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Longreach Regional Council



Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 20 June 2024

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held on Thursday 20 June 2024 at the Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach**

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Present

Councillors

Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner
Cr LJ Nunn
Cr DJ Bignell
Cr AJ Emslie
Cr N Gay
Cr A Watts

Officers

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer
Acting Director of Communities
Director of Works
Manager of Human Resources Safety and Wellness
Manager of Governance
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,
Mayor and Councillors

Brett Walsh
David Wilson
Tanya Johnson
Andre Pretorius
Grace Jones
Simon Kuttner

Elizabeth Neal

Public Gallery

Nil

Apologies

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9am.

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

2 Prayer

Reverend Ben Kent, Reach Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

3 Condolences

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community members Graham Parry, Neville "Nocka" Peoples, Terry Mahoney, William Ronald Flanagan, Barry Pepper and Merryn Vincent Wase.

4 Leave of Absence

(Res-2024-06-134)

That an apology from Cr Hatch be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Watts

CARRIED 6/0

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

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

Cr Watts declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 13.1 Community Donations - Individuals as he is related to one of the individuals. Cr Watts will leave the meeting during discussion of, and voting on the item.

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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, and voting on the item.

Cr Nunn declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 14.1 Statement of Intent for Local Roads of Regional Significance as she uses some of the roads mentioned in the report. Cr Nunn requested to remain for the discussion but not remain for the voting.

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

(Res-2024-06-135)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Watts

That Cr Nunn be allowed to remain for the discussion of Item 14.1 Statement of Intent for Local Roads of Regional Significance, but leave the meeting for the voting on this matter.

CARRIED 5/0

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Council - Thursday 16 May 2024

(Res-2024-06-136)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

6.2 Council - Wednesday 29 May 2024

(Res-2024-06-137)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday 29 May 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 Mayoral Report

Mayoral Report

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

(Res-2024-06-138)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

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8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

10 Deputations

Nil

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11 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

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

(Res-2024-06-139)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Gay

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

CARRIED 6/0

11.2 Request to allocate 2025 Special Holiday

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

(Res-2024-06-140)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council, pursuant to section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983, applies to the Office of Industrial Relations to have the 23 May 2025, being the Annual Longreach Show, gazetted a Special Holiday for the bounded localities of Longreach, Ilfracombe and Isisford and, 4 November 2025 for the bounded locality of Yaraka.

CARRIED 6/0

11.3 SES Controller - Honorarium Payment Consideration 2024 - 2025

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

(Res-2024-06-141)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council endorses an honorarium payment of \$6,000 for the 2024/25 financial year for the Local SES Controller.

CARRIED 6/0

11.4 Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2024 - 2028

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

(Res-2024-06-142)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council adopts the Domestic Animal Management Strategy, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

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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.

(Res-2024-06-143)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

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

CARRIED 6/0

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.

(Res-2024-06-144)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Watts

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.

CARRIED 6/0

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.

(Res-2024-06-145)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Gay

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

CARRIED 6/0

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:27am.

The meeting resumed at 10:49am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

11.8 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-2024-06-146)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

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12 Financial Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Financial Services Report

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

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

(Res-2024-06-147)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

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.

CARRIED 6/0

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.

(Res-2024-06-148)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

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.

CARRIED 6/0

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.

(Res-2024-06-149)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

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*

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12.4 2025 Budget - Pensioner Rating Concessions

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

(Res-2024-06-150)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Nunn

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.

CARRIED 6/0

12.5 2025 Budget - Interest on Overdue Rates or Charges

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

(Res-2024-06-151)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

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.*

CARRIED 6/0

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.

(Res-2024-06-152)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

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.

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12.7 2025 Budget - Waste Charges

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

(Res-2024-06-153)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Gay

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.

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)

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12.8 2025 Budget - Sewerage Charges

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

(Res-2024-06-154)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

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:

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.

CARRIED 6/0

12.9 2025 Budget - Water Service Charges

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

(Res-2024-06-155)

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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:

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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 alloyment 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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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.

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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.

(Res-2024-06-156)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

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.*
- *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:*

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- o 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;
- o 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
- o 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.
- 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:
 - o 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.
 - o 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.
 - o 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:

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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		

CARRIED 6/0

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.
(Res-2024-06-157)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

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

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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:

Assessment	2024/25 charge	Assessment	2024/25 charge	Assessment	2024/25 charge	Assessment	2024/25 charge	Assessment	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		

CARRIED 5/1

Cr Bignell voted against the motion

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12.12 2025 Budget - Separate Charge - Environmental Levy

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

(Res-2024-06-158)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

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.

CARRIED 6/0

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.

(Res-2024-06-159)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

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.*

CARRIED 6/0

12.14 2025 Budget - Differential General Rates Categories and Levies

Proposed differential general rating categories and levies for the 2025 financial year.

(Res-2024-06-160)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Watts

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*
- 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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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.

CARRIED 6/0

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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.

(Res-2024-06-161)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

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.

CARRIED 6/0

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.

(Res-2024-06-162)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Nunn

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.

CARRIED 6/0

12.17 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 May 2024:

(Res-2024-06-163)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

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

CARRIED 6/0

12.18 Information Report - Finance

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

(Res-2024-06-164)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Finance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

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13 Community Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director of Communities Report

Attendance: Councillor Watts left the Meeting at 11:59 am.

Attendance: Councillor Emslie left the Meeting at 11:59 am.

13.1 Community Donations - Individuals

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

(Res-2024-06-165)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Gay

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

<i>Organisation/ Individual</i>	<i>Event/Project Activity</i>	<i>Event Date</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Abbey Cowley</i>	<i>Kokoda Challenge</i>	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Alexander Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Kokoda Challenge</i>	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Demi Ramsay</i>	<i>Kokoda Challenge</i>	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Noah Walton</i>	<i>Kokoda Challenge</i>	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Mackenzie Neuendorf</i>	<i>Kokoda Challenge</i>	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Liela Ballin</i>	<i>Kokoda Challenge</i>	<i>13-14 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Lara Palmer</i>	<i>Regional Massed Choir</i>	<i>15-20 July 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Taya Miller</i>	<i>North West Netball</i>	<i>23 – 26 May 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>			<i>\$2,800</i>

CARRIED 4/0

Attendance: Councillor Emslie returned to the Meeting at 12:01 pm.

Attendance: Councillor Watts returned to the Meeting at 12:01 pm.

13.2 Information Report - Community Services

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

(Res-2024-06-166)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Gay

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

CARRIED 6/0

The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:30pm.

The meeting resumed at 1:32pm with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

Attendance: Councillor Nunn left the Meeting at 01:44 pm.

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14 Works Report

14.1 Endorsement of Statement of Intent for Local Roads of Regional Significance and Airport Infrastructure

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.

(Res-2024-06-167)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Watts

That Council endorses the Statement of Intent for the nominated roads and airport infrastructure as per Attachment 1 to be entered into the relevant Regional Road and Transport Group registers.

CARRIED 5/0

Attendance: Councillor Nunn returned to the Meeting at 02:01 pm.

14.2 Information Report - Works

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

(Res-2024-06-168)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Watts

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

15 Late Items

Nil for this meeting

16 Closed Matters

Nil for this meeting

17 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2:37pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr A Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer