links the Thomson Developmental Road with the Isisford Ilfracombe Road. Important primary production route.
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with a 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR BLACKALL EMMET ROAD (R7166)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Class 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality 	From boundary of the Blackall – Tambo Regional Council to the boundary of the Barcoo Shire Council.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length 	18.97km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints 	Nil
AADT	11-38
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	To provide access from Blackall, Emmet, Yaraka & Windorah. To service the agricultural areas of Blackall, Isisford, & Jundah. Tourism route from Jericho to Birdsville. To provide improved access to health services..
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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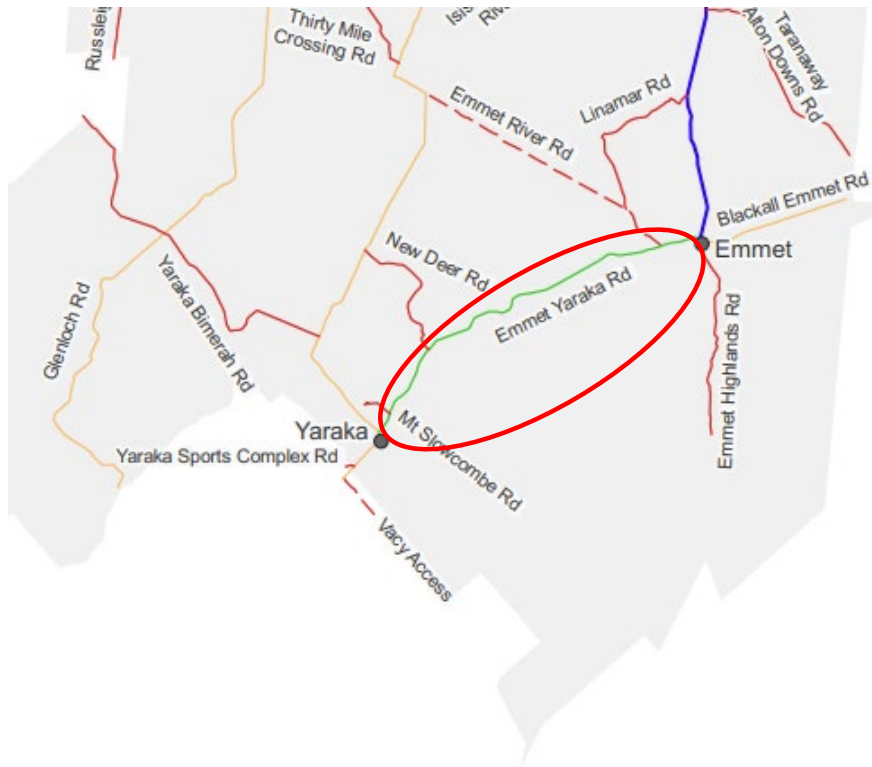
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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR EMMET YARAKA ROAD (R7174)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Class 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality 	From boundary of the Blackall – Tambo Regional Council to the boundary of the Barcoo Shire Council.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length 	52.17km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints 	Nil
AADT	11-38
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	To provide access from Blackall, Emmet, Yaraka & Windorah. To service the agricultural areas of Blackall, Isisford, & Jundah. Tourism route from Jericho to Birdsville. To provide improved access to health services..
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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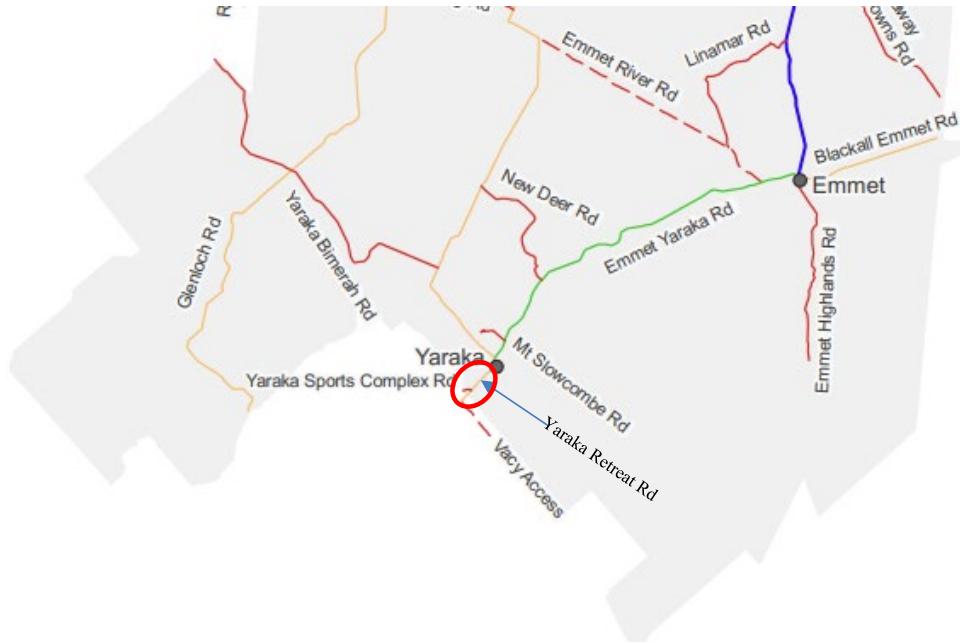
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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR YARAKA RETREAT ROAD (R7172)	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
RRTG	Outback
Link Classification	Class 4B
Link Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality 	From boundary of the Blackall – Tambo Regional Council to the boundary of the Barcoo Shire Council.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length 	6.5km
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraints 	Nil
AADT	11-38
Crash history	Nil
Current Link Function	To provide access from Blackall, Emmet, Yaraka & Windorah. To service the agricultural areas of Blackall, Isisford, & Jundah. Tourism route from Jericho to Birdsville. To provide improved access to health services..
Future Link Function	Improves accessibility and reliability for residents, tourism, industry and health services. Provide an all weather access across the length of the link with 90% reliability.
Development Strategy	To achieve the desirable configuration & condition standard as finance permits.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR ILFRACOMBE AERODROME	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
Aerodrome	Ilfracombe
ICAO Code	YILF
Category	Other (Aircraft Landing Area)
Locality	23°28.3'S 144°32.0'E at 720ft Lot: 47 Plan: SP148111
AVFAX Code	



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CTAF 126.7

CHARTS RELATED TO THE AERODROME
WAC 3234.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR ILFRACOMBE AERODROME	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
ICAO Code	YILF
Category	Other (Aircraft Landing Area)
Coordinates	23°28.3'S 144°32.0'E at 720ft
Aerodrome (AD) Current Function and Future Vision	
AD Current Function	Used for occasional RFDS emergency evacuations, landing and take-off procedures from Longreach Airport by trainee pilots with limited use by the local community.
AD Future Vision	To be a low maintenance airport that is suitable for occasional emergency evacuations and local community requirements.
Aerodrome (AD) Physical Characteristics	
Critical Aircraft	Code 1B Equivalent, ACN 3 based on Beech King Air 200 Series
Runway(s)	RWY 05/23 1160m x 15m PCN Unrated (gravel), assume /F /C /730
Taxiway (s)	Not Applicable
Apron (s)	Main Apron 50m x 24m
Airfield Lighting	Not Applicable
Fencing	Stock proof fence around the aerodrome perimeter (approx. 3200m)
Terminal	Not Applicable
Security	Not Applicable
Other	Short gravel access road
Current Situation, Utilisation	
Situation, Utilisation Nearest Alt. AD	YLRE, Longreach – Approx. 14Nm 278 DEG YBAR, Barcaldine – Approx. 43Nm 97 DEG YISF, Isisford – Approx. 48Nm 187 DEG YAMC, Aaramac – Approx. 50Nm 53 DEG
Pop. Catchment (ABS Census 2021)	Non-RPT = 310 (Ilfracombe Gazetted Local Area)
RPT Use	Not Applicable
Charter Use	Not Applicable
GA/ RAA Use	1 flight per week (approx. 50 flights per year)
Emergency Use	RFDS average 3 flights per year (once every 4 months)
Other Use	Not Applicable

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SWOT Analysis	
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The airfield has good drainage.
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of the airfield has been reduced due to funding constraints. The gravel runway surface had a covering of sparse stone which is in need of a roll after rain to push stone back into the surface. This will improve the surface smoothness of the runway. Funding for upgrades and maintenance is limited due to low rates base and high cost of treatments
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain emergency lighting for the aerodrome. Incorporate a maintenance regime which includes rolling the runway to limit loose stones. Slash vegetation at regular intervals
Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washouts during storm events could potentially damage the airfield infrastructure. Runway should be graded when required.
Demand Forecast, Utilisation	
Pop. Catchment	310 based on a total of -4% growth in population
RPT Use	None expected in the future
Charter Use	Not expected to change significantly
GA / RAA Use	Not expected to change significantly
Emergency Use	Frequency of emergency use is expected to remain steady
Other Use	No other uses foreshadowed at present
Critical Aircraft	2016 to 2035, Code 1B, Beech King Air 200 Series ACN 3
Upgrade Works Required to meet LOS Requirements	
Description	Not Applicable

Historical Expenditure (5 Year)					
Expenditure Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Opex (Approx)	\$364	\$714	\$182	\$10,807	\$2,546
Capex (Approx)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Forecast Expenditure (5 Year), Asset Condition Based **					
Expenditure Type	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Opex	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Capex	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	Opex and Capex estimated				
Proposed Changes to ERSA and NAD					

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AsA ERSA	AD OPR Details to be changed/updated
AOPA NAD	Details checked

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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR ISISFORD AERODROME	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
Aerodrome	Isisford
ICAO Code	YISF
Category	Other (Aircraft Landing Area)
Locality	24°15.5'S 144°25.5'E at 694ft Lot:44 Plan:MTL84
AVFAX Code	



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CHARTS RELATED TO THE AERODROME
 WAC 3341.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR ISISFORD AERODROME	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
ICAO Code	YISF
Category	Other (Aircraft Landing Area)
Coordinates	24°15.5'S 144°25.5'E at 694ft
Aerodrome (AD) Current Function and Future Vision	
AD Current Function	Used for occasional RFDS emergency evacuations with limited use by the local community.
AD Future Vision	To be a low maintenance airport that is suitable for occasional emergency evacuations and local community requirements.
Aerodrome (AD) Physical Characteristics	
Critical Aircraft	Code 1B Equivalent, Can 3 based on Beech King Air 200 Series.
Runway(s)	RWY 14/32 1370m x 23m PCN Unrated (Sealed), assume /F /C /730
Taxiway (s)	Main Taxiway 115m x 15m
Apron (s)	Main Apron 50m x 45m
Airfield Lighting	Solar Runway Lights Solar Taxiway Lights
Fencing	Stock proof fence around aerodrome perimeter (approx. 6800m)
Terminal	Terminal Building approx. 2m x 6m.
Security	Not applicable
Other	775m long access road which is unsealed
Current Situation, Utilisation	
Situation, Utilisation Nearest Alt. AD	YYKA, Yaraka – Approx. 42 Nm 207 DEG YLRE, Longreach – Approx. 49 Nm 349 DEG YILF, Ilfracombe – Approx. 47 Nm 7 DEG YBCK, Blackall – Approx. 57 Nm 100 DEG YSTO, Stonehenge – Approx. 62 Nm 265 DEG YBAR, Blackall – Approx. 64 Nm 49 DEG
Pop. Catchment (ABS Census 2021)	Non RPT = 218 (Isisford Gazetted Local Area)
RPT Use	Not Applicable
Charter Use	Not Applicable
GA/ RAA Use	1 flight per month (approx. 12 flights per year)
Emergency Use	RFDS average 2 flights per year (once every 6 months)
Other Use	Not Applicable

