



Longreach Regional Council

Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

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14 November 2024

Dear Councillors

Re: Meeting Notice for Council Meeting to be held on 21 November 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Council Meeting of the Longreach Regional Council will be held in the Isisford Council Boardroom, 920 Mary Street, Isisford on Thursday 21 November 2024 commencing at 9:00am.

The Briefing Session for this meeting will be held in the Longreach council Chambers on Wednesday 20 November 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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Thursday 21 November 2024

Isisford, Council Chambers

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Vision:

Connecting Council and Community.

Mission:

Delivering Excellent Service.

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- 1. Opening of Meeting & Acknowledgement of Country**
- 2. Prayer – Reverend Greg & Kathy Welker, Salvation Army**
- 3. Condolences**
- 4. Leave of Absence**
- 5. Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors**
- 6. Confirmation of Minutes**
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Present

Councillors

Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner
Cr LJ Nunn
Cr DJ Bignell
Cr AJ Emslie
Cr NA Gay
Cr TM Hatch
Cr A Watts

Officers

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

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

Elizabeth Neal

Public Gallery

Nil

Apologies

Nil

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

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

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to elders past and present."

2 Prayer

Reverend Steve Ballin, Baptist church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

3 Condolences

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence to mark the passing of community member William Smith.

4 Leave of Absence

(Res-2024-10-259)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

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

CARRIED 4/2

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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

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

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

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Council - Thursday 19 September 2024

(Res-2024-10-260)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 19 September 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

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

(Res-2024-10-261)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

9.1 Ilfracombe Swimming Pool Fee's Petition

Council has received a petition regarding the price increases at the Ilfracombe Pool.

(Res-2024-10-262)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Petition.

CARRIED 6/0

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-2024-10-263)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

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

CARRIED 6/0

11.2 2025 - Council Meeting Dates

Consideration of the timing and location of the Council Ordinary Meetings for the 2024 calendar year.

(Res-2024-10-264)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 254B(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the following Council Meetings for 2025:

Date	Meeting Type	Place	Time
23/01/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
20/02/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Ilfracombe	9.00am
20/03/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
17/04/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
15/05/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Isisford	9.00am
19/06/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
17/07/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Yaraka	9.30am
21/08/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Ilfracombe	9.00am
18/09/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
16/10/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
20/11/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Isisford	9.00am
11/12/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am

CARRIED 6/0

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11.3 Annual Operational Plan 2024-25 - Review for Period Ending 30 September 2024

Consideration of the 2024-25 Annual Operational Plan review for the period ending 30 September 2024.

(Res-2024-10-265)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council, pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Chief Executive Officer's evaluation of the implementation of the 2024-25 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 30 September 2024.

CARRIED 6/0

11.4 Councillor Investigations Policy

Consideration of revisions to the Councillor Investigations Policy, following changes to the *Local Government Act 2009*.

(Res-2024-10-266)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council:

- 1. Establishes a Conduct Breach Standing Committee, consisting of all Councillors; and,*
- 2. Adopts the Councillor Investigations Policy, as presented.*

CARRIED 6/0

11.5 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - September 2024

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 30 September 2024, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2024-10-267)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety update as at 30 September 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.6 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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

(Res-2024-10-268)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

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

CARRIED 6/0

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The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:28am.

The meeting returned from morning tea and resumed at 10:54am, with all previous attendees in attendance.

11.7 Information Report - Governance

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

(Res-2024-10-269)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Governance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.8 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Chief Executive Officer.

(Res-2024-10-270)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

Councillor Gay declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the report because her property may potentially be a beneficiary of the water booster pump referred to in the report.

(Res-2024-10-271)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Nunn

That Cr Gay be permitted to remain in the room for discussion of the water booster pump infrastructure agreement, as referenced in the Chief Executive Officer's report.

CARRIED 5/0

Councillors Bignell, Emslie, Nunn, Rayner, Watts voted for the motion

12 Financial Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Financial Services Report

12.1 Audit and Risk Committee Report - 18 September 2024

A report on the matters reviewed at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 18 September 2024.

(Res-2024-10-272)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Watts

That Council receives the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 18 September 2024.

CARRIED 6/0

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12.2 Quarterly Budget Review

Budget review and proposed adjustments to the budget for the 2025 financial year (FY25).

(Res-2024-10-273)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council approves the variations to the FY25 Budget, 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 September 2024 for the Financial Services Directorate.

(Res-2024-10-274)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:33pm.

The meeting returned from Lunch and resumed at 1:20pm, with all previous attendees in attendance.

12.4 Chief Financial Officer's Report

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

(Res-2024-10-275)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 30 September 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

13 Communities Report

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report

13.1 Community Donations - Individuals

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

(Res-2024-10-276)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

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>Erika Holland</i>	13-19 years track and field State Championships	11-14 October 2024	\$350.00
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	13-19 years track and field State Championships	11-14 October 2024	\$350.00
<i>Jozette Jones</i>	13-19 years track and field State Championships	11-14 October 2024	\$350.00
TOTAL			\$1,050.00

CARRIED 6/0

13.2 Community Donation - Longreach Mens shed Inc

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

(Res-2024-10-277)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Nunn

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

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
<i>Longreach Men's Shed Inc</i>	<i>Longreach Men's Shed Project</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00

CARRIED 6/0

13.3 Community Donation - Longreach School of Distance Education P and C Association

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

(Res-2024-10-278)

Moved Cr Bignell 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.

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
<i>Longreach School of Distance Education P and C Association</i>	<i>'Star Warts' the Musical</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>

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TOTAL \$5,000.00

TOTAL \$5,000.00

CARRIED 6/0

13.4 Community Donation - Outback Independent Living Inc

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

(Res-2024-10-279)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Nunn

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

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Outback Independent Living	Outback Disability Expo	Financial \$4,600.00 In-Kind \$400.00	Financial \$4,600.00 In-Kind \$400.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00

CARRIED 6/0

13.5 Community Donation - Our Lady's Parents and Friends

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

(Res-2024-10-280)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Nunn

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

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Our Lady's Parents and Friends	Celebrating 125 years	Financial \$4,400.00 In-Kind \$600.00	Financial \$4,400.00 In-Kind \$600.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00

CARRIED 6/0

13.6 Sponsorship - Outback Opera

Consideration for Sponsorship application received for the month of October, in accordance with

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Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Rayner

1. That Council approves the allocation of funds from the **2024/2025 Sponsorship budget** as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:

Organisation	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant recommended
Opera Queensland	Festival of Outback Opera	13-19 May 2025	Financial \$15,000.00 In-Kind \$176.00
			Total \$15,176.00

2. That Council approves the sponsorship of \$15,000.00 per year for the following two years on the basis that this is a significant event for the region attracting increased visitation, investment and promotion of the Longreach region.

(Res-2024-10-281)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That the motion be amended to consist of a \$10,000 financial contribution, for the 2024-25 to 2026-27 financial years only, in accordance with prior arrangements.

CARRIED 5/1

The amendment becomes the substantive motion:

(Res-2024-10-282)

That Council:

1. Approves the allocation of funds from the **2024/2025 Sponsorship budget** as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07;

Organisation	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant recommended
Opera Queensland	Festival of Outback Opera	13-19 May 2025	Financial \$10,000.00 In-Kind \$176.00
			Total \$10,176.00

2. Approves the sponsorship of \$10,000.00 per year for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years on the basis that this is a significant event for the region attracting increased visitation, investment and promotion of the Longreach region.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund

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(RADF) Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024.

(Res-2024-10-283)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Watts

That Council:

1. Receives the Minutes of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee held on Tuesday 31 October 2023;
2. Accepts the 24/25 budget as presented;
3. Approved the application by the 'Yaraka Sports and Progress Association' for the Furniture Restoration Workshop to the value of \$4,000.00; and
4. Supports the opening and closing dates for round two.

CARRIED 6/0

13.8 Revision of Swimming Pool Entry Fees

Consideration of a letter tabled at the September Council meeting requesting a reduction in entry fees for the Ilfracombe Swimming Pool.

(Res-2024-10-284)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

That Council amends the Fees and Charges Schedule for 2024-25 to establish a 50% discount on the pool entry fees, for Longreach Regional Council residents, at the Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yaraka pools.

CARRIED 6/0

13.9 Walking Network Plan

Consideration of the Longreach Regional Council Walking Network Plan (WNP), encompassing Longreach townships existing paths and connecting future walking paths.

(Res-2024-10-285)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Nunn

That Council adopts the Longreach Regional Council Walking Network Plan and Map, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

13.10 Information Report - Community Services

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

(Res-2024-10-286)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Community Services Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

13.11 Director of Communities Report

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of

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September for the Director of Communities.

(Res-2024-10-287)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Acting Director of Communities Report, as presented

CARRIED 6/0

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 September 2024 for the Works Directorate.

(Res-2024-10-288)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

14.2 Director of Works Report

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

(Res-2024-10-289)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented

CARRIED 6/0

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16 Late Items

Nil

17 Closed Matters

(Res-2024-10-290)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That pursuant to section 242J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 3:33pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

16.1 Isisford Fuel Depot Lease

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

CARRIED 6/0

(Res-2024-10-291)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That the meeting be opened at 3:35pm to vote on item 16.1.

CARRIED 6/0

16.1 Isisford Fuel Depot Lease

Consideration of the renewal of the lease for the Isisford Fuel Depot to a franchisee of the existing tenant.

(Res-2024-10-292)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

That Council, pursuant to Section 236 (1) (c) (iii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, approves the renewal of the lease for the Isisford Fuel Depot at 16 Saint Agnes Road Isisford on the basis that Portsmouth Petroleum Pty Ltd is a subsidiary of the existing tenant.

CARRIED 6/0

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3:39pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr A Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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7. Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

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

- The Mayor attended the Disability Forum, organised by Outback Independent Living, which was very well attended and supported by Service Providers, Government Departments and local families.
- The Mayor travelled to Townsville to attend the Rural Financial Counsellors board meeting. RAPAD now manages 28 financial counsellors across north and western Qld delivering both small business counselling services and rural financial counselling services. This contract does not generate any profit for RAPAD but delivers an important service for both our agribusiness enterprises and small business.
- The Mayor hosted the visit of the QLD Small Business Commissioner Dominique Lamb to Longreach and met with small businesses and discussed the small business friendly programme that Longreach Council delivers.
- The Mayor met with Elders rural representatives in Longreach following their successful Agtec and Innovation Qld Road show. The forum was well attended by industry representatives and given the developing dry conditions was very timely for nutritional information to be shared.
- The Mayor attended a training session with Qld Police Service on State Disaster Management plan and prevention, preparedness, response and recovery disaster management guideline.
- The Mayor attended the Longreach State High School awards night and presented various awards to students and participated in the leadership transition of school captains. Cr Emslie and the CEO also presented awards.
- The Mayor and CEO undertook an inspection of the fire risk to Longreach following extremely heat wave conditions. Previous fire mitigation, fire ploughing and slashing have reduced the risk to an acceptable level.
- The Mayor attended the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Events (MICE) forum with local industry representatives which is looking to grow this market in Longreach. Council has engaged a consultant to meet with industry to prepare a business report to develop this proposal.
- The Mayor met with the organisers of the Thomson River Festival to see how it can be built on in future years and expanded with further activities.
- The Mayor chaired the RAPAD board meeting in Longreach
- The Mayor attended the State LGAQ Conference in Brisbane.
- Mayor and CEO met with Racing Commission staff and discussed racing in Western Qld
- The Mayor attended Remembrance Day service in Longreach

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

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- 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.

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Deputation presented by Jenny Milson

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak with councillors today.

Telstra/Amplitel has applied for a rezoning change of use in an attempt to install and operate a telecommunications tower in a sensitive use area where people reside, work, and where tourists visit. I make objection to the application.

The planning scheme includes specific provisions for Environmentally Relevant Activities under the auspices of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, particularly Section 17A to protect sensitive use areas from potential environmental harm and nuisance.

These provisions are designed to ensure that developments do not adversely impact areas such as residences, schools, hospitals, childcare centres, and public parks.

"Sensitive use" generally refers to areas that are more susceptible to environmental harm and therefore require additional protection; these include Residential areas, Educational institutions (schools), Healthcare facilities, Childcare centres and Public parks and recreation areas.

These areas are given special consideration due to their potential vulnerability to environmental harm or nuisance.

Telstra/Amplitel have failed to adequately address environmental harm or nuisance.

I and other residents will suffer material environmental harm and nuisance as a result of being exposed to the electromagnetic radiation/energy from the tower. I will suffer financial loss to mitigate the nuisance and environmental harm the radiation from the tower poses.

Further, under section 11(d) of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 energy, including noise, heat, radioactivity and electromagnetic radiation is classed as a contaminate under Queensland law.

You have already seen the environmental electromagnetic energy (EME) report Telstra/Amplitel relies upon to support its application.

The EME report shows that Telstra/Amplitel has earmarked a 500-meter radiation zone around the proposed tower. Emissions in this zone will irradiate and contaminate homes and the Museum with an electric field of just under 3 volts per meter continuously, with a power density of 22.44 milliwatts per square meter.

Non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation from 5G networks penetrates the skin to a depth of about one centimetre and 4G penetrates even deeper, according to authoritative bodies like the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA), and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

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My home and at least a dozen others (and the Hall of Fame) are within this 500-metre radiation zone, and I will be affected by the electromagnetic radiation/energy.

I do not consent to this exposure, as I believe it poses unacceptable risks to my health and safety.

Telstra/Amplitel's application talks freely about exposure limits but is completely silent on the public's right to be free from touching and penetration of their bodies by their radiation.

Legal advice indicates that non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation exposure without consent constitutes an assault under Section 245 of the Queensland Criminal Code.

The Queensland Criminal Code defines assault and includes the application of force through various means, including electrical energy. Specifically, it states that "applied force" includes the application of heat, light, electrical force, gas, odour, or any other substance or thing if applied in such a degree as to cause injury or personal discomfort. This means that using electrical energy in a way that causes injury or discomfort to another person can be considered assault under Queensland law.

Simply following ARPANSA guidelines wouldn't automatically exempt someone from legal responsibility under Section 245 of the Queensland Criminal Code.

Telstra/Amplitel has misled the public by claiming their radiation is safe, ignoring clear and substantiated evidence of health risks and have failed to address that;

- Touching and penetrating a person with electrical energy constitutes a criminal assault as per section 245 of the Qld Criminal Code.
- Assault with non-ionizing radiation is a health effect pursuant to the World Health Organisation International Classification of diseases volume 11 under the PF-13 code.
- Long-term exposure to electromagnetic fields poses leukemia risks particularly to children, according to WHO and the International Agency of Research for cancer.
- The Planning and Environment Court of Queensland has acknowledged the statistical association between long-term ELF/EMF exposure and cancer, particularly childhood leukemia.
- In 1996 the then Chief Medical Officer of Telstra found a correlation between childhood leukaemia 6 kilometres from three towers in Sydney. He found a 60% increase in deaths from this cancer. His study was published in the Australian Medical Journal and he was then sacked by Telstra. In 2002 the World Health Organisation declared the radiation a class 2B possible carcinogen due to a close association to childhood lymphatic leukaemia.

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- Telstra should be acutely aware that Dr. Hocking's 1996 study is actually a supporting study to the ARPANSA guidelines showed a 60% increase in childhood leukemia deaths within 6 kilometres from broadcast towers in Sydney.
- The Italian Supreme Court sentenced Vatican Radio officials for causing child deaths from leukemia due to radiation exposure 10 kilometres from its radio station, setting a legal precedent.
- The Australian Government's Specialist Medical Review Council has recognized non-ionizing radiation as a factor in chronic lymphoid leukemia and deaths from Alzheimer's.
- The Court of Appeal of Turin confirmed the link between mobile phone radiation and acoustic neuroma, a benign head tumor.
- Australian health authorities recognize the adverse effects of electromagnetic radiation.
- Children exposed to magnetic fields over point 3 of a microtesla have a doubled risk of developing childhood leukemia, according to WHO.
- A 2017 study found that an iPhone 5S and Samsung Galaxy S5 irradiate radiation at 6,200 microtesla, far exceeding WHO's recommended maximum exposure for children at point 3 of a microtesla. The tower will be more powerful than a mobile phone.
- The Australian Administrative Appeals Tribunal acknowledged that electromagnetic sensitivity exists and can be exacerbated by radiation exposure.

The Australian based Oceania Radiofrequency Scientific Advisory Association (ORSAA) extensive database shows that 68% of studies report biological effects from non-ionizing radiation, while only 24% report no adverse effects. This overwhelming scientific consensus indicates that the proposed radiation from the Telstra/Amplitel tower does indeed affect health.

Telstra/Amplitel has failed to address the profound limitations of the ARPANSA safety standard to protect individuals. Also, the elderly who rely on hearing devices, pacemakers, and insulin pumps for survival. These devices are designed to operate in electric fields up to 3 volts per metre. The proposed electric field from the tower is extremely close to this 3 v/m threshold, and Telstra have indicated they will co-locate with other telecommunications carriers in the future or upgrade the tower which would then most certainly exceed the 3 volts per metre threshold. My understanding is that Council will have no say in approving these additional antennae and upgrades.

The ARPANSA safety standard, as noted on page 38, includes supporting studies that indicate cardiac tissue can be stimulated to cause life threatening arrhythmias at 12

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V/m which may require emergency medical treatment. Telstra/Amplitel have failed to explain that some of their towers in Australia exceed 12 volts per metre and in some cases are as high as 27 volts per metre.

The International Commission for Non-Ionising Radiation has guidelines, which the ARPANSA Standard relies on, stating that interference with pacemakers may occur at levels below the recommended safety levels. This is particularly concerning for individuals with serious heart conditions and those who rely on electrical medical devices for survival.

Some town residents suffer from cancer, heart conditions, and pacemakers, or have medical conditions that increase the risk of developing leukaemia.

If the application is approved, my home and my body will be exposed to the radiation, rendering it unsafe and uninhabitable for me and members of my family unless I mitigate exposure to the radiation. To mitigate the exposure, I will need to pay for radiation shielding to be installed on my property. Radiation shielding will cost between fifty thousand dollars to one million dollars depending on the scale of shielding. Shielding my property from radiation is only feasible for indoor areas and is extremely costly. The shielding I refer to only protects the inhabitants of the house itself and not the front and back yards of my property. If the development is approved, I will need to remain indoors unless I shield the entire property with a large Faraday cage, an option that is extremely cost-prohibitive.

The cost of mitigating the radiation fulfills the elements of environmental harm to my property as defined in the Environmental Protection Act.

I am aware that other objectors and residents will also be seeking quotes to shield their homes.

On notice of my objection today; if Telstra/Amplitel continue in their activities to irradiate my home – and the homes of my neighbours – they would have failed in their ‘general environmental duty’ in that they must not carry out any activity that is likely to cause environmental harm. They must comply with their duty under section 319 of the Environmental Protection Act.

Additionally, the development will have an adverse visual impact, exacerbating harm to the mental health of many. Looking at the telecommunications tower every day from my home and knowing that such a facility poses a real risk of harm to my neighbours and me will be extremely distressing.

I have taken the liberty of engaging a solicitor, who has engaged a barrister who specialises in telecommunication radiation issues. As soon as I receive a copy of the advice he has prepared and that which explains the evidence I have touched on today,

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I will, as a courtesy, forward it to both this council – and in good faith to Telstra/Amplitel – for consideration.

Telstra/Amplitel, in its application, has not complied with the planning scheme and should demonstrate particular consideration for likely sensitive land uses frequented by children and vulnerable people within the 500-meter radiation zone.

This council and Telstra/Amplitel must address my objection with the utmost duty of care, without showing any recklessness or indifference to my objection.

I ask that this council reject the application.

Jenny Milson



Important information for councils regarding 5G

Dear Councillors,

Please consider the important information below compiled by scientists and researchers from the Australian organisation ORSAA¹, in order to provide local councils around Australia with important evidence that needs to be considered when examining the proposed 5G technology.

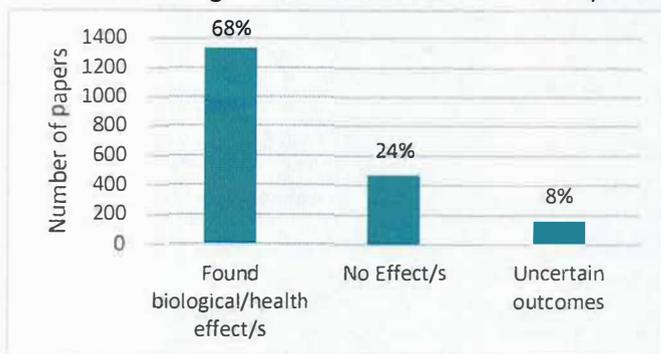
The evidence for biological harm

ORSAA is the custodian of a huge collection of evidence regarding the health effects of wireless (RF-EMR) technologies. While there are many voices on this issue, the science itself can lay a truthful foundation on which to base deliberations. To this end, ORSAA has established the world’s largest freely available categorised database of peer-reviewed scientific research on RF-EMR biological/health effects: www.orsaa.org. This database is intended to facilitate an evidence-based approach to health and risk assessment of wireless technologies. The ORSAA database currently contains over 3000 scientific studies sourced from all over the world. ORSAA is not funded by commercial entities and therefore without any financial conflicts of interests.

The exposure agent associated with 5G is Radio Frequency (RF) radiation which is part of the electromagnetic (EMR) spectrum that uses man made, continuous, pulsed and modulated signals based on frequencies from long AM radio waves through to millimetre length microwaves (just below infra-red and visible light). Based on objective searches from the database, ORSAA has found the following:

1. The weight of evidence clearly shows that exposure to wireless technologies have significant effects on humans, animals and plants. A cross sectional study of 1,955 scientific experimental studies within the ORSAA database (i.e. the laboratory studies and population-based studies examining biological and health effects of RF-EMR exposures) revealed that the majority of papers (68%) showed significant biological or health effects, as summarized in the figure below. Many of these papers used exposure levels way below the official ‘safety’ levels set by ICNIRP.

This clear weight of evidence refutes the widely-held claim that wireless technologies pose no health



risks, and the claims by industry scientists that heating of the head or torso is the only effect of importance.

These findings, particularly that 216 (89%) of 242 studies had demonstrated oxidative stress associated with RF-EMR exposure, call for an immediate *reduction* in the allowable RF-EMR exposure levels (Bandara & Weller, 2017). Instead, with no heed to the current evidence, the industry is marching on to add 5G

frequencies into the mix.

¹ The Oceania Radiofrequency Scientific Advisory Association (ORSAA) is the only independent scientific organization in the Australia-New Zealand region investigating the health risks of low-intensity radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation (RF-EMR), mostly microwave range RF-EMR generated for wireless communications and surveillance.

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Health Effects

The potential adverse health outcomes of long term, low level exposures to microwave radiation from telecommunications technology are:

Cancer

The entire RF-EMR spectrum (including AM/FM range radio waves, and microwaves including 5G) was classified by the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as a Group 2B Possible Carcinogen (2011). The US National Toxicology Program has recently provided clear evidence of carcinogenicity and DNA damage associated with exposure to RF-EMR (National Toxicology Program, 2018; Smith-Roe et al., 2019). The IARC (2019) has recently announced that the effects of RF-EMR need to be re-evaluated with high priority

Other adverse health conditions

Thousands of scientific studies have been conducted over the decades which show biological/health effects of RF-EMR (e.g., EMF-Portal, 2019; Markov, 2018; ORSAA, 2019). ORSAA researchers have used the database capabilities to classify bio-effects from RF-EMR exposures into various "effects" categories such as cardiovascular effects and immune effects. The health effects categories that can be found in the ORSAA database are shown in the table below, which indicates the number of papers showing effects in each category. The results from the database are described in Leach, Weller, and Redmayne (2018).

Find Search Summary Totals					
Peer Reviewed Studies Showing Biological Effects		Number of records used : 2165 of 3448			
Auditory Dysfunction / Hearing loss / Tinnitus	34	Apoptosis (Programmed Cell Death)	33	Brain Tumours	33
Blood Brain Barrier Permeability Changes	33	Breast Cancer	33	Cellular Stress	33
Brain Development / Neuro Degeneration	33	Biochemical Changes	189	EEG changes / Brain Waves	108
Neuro Behavioural Effect / Cognitive Effects	186	Cell Irregularities/ Damage/ Morphological Changes	186	Effects on Mitochondria	33
Calcium Influx / Efflux	20	Fatigue	33	Altered Enzyme Activity / Protein Levels / Protein Damage	361
Circadian Rhythm Disruption	33	Altered Gene Expression	146	Headaches/Migraines	33
DNA Damage / Mutagenic / Genotoxic	33	Altered Glucose Level / Glucose Metabolism	33	Inflammation	33
Endocrine / Hormone Effects	33	Cardiovascular/Vascular Effects	33	Hepatic Effects (Liver)	33
Miscarriage / Spontaneous Abortion / Foetus Resorption	33	Immune System Effects	33	Impaired / Reduced Healing/ Bone Density Changes	33
Memory Impairment	33	Oxidative Stress / ROS/ Free Radicals	33	Speech Impairment	33
Sperm / Testicular Effects	33	Sleep Effects	33	Haematological Effects	33
Tumour Promotion	33	Neurotransmitter Effects	33	Synergistic/Combinative Effects	33
Thyroid Effects	33	Visual Disturbances/ Ocular Effects	33	Autism	33
Leukemia	3	Parotid Gland Malignancy	33	Neoplasia/ Hyperplasia (Abnormal Tissue Growth)	5
Depression	33	Induced Adaptive Response	33	Dizziness / Vertigo / Vestibular Effects	33

 May have a role in disease pathway/ well-being
 A known cause in disease
 Continue

Notable are the large numbers of papers showing potential harm as a result of direct cell damage caused by oxidative stress, a pathological phenomenon which is involved in many chronic diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's disease as well as mental illnesses. Furthermore, oxidative stress provides a clear mechanism for how existing mobile technologies can cause harm to health, which lays to waste the claims that no scientific mechanism has been found.

...RF-induced genotoxicity is now irrefutable and one underlying mechanism is evidently oxidative stress. Most studies (216 out of 242) that investigated oxidative stress endpoints in light of RF exposure were positive [24]. Excerpt from a recent paper by ORSAA researcher and ORSAA advisor, namely: (Bandara & Carpenter, 2020)

The papers in the main database categories reveal the following major health effects from exposures to RF-EMR:

- neurodevelopmental disorders in children
- neurodegenerative diseases in adults such as dementia, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease
- neuropsychiatric/neurobehavioural problems including memory problems, anxiety, depression, insomnia and resulting fatigue
- lowered fertility and serious damaging effects on reproductive tissue and sperm
- immune diseases/disorders such as allergies, atopic dermatitis and autoimmune diseases
- metabolic diseases arising out of sustained disruption to basic cellular functions such as mitochondrial dysfunction.

This set of biological and psychological conditions mirrors the current epidemic of chronic illnesses that has been growing in the last couple of decades in the developed world. While there are other contributors to the environmental toxic burden, exposures to man-made EMR/EMF has increased exponentially due to the rapid expansion of wireless technology. This makes RF-EMR a likely causal factor in the marked decline in health occurring in the Western world (e.g., Blue Cross Blue Shield, 2019).

Evidence for health effects from 5G frequencies

While the existing large volume of scientific studies show clear health risks with the frequencies used in the first phase of 5G deployment, very little research has been done so far on the health effects of millimetre waves to be used for the second phase of 5G (6 to 86 GHz). The existing review papers (Oughton, Frias, Russell, Sicker, & Cleevly, 2018; Russell, 2018) reveal the current known effects of these waves:

- 1 Despite shallow penetration (compared to lower frequencies) 5G millimetre waves pose possible harm to the largest organ of the body, the skin, with the possibility of permanent tissue damage (Neufeld & Kuster, 2018).
- 2 Effects on eyes (including cataracts), heart rate, immune system and DNA have been shown.
- 3 Millimetre waves can also affect important components of skin such as nerves, immune cells, blood vessels causing systemic effects involving internal organs. It has been found that sweat ducts of skin act as helical antennae for millimetre waves.
- 4 Extra, damaging 'Brillouin Precursors' may be induced in the human body. A Brillouin precursor is an induced radiation pulse that can be created by extremely fast data transmission rates, which can be achieved with 5G transmissions. When such a pulse enters the human body, it has the potential to generate a burst of energy that can travel much deeper than predicted by conventional models used for standard setting. Considering the planned massive rollout of 5G mmWave antennas, many close to homes and workplaces, this constitutes a possible significant public health hazard which has not yet been investigated. (Albanese, Blaschak, Medina, & Penn, 1994; Xiao & Oughstun, 1999).

Harm to birds, insects and plants

Microwave radiation is already having effects on birds, bees and pollinators (Bandara & Carpenter, 2018; Lázaro et al., 2016; Warnke, 2009), for example disruption of magnetic based orientation in migratory birds (Engels et al., 2014). Moreover, insects will maximally absorb 5G radiation due to the length of their bodies being measured in millimetres and the subsequent resonance effects (Thielens et al., 2018). Therefore, 5G radiation could have catastrophic effects on the already endangered insect populations worldwide, which has implications for agriculture and for global food supplies. Furthermore, there is some evidence indicating that microwave radiation may injure trees in line of sight of a tower (Waldmann-Selsam, Balmori-de la Puente, Breunig, & Balmori, 2016). The placement of extensive number of 5G mini-cells in suburbia is therefore likely to be extremely detrimental to life-sustaining vegetation.

More on the effects of 5G on the environment can be found at <https://ehtrust.org/climate-change-and-5g/>

Effects on the earth's atmosphere

Together, the earth, the ionosphere and the lower atmosphere form a global electric circuit that controls the biological rhythms of humans, birds and animals. These rhythms are essential for life, affecting blood pressure, the sleep-wake cycle, reproductive, cardiac, and neurological systems. To enable 5G, tens of thousands of satellites will be placed in both the ionosphere and magnetosphere, sending signals at millions of watts. When these powerful man-made signals are imposed on the natural background EMFs they are likely to alter the electromagnetic environment significantly, and may be very damaging to all life on earth (Firstenberg, 2018). In addition, the engineering literature is clear that the high frequency waves proposed for stage 2 of 5G communications will create quantum level changes in the rotational energy of water (at 22.3GHz, 33GHz, 323 GHz) and oxygen molecules (at 60 GHz). Given these molecules are the basis of life, the effects of altering the fundamental characteristics of water and oxygen are likely to be inimical to life on earth.

Unsustainable: significant increases in energy burden promoting global warming

The Centre for Energy Efficient Communications White Paper (2015) points out that wireless systems use 15 to 23 times more energy than wired systems, and that up to 90% of this energy is used by wireless network technologies.

Wireless technologies will continue to consume at least 10 times more power than wired technologies when providing comparable access rates and traffic volumes. (Baliga, Ayre, Hinton, & Tucker, 2011)

The average iPhone uses more energy than a midsize refrigerator, says a new paper by Mark Mills, CEO of Digital Power Group, a tech investment advisory. A midsize refrigerator that qualifies for the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star rating uses about 322 kW-h a year, while your iPhone uses about 361 kW-h if you stack up wireless connections, data usage, and battery charging (Lobello, 2013) (Schoechele, 2018 p. 71).

While industry expects that each 5G device will use less power, it also expects that there will be millions more connections and devices. *...5G is expected to require far more base stations to deliver service and connect billions of mobile and IoT devices ... 5G could also consume up to 1,000 times as much energy* <https://spectrum.ieee.org/telecom/wireless/5gs-waveform-is-a-battery-vampire> .

Furthermore, according to China Mobile, 5G needs three times the number of base stations for the same coverage as LTE, and the power consumption of one 5G base station is three times the power consumption of 4G LTE (Jones, 2019). A recent survey by Vertiv (2019) found that 5G technology will likely increase total network energy consumption by 150 to 170 per cent by 2026. *"... 5G is going to be significantly more energy-intensive than previous generations of wireless connectivity"*. See Maisch (2019) for a full summary of this report.

The Jevons Paradox of environmental economics is relevant here. That is, although technological progress increases the efficiency with which a resource is used (if each individual mobile device did use less power under 5G), demand and consumption will increase (there will be thousands more towers and devices in every neighbourhood, using thousands of times more energy). So overall, the energy and resource consumptions cost of 5G will be far greater than existing systems. With humankind facing a global warming and global energy crisis, the move to expand energy consumption for more unnecessary technology is both reckless and irresponsible.

The deployment of 5G is not financially secure

The engineering literature on 5G raises concerns about the ability of industry to finance 5G deployments and infrastructure. As well as the increased costs of energy consumption, 5G base stations cost four times the price of LTE (Jones, 2019). It appears that the **push to encourage 5G cities and the driverless car industry is a strategy by industry to bring countries on board in order to cover the costs of 5G deployment:**

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...small cell deployments provide significant capacity but at considerable cost, and hence are likely only in the densest locations, unless MNOs can boost revenues by capturing value from the Internet of Things (IoT), Smart Cities or other technological developments dependent on digital connectivity. (Oughton et al., 2018 p.1.)

This issue has been raised by the ex-CEO of Internet Australia (Patton, 2019).

Productivity: An unhealthy population would significantly impact a country's economy and social structure.

Public Awareness about the effects of 5G.

The radiation protection authorities who are pivotal in determining government and industry standards internationally rely on the advice from the International Commission for Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), a panel of 13 individuals which is mostly made up of physicists and engineers who are not qualified to make judgments on biological effects. They have ignored a large body of scientific evidence showing biological effects induced by exposures well below their guidelines while holding on to their obsolete dogma that only thermal effects (tissue heating) can occur with RF-EMR which their guidelines can prevent. Furthermore, most of the present and past ICNIRP members have strong financial ties with the industry, even though ICNIRP claims to be an independent organisation. Many government regulatory bodies use the ICNIRP guidelines with similar conflicts of interest occur within each country. The spin on EMR science and manipulation by industry at all levels as documented in Maisch (2017).

The result is that these influential but compromised regulatory bodies have dictated inadequate public exposure regulation within their own jurisdictions. The weighty positions taken by these organisations do not give credence to the vast body of evidence from other disciplines such as biochemistry, physiology and biophysics, indicating that there are serious, non-thermal biological effects of low-intensity RF-EMR. ORSAA researchers have recently written about this issue (see Weller, Leach, & May, 2019) [Excerpts from p. 1 to 5 below]

... Because these bio-effects defy traditional thinking that the energy from low-level RF non-ionizing radiation is too insignificant to cause direct cell damage, they do not appear to be taken seriously [ICNIRP, 2002]. Non-ionizing radiation may not have sufficient energy to knock electrons off from atoms, but it can affect molecular structures and interfere with metabolic processes as evidenced by the categorized biological effects noted in the ORSAA database [Leach et al., 2018].

... There are two main factors that trigger the precautionary approach: the strength or balance of evidence, and the potential cost of doing nothing.

Also see Bandara, Leach, and Weller (2018)

We reiterate our claims of inaccuracy and misrepresentation of the available scientific evidence on radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation (RF-EMR) by ARPANSA, particularly in their main report TRS-164

Unfortunately, due to long-running highly concerted systematic attempts by vested interests to obfuscate the scientific information on a global scale, the public and local authorities are not being informed of the consequences of RF-EMR exposures. Instead of putting resources behind testing for biological effects, government and industry are jointly campaigning to reassure the public that 5G is safe.

In the long-term, this coverup will be detrimental to the health and wellbeing of the world.

Please see Dr Magda Havas clear and rational explanation of what 5G means from a research scientist's perspective <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vh8DNKmDGk0&t=18s>

Summary and Recommendations

ORSAA's major concern is the evident harm to the mental and physical health of the current and next generations, as well as the likely harm that is forecast by experienced scientists in this field for ecosystems and our planetary stability.

In the balance are the needs of industry to promote its own growth and development and the push to 'innovate' versus the serious risks to humans and the planet. We recommend the council considers what is in the balance, and its responsibility to protect people and the environment.

ORSAA offers our cooperation and assistance with councils in their investigation into 5G and look forward to hearing from your council concerning any of the above issues that we have raised.

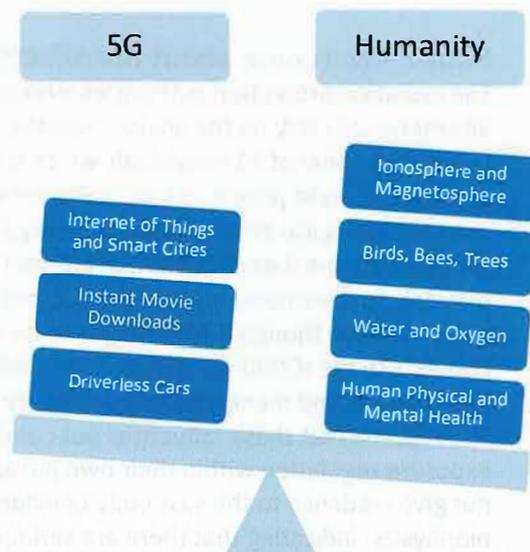
Yours sincerely,

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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 13 November 2024:

1. Centwest Team
2. Biosecurity Queensland Mandatory electronic identification for sheep and goats.
3. RAPAD Power Grid News
4. Certificate of appreciation from Isisford 150 years celebration
5. Certificate of appreciation from Longreach High School
6. Longreach Regional Council Letter to CEO re Public Housing Project

Appendices

1. EMA-2024-10-25-Centwest Team [↓](#)
2. EMA-2024-01-11-Biosecurity Queensland Mandatory electronic identification for sheep and goats. [↓](#)
3. EMA-2024-11-08-RAPAD Power Grid News [↓](#)
4. LET-2024-11-13-Certificate of appreciation from Isisford 150 years celebration [↓](#)
5. LET-2024-11-13-Certificate of appreciation from Longreach High School [↓](#)
6. LET-2024-11-12-Longreach Regional Council Letter to CEO re Public Housing Project [↓](#)

Recommendation:

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

11.1 - Councillor Information Correspondence --Appendix 1

Good Afternoon LRC Team & Paul

Thank you for your, and your respective teams', efforts in hosting and attending this month's small business networking and learning opportunities. We appreciate that it's an addition to your already full workloads and that community consultation is fraught with divergent opinion that subsequently requires a convergent perspective/approach that can be time consuming and exhausting to negotiate/promote. That said, I have had some wonderful conversations with other small businesses and our councillors after the events you've hosted. It has been heartening and motivating to hear, feel, absorb and reciprocate their united passion for our region.

Without taking up too much more of your time, I wanted to share a 'snip' from a message that we shared with our buying group management yesterday. As a "small business buying group", Tradesmart celebrated 10 years earlier this year and is continuing to show growth and progress through its members (like us and others like us). Our membership in a buying group, I reflect, is not so indifferent to our involvement in the 'small business community group' that the LRC's "small business charter" is nurturing to life – ie. a group of people committed to supporting smaller, independent businesses.

*"I went to a local small business meeting yesterday hosted by our local council. We have a great relationship with our council and are very grateful for that. As I sat there in the meeting yesterday I reflected that the 'relationship' is so good because it's "people based" and **the people we work with at council do their best to bring their best to their work and to work WITH us** and to understand how we work, and that helps us to all thrive within the relationship ..."*

The following thanks that I shared with them I also wanted to convey and transfer to you all as I feel that it applies in the same way: *"Thanks for caring about us as people. Thanks for bringing your best to help us to bring ours too. Thanks for teaching us, mentoring us, helping us to grow and celebrating with us as we do ... We (literally) couldn't have done it without you."*

Thank you and we look forward to working together to bring us all together so that we all thrive.

Kind rgds and much gratitude,
Jodie and the Centwest Team

** Please share our thanks with Dave, Grace, Tanya and your councillors who also attended the events (I don't have their email addresses).

1 November 2024

Dear Queensland producer,

We're writing to you about legal changes to the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) for sheep and goats.

As part of an Australian-wide initiative, all sheep and goats born in Queensland from 1 January 2025 will require an individual electronic identification (eID) device before leaving their property of birth.

All other sheep and goats (born before 2025) will need an eID device before leaving a property from 1 January 2027.

The Queensland Government is providing financial assistance to support producers. **Applications close 30 June 2025** (or earlier if all funds are allocated). [See if you're eligible and apply now.](#)

Why are we moving to mandatory eID?

eID technology has been used successfully for cattle in Australia since 2005, and sheep and goats in Victoria since 2017.

Expanding eID to all sheep and goats will enhance Australia's market access.

Accurate and timely livestock traceability is also critical in the case of an emergency animal disease outbreak such as foot-and-mouth disease.

Requirements for producers

For many producers, the only change will be switching from visual tags to eID devices. Things to remember:

- Your biosecurity entity registration must be up to date with an allocated property identification code (PIC). [Check your details here.](#)
- eID devices must be NLIS-accredited. Visit [Integrity Systems](#) for more information.
- Sheep and goat devices are species specific—please ensure you order and apply the **correct species** device.
- It is the responsibility of the person receiving sheep or goats (receiver) to scan eID devices and upload the transfer to the NLIS database within 48 hours of receiving the livestock.

11.1 - Councillor Information Correspondence --Appendix 2

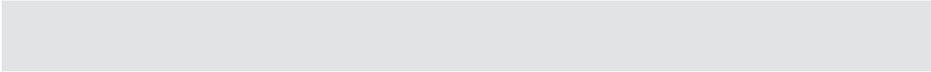
Next steps

Please read the [fact sheet for producers](#) about sheep and goat eID or [visit our website for more information](#).

Kind regards,
Biosecurity Queensland



You are receiving this email because Queensland is introducing mandatory electronic identification for sheep and goats.



This email was sent by Olivia Gardner, Biosecurity Queensland, 275 George Street, Brisbane City, Brisbane, QLD 4000, Australia to ceo@longreach.qld.gov.au

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Dear Directors and CEO's

Thank you for attending the RAPAD CWQ Energy and Economic Futures Forum or registering to receive updates on the RAPAD Power Grid initiative.

Following the forum, we're pleased to formally publish the [RAPAD Power Grid Community Benefit Royalty Agreement](#) which is available to download on the project website.

11.1 - Councillor Information Correspondence --Appendix 3

A big thank you to everyone involved in making the forum a success and for our local Texan delegation itinerary hosts Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, Dennis and Karen Donohoe, and Gerard and Linda Penna and Barcaldine Regional Council. With a capacity 126 attendees and a balance of representation across community, industry and landholders we kicked off some valuable conversations and connections and look forward to continuing these discussions into the future.

If you haven't checked the [RAPAD Power Grid website](#) in a while, you'll find the also find information from the forum including the slide deck from key presentations.

Morgan Gronold

Deputy CEO, RAPAD



RAPAD acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters on which we will meet and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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**Longreach
Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

for their valued contribution to the
Isisford 150 Years Celebrations.

Jocelyn Avery
Jocelyn Avery (President)

Julie Fawcner
Julie Fawcner (Secretary)



CERTIFICATE

OF APPRECIATION

Longreach Regional Council

For your generous donation towards Longreach State High School students participating in Creative Generation (CGEN) - State Schools Onstage 2024

Wednesday, 16 October 2024

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A.W.' followed by a flourish.

Principal

**LONGREACH
STATE HIGH SCHOOL**
SOARING TO SUCCESS



Department of
Housing and Public Works

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

Dear Mr Walsh

New public housing project in Longreach

The Department of Housing and Public Works (the department) is planning to deliver new modular Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) public housing within the Longreach Regional Council area as part of the commitment to provide 53,500 new social homes in Queensland by 2044.

I write to provide Council with preliminary information about the project proposed in Longreach and to invite Council’s review and an opportunity to comment prior to finalisation of the project’s design.

The department undertakes the design and provision of new social housing to meet the housing needs of residents within the context of existing codes, standards and legislation, such as:

- the National Construction Code (NCC) and Queensland Development Code (QDC)
- the Social Housing Design Guideline and the Social Housing Design Guideline Toolkit (available online at <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/service-industries-professionals/housing-accommodation/design-guidelines>)
- the public housing provisions under the Planning Regulation 2017 and
- local planning instruments.

The project details are listed below, and plans are enclosed.

Address	Lot and Plan	Type of Dwelling
16 Bluebird Court, Longreach.	Lot 16 on CP897231	2 x two-bedroom dwelling units, configured in 2 one-storey MMC buildings.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide a response by 25 November 2024. If you would like to discuss any matters further, please do not hesitate to contact Norman Wong, Principal Planning Officer via email at norman.wong@epw.qld.gov.au or on (07) 3008 3347.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Kenny
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11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.2 – Councillor Confidentiality Policy – Biennial Review

11.2 Councillor Confidentiality Policy – Biennial Review

Consideration of the Councillor Confidentiality Policy, which has undergone its biennial review.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012
Planning Act 2016
Planning Regulation 2017
Acquisition of Land Act 1967
Information Privacy Act 2009
Crime and Corruption Act 2001
Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010
Human Rights Act 2019

Policy Considerations

02-06 Councillor Investigation Policy
02-09 Public Interest Disclosure Policy
02-09 Public Interest Disclosure Procedure
02-12 Fraud and Corruption Policy
02-20 Social Media Policy
02-24 Communications and Media Policy
03-07 Councillor Briefing Session Policy
03-08 Councillor Roles in Development Matters Policy
Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2022-06-146)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council adopts the proposed Councillor Confidentiality Policy No. 03-06 as presented and amended.

CARRIED 7/0

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *Simon Kuttner, Manager of Governance and Economy*

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.2 – Councillor Confidentiality Policy – Biennial Review

Background:

All Council policies are scheduled for review on a rolling two-year cycle. Policies require review due to either legislative change, changes to the policy itself, or because of otherwise changed circumstances. Policies may not require any amendments at review.

The Councillor Confidentiality Policy was established to provide guidance to councillors in complying with section 171(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009* regarding the proper handling of confidential information.

Issue:

The Councillor Confidentiality Policy has been reviewed by officers and is presented for adoption.

No significant changes to the policy have been proposed following the review.

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 has been assessed based on proceeding as recommended.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Some policies may not require any amendments at review. A number of policies are overdue for review – officers are working with colleagues to review or roll-over these policies where appropriate.

Appendices

1. 03-06 Councillor Confidentiality Policy – 2024 Review [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Councillor Confidentiality Policy, as presented.

Councillor Confidentiality Policy		 <p>Longreach Regional Council <small>Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yeraka</small></p>
Policy Number:	3.6	
Policy Category:	Councillor Confidentiality Policy	
Authorised by:	Res-2024-XX-XXX	
Date approved:	21 November 2024	
Review Date:	21 November 2026	

OBJECTIVE

This policy provides guidance to councillors in complying with section 171(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009* (LGA) regarding the proper handling of confidential information. The policy aims to assist Council in determining what might be considered confidential information and how this information should be handled.

SCOPE

This policy applies to confidential information held by Council and councillors.

Section 171 (3) of the LGA sets out provisions relating to the release of confidential information by councillors. It states:

“A councillor must not release information that the councillor knows, or should reasonably know, is information that is confidential to the local government.

Note: a contravention of subsection (3) is misconduct that could result in disciplinary action being taken against a councillor. See sections 150L(1)(c)(iii), 150AQ and 150AR.”

LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 2009*
- Local Government Regulation 2012*
- Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017*
- Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
- Information Privacy Act 2009*
- Crime and Corruption Act 2001*
- Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010*
- Human Rights Act 2019*

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LGA – means the *Local Government Act 2009* and its regulations.

Meetings – includes all meetings of the Local Government including Ordinary General Meetings, Special Meetings, meetings of Standing Committees, meetings of Advisory Committees and meetings of any other Committees constituted by Council under the *Local Government Act 2009* or required to be constituted by Council under the *Local Government Act 2009* or any other Act.

Member – means the elected or appointed people to constitute the Council, Committee or Advisory Committee.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Intent

- 1.1. Councillors must use Council information in a way that promotes and maintains the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the local government.
- 1.2. This policy aims to support councillors in balancing the right and duty to inform the public and consult with constituents about Council business with the interest Council has in preventing disclosure of confidential information.
- 1.3. This policy does not override an individual councillor's statutory obligations in respect of the use of information, nor does it override Council's obligations under the LGA or any other legislation or subordinate legislation to disclose or publish information where this is required by law.
- 1.4. Council operates in an environment of public accountability in which it seeks to inform the public of issues under consideration and the nature of decisions made by it. Therefore, information should ordinarily be released to the public unless there are compelling reasons which indicate that this is not in the public interest.
- 1.5. At the same time, Council is conscious of the need to handle Council information in a way that promotes and maintains the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the local government.
- 1.6. It is accepted that councillors will be in receipt of confidential information that may or may not be part of a formal Council meeting. It is Council's responsibility to ensure that such information is treated confidentially, so as not to harm, prejudice or compromise the interests of Council or any individual or organisation, or to enable any individual or organisation to gain a financial advantage.

1.7. Whilst endeavouring in the interests of public accountability to limit the number of matters which are considered in confidential sessions, Council acknowledges that it is appropriate to consider certain matters in closed meetings.

2. What is confidential information?

2.1. The following types of information shall be deemed to be confidential to Council unless or until Council resolves to the contrary in a particular instance:

- 2.1.1. Commercial in confidence information – including where the release of information would affect a third party’s competitive advantage; this is particularly relevant in a competitive tender situation;
- 2.1.2. Information obtained from government departments or ministers that has been classified as confidential;
- 2.1.3. Information of a personal nature or about personal affairs, for example the personal details of citizens, councillors or council staff;
- 2.1.4. Information relating to a property disposal or acquisition process where release of the information may prejudice Council (see also section 171(1) of the LGA);
- 2.1.5. Financial and legal analysis where the disclosure of that information may compromise Council or someone else, or waive legal professional privilege;
- 2.1.6. Information that could result in action being taken against Council for defamation;
- 2.1.7. Information involving the provision of legal advice to Council or about a legal issue or a matter before a court, commission or tribunal;
- 2.1.8. Information that is given to Council, a councillor or a Council employee in circumstances where the giver of the information imposes an obligation of confidence on Council, the councillor or the Council employee;
- 2.1.9. Information subject to a contractual obligation requiring Council to maintain confidentiality over the information;
- 2.1.10. Information subject to an obligation in the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* to maintain confidentiality over the information;
- 2.1.11. Information subject to an obligation in the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* to maintain confidentiality over the information;
- 2.1.12. Information examined or discussed at councillor briefing sessions, unless the Chief Executive Officer declares that such information (or part thereof) is not confidential;
- 2.1.13. Information about:

- 2.1.13.1. The appointment, dismissal or discipline of the chief executive officer;
- 2.1.13.2. Industrial matters affecting employees;
- 2.1.13.3. Council's budget;
- 2.1.13.4. Rating concessions;
- 2.1.13.5. Legal advice obtained by Council or legal proceedings involving Council including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against Council;
- 2.1.13.6. Matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;
- 2.1.13.7. Negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving Council for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of Council;
- 2.1.13.8. Negotiations relating to the taking of land by Council under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*;
- 2.1.13.9. A matter Council is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

2.2. It is acknowledged that some of the above classes of information may need to be disclosed from time to time for legal proceedings, pursuant to a legislative requirement to make the information or document available for inspection and/or purchase (for example Schedule 22 of the *Planning Regulation 2017* contains a list of material that Council must keep available for inspection and/or purchase) or in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

3. Release of Confidential Information

- 3.1. Any release of confidential information for any purpose to any person or organisation (other than those who are entitled to the information, such as other councillors or council staff) is a breach of section 171(3) of the LGA. For avoidance of doubt, release includes:
 - 3.1.1. Orally telling any person about the information or any part of the information;
 - 3.1.2. Providing the original or a copy of documentation or any part of the documentation that is marked confidential; and
 - 3.1.3. Paraphrasing – putting into your own words – any confidential information and providing that in writing or orally.

4. Breach of this Policy

- 4.1. A breach of section 171(3) of the LGA is "misconduct".

4.2. A councillor and Council's Chief Executive Officer must give notice of any allegation of misconduct that they become aware of to the Office of Independent Assessor (see section 150R of the LGA), which will thereafter deal with the matter.

4.3. Any other person may make a complaint about a breach by a councillor of section 171(3) of the LGA by giving notice of the complaint to either: -

4.3.1. The Council's Chief Executive Officer (who must refer it to the Office of the Independent Assessor); or

4.3.2. The Office of the Independent Assessor.

In either case, the Office of the Independent Assessor will thereafter deal with the matter in accordance with Chapter 5A, Part 3 of the LGA.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland

Authorised by resolution as at 21 November 2024 :

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.3 - Councillor Briefing Session Policy - Biennial Review

11.3 Councillor Briefing Session Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of the Councillor Briefing Session Policy, which has undergone its biennial review.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Human Rights Act 2019

Policy Considerations

Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2022-06-145)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the amended Councillor Briefing Session Policy No. 03-07 as presented and amended.

CARRIED 7/0

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *Simon Kuttner, Manager of Governance and Economy*

Background:

All Council policies are scheduled for review on a rolling two-year cycle. Policies require review due to either legislative change, changes to the policy itself, or because of otherwise changed circumstances. Policies may not require any amendments at review.

The Councillor Briefing Session Policy establishes guidelines for the conduct of non-decisional briefing sessions for Councillors and officers to discuss matters and obtain and exchange information.

Issue:

The Councillor Briefing Session Policy has been reviewed by officers and is presented for adoption.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.3 - Councillor Briefing Session Policy - Biennial Review

Minor formatting improvements have been made and grammatical improvements have been made. Some clauses have been consolidated and simplified for clarity. These amendments streamline the policy, focusing more on principles and guidelines rather than procedures and definitions.

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 has been assessed based on proceeding as recommended.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Some policies may not require any amendments at review. A number of policies are overdue for review – officers are working with colleagues to review or roll-over these policies where appropriate.

Appendices

1. 03-07 Councillor Briefing Session Policy - 2024 Review [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Councillor Briefing Session Policy, as presented.

Councillor Briefing Session Policy		 <p>Longreach Regional Council <small>Ilfacombe Isisford Longreach Yeraka</small></p>
Policy Number:	3.7	
Policy Category:	Councillor Briefing Session Policy	
Authorised by:	Res-2024-XX-XXX	
Date approved:		
Review Date:		

OBJECTIVE

This policy establishes guidelines for the conduct of non-decisional briefing sessions for Councillors and officers to discuss matters and obtain and exchange information.

SCOPE

The Councillor Briefing Session Policy applies to all Councillors and employees of Council and is to be applied during all Council Briefing Sessions.

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Human Rights Act 2019

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Briefing Session - is a non-decision making forum convened by the CEO or Mayor that creates an opportunity for Councillors and officers to be informed about, and canvass, matters of proposed policy or other strategic issues, as well as providing a forum for Councillors to be made aware of, and informed about, issues of significance.

Prescribed conflict of interest – has the meaning given in the *Local Government Act 2009*, sections 150EG, 150EH and 150EI.

Declarable conflict of interest – has the meaning given in the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 150EN.

Ordinary business matter - has the meaning given in the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 150EF.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Intent

- 1.1. The intent of this policy is to establish guidelines for the conduct of non-decision making Council Briefing Sessions.
- 1.2. Transparent meeting procedures underpin representative democracy and ensure public confidence in Council's decision-making process. Briefing Sessions are intended to provide a valuable opportunity to enhance the decision-making process by providing an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions and seek clarification of information prior to formal meetings.
- 1.3. This policy provides direction and leadership to Councillors and Council officers on the conduct and value of informal Briefing Sessions.
- 1.4. This policy is consistent with the local government principles identified in section 4 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

2. Principles

- 2.1 The principal functions of Briefings Sessions are to:
 - 2.1.1 Share information (rather than for the purpose of debating issues or otherwise discharging Council's deliberative and decision-making functions);
 - 2.1.2 Provide officers with the opportunity to advise Councillors of their professional opinion on matters, including available options and recommendations;
 - 2.1.3 Provide Councillors with the opportunity to seek clarification on matters;
 - 2.1.4 Provide updates prior to a formal Council meeting;
 - 2.1.5 Provide an opportunity for the CEO and senior council officers to address any Councillor questions and provide additional background; and
 - 2.1.6 Receive presentations from external parties assisting Council.
- 2.2 Briefing Sessions provide the necessary background information to enable Councillors to more effectively discuss and debate complex issues during subsequent formal meetings.
- 2.3 A formal decision, or implied decision, must not be made at a Briefing Session.
- 2.4 Debate or discussion between Councillors which, directly or indirectly, results in consensus building must not to be conducted at a Briefing Session.
- 2.5 Councillors need to be aware of their responsibilities with regard to the *Local Government Act 2009* and its associated regulations and must refrain from consensus building or participating in the formation of decisions at Briefing

Sessions.

- 2.6 Any matter requiring a Council decision that is canvassed in an informal Briefing Session with Councillors must be reported by the responsible officer to a meeting of Council for determination.
- 2.7 The Briefing Sessions are not formal meetings of Council and are not open to the public unless otherwise invited.
- 2.8 Paragraph 2.9 applies if:
 - 2.8.1 a matter is to be, or is being, discussed at a Briefing Session; and
 - 2.8.2 the matter is not an ordinary business matter; and
 - 2.8.3 a Councillor at the Briefing Session:
 - 2.8.3.1 has a prescribed conflict of interest in the matter; or
 - 2.8.3.2 has a declarable conflict of interest in the matter.
- 2.9 The Councillor must: -
 - 2.9.1 inform the Briefing Session about the prescribed conflict of interest or declarable conflict of interest in the matter; and either
 - 2.9.1.1.1 leave the briefing session until the conclusion of the discussion on the matter
 - 2.9.1.1.2 ask remaining Councillors to permit the Councillor to participate in discussion and decision on that matter

3. Schedule

- 3.1 Briefing Sessions shall be held in accordance with the Council meeting calendar.
- 3.2 In the event of there being no business formally listed, the Briefing Session will not convene, and the Office of the CEO shall advise Councillors of the cancellation as soon as practicable.
- 3.3 The Mayor or CEO may call Briefing Sessions as necessary so that Councillors may be informed about emergent matters.

4. Participants

- 4.1 Briefing Sessions are generally attended by all Councillors, the CEO (or a delegate of the CEO), the Executive Leadership Team, any managers or other officers who have an interest in an item on the agenda and any other relevant officers.
- 4.2 While no quorum is required for a Briefing Session, consideration should be given to the usefulness of holding the Briefing Session given the matters to be canvassed at the Session.
- 4.3 External persons may attend Briefing Sessions upon invitation from the Mayor

or CEO.

- 4.4 An external person who will be attending a Briefing Session shall only be present at the Briefing Session during discussion of their particular agenda item.

5. Chairperson

- 5.1 The CEO shall chair the Briefing Sessions. In the event that the CEO is not present, the CEO's delegate (preferably another member of Council's Executive leadership Team) shall chair the Briefing Session.
- 5.2 The Chairperson shall assume responsibility for the good governance and order of the briefing session. The Chairperson is responsible for determining the order of business for the briefing session.

6. Administration

- 6.1 A Councillor wishing to place an item on the agenda for a future Briefing Session must apply in writing to the CEO who will action the item, generally within fifteen (15) business days before the day of the Briefing Session. This timeframe is to enable officers to provide the necessary background information and context to allow Councillors to have all of the relevant information available to them relating to the matter. A Councillor may also, during the course of a Briefing Session, request an item be placed on the agenda of a future Briefing Session.
- 6.2 The agenda for a Briefing Session will be distributed at least seven (7) days prior to the Briefing Session.
- 6.3 Briefing Session summaries must have a clear statement identifying the aims of the briefing. Such as:
- 6.8.1 Option 1 – Operation Action**
This report is for the briefing of Councillors prior to the matter being dealt with operationally.
 - 6.8.2 Option 2 – Council Resolution Required**
This report is for the briefing of Councillors prior to consideration of the matter at a future Council meeting.
 - 6.8.3 Option 3 – Seeking input from Councillors**
 - (a) This report is seeking to canvass options on [_____] issue;
or
 - (b) This report is seeking feedback with regard to [_____] issue;
or
 - (c) This report is seeking to identify any further clarification Council may require with regard to [_____] agenda item.
- 6.4 Minutes of matters canvassed at a Briefing Session will not be recorded as Briefing Sessions are an informal meeting and no decisions are taken. However, the CEO may prepare a record of matters canvassed at each Briefing Session

and may present the record of same to all Councillors subsequent to the Briefing Session.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland

Authorised by resolution as at Day Month Year:

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.4 - Qantas Park Donation

11.4 Qantas Park Donation

Consideration of the donation of the Qantas Airways Limited Pratt and Whitney JT9D Turbofan Engine currently residing in Qantas Park to the Qantas Founders Museum.

Council Action

Recognise
Partner

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
1.2	Council recognises cultural heritage and supports inclusion of all peoples.

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

Budget Considerations

Removal Costs of the Engine.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Brett Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.4 - Qantas Park Donation

Background:

The Qantas Engine fan was donated to the community by QANTAS in 1998 and was placed in Qantas Park. Since then it has been installed in an enclosed shelter in the centre of Qantas Park.



Issue:

The Council is currently planning to expand picnic areas within Qantas Park to enhance the experience for families and tourists. Old signage has been removed and new fencing and picnic tables are planned.

CEO Brett Walsh has discussed the relocation of the engine with Tony Cullen, CEO of the Qantas Founders Museum. Tony expressed enthusiasm about acquiring the engine, as it would be a unique addition to their collection, filling a gap in their current exhibits.

It is the ideal location to be viewed in conjunction with other engines.

Risk Management Factors:

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

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

Community Consultation:

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.4 - Qantas Park Donation

Consultation has occurred with the Qantas Founders Museum CEO Tony Cullen. Tony has agreed that the Museum would be happy to accept the Engine.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council approves the donation of the Qantas Airways Limited Pratt and Whitney JT9D Turbofan Engine currently residing in Qantas Park to the Qantas Founders Museum.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.5 - Water Supply Infrastructure Booster Pump Station - Financial Contribution

11.5 Water Supply Infrastructure Booster Pump Station - Financial Contribution

Consideration of Council's financial contribution to the Water Supply Infrastructure Booster Pump Station Work, as described in an infrastructure agreement with Diamond Gully Holdings Pty Ltd.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

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 ECONOMY	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
2.1	Collaborative engagement with stakeholders to maximise economic opportunities.
2.2	Council infrastructure and services support local industries and growth opportunities.
OUR SERVICES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
3.1	A secure water supply that is resilient against climate factors.
OUR FINANCES	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
4.1	Improved financial performance and strategic financial management.

Budget Considerations

Council contribution will be an asset purchase from the Water Capital Works budget

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2021-05-114)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Bignell

That Longreach Regional Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer Longreach Regional Council the authority to approve the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Tourist Park on land near the Landsborough Highway, formally described as Lot 30 on C22867 and Lot 32 on C22880, subject to:

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.5 - Water Supply Infrastructure Booster Pump Station - Financial Contribution

- (a) Lot 30 on C22867 and Lot 32 on C22880 being provided lawful vehicular access direct from a gazetted road;
- (b) An Infrastructure Agreement being entered into between Council and the Applicant that establishes the Applicant is responsible for the establishment costs and ongoing maintenance costs associated with the newly formed road contained within the road reserve extending from Old Winton Highway west until its intersection with Lot 30 on C22867;
- (c) An Infrastructure Agreement being entered into between Council and the Applicant that establishes the contributions by Council and the Applicant to the establishment, maintenance and operational costs of the booster pump station and all associated necessary infrastructure recommended by the approved Water Supply Assessment prepared by ACS Engineers dated 10 May 2021.
- (d) Subject to the following conditions that may be amended, as required, to reflect the terms of the Infrastructure Agreement referenced in paragraph (c).

9.3 Provide a 100mm diameter reticulated water connection from the existing Council reticulated water main (150mm) located to the east of the site ('the Cramsie line') in accordance with Table SC5.1.2.6 (Water and Sewer Standards) of Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Works and the provisions of a Development Permit for Carrying Out Operational Work.

9.4 Design and construct a booster pump station along the existing Council reticulated water main (150mm diameter) located to the east of the site ('the Cramsie line') at approximately chainage 0m and in accordance with the approved Water Supply Assessment and provisions of a Development Permit for Carrying Out Operational Work. The booster pump must ensure the approved development, once fully established, does not result in a net reduction in water pressure in Council's reticulated potable water network.

9.5 The booster pump station, including electrical elements, must be located above the Defined Flood Level.

Note: *Reason for amendment to Recommendation*

Councillors chose to amend the recommendation to acknowledge the potential benefit of the booster pump to facilitate efficient and effective expansion of the trunk infrastructure.

CARRIED

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s:

Brett Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

Background:

In May 2021 Council approved an application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Tourist Park on land near the Landsborough Highway, formally

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.5 - Water Supply Infrastructure Booster Pump Station - Financial Contribution

described as Lot 30 on C22867 and Lot 32 on C22880. Approval was granted subject to several conditions, one being that an Infrastructure Agreement was entered into "between Council and the Applicant that establishes the contributions by Council and the Applicant to the establishment, maintenance and operational costs of the booster pump station and all associated necessary infrastructure recommended by the approved Water Supply Assessment prepared by ACS Engineers dated 10 May 2021".

The infrastructure agreement, executed in August 2021, states in clause 7.5 (2), that Council will:

"within six months of the Water Supply Infrastructure Booster Pump Station Work going On Maintenance, determine what (if any) financial contribution Council will pay the Developer towards the Water Supply Infrastructure Booster Pump Station Work."

Issue:

It is now six months since the Booster Pump Station became operational, and it is therefore timely for Council to consider its financial contribution towards the work.

The booster pump station now becomes the property of Council and forms part of Council's water infrastructure network. It provides additional water pressure to all properties west of the Thomson River and will be critical in a fire fighting situation.

The infrastructure agreement does not state an amount to be paid as a contribution. However discussion at the meeting indicated an amount of \$35,000, which was 50% of the estimated cost. The final cost is approximately \$80,000.

Risk Management Factors:

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

Risk: Reputation
Likelihood: Possible
Consequence: Minor
Rating: Medium 8/25

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council, makes a financial contribution of \$38,500 (incl GST) to the developer, for the Water Supply Infrastructure Booster Pump Station Work, as per clause 7.5 of the Thomson River Caravan Park Infrastructure Agreement.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.6 - Small Business Friendly Grant Program - Round 1

11.6 Small Business Friendly Grant Program - Round 1

Consideration of funding applications under the Small Business Friendly Grant Program Round 1 – Website Development.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

11-11 Small Business Friendly Grant Policy

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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

Applications under this round total \$3,350.00 in Council contributions. This is less than the budgeted amount for this funding round.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2024-09-233)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council adopts the Small Business Friendly Grant Policy, as presented and amended.

CARRIED 6/0

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *Simon Kuttner, Manager of Governance and Economy*

Background:

Council's new Small Business Friendly Grant Program aims to support local small businesses through targeted grants, in alignment with the recently developed Economic Development Charter.

The grant program consists of two funding rounds per year, and recipients are required to match Council funds with a co-contribution of equal or greater value. Unique guidelines and evaluation criteria are developed for each funding round, allowing the program to respond to a different economic need with each iteration.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.6 - Small Business Friendly Grant Program - Round 1

Round one is targeted at Website Development, with the aim of incentivising more businesses in the region to establish an online presence.

Issue:

Council has received three properly made applications, totalling \$3,350.00 in Council contributions if fully funded. This is less than the budgeted amount for this funding round. Applications have been evaluated by a panel made up of two officers and two Councillors, and their recommendation is presented for adoption. Each panel member scored the applications, and the results were combined to establish a final aggregated percentage score as follows:

Morcom Surveyors	80.5%
Ilfracombe Garden Nursery	79.0%
The Drover's Place	83.5%

The panel unanimously recommended all applications to receive funding. Council's contributions under the panel's recommendation, if approved, would make up 48% of the total project value of \$7,024.21 in this round, with the balance funded by applicants.

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 has been calculated based on proceeding as recommended.

Community Consultation:

The program was subject to consultation via Council's new Quarterly Business Breakfast series, and as part of the Community Consultation Forums in October.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Small Business Friendly Grant Program, pursuant to the Small Business Friendly Grant Policy No. 11.11;

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Funding Allocated</i>
<i>Morcom Surveyors</i>	<i>\$750.00</i>
<i>Ilfracombe Garden Nursery</i>	<i>\$600.00</i>
<i>The Drover's Place</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$3,350.00</i>

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.7 - Longreach Regional Council Annual Report 2023-2024

11.7 Longreach Regional Council Annual Report 2023-2024

Consideration of the Longreach Regional Council's Annual Report 2023-2024.

Council Action

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

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

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2023-11-289)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That Council, pursuant to section 182 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the Longreach Regional Council Annual Report 2022-2023 (including the audited Annual Financial Statements).

CARRIED 6/0

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s:

Brett Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

Simon Kuttner, Manager of Governance and Economy

Background:

Section 182 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to prepare an annual report for each financial year.

The annual report offers a high-level overview of Council's activities during the year as well as the audited financial statements for that year. It reports on Council's progress in relation to the objectives outlined in the Corporate Plan and Annual Operational Plan and provides details on outcomes measured against the annual budget.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.7 - Longreach Regional Council Annual Report 2023-2024

Sections 183 – 190 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* specify the particular matters for inclusion in the annual report.

Issue:

The annual report must be completed and adopted by Council within a month after the Auditor-General provides its Audit Report of the local government's financial statements for the financial year.

The annual report, including the audited financial statements, is presented here 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:	Unlikely
Consequence:	Minor
Rating:	Low (4/25)

Risk has been assessed based on proceeding as recommended.

Community Consultation:

The annual report is one of several statutory instruments through which Council is accountable to the community. It also contains information about some of the other ways Council engages with stakeholders.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. LR Annual Report 2324 [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 182 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the Longreach Regional Council Annual Report 2023-2024 (including the audited Annual Financial Statements).

Longreach Regional Council

ANNUAL REPORT

2023 - 2024



**Longreach
Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

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How to read this report

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council must publish an annual report, which provides an update to our community about Council's finances, performance, and how we have delivered against our plans.

The Annual Report 2023-2024 reports against our Annual Operational Plan 2023-2024, which is derived from strategies laid out in Council's Corporate Plan 2017-2027. It is an important opportunity to share the achievements and challenges of the past financial year.

The Annual Report also contains a range of statutory information as required by legislation.

While care has been taken to ensure all content is complete and accurate, Longreach Regional Council cannot guarantee this report is without error. None of the material in this publication may be reproduced without the permission of the Chief Executive Officer, Longreach Regional Council.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we operate; and pays respect to Elders past and present.

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About Our Region

The iconic Longreach region in Central Western Queensland is situated 700 kilometres from the coast, west of Rockhampton, and covers an area of 40,638 square kilometres. The region encompasses the townships of Ilfracombe, Isisford, Longreach, and Yaraka. The region is home to approximately 3,726 people and boasts Outback Queensland's most progressive and dynamic visitor and service economy, coupled with a high performing ag-sector delivering consistent productivity gains.

The Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford, and Yaraka communities are at the heart and soul of this region. Although uniquely different, each town shares a common bond.

They provide genuine opportunities for people from all walks of life to find their future – from farmers to financiers, mechanics to musicians.

For centuries, the region has stood the test of time and grown in the hearts of many. From a place steeped in Aboriginal history and Australian folklore, to the industrial and agricultural booms of last century, the region continues to evolve. The Longreach region is the economic and social hub of Western Queensland, globally connected, but locally inspired.





Our Vision

Connecting Council and Community

Our Mission

Delivering Excellent Service

Our Values



A Safe and Healthy Work Environment

Longreach Regional Council is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for employees, contractors, sub-contractors, visitors and volunteers.



Inclusiveness and Respect

We will show respect for all and continually engage with and listen to the people of our communities. We value the diversity of our region and we embrace and respect our rich outback and Indigenous heritage.



Consistency and Fairness

As a Council, we are balanced, fair, honest, transparent and accountable for our decisions and our actions.



Teamwork and Staff Development

We encourage initiative and collaboration by staff who are committed to teamwork, and we value continual professional development and learning across the organisation.



Performance and Value for Money

We are focused on results that are consistent with our mission and which realise our vision. We will achieve value for our communities through innovation, informed decision-making and efficient work practices.



Leadership and Collaboration

We will always demonstrate high standards of leadership in collaborating with the communities of our region, to achieve our vision. In serving our communities, we will build and maintain collaborative partnerships and relationships with the region's key government, non-government, industry and community stakeholders.



Sustainability

As an organisation, we uphold a quadruple-bottom-line approach, taking a social, cultural, economic and environmentally-sustainable approach to everything we do.



Forward-looking

We are aspirational with a clear vision for future prosperity while meeting community needs and respecting and building on our outback heritage.

Mayor and CEO's Foreword

We are pleased to present the Longreach Regional Council Annual Report for 2024, capturing a year of significant progress, community engagement, and collaborative governance.

This year, a new Council was sworn in following the local government elections on 16 March 2024. Congratulations to our returning Councillors, and a warm welcome to new Councillors Nikki Gay and Andrew Watts. We also extend our sincere thanks to outgoing Councillors Trevor Smith and David Paterson for their dedicated service to the community.

The new Council, alongside our Executive Leadership Team, has set ambitious goals for the coming four years, reflecting our commitment to sustainable growth, financial prudence, and place-based initiatives.

Achieving financial sustainability remains a priority to ensure Council's long-term viability. With this in mind, we are committed to maintaining a cash balance sufficient to cover six months of operating expenses.

Our approach to asset investment and renewal is equally strategic, as decisions are guided by Council's capacity to sustain assets over their lifespan.

Recognising that approximately 80% of our funding is derived from government grants and subsidies, we are immensely grateful for the ongoing support from the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments.

Council's collaboration with neighbouring Councils continues through regional forums like RAPAD, where we advocate collectively for funding and essential services to benefit the broader region.

Engagement with our communities is central to our approach. This year, we introduced a new "world café" format to our bi-annual community forums, allowing us to gain deeper insights into local issues.

Feedback from these sessions informs our planning and budgeting, ensuring community needs remain at the heart of our decision-making.

Communication with our residents is also a priority. Our monthly "IILY" newsletter, along with regular updates on our Facebook page and website, keeps our community informed and connected with Council activities and projects.

This year saw the completion of several key community projects: with a new multipurpose court in Ilfracombe, a sealed access road to the Yaraka fuel pod, a walking path connection to the Longreach Childcare Centre, and a newly sealed road to Isisford Airstrip among them.

Additionally, we have focused on enhancing parks and gardens across the region, creating green spaces that enrich the lives of residents. Each project reflects our commitment to improving the liveability of our communities.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of employees and contractors who maintain our infrastructure and provide essential services across the region. Council also recognises the value of local community groups, and we are proud to support many groups who bring sporting, cultural, and recreational activities to our residents via our community funding programs.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the achievements of Longreach Regional Council in 2024. Together, we continue to build a resilient, connected, and vibrant region.

**Cr Tony Rayner,
Mayor**

**Brett Walsh,
Chief Executive
Officer**



Community Financial Report

In June 2024, the Commonwealth Government deferred the payment of the annual Financial Assistance Grant to July 2024. The deferment of the payment impacted Council's financial performance and position in a significant way. Grant income was \$14.6 million lower than last financial year, causing a net loss in the 2024 financial year of \$7.7 million. The change in timing of the grant also reduced Council's ending cash balance to \$11.1 million.

The impact of the deferred payment on Council's cash may be permanent, depending on the timing of future Financial Assistance Grant payments. Council remains in a good financial position although its ability to respond to risks and opportunities has diminished with the lower cash balance.

Key Financial Outcomes Summary

- ▶ Rates and utility charge increases were limited to an average 3% for ratepayers, below the published Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 3.8%
- ▶ Increases in costs were contained at 2.2%.
- ▶ Council held \$11.1 million in cash and \$12.0 million in term deposits at the end of the financial year.
- ▶ A total of \$8.3 million was spent to renew assets.
- ▶ Community equity grew by \$15.5 million.

Overview of the 2024 Community Financial Report

The Community Financial Report is a plain English explanation of our financial statements and covers the following five components:

1. Statement of Comprehensive Income: shows information on our financial performance including our revenue, expenses and net profit or loss.

2. Statement of Financial Position: shows the monetary value of our assets, liabilities, and equity.

3. Statement of Changes in Equity: shows the changes in our net wealth.

4. Statement of Cash Flows: shows movements of cash and cash equivalents (highly liquid investments that can be readily converted into cash).

5. Financial Ratios: shows common comparisons between financial statement amounts to allow readers to compare our results with other organisations.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

The Statement of Comprehensive Income shows our net result for the year, calculated using the formula:

Total Revenue less Total Expenses equals Net Result.

Calculation of net result		
(\$ millions)	FY24	FY23
Revenue	\$46.0	\$59.9
minus Expenses	(\$53.7)	(\$51.6)
equals Net Result	(\$7.7)	\$8.3



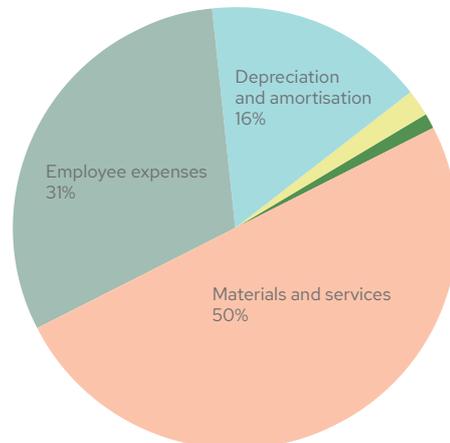
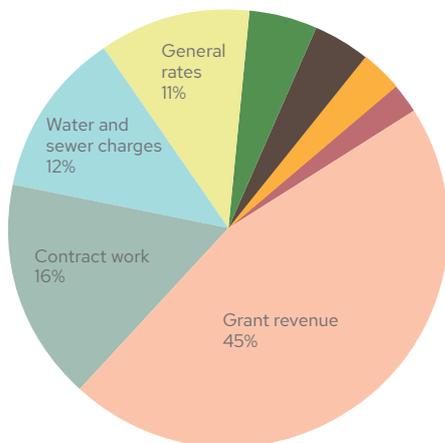
Revenue - Where did the \$46.0 million come from?

Revenue	FY24		FY23	
	millions	% revenue	millions	% revenue
General rates	\$5.1	11%	\$4.9	8%
Separate rates	\$0.6	1%	\$0.6	1%
Water and sewer utility charges	\$5.3	12%	\$5.2	9%
Waste management charges	\$1.1	2%	\$1.1	2%
Fees and charges	\$2.4	5%	\$2.2	4%
Interest	\$1.6	3%	\$0.8	1%
Grant revenue	\$20.8	45%	\$35.5	59%
Contract work	\$7.4	16%	\$7.9	13%
Other income	\$1.7	4%	\$1.8	3%
Total	\$46.0		\$60.0	

Expenses - Where was the \$53.7 million spent?

Expenses	FY24		FY23	
	millions	% revenue	millions	% revenue
Material and services	\$26.6	50%	\$26.4	51%
Employee expenses	\$16.6	31%	\$15.4	30%
Finance costs	\$0.8	1%	\$0.9	2%
Depreciation and amortisation	\$8.5	16%	\$8.7	17%
Other expenses	\$1.2	2%	\$0.2	0%
Total	\$53.7		\$51.6	

The reduction in grant revenue is due to the deferment of the Financial Assistance Grant payment that normally occurs in June each year.



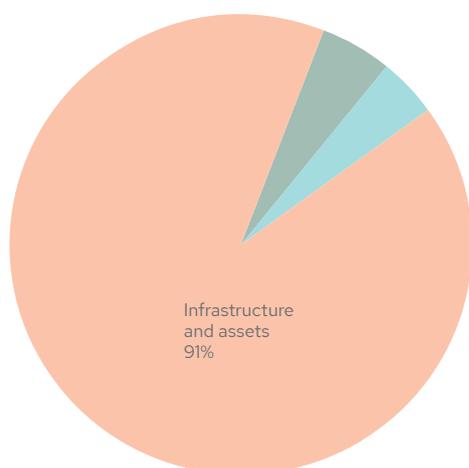
Statement of Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Position shows what we own (our assets), what we owe (our liabilities) and our net worth.

Calculation of net community equity		
(\$ millions)	FY24	FY23
Assets	\$429.5	\$418.5
minus Liabilities	(\$22.0)	(\$26.5)
equals Net Community Equity	\$407.5	\$392.0

Assets – what we own

Assets	FY24		FY23	
	millions	% revenue	millions	% revenue
Cash and term deposits	\$23.1	5%	\$35.1	8%
Receiveables	\$16.4	4%	\$17.4	4%
Other	\$1.0	0%	\$1.0	0%
Infrastructure and assets	\$389.0	91%	\$365.0	87%
Total	\$429.5		\$418.5	



Liabilities – what we owe

Liabilities	FY24		FY23	
	millions	% revenue	millions	% revenue
Payables	\$8.2	37%	\$11.4	43%
Loans	\$13.8	36%	15.1	57%
Total	\$22.0		\$26.5	

Statement in Changes in Equity

The Statement in Changes in Equity explains the changes in our retained earnings and asset valuations during the year and provides a more detailed presentation of community equity.

Community equity	FY24		FY23	
	millions	% revenue	millions	% revenue
Retained surplus	\$211.6	52%	\$219.3	56%
Asset revaluation surplus	\$195.9	48%	\$172.7	44%
Total	\$407.5		\$392.0	

Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows shows our cash inflows and outflows. This statement shows our capacity to pay our bills, invest in infrastructure and repay our loans. In 2024, we recognized a negative operating cash flow, because the normal receipt of the Financial Assistance Grant was deferred until July.

Cash flows	FY24	FY23
	millions	millions
Net cash flow from operating	(\$7.3)	\$7.7
Net cash flow from assets and investments	(\$5.4)	(\$13.8)
Net cash flow to repay loans	(\$1.3)	(\$2.9)
Total	(\$14.0)	(\$9.0)
Closing cash balance	\$11.1	\$25.1

Financial Sustainability Ratios

The Department of Local Government has created a set of financial metrics to compare the financial sustainability of local governments. The deferment of the Financial Assistance Grant has had a negative impact on the 2024 metrics, however the 5-year average metrics are sound. The Asset Sustainability Ratio result illustrates the difficulty in Council being able to sustain its current level of infrastructure without significant external funding.



Financial sustainability metrics

Metric	Description	Target	2024	5-year average
Operating cash ratio	Council's ability to generate sufficient cash to cover core operational expenses	> 0%	-9.0%	11.8%
Unrestricted cash expense cover	The amount of cash Council holds to meet financial demands	> 4 months	6.3	N/A
Asset sustainability ratio	The extent to which infrastructure is being replaced as it reaches the end of its life.	> 90%	69.8%	70.8%
Asset consumption ratio	The estimated life remaining in Council's infrastructure.	> 60%	69.8%	70.9%
Leverage ratio	Council's ability to repay its existing debt.	0-3 times	-3.8	1.1
*Council-controlled revenue	The proportion of Council's revenue comprising rates, charges and other fees.	N/A	36.2%	30.7%
*Population growth	An estimate of growth in the local population.	N/A	0.8%	0.3%
*Operating surplus growth	Council's ability to generate sufficient rates and charges to sustain its operations.	N/A	-32.2%	-8.3%



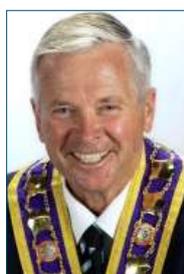
Mayor and Councillors

Remuneration, including superannuation contributions, paid to Councillors.

Councillor remuneration and Ordinary Meeting attendance – 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Councillor	Meeting Attendance*	Meetings Fees and Allowances	Travel Allowance	Superannuation Paid	Total Remuneration
Cr Tony Rayner	10	\$114,800.92		\$12,628.20	\$127,429.12
Cr Leonie Nunn	12	\$66,231.11	\$6,052.00	\$7,285.46	\$79,568.57
Cr Tony Emslie	12	\$57,400.08		\$6,314.08	\$63,714.16
Cr Tracy Hatch	11	\$55,805.64		\$6,138.69	\$61,944.33
Cr Dale Bignell	12	\$57,400.08		\$6,314.08	\$63,714.16
Cr Andrew Watts (Commenced 28.03.2024)	3	\$13,614.12		\$1,497.57	\$15,111.69
Cr Nikki Gay (Commenced 28.03.2024)	3	\$13,614.12		\$1,497.57	\$15,111.69
Cr Trevor Smith (Concluded 27.03.2024)	8	\$42,191.52		\$4,641.12	\$46,832.64
Cr David Paterson (Concluded 27.03.2024)	9	\$43,785.96	\$1,834.30	\$4,816.51	\$50,436.77

*Total Ordinary Meetings held = 12



Mayor Tony Rayner



Cr Leonie Nunn



Cr Tony Emslie



Cr Tracy Hatch



Cr Dale Bignell



Cr Andrew Watts
(Commenced 28/3/2024)



Cr Nikki Gay
(Commenced 28/3/2024)



Cr Trevor Smith
(Finished 27/3/2024)



Cr David Paterson
(Finished 27/3/2024)



Expense Reimbursement Policy

Council provides a range of facilities to Councillors in accordance with its Expenses Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy No. 2.21. This policy is available from Council's website and outlines the entitlements of Councillors in their role such as training, travel costs, meals and use of Council facilities. During the reporting period, Council incurred costs of \$68,590.75 for such expenses.

Pursuant to section 185 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, it is reported that in July 2023, Council reviewed its Expenses Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy No. 2.21. Council passed a resolution at the July 2023 Ordinary Meeting (Res-2023-07-180) pursuant to section 250(1) of the Regulation; however, no additional entitlements or provisions were added to the policy. Council has not made any subsequent changes to this policy during 2023-2024.

Similarly, no additional resolutions were made during the reporting period under s206(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

All reasonable expenses incurred in attending approved meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, inspections and the like will be paid (or reimbursed) by Council. Council takes out workers' compensation cover for elected members with Local Government Workcare each year.

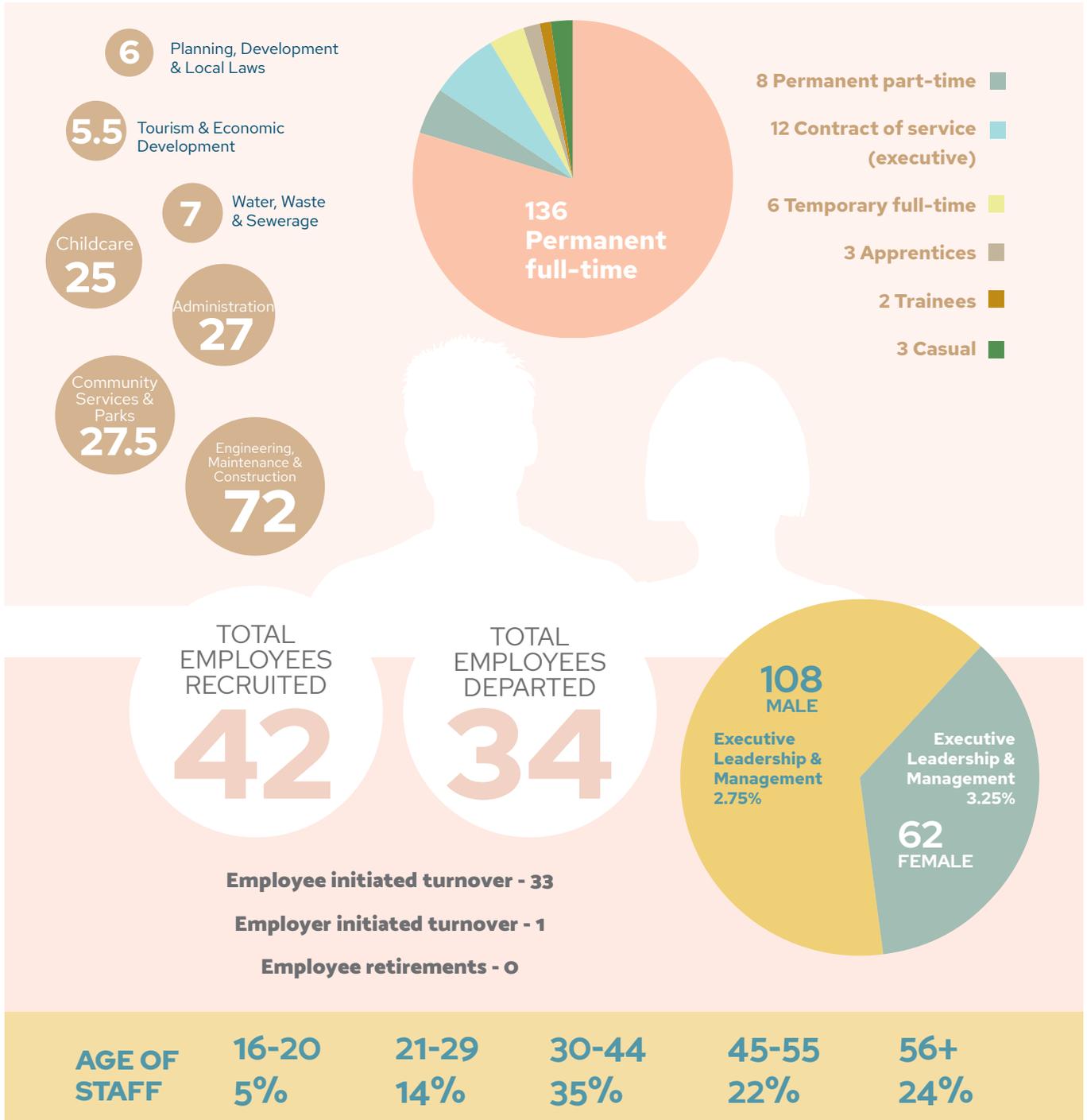
Conduct and Performance of Councillors

The *Local Government Act 2009* provides a framework for assessing complaints about the conduct or performance of Councillors. It is a requirement under the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that the Annual Report contains details of complaints received about Councillors conduct or performance. Orders and complaints about Councillors during the financial year are shown in the table.

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-2024	NUMBER
1. The Total Number of the Following	
(i) orders made under section 150I(2) of the Act	Nil
(ii) orders made under section 150AH(1) of the Act	Nil
(iii) decisions, orders and recommendations made under section 150AR(1) of the Act	Nil
2. Each of the Following during the Financial Year	
(i) the name of each Councillor for whom a decision, order or recommendation mentioned in section 1	Nil
(ii) a description of the unsuitable meeting conduct, inappropriate conduct or misconduct engaged in by each of the Councillors	Nil
(iii) a summary of the decision, order or recommendation made for each Councillor	Nil
3. The Number of Each of the Following during the Financial Year	
(i) complaints referred to the assessor under section 150P(2)(a) of the Act by local government entities for the local government	Nil
(ii) matters, mentioned in section 150P(3) of the Act, notified to the Crime and Corruption Commission	Nil
(iii) notices given under section 150R(2) of the Act	Nil
(iv) notices given under section 150S(2)(a) of the Act	Nil
(v) decisions made under section 150W(1)(a), (b) and (e) of the Act	Nil
(vi) referral notices accompanied by a recommendation mentioned in section 150AC(3)(a) of the Act	Nil
(vii) occasions information was given under section 150AF(4)(a) of the Act	Nil
(viii) occasions the local government asked another entity to investigate, under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the Act for the local government, the suspected inappropriate conduct of a Councillor	Nil
(ix) applications heard by the conduct tribunal about the alleged misconduct or inappropriate conduct of a Councillor	Nil

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Employees at a glance



Executive Leadership Team (ELT)

Chief Executive Officer



Brett Walsh

Brett Walsh is an experienced public administrator with a background in managerial finance and strategic leadership. Brett joined Longreach Regional Council in October 2022, bringing with him over 14 years executive management experience in local government. Prior to this, Brett was an experienced external auditor to local governments throughout regional Queensland.

His financial abilities are complemented by a wealth of experience in strategic governance, having delivered countless projects in community development, organisational reform, asset management, planning and policy development, and regional coordination. Brett is passionate about achieving economic and social development in rural communities to support small businesses, create employment, and improve liveability for all residents.

Brett was recognised in 2008 for his contribution to rural communities, receiving a Department of Local Government's Community Hero Award. Brett was further recognised in 2018, winning the inaugural Butch Lenton Memorial Bush Heritage Innovation Award, presented by the Local Government Association of Queensland.

Brett holds a Bachelor of Commerce, and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

Director of Works



André Pretorius

André has over 20 years' experience in the design, operations and management of roads, waste, water, waste water and associated infrastructure.

He is actively involved in the future planning and augmentation of schemes, various feasibility studies and business cases, identifying training needs, conflict management and resolution, budgeting, etc. He is also involved in the review of designs and reports done by others. During his career, he has worked in several countries with multidisciplinary teams on a wide variety of projects.

André's project management and coordination skills involves an independent approach, originality and judgment, which together with his broad knowledge in civil engineering adds value to the services that can be provided. With experience in both private and local government sectors, he can bring two worlds together.

André is currently halfway through in completing his Master's Degree in Engineering and has previously completed training in the Australian Business Excellence Framework. Part of this framework identifies process improvements, data capturing, setting realistic targets and how to avoid rework.

André is a member of Engineers Australia.

Director of Communities (Acting)



Tanya Johnson

Tanya joined the Longreach Regional Council in 2022 as Executive Officer for Tourism and Museum, prior to this working for a local Tourism operator as Operations Manager and later Business Development Hospitality and Events Manager.

Tanya spent 9 years at the Barcoo Shire Council across a number of roles including Creditors, Customer Service, Administration, Facilities and Building Maintenance, Fleet administration and Fleet and Workshop Manager. Most of her career has been in the heavy transport industry as Manager of Livestock and Freight Transport operations.

Tanya has spent many years in small and remote communities and is very aware of the challenges that these communities face. She grew up on a sheep station east of Quilpie and moved to Longreach in 1990 which has been home ever since.

Chief Financial Officer



David Wilson

David joined Council as Chief Financial Officer in January 2022. With over two decades of experience in manufacturing, property development and finance companies, including as Chief Financial Officer of an ASX listed company,

David brings specialist expertise in building value-adding finance teams and strategic financial management. David has a Bachelor of Accounting and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness



Grace Cronin-Jones

Grace joined the former Longreach Shire Council as a trainee in 2008 and has been with Council ever since. A proud Longreach local, Grace has spent sixteen years working for Council in a variety of increasingly senior roles across the

organisation. Her broad range of experience with Council has included roles in Tourism, Accounts Payable, Finance, Customer Service, Administration, and Rates.

Grace holds Diplomas in Leadership & Management and Local Government Administration, as well as a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Organisational Structure

Within our organisational structure, a community-focus emerges. The community is given highest importance, with the Mayor and Councillors responsible for representing them and addressing their needs. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) oversees all operations and ensures effective governance practices. Within the Office of the CEO are several important strategic functions such as people and culture, safety, economic development, governance, planning and development, and regulatory services.

Further down the structure, we find three specialised directorates. The Works directorate manages and maintains infrastructure and civil works including roads, waste management, water and sewerage. The Communities directorate engages with the community, and manages community facilities like libraries, showgrounds, town halls, pools, parks and gardens. Lastly, the Finance directorate handles financial resources, including budgeting, fiscal planning, plus business systems including payroll, information technology, and procurement.

Reporting lines and accountability flows through the organisation up to the Directors that make up the Executive Leadership Team, through the Chief Executive Officer, up to the Mayor and Councillors then on to the community at large. Council is also guided by various committees including advisory committees, working groups, and the Audit & Risk Committee. State and federal governments provide further authority and guidance through legislation, service delivery, and funding.

This structure, and the distribution of functions within it, has been carefully designed to ensure that transparency and accountability is embedded in our culture, fostering a strong connection between Council and the community it serves.



GOVERNANCE

- ▶ Governance, Compliance and Policies
- ▶ Legal Services, including Right to Information
- ▶ Administrative Action Complaints Custodians
- ▶ Regulatory Services - Local Laws, Rural Lands, Environmental Health
- ▶ Planning and Development Management
- ▶ Corporate Registers - Conflict of Interest, Registered Parties, Authorised Persons
- ▶ Corporate Planning and Report - Corporate and Operational Plan and Annual Report
- ▶ Human Resources
- ▶ Workplace Health and Safety
- ▶ Economic Development
- ▶ Disaster Management

WORKS

- ▶ Rehabilitation and Return to Work
- ▶ Quality Assurance
- ▶ Technical Services
- ▶ Water and Sewerage Management, including Water Treatment Plants
- ▶ Waste and Landfill Management, including Garbage Collection
- ▶ Civil Construction and Maintenance - sealed and unsealed roads, drainage and bridges
- ▶ Fleet Management, including Workshops
- ▶ Footpath Construction and Maintenance
- ▶ Town Street Maintenance

COMMUNITIES

- ▶ Childcare Services
- ▶ Customer Service
- ▶ Project Management - Capital Projects
- ▶ Engagement and Communications
- ▶ Horticulture and Town Services - open and recreational spaces
- ▶ Community Facilities Management, including town halls, showgrounds, aquatic centres, parks and skate parks
- ▶ Cemeteries and funeral services
- ▶ Community and Civic Event Management
- ▶ Library Services
- ▶ Tourism, including Museums and Visitor Information Centre

FINANCE

- ▶ Budgeting - prepare, manage and monitor
- ▶ Management Accounting
- ▶ Asset Management - strategic and operational
- ▶ Insurance Management
- ▶ Audit and Risk Management
- ▶ Accounts Payable
- ▶ Payroll
- ▶ Rates and Debtors
- ▶ Grants Management
- ▶ Treasury Services
- ▶ BAS, Fuel Tax Credit
- ▶ Procurement and Stores
- ▶ Information Technology
- ▶ Records Management, including Right to Information

Council’s Community Engagement

A core value of Council is inclusiveness and respect; to embed this value across Council we strive to communicate regularly with residents and ratepayers to keep them informed and offer opportunities for community members to have their needs and concerns addressed.