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SWOT Analysis	
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sealed apron area once serviced F27 and DC-3. The pavements were resealed at the beginning of 2015.
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is limited fencing around the aerodrome, however due to the frequency of aircraft movements is considered practicable. Funding for upgrades and maintenance is limited due to low rates base and high cost of treatments
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstate MOS Part 139 compliant linemarking on the aerodrome. Continue to maintain the aerodrome as is and undertake preventative maintenance, particularly for site grading / drainage. Consider converting unsealed access road to an all-weather access road.
Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of preventative maintenance would result in significantly higher life cycle costs. Washouts during storm events could potentially damage the airfield infrastructure.
Demand Forecast, Utilisation	
Pop. Catchment	218 based on a total of 0% growth in population
RPT Use	None expected in the future
Charter Use	Not expected to change significantly
GA / RAA Use	Not expected to change significantly
Emergency Use	Frequency of emergency use is expected to remain steady
Other Use	No other uses foreshadowed at present
Critical Aircraft	2016 to 2035, Code 1B, Beech King Air 200 Series ACN 3
Upgrade Works Required to meet LOS Requirements	
Description	Not applicable

Historical Expenditure (5 Year)					
Expenditure Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Opex (Approx)	\$14,010	\$7,196	\$6,054	\$15,258	\$15,094
Capex (Approx)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Forecast Expenditure (5 Year), Asset Condition Based **					
Expenditure Type	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Opex	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Capex	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	Opex and Capex estimated				
Proposed Changes to ERSA and NAD					

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AsA ERSA	AD OPR details to be changed/updated
AOPA NAD	Details checked

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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR YARAKA AERODROME	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
Aerodrome	Yaraka
ICAO Code	YYKA
Category	Other (Aircraft Landing Area)
Locality	24°53.5'S 144°3.7'E at 670ft Land Parcel: Yaraka Retreat Road
AVFAX Code	



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STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR YARAKA AERODROME	
Council	Longreach Regional Council
ICAO Code	YYKA
Category	Other (Aircraft Landing Area)
Coordinates	24°53.5'S 144°3.7'E at 670ft
Aerodrome (AD) Current Function and Future Vision	
AD Current Function	Used for occasional RFDS emergency evacuations with limited use by the local community.
AD Future Vision	To be a low maintenance airport that is suitable for occasional emergency evacuations and local community requirements.
Aerodrome (AD) Physical Characteristics	
Critical Aircraft	Code 1B Equivalent, ACN 3 based on Beech King Air 200 Series
Runway(s)	RWY 04/22 1260m x 15m PCN Unrated (sealed), assume /F /C /730
Taxiway (s)	Not Applicable
Apron (s)	Main Apron 40m x 20m
Airfield Lighting	Solar Runway Lighting
Fencing	Stock proof fence around the aerodrome perimeter (approx. 3200m)
Terminal	Not Applicable
Security	Not Applicable
Other	140m long access road (sealed)
Current Situation, Utilisation	
Situation, Utilisation Nearest Alt. AD	YISF, Isisford – Approx. 43 Nm 27 DEG YJDA, Jundah – Approx. 55 Nm 274 DEG YSTO, Stonehenge – Approx. 53 Nm 307 DEG YBCK, Blackall – Approx. 79 Nm 70 DEG YWDH, Windorah – Approx. 83 Nm 248 DEG YQLP, Quilpie – Approx. 103 Nm 74 DEG YTMB, Tambo – Approx. 121 Nm 89 DEG
Pop. Catchment (ABS Census 2021)	Non RPT = 18
RPT Use	Not Applicable
Charter Use	Not Applicable
GA/ RAA Use	2 flights per month (approx. 24 flights per year)
Emergency Use	RFDS average 1 flight per month (12 flights per year)

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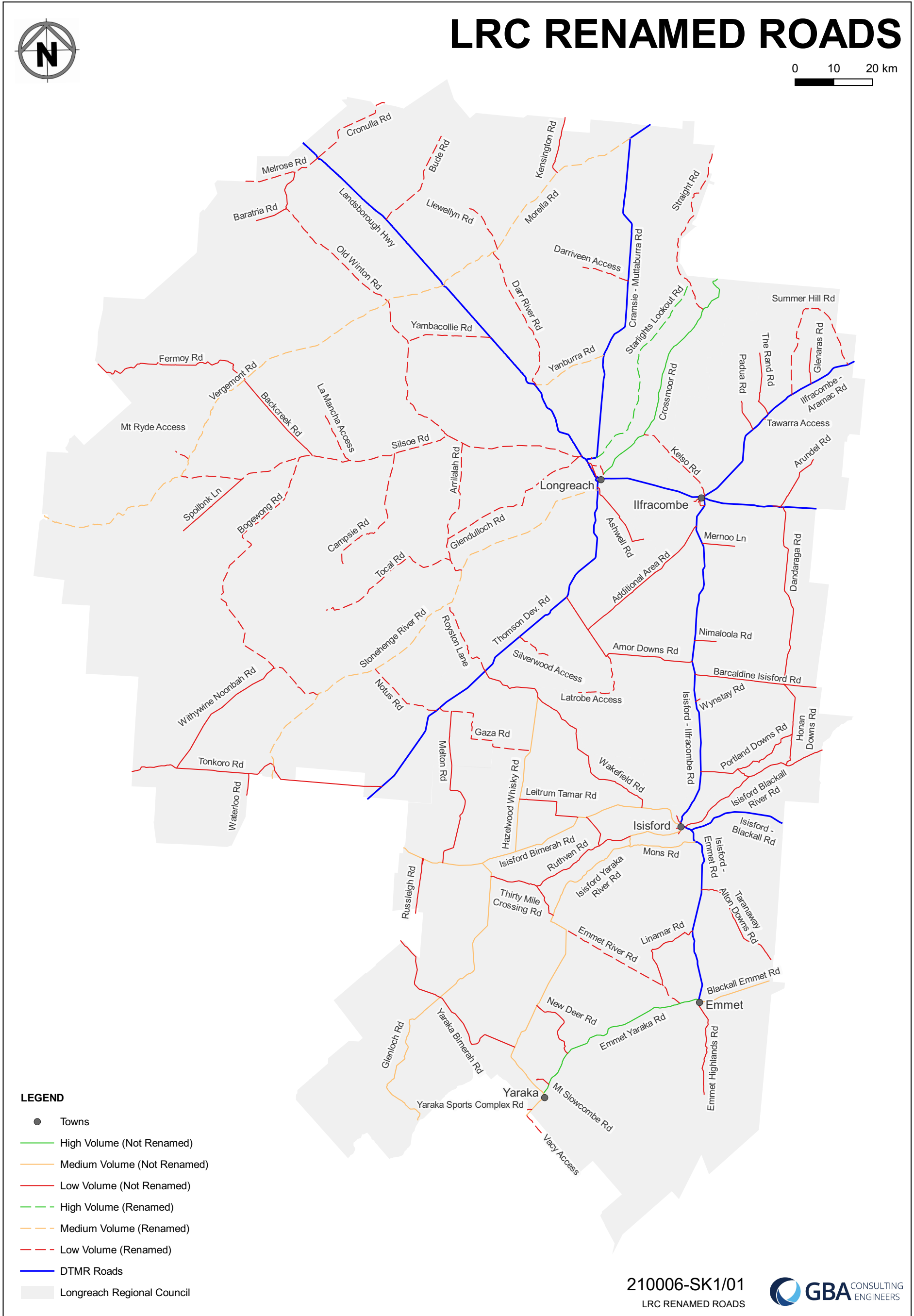
Other Use	Not Applicable
SWOT Analysis	
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The airfield was recently resealed at the beginning of 2015.
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for upgrades and maintenance is limited due to low rates base and high cost of treatments. There is limited fencing around the aerodrome, however due to the frequency of aircraft movements is considered practicable.
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain the aerodrome as is and undertake preventative maintenance, particularly for site grading / drainage.
Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of preventative maintenance would result in significantly higher life cycle costs. Washouts during storm events could potentially damage the airfield infrastructure.
Demand Forecast, Utilisation	
Pop. Catchment	Not expected to change significantly
RPT Use	None expected in the future
Charter Use	Not expected to change significantly
GA / RAA Use	Not expected to change significantly
Emergency Use	Frequency of emergency use is expected to remain steady
Other Use	No other uses foreshadowed at present
Critical Aircraft	2016 to 2035, Code 1B, Beech King Air 200 Series ACN 3
Upgrade Works Required to meet LOS Requirements	
Description	Not Applicable

Historical Expenditure (5 Year)					
Expenditure Type	2020/19	2022/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Opex (Approx)	\$6,979	\$1,493	\$6,847	\$2,568	\$2,572
Capex (Approx)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Forecast Expenditure (5 Year), Asset Condition Based **					
Expenditure Type	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Opex	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Capex	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	Opex and Capex estimated				
Proposed Changes to ERSA and NAD					
AsA ERSA	No changes needed				
AOPA NAD	Details Checked				

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14. WORKS REPORT
14.2 - Information Report - Works

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This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of May 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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14.2 - Information Report - Works

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	<p>Project started late January.</p> <p>2 x grids installed on the Darr – Yanburra Road</p> <p>1 x grid installed on the Morella Road</p> <p>1 x grid removed on the Morella Road</p> <p>3 x grids installed on the Stonehenge River Road</p> <p>1 x grid removed on the Glenlock Road</p> <p>1 x grid installed on Isisford Yaraka River Road</p> <p>Tender sent for supply of 10 x 4 meter grids. Currently evaluating tenders. Tenders evaluated. Grids ordered. Grids arrived for installation for the next FY.</p>
Longreach	Prep and 10mm reseal in Town Streets	95%	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 390,000.00	<p>Prep work commenced in March 2024. Sealing to commence on 28th May.</p> 

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Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
TIDS Projects					
Ilfracombe – Aramac Road	Gravel resheet	25%	\$ 313,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	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	25%	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	Demolition of existing damaged culvert commenced in March. Demolition was on hold due to flooding. Works re-commenced early May. Old floodway structure removed. Commencing concrete base slab in early June after completion of flood damage works for FY23.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
NDRRA Projects 2022 Event					
Bogewong Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$ 625,000.00	\$ 435,000.00	Project started in May 2023. Completed.
Withywine Noonbah Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$ 223,000.00	\$ 208,000.00	Project started in November 2023. Completed
Vergemont Road	Heavy formation grade	100%	\$ 1,140,000.00	\$ 873,000.00	Project started in November 2023. Completed.