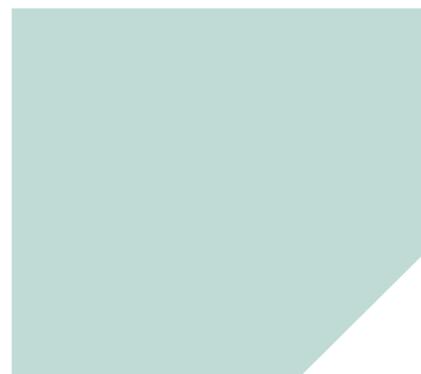
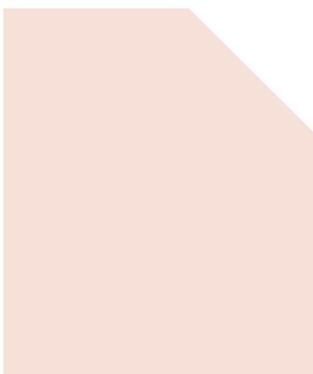
There are many stakeholders Council engages with regularly to serve the community. Listed below is a high-level overview of our major stakeholder groups and how we engage with them throughout the year.

Who we engage with and how

Major Stakeholder Group	Engagement Method
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forums • Meetings • Joint projects
Community Groups & Special Interest Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forums • Joint Projects • Meetings • Website • Community reference groups
Customers, Ratepayers and Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer service • Community forums • Pop-up community engagement booths at events • Direct mail • Council general meetings • Publications and newsletters • Social media • Display and public notice advertising • Rates notice inserts • Website Surveys (online and hard copy) • Media • Annual report • Annual budget • Financial reporting
Emergency Services and Support Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Disaster Management Group membership • Joint training • Meetings • Email updates • Website • Social media
Government Agencies – Federal and State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee memberships • Formal meetings • Stakeholder briefings • Correspondence • Events
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media releases • Briefings • Interviews
Tourist, Visitors and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with community event organisers • Visit Longreach Region website • Social media • Media familiarisations



Assessment of Operational Plan



Assessment of Operational Plan

Governance Services

● Completed ● Commenced/in-progress ● Deferred ● Discontinued

Corporate Plan Strategy	Operational Plan Initiative	Performance Milestone	Status
1.1.1 Implementation of Housing strategy	Progress actions from the Housing Strategy	Year-one actions completed	●
1.3.2 Development and adoption of a Biosecurity Plan	Review and drafting of revised Stockroute Management Plan	Stockroute Management Plan v.02 draft is considered by Council	●
2.2.2 Development, adoption and implementation of an Economic Development Strategy	Development of a draft Economic Development Strategy	Draft Economic Development Strategy considered by Council	●
5.1.1 Development, adoption and implementation of Safety and Wellbeing Strategy	Stakeholder engagement and consultation on draft Safety and Wellness Strategy	Adoption of the Safety and Wellness Strategy	●
5.1.2 Investment in employee training and development	Stakeholder engagement and consultation for training needs analysis	Adopted training needs analysis	●
5.2.1 The risk management framework is integrated into all council decisions and activities	Documentation of Council's critical safety risks	Developed and adopted audit of hazards program	●
5.4.1 Explore opportunities to partner with other entities to respond to climate risk	Participate in the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils program	Attendance and participate in scheduled workshop	●
	Engage with tertiary sector on climate resilient strategies	Stakeholder meeting	●
5.4.2 Community awareness and preparedness for disaster events	In partnership with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority develop a Local Resilience Action Plan	Adoption of a Local Resilience Action Plan	●

Governance Services manages Council policy, public affairs, human resources, economic development, planning, regulatory services, and disaster management. It ensures good governance promotes political, economic, and organisational development.

The Safety and Wellness Strategy roadmap was prepared for FY24/25, and an audit of hazards program was adopted. Despite discontinuing the LGAQ Climate Resilient Councils program, engagement continued with the tertiary sector on climate resilience strategies, associated with the Local Resilience Action Plan set for adoption in 2024-25. Progress was also made in safety and wellness initiatives and training needs analysis.



Assessment of Operational Plan

Finance

● Completed ● Commenced/in-progress ● Deferred ● Discontinued

Corporate Plan Strategy	Operational Plan Initiative	Performance Milestone	Status
3.2.1 Development, adoption and implementation of Strategic Asset Management Plan	Strategic Asset Management Plan is adopted and action plan commenced	Plan is adopted and year-one actions are completed	●
4.1.1 Achieve efficiency through technology and smarter work processes	Implementation of the ICT Strategic Plan	Year-one actions are completed	●
	Timely, insightful and accurate management reporting	Monthly management reports are published within three business days of month end	●
4.1.2 Agreed asset and service levels are used to achieve sustainable outcomes	Asset Management Plans are updated and integrated into the operational and capital budget programs	The Strategic Asset Management Plan is adopted and year one targets are met	●
	Service level plans are updated and maintained	Service level plans are updated for all key services and costs broken down by activity	●
4.1.3 Integrated planning across functions with a future focus	Projects are reviewed and progressed through the Project Decision Group	Pipeline of current and future year shovel ready projects established and reviewed by Project Decision Group	●
	Procurement requirements are viewed on a consolidated basis	Forward looking procurement schedule developed based on OPEX and CAPEX programs	●
	Council remains responsive to opportunities and threats	Forecasts are updated and reviewed monthly	●
4.1.4 External funding opportunities are maximised	Stakeholder engagement and consultation for training needs analysis	Adopted training needs analysis	●

The newly formed Financial Services Directorate began work on initiatives to improve the information presented to Council to make sound decisions. Management reporting, forecasting, procurement planning and grant management functions performed better during the year.

The development of up-to-date service level and asset management plans will continue into the 2024/25 financial year, so that Council has better information to make decisions to support longer term financial sustainability. A major achievement for the year was the upgrade of Council's IT systems and cyber-security capabilities, managed superbly by Council's Innovation and Business Improvement Team.

Assessment of Operational Plan

Communities

● Completed ● Commenced/in-progress ● Deferred ● Discontinued

Corporate Plan Strategy	Operational Plan Initiative	Performance Milestone	Status
1.1.2 Development, adoption and implementation of Facilities Master Plans	Adoption of Facilities Master Plans	Two Facilities Master Plans adopted	●
1.2.1 Recognise all cultures and heritages through a range of initiatives and advocacy	Stakeholder and community engagement activities	Number of initiatives and successful advocacy outcomes	●
1.2.2 Provide opportunities for all peoples to contribute to the community	Stakeholder and community engagement activities with a focus on the youth and disability sector	Establishment of a youth council	●
1.2.3 Review and improvement of draft Reconciliation Action Plan	Commence stakeholder and community engagement	Approved project management plan	●
2.2.3 Development, adoption of and implementation of a Destination Strategy	Development of a draft Destination Strategy	Draft Destination Strategy considered by Council	●
5.2.2 Implement a Community Engagement Strategy	Commence review of existing engagement process to ensure consistency in approach	Adoption of Community Engagement Policy	●
5.3.1 Development, adoption and implementation of a Customer Experience Strategy	Commence a review of Council's customer service charter and service level agreements	Completion of customer service charter and service level agreements review	●

The Communities directorate delivered key services, including community development, libraries, arts, parks, and public spaces. Notable activities included reviewing the Community Engagement and Customer Service Charters, and participating in NAIDOC Week events. The Youth Council held two meetings. The Destination Strategy was deferred to 2024-25, and community engagement will be integrated into community plans next financial year. The review of Facilities Plans was completed but pending adoption. Collaborative projects with local agencies like the Iningai working group were also undertaken, enhancing the overall quality of life in the region.



Assessment of Operational Plan

Works

● Completed ● Commenced/in-progress ● Deferred ● Discontinued

Corporate Plan Strategy	Operational Plan Initiative	Performance Milestone	Status
3.1.1 Develop initiatives to increase water access and storage capacity for the region	Commence construction of the Thomson River Weir Raising Project	Development approval Funding approved Construction commenced	●
	Repair Ilfracombe elevated water storage	Solution to repairing Ilfracombe water storage developed and implemented	●
3.2.2 Development, adoption and implementation of an Active Transport Network Strategy	Develop and adopt an Active Transport Network Strategy	Draft Active Transport Network Strategy considered by Council	●
3.3.1 Advocate for road funding to upgrade state owned roads	Develop advocacy plan for the Department of Transport and Main Roads	Increased funding for roads	●
5.4.1 Explore opportunities to partner with other entities to respond to climate risk	Commence review of Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan	Review of Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan completed	●
5.4.2 Community awareness and preparedness for disaster events	Adopt flood study and community action plan	Adoption of flood study and community action plan	●

The Works Directorate assisted in various submissions (MID, RIDA and WISER) associated with the Thomson River Weir Raising Project. While negotiations are still ongoing with the State and Federal Governments, it is expected that project funding and approvals would be received towards the later part 2024. Council will commence with the Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan as part of the weir raising project due to the improved water security this project will bring.

The Works Directorate will continue to advocate for road funding to upgrade and improve levels of services on state roads during 24/25. Major milestones that have been achieved are the completion of the Isisford weir, flood damage expenditure on roads (100% completion), completion of TMR nominated projects (Jundah and Cramsie-Muttaborra Roads), reseal projects, watermain renewals, a Community Flood Action Plan, and the Draft Active Transport Network Strategy.

Governance

Right to Information and Privacy

The *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Information Privacy Act 2009* provide the community with access to information, balanced by appropriate protection for individual privacy. The public can apply for access to documents held by Council, unless it is contrary to the public interest to provide that information.

The legislation also allows individuals to apply for amendments to be made to documents concerning their personal affairs, where it is believed the information is incomplete, out of date, inaccurate or misleading.

People wishing to access documents under this Act must make application in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, including an application fee. During the twelve months to 30 June 2024, Council has received no Right to Information applications. Council did however process one hundred and forty-five (145) pages of Right to Information material during the reporting period, associated with an application received in the previous financial year.

The Office of the Information Commissioner Queensland (OIC) received no requests for external review of decisions by Council.

There were no Right to Information applications in progress on 30 June 2024.

Applications received under the <i>Right to Information Act 2009</i>	0
Applications received under the <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i>	0
Applications received under the <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> to amend personal information	0
Total Right to Information and Information Privacy applications received	0
Total Right to Information and Information Privacy pages processed	145
Applications received for internal review	0
Applications for external review with the Office of the Information Commissioner	0

Fraud and Corruption Prevention

Council's Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy forms part of our overall approach to transparent corporate governance. Council has a commitment to preventing, detecting and responding to any matter relating to fraud and corruption, while establishing a consistent approach across all areas of Council.

Administrative Action Complaints

The Longreach Regional Council Complaints Policy and Procedures is displayed on the council website. In accordance with section 187 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council is committed to delivering excellence in customer service and encourages open and honest communication to encourage continuous improvement. The process is aimed at improving the community's confidence in Council's complaints management system and enforcing Council's reputation of being accountable, open and transparent.

The introduction of the *Human Rights Act 2019* forms part of the decision-making and the complaints management process and ensures that proper consideration to human rights is given before making a decision. Council is committed to continually improving their Complaints Management Process to ensure that complaints are dealt with in a fair and equitable manner. Council provides complaint management training to all staff who undertakes a customer service role within the Council.

During 2023-2024, the following administrative action complaint statistics were reported:

Description	No.
Administrative action complaints made to the local government	3
Administrative action complaints resolved by the local government under the complaints management process	3
Administrative action complaints not resolved by the local government under the complaints management process	0
Administrative action complaints not resolved by the local government under the complaints management process that were made in a previous financial year	0



Audit and Risk Committee

Council's Audit and Risk Committee consisted of three persons, being Mr Bill Ringrose, Partner, Ringrose Button Chartered Accountant, Longreach (Chairperson) as an external independent member, the Deputy Mayor Cr Leonie Nunn, and Cr Dale Bignell.

Ms Carolyn Eagle, head of Pacifica Chartered Accountants Assurance and Advisory division, was appointed to the committee as an external independent member, commencing in April 2024. She replaced Mr Bill Ringrose, whose term had concluded, as Chairperson at this time.

The Committee met four times during the 2023-2024 reporting period to review financial and risk management policies, financial reports and reports from auditors. The Committee reports its findings to the full Council.

Internal Audit

Walsh Accounting conducted several site visits to test Council's internal controls for effectiveness.

A Conflict-of-Interest Management Plan was implemented to manage any real or perceived conflict arising from the appointment of Tony Walsh, brother of CEO Brett Walsh, as internal auditor. Tony Walsh was appointed internal auditor some time prior to the appointment of Brett Walsh as Chief Executive Officer, and all dealings with the internal auditor are undertaken by the Chief Financial Officer.



Disclosures

Beneficial Enterprises

Under section 41 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Longreach Regional Council has no beneficial enterprises to report for the 2023-2024 financial year.

Competitive Neutrality Complaints

In accordance with section 45 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Longreach Regional Council has undertaken no significant business activities in the 2023-2024 financial year where the competitive neutrality principles needed to be applied.

Note: No investigation notices were issued during 2023-2024 by the Queensland Competition Authority for competitive neutrality complaints under Section 49 or responses necessary by Council under Section 52 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Executive Leadership Team Remuneration

In accordance with section 201 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, it is reported that:

One (1) senior management employee has a total remuneration package in the range to \$100,000 to \$200,000, four (4) senior management employees each have a total remuneration package in the range \$200,000 to \$300,000, and one (1) senior management employee has a total remuneration package in the range \$300,000 to \$400,000. The total of all remuneration packages that were payable to the senior management of the local government (in the year to which the annual report relates) was \$1,265,245.83.

Overseas Travel

In accordance with section 188 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council reports there was no overseas travel in the 2023-2024 financial year by a Councillor or Council employee on Council business.

The Mayor, Cr Tony Rayner, travelled to the United States of America in his capacity as Chair of RAPAD. RAPAD are the Regional Organisation of Councils for Central West Queensland, and Cr Rayner serves on the board in his capacity as Mayor. The purpose of the overseas travel was to conduct RAPAD business, investigating renewable energy generation and transmission, and RAPAD bore the cost of all of Cr Rayner's travel expenses. Council did not incur any costs associated with this travel.



Grants

A total of \$19,590,334 Commonwealth and State Government grants and subsidies were approved for Council in the 2023-2024 financial year.

Outlined below is a summary of these grants with the estimated awarded amounts.

RECOGNITION OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING		
Australian Government Funding		
Funding Source	Program/Purpose	Contribution
Department of Education	Community Childcare Fund (Round 3)	\$240,000
Department of Industry, Innovation & Science	Building Better Regions Fund (Round 4)	\$59,927
Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development	Financial Assistance Grants	\$448,124
	Local Roads & Community Infrastructure	\$2,799,696
	Roads to Recovery	\$1,261,688
Queensland Government Funding		
Funding source	Program/Purpose	Contribution
Arts Queensland	Regional Arts Development Fund	\$56,031
Department of Education & Training	Early Childhood Education & Care	\$6,802
	Kindy Uplift	\$5,000
	Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme	\$100,433
Department of Environment & Science	Queensland Connects	\$50,000
Department of Housing, Local Government & Planning	Access Starter Grant	\$5,000
Department of State Development, Local Government & Planning	Works for Queensland (COVID)	\$46,500
	Building our Regions (Round 5)	\$305,930
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Great Australian Bites	\$16,000
	Queensland Day Sponsorship Program	\$6,750
Department of Transport & Main Roads	Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme	\$588,000
	Walking Local Government Grant	\$25,000
Queensland Fire & Emergency Services	SES Support Grant	\$97,959
Queensland Reconstruction Authority	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements	\$13,348,858
	Get Ready Queensland	\$8,730
	Queensland Resilience & Risk Reduction Fund	\$100,524
State Library of Queensland	Service Development Subsidy	\$8,775
	First 5 Forever	\$4,607
Total		\$19,590,334

Grants to community groups

In accordance with Section 189(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a comprehensive list of Grants provided by Council to community organisations during 2023-2024 is outlined below:

Community Donations 2023 – 2024		
Our Lady's School Parents and Friends Association	July 2023	\$5,000.00
Longreach Flyers Ball	August 2023	\$5,000.00
Longreach Jockey Club	August 2023	\$5,000.00
LRE Phoenix Gym	August 2023	\$2,723.88
Ilfracombe Golf Club	August 2023	\$1,500.00
Longreach Arts and Cultural Association	August 2023	\$4,520.00
Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group	August 2023	\$5,000.00
Yaraka Sports and Progress Association Inc	August 2023	\$2,240.00
Longreach Golf Club	August 2023	\$2,500.00
Longreach Churches Together	September 2023	\$2,210.50
Longreach Bowls Club Inc	September 2023	\$5,000.00
Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association	October 2023	\$3,445.52
Longreach Amateur Swimming Club Incorporated	December 2023	\$2,500.00
Longreach Junior Rugby League	January 2024	\$5,000.00
Longreach Ilfracombe Tigers	January 2024	\$5,000.00
GroWQ Association Inc	March 2024	\$5,000.00
Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association	March 2024	\$2,500.00
Isisford Sheep and Wool Show	March 2024	\$2,500.00
Yaraka Gymkhana Association	March 2024	\$4,821.00
Yaraka Sports and Progress Association	March 2024	\$2,800.00
Longreach Athletics Group	April 2024	\$4,953.70
Isisford Golf Club	May 2024	\$3,000.00
Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association	May 2024	\$5,000.00
Total		\$87,214.60



Sponsorship Program 2023 – 2024		
Queensland Outback Geocaching Muster	August 2023	\$3,613.00
Longreach Scout Group	September 2023	\$10,000.00
AgForce Queensland	October 2023	\$1,765.20
Thomson River Festival	December 2023	\$17,413.60
Longreach Show Society	January 2024	\$7,578.00
Somerset Storyfest Ltd	February 2024	\$7,419.00
Opera Queensland	February 2024	\$4,187.70
Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Association National Campdraft	May 2024	\$5,000.00
Total		\$56,976.50

In accordance with Section 189(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council reports it does not provide for any discretionary expenditure, this also applies to Councillor and Executive discretionary funds, which are not supported.