Melton Road	Medium formation grade	50%	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 190,000.00	Project to commence in April.
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Wakefield Road	Medium formation grade	95%	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 162,000.00	Project to commence in April.
Gaza Road	Gravel resheet	95%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	Project commenced in May 2024.
Leitrim-Tamar Road	Medium formation grade	95%	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	Project commenced in May 2024.
Isisford-Blackall River Road	Medium formation grade	95%	\$ 226,000.00	\$ 183,000.00	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. 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	90%	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 948,000.00	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. 14mm seal programmed for 19 th June 2024. Concrete barrier kerb to be installed early June.


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Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
Town Streets Projects					
Street Maintenance	Pot Hole Patching				Ongoing
Longreach	Corella Lane pave and seal	100%	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 123,000.00	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. Works completed.
Ilfracombe	Installation of house numbers	25%	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	Signage to be installed in June 2024.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
RMPC Projects					
Landsborough Highway	Bulk guidepost installation project	50%	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 22,400.00	Project to commence in March 2024. Guard rail posts ordered. To be installed in May.
Isisford	Town entry treatments	25%	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	Project to commence in April 2024. Signage ordered. Installation works commenced May.
Isisford-Blackall Road	Bulk sign replacement	35%	\$ 143,231.00	\$ 50,000.00	Project to commence in April 2024. Signage ordered. Installation works commenced May.
Ilfracombe-Aramac Road	Emergent Flood Damage Grade	100%	Cost return	N/A	Project started in April. Completed.
Isisford-Emmet Road	Emergent Flood Damage Grade	100%	Cost return	N/A	Project started in May. Completed.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
LRCI4 Projects					
All Areas	Rural Road Signage Upgrade	70%	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	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	90%	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 84,000.00	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

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					commenced in April.
Yaraka	Pave & Seal around IOR Fuel Pod	65%	\$ 148,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	Project scoped in July 2023. Project to commence in May 2024. Currently carting base material. Sub base mixed and compacted. Carted in base material, mix and compact. Seal date mid June.
					
Isisford – Bimerah Road	Gravel Resheet	100%	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	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 trimmed. Completed.
Longreach	Install concrete footpath – Duck Street (4LG) to Daycare Centre	85%	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	Works commenced late April.

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Grants & Funding Projects			
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments
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. • Final Agreement received from TMR for execution

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. • Works commenced. • Asphalt re-installment to commence end of June due to slight delay.
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	100%	<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. • Completed.
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

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			perform installation of aerials 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. • Draft Technical Brief submitted for peer review
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. Waiting for updated [program from Contractor..
Flood Gauge Camera Arno Crossing Barcoo River	Yaraka	70%	<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. • Arno Crossing camera pole installed. Awaiting technician to install camera.

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.

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<p>Iffracombe Water Treatment & Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iffracombe 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>Iffracombe 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	7m	54%	10.3m	
Isisford Dam	11m	100%	11m	
Isisford Weir	1.3m	100%	1.3m	
Yaraka North Dam	11m	95%	12.5m	
Yaraka South Dam	11m	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.

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>Iffracombe Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor is conducting routine cleaning of the facility. <p>Isisford Waste Facility</p>

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- Contractor conducting twice weekly covering of general waste.
Yaraka Waste Facility
- 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 – June 2024 • Hearse – June 2024. • 3 x Toyota utility vehicles – Jun 2024 <p>At its meeting on 08 May 2024 the Plant Advisory Committee finalised the Plant Procurement Plan for FY 25 for inclusion in the FY 25 Budget.</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 March – April 2024 is attached. • Utilisation was in general consistent for the quarter. • Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grader PN 1196 was replaced with a new grader and was pulled offline early May 2024. - Grader PN 9992 is a construction grader. - Loader PN 9911 was without an operator for most of May 2024. - Truck PN 9928 was in the workshop awaiting clutch repairs.
Workshop Operations	General Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both workshops have settled to a steady flow of work coming through. Focus continues 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. Several NHVR permits as well as QPS permits for Council's fleet of Ride-On Mowers have been successfully obtained.
Radio Communications and Vehicle Telematics	Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations by the special working group to determine the future of Council's 2-way communication and the requirements for vehicle telematics given that the current Navman system will become obsolete on 31 July 2024 is ongoing. Associated data and other information have been collated with a recommendation from the group expected from its June 2024 meeting.
New Fleet Management Information System (FMIS)	Implement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project has experienced minor delays with an expected GO LIVE in August/September 2024

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Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood: Rare

Consequence: Insignificant

Rating: Low (1/25)

Low risk, informational report only.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

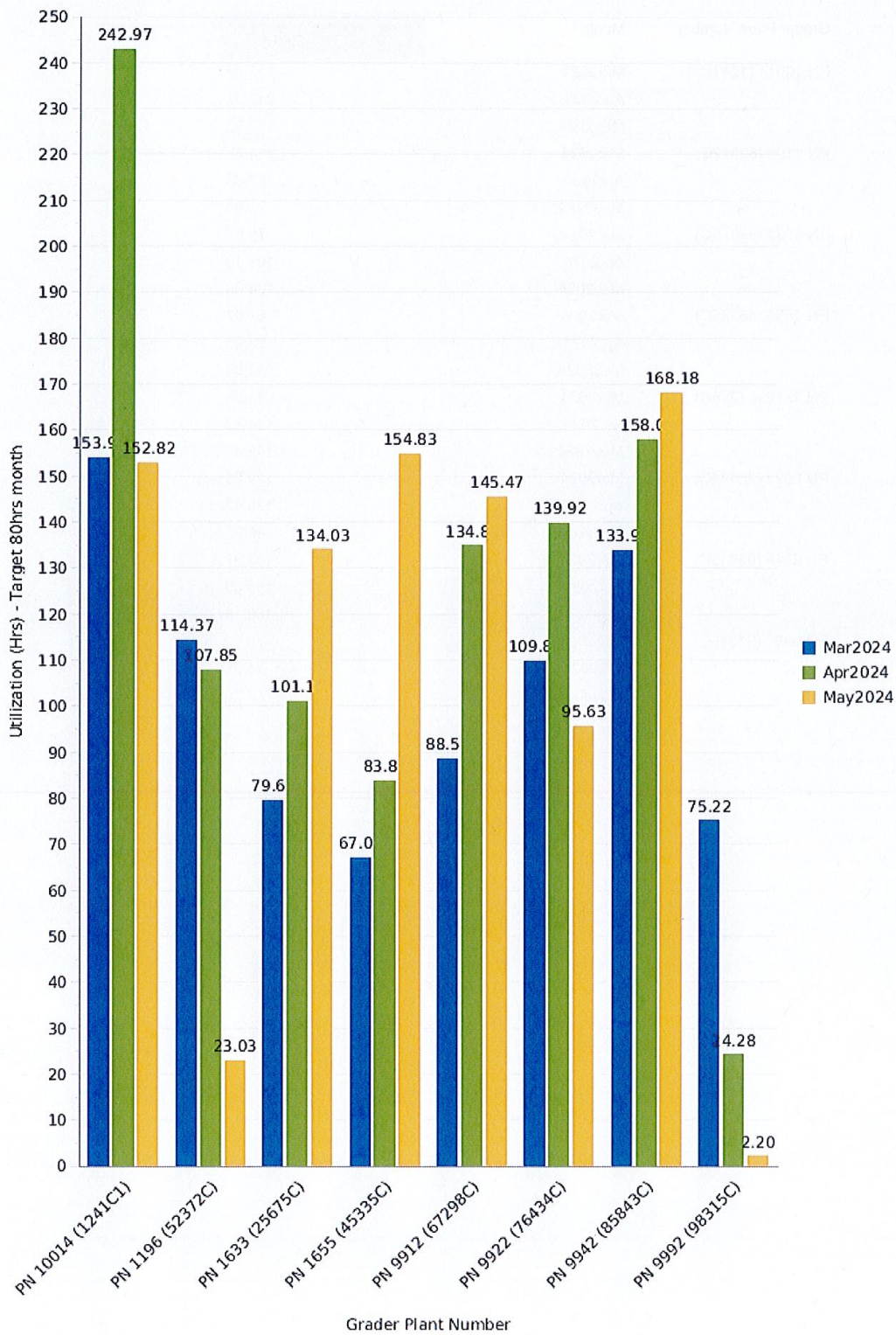
Appendices

1. Plant Utilisation - May ↓

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

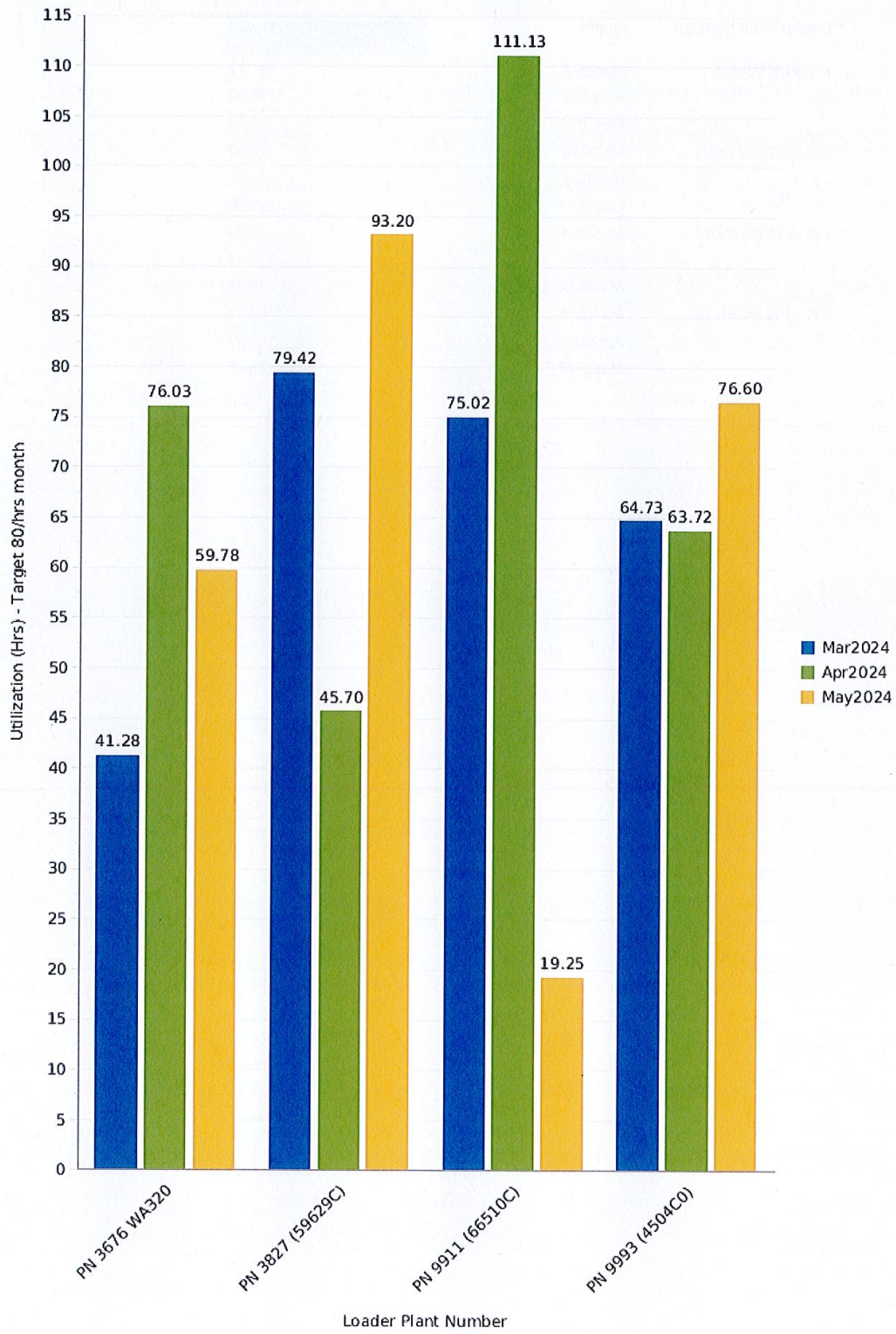
Grader Utilisation



Grader Utilisation

Grader Plant Number	Month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month
PN 10014 (1241C1)	Mar2024	153.92
	Apr2024	242.97
	May2024	152.82
PN 1196 (52372C)	Mar2024	114.37
	Apr2024	107.85
	May2024	23.03
PN 1633 (25675C)	Mar2024	79.62
	Apr2024	101.13
	May2024	134.03
PN 1655 (45335C)	Mar2024	67.07
	Apr2024	83.85
	May2024	154.83
PN 9912 (67298C)	Mar2024	88.55
	Apr2024	134.88
	May2024	145.47
PN 9922 (76434C)	Mar2024	109.85
	Apr2024	139.92
	May2024	95.63
PN 9942 (85843C)	Mar2024	133.97
	Apr2024	158.00
	May2024	168.18
PN 9992 (98315C)	Mar2024	75.22
	Apr2024	24.28
	May2024	2.20

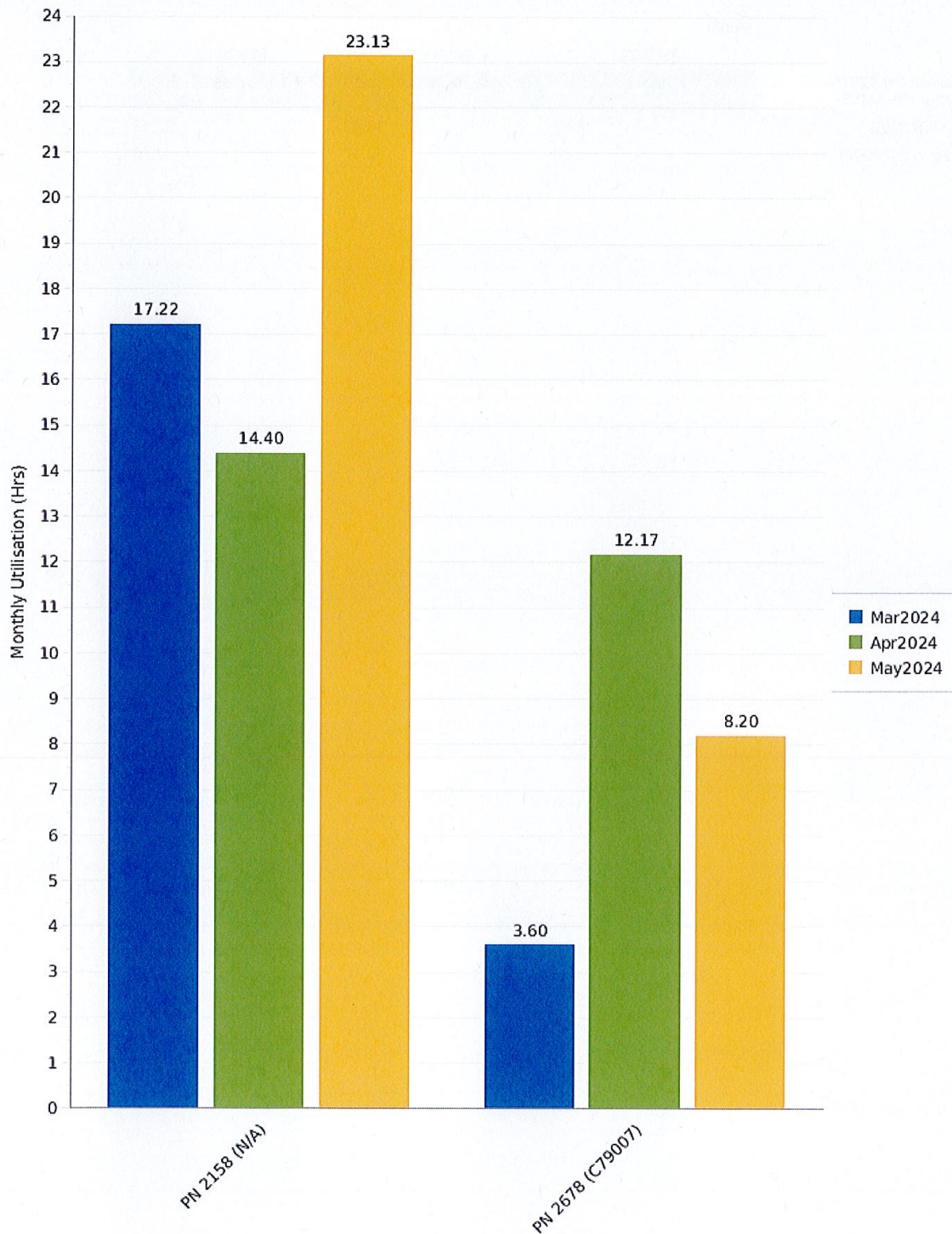
Loader Utilisation



Loader Utilisation

Loader Plant Number	Month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80/hrs month
PN 3676 WA320	Mar2024	41.28
	Apr2024	76.03
	May2024	59.78
PN 3827 (59629C)	Mar2024	79.42
	Apr2024	45.70
	May2024	93.20
PN 9911 (66510C)	Mar2024	75.02
	Apr2024	111.13
	May2024	19.25
PN 9993 (4504C0)	Mar2024	64.73
	Apr2024	63.72
	May2024	76.60

Stabiliser & Scraper Utilisation

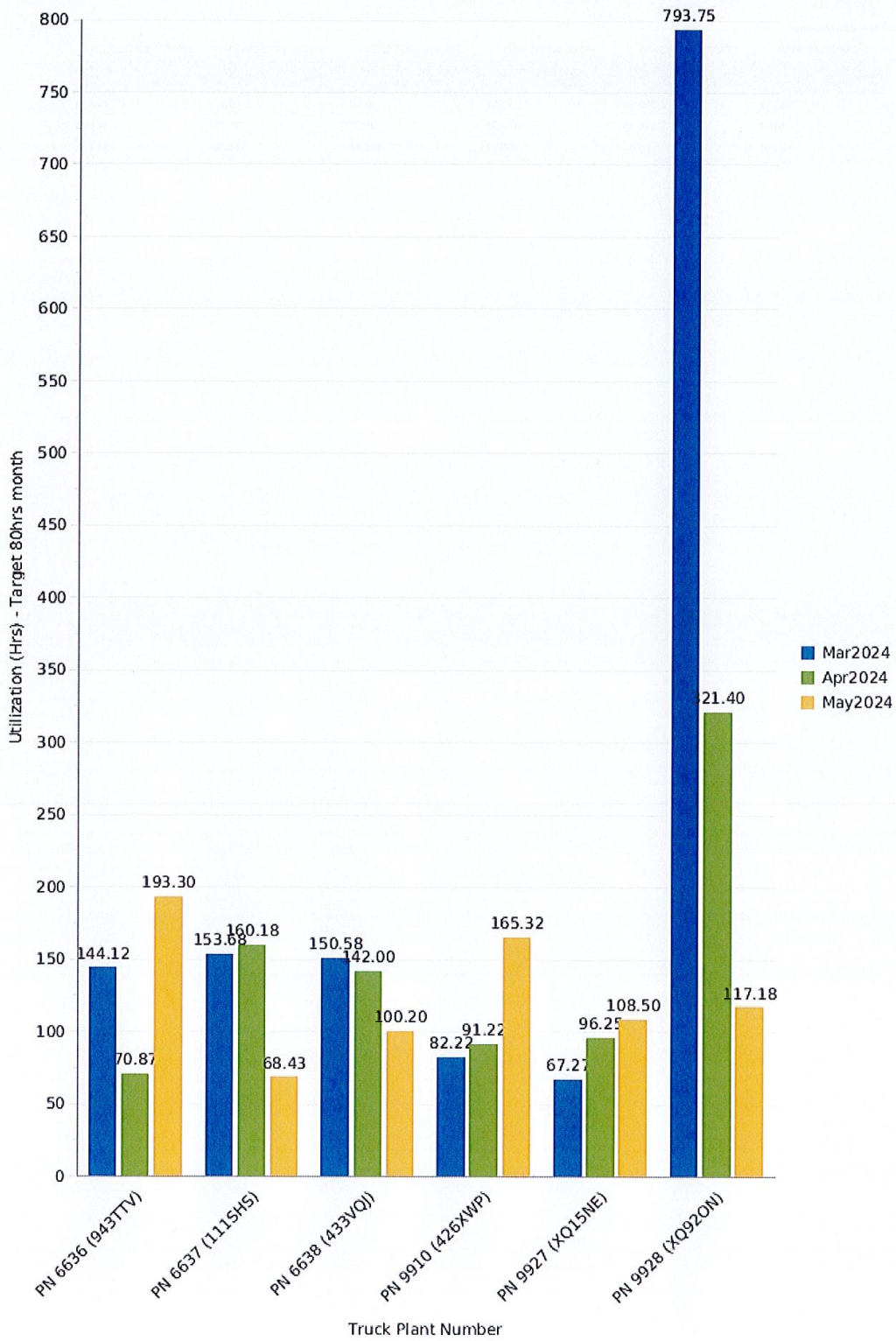


Stabiliser PN #2678 - Scraper PN #2158

Stabiliser & Scraper Utilisation

	Month		
	Mar2024	Apr2024	May2024
Stabiliser PN #2678 - Scraper PN #2158	Monthly Utilisation (Hrs)	Monthly Utilisation (Hrs)	Monthly Utilisation (Hrs)
PN 2158 (N/A)	17.22	14.40	23.13
PN 2678 (C79007)	3.60	12.17	8.20

Truck Utilisation



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	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month	Utilization (Hrs) - Target 80hrs month
Mar2024	144.12	153.68	150.58	82.22	67.27	793.75
Apr2024	70.87	160.18	142.00	91.22	96.25	321.40
May2024	193.30	68.43	100.20	165.32	108.50	117.18

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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.

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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:

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