Services provided by another government

Under section 190(1)(d) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council must include details of any services, facility or activity supplied by another local government (under an agreement for conducting a joint government activity), where special rates or charges were levied. There were no services provided by another government in 2023-2024.

Shareholder Delegates

There were no shareholder delegates for corporate entities in 2023-2024.

Tenders

In accordance section 228(7) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council did not make any invitations to change tenders during 2023-2024.

Registers

In accordance with section 190(f) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the following registers are listed:

Item	Description
Register of Interests	To record certain financial and other personal interests of relevant individuals pursuant to section 289 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Councillor Conduct Register	To record the details of certain orders about certain types of reportable Councillor Conduct pursuant to section 150DX of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .
Register of Delegations by Council	To record all powers delegated by Council pursuant to section 257 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
Register of Delegations by Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	To record all delegations made by the CEO pursuant to section 259 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
Register of Local Laws	To record all local laws pursuant to section 31 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
Register of Approvals, Licenses and Permits Required under Local Laws	To record a list of pest control and entry notices issued under the <i>Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002</i>
Register of Roads & Maps	To record the details of the region's roads pursuant to section 74 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
Register of Cost-recovery Fees	To record the cost-recovery fees made under a local law or resolution pursuant to section 98 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
Register of business activities to which the competitive neutrality principles apply	To record the business activities to which the competitive neutrality principles apply pursuant to section 56 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Register of non-current physical assets	Register of non-current physical assets pursuant to section 180 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>

Concessions for Rates and Charges

In accordance with section 190(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is reported that Council offers eligible pensioners a rebate on rates and other charges.

Public Sector Ethics Disclosures

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*, Council is required to report on actions taken regarding implementation of the legislation.

Council provided training and education to its workforce through inductions of new staff members. Council has procedures and practices to ensure employees abide by and embrace the principles of the legislation.

Council's Code of Conduct is provided to all new employees upon commencement and is provided to all of Council if and when it is reviewed.

Control of Pest Animals on Rural Land

Pursuant to section 190(d)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is reported that Council has a special charge for the control of pest animals on rural land. A Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee exists to provide Council with advice on the control of wild dogs and other pest animals. These wild dogs and pest animals pose a threat to the economic viability of the rural producers within the region and to the welfare of domestic and rural animals.

Council has adopted a special charge to raise funds specifically for the control of pest animals. This charge is applied to rural land that has an area in excess of 25 ha. The charge is based on 2.59 cents per hectare. This charge is included on the rate notice.

Council uses the funds raised by this special charge to partially fund the provision of a coordinated baiting program to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on rural land.



Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme

Pursuant to section 109(d)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, it is reported that Council levies a special charge for the cost of borrowing for the purchase of materials and construction of exclusion fencing which controls pest animals for certain rural properties in the Longreach Regional Council region.

It is considered that the properties subject to the special charge specially benefit from the provision of the exclusion fencing by empowering a landholder or a 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 industries.

The amount of special charge shall differ according to the level of benefit that the property receives from the provision of the exclusion fencing. For completed fences, the level of benefit shall be determined according to the costs associated with borrowing, the purchase of materials and construction of fencing to be repaid over 20 years.

To determine the amount of special charge it will generally be the total cost divided by the repayment years noting that the first two (2) years are interest free, the next three (3) years are interest only then principal and interest for the remaining term. No discount will apply.

Overall 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 which the special rate shall fund. The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 20 years, concluding 30 June 2038. The levying of the special charge commenced in the 2019-20 financial year.

Equal Employment

The Anti-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Directive is provided to all new employees upon commencement and is available to all individuals who apply for positions with Council.

Council is committed to providing an environment where employees and others in the workplace are treated fairly and with respect, and are free from unlawful discrimination, vilification, sexual harassment and victimisation. Further, Council aims to ensure that when employment decisions are made, they are based on merit, not on irrelevant attributes or characteristics that an individual may possess.

Council also aims to create a work environment which promotes good working relationships and existing and future employees are not discriminated against in their employment on the grounds of race, colour, national origin, sex, religion, marital status, age, physical and intellectual impairment, political convictions and sexual preferences.

Council ensures any discriminatory practices are removed from its policies and procedures and recognises and encourages employees on the basis of their abilities, aptitudes, qualifications and skills, through the implementation and monitoring of effective Human Resources policies and procedures.



Longreach Regional Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024



**Longreach Regional Council
Financial Statements**
For the year ended 30 June 2024

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**Longreach Regional Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3a	12,001	11,662
Fees and charges	3b	2,367	2,183
Interest received	3c	1,614	776
Sales revenue	3d	7,444	7,901
Other income	3e	1,150	984
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4a	15,131	29,170
Total recurrent revenue		39,706	52,676
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4b	5,675	6,323
Other capital income	5	585	913
Total capital revenue		6,261	7,236
Total Income		45,967	59,912
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits	6	(16,616)	(15,361)
Materials and services	7	(26,620)	(26,411)
Finance costs	8	(775)	(864)
Depreciation and amortisation	14	(8,486)	(8,745)
Total recurrent expenses		(52,497)	(51,381)
Capital expenses			
	9	(1,178)	(172)
Total Expenses		(53,675)	(51,553)
Net Result		(7,709)	8,359
Other Comprehensive Income			
Items that will not be reclassified to net result			
Increase/(Decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	19	23,227	22,597
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		15,519	30,956

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.



**Longreach Regional Council
Statement of Financial Position**

As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	11,126	25,079
Receivables	11	2,032	1,979
Financial assets	12	12,000	10,000
Inventories	13	715	598
Non-current assets held for resale	14	166	494
Contract Assets	19	4,061	4,259
Total current assets		30,099	42,409
Non-current assets			
Receivables	11	10,435	11,075
Property plant and equipment	15	388,970	364,999
Total non-current assets		399,404	376,074
Total assets		429,504	418,483
Current liabilities			
Payables	16	(2,181)	(2,177)
Borrowings	17	(1,352)	(1,292)
Provisions	18	(3,372)	(3,174)
Contract Liabilities	19	(513)	(3,782)
Total current liabilities		(7,418)	(10,424)
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	17	(12,410)	(13,765)
Provisions	18	(2,178)	(2,316)
Total non-current liabilities		(14,589)	(16,080)
Total liabilities		(22,006)	(26,504)
Net community assets		407,498	391,979
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	20	(195,919)	(172,692)
Retained surplus		(211,578)	(219,287)
Total community equity		(407,498)	(391,979)

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

**Longreach Regional Council
Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Asset revaluation surplus \$'000	Retained surplus \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance as at 1 July 2023		172,692	219,287	391,979
Net result for the year		-	(7,709)	(7,709)
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	20	23,227	-	23,227
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>23,227</u>	<u>(7,709)</u>	<u>15,519</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2024		<u>195,919</u>	<u>211,578</u>	<u>407,498</u>
Balance as at 1 July 2022		150,095	210,928	361,023
Net result for the year		-	8,359	8,359
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	20	22,597	-	22,597
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>22,597</u>	<u>8,359</u>	<u>30,956</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2023		<u>172,692</u>	<u>219,287</u>	<u>391,979</u>

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.



Longreach Regional Council

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers		23,692	22,896
Payments to suppliers and employees		(43,259)	(41,973)
Interest Received		1,092	776
Non capital grants and contributions		11,818	26,575
Borrowing costs		(607)	(568)
Net Cash Inflow (outflow) from Operating Activities	25	<u>(7,264)</u>	<u>7,706</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for property plant and equipment	14	(10,195)	(11,610)
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment	5,9	683	1,325
Proceeds from/(payments for) investments	12	(2,000)	(10,000)
Receipt of Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme receivable		640	614
Grants subsidies contributions and donations		5,477	5,899
Net Cash Inflow (outflow) from Investing Activities		<u>(5,395)</u>	<u>(13,772)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(1,294)	(2,929)
Net Cash Inflow (outflow) from Financing Activities		<u>(1,294)</u>	<u>(2,929)</u>
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents Held		(13,953)	(8,995)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Financial Year		25,079	34,074
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Financial Year	10	<u>11,126</u>	<u>25,079</u>

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

Longreach Regional Council Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Information about these financial statements

(1.A) Basis of preparation

Longreach Regional Council (Council) is constituted under the *Queensland Local Government Act 2009* and is domiciled in Australia.

These general purpose financial statements are for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and have been prepared in compliance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Council is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes and these financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations as applicable to not-for-profit entities.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for certain classes of property, plant and equipment which are measured at fair value.

Recurrent/Capital Classification

Revenue and expenditure are presented as "recurrent" or "capital" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on the following basis:

Capital Revenue includes grants and subsidies received which are tied to specific projects for the replacement or upgrade of existing non-current assets and/or investment in new assets.

The following transactions are classified as either "Capital Income" or "Capital Expenses" depending on whether they result in accounting gains or losses:

- Disposal of non-current assets
- Revaluations of property, plant and equipment
- Adjustments to the provision for landfill rehabilitation

All other revenue and expenses have been classified as "recurrent".

(1.B) Estimates and judgements

Council makes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements. These are based on the best information available to Council at the time, however due to the passage of time, these assumptions may change and therefore the recorded balances may not reflect the final outcomes. The significant judgements, estimates and assumptions relate to the following items and specific information is provided in the relevant note:

- Valuation and depreciation of Property, Plant & Equipment - Note 14
- Provisions - Note 17
- Contingent Liabilities - Note 21
- Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management - Note 25

(1.C) Taxation

Council is exempt from income tax, however Council is subject to Fringe Benefits Tax, Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and payroll tax on certain activities. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO or payable to the ATO is shown as an asset or liability respectively.

(1.D) Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2024. These standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Council has assessed all the standards and interpretations which are not yet effective and have determined that there is no expected material impact on the reported financial position or performance.



Longreach Regional Council Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

(1.E) Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards

Council adopted all standards which became mandatorily effective for annual reporting periods beginning on 1 July 2023. None of the standards had a material impact on reported position, performance and cash flows.

The adoption of the revisions to AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* resulted in disclosure of material accounting policy information only, rather than significant accounting policies. This means that accounting policy information is disclosed only if it relates to material transactions, other events or conditions and one of the following apply:

- a) Council has changed accounting policy during the reporting period and this change resulted in a material change to the information in the financial statements.
- b) Council chose (or was mandated to use) the accounting policy from one or more options permitted by Australian Accounting Standards.
- c) the accounting policy was developed in accordance with AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* in the absence of an Australian Accounting Standard that specifically applies.
- d) the accounting policy relates to an area for which Council discloses those judgements or assumptions in the financial statements.
- e) the accounting required for them is complex and users of the entity's financial statements would otherwise not understand those material transactions, other events or conditions.

(1.F) Rounding and comparatives

The financial statements are in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 or, where that amount is \$500 or less, to zero, unless otherwise stated.

Comparative information is prepared on the same basis as prior year.

2. Analysis of results by function

(2.A.) Components of council functions

At the beginning of the financial year, Council underwent a minor restructure that realigned some functions to different directorates. The Corporate Services directorate was renamed the Financial Services directorate and the Infrastructure Services directorate was renamed the Works directorate.

GOVERNANCE

Council's Governance team provide leadership and sound governance across all of Council. This function includes support services for Councillors and the CEO, disaster management, regulatory services, human resources and, economic development.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Financial Services team provides information technology, financial services, records management, procurement, grants writing and management, and asset management services.

COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Community and Cultural Services provides infrastructure and services to improve liveability within the region including parks and gardens, sporting and recreational facilities, libraries, community housing, tourism, cemeteries and child care.

WORKS

The Works team provides infrastructure and services to ensure that essential services are maintained including roads, water, sewerage, waste management and maintaining Council's vehicle fleet.

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(2.B.) Income and expenses defined between recurring and capital are attributed to the following functions

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Functions	Gross program income				Elimination of inter-function transactions	Total Income	Gross program expenses		Elimination of inter-function transactions	Total expenses	Net result from recurring operations	Net Result	Assets
	Recurring		Capital				Recurring	Capital					
	Grants	Other	Grants	Other									
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Governance	159	750	842	522	2,312	(5,210)	-	-	(5,210)	(4,262)	(2,896)	12,411	
Financial Services	463	7,485	-	-	7,958	(1,208)	(1,042)	-	(2,250)	6,750	3,708	40,328	
Community and Cultural Services	677	2,290	995	-	3,962	(12,554)	(44)	-	(12,608)	(9,597)	(8,646)	63,673	
Works	13,792	14,041	3,399	503	31,734	(33,515)	(93)	-	(33,608)	(5,682)	(1,873)	313,092	
Total Council	15,131	24,576	5,235	1,025	45,967	(52,467)	(1,178)	-	(53,675)	(12,791)	(7,709)	429,504	

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Functions	Gross program income				Elimination of inter-function transactions	Total Income	Gross program expenses		Elimination of inter-function transactions	Total expenses	Net result from recurring operations	Net Result	Assets
	Recurring		Capital				Recurring	Capital					
	Grants	Other	Grants	Other									
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Governance	210	381	489	-	1,081	(4,886)	-	-	(4,886)	(4,295)	(3,807)	5,993	
Corporate and Other Services	15,088	6,548	257	43	21,937	(5,668)	(5)	-	(5,673)	15,969	16,264	52,842	
Community and Cultural Services	938	2,053	1,292	463	4,896	(9,541)	(153)	-	(9,704)	(6,560)	(5,018)	64,025	
Infrastructure Services	12,934	14,523	4,285	456	32,208	(31,264)	(4)	-	(31,268)	(3,828)	920	295,623	
Total Council	29,170	23,506	6,323	913	59,912	(51,381)	(172)	-	(51,553)	1,295	8,358	418,463	

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3. Revenue

3.a. Rates, levies and charges

Rates, levies and charges are recognised as revenue at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
General rates	6,272	5,951
Separate rates	572	592
Water	3,051	2,977
Water consumption, rental and sundries	369	405
Sewerage	1,829	1,784
Garbage charges	1,074	1,065
Total rates and utility charge revenue	<u>13,167</u>	<u>12,774</u>
Less: Discounts	(1,015)	(981)
Less: Pensioner remissions	<u>(152)</u>	<u>(131)</u>
	<u>12,001</u>	<u>11,662</u>

3.b. Fees and charges

Revenue arising from fees and charges are recognised at the point in time when the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the services being provided.

The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the service or in some cases, the customer is required to pay on provision of the service. There is no material obligation for council in relation to refunds or returns.

Licences granted by council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue from licences is recognised at the time that the licence is granted rather than the term of the licence.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Building and development fees	66	64
Cemetery and Funeral Fees	161	159
Child Care Centre Fees	1,837	1,603
Licence Fees	17	16
Other fees and charges	<u>286</u>	<u>341</u>
	<u>2,367</u>	<u>2,183</u>

3.c. Interest received

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest received from financial institutions	1,534	719
Interest from overdue rates and utility charges	<u>80</u>	<u>57</u>
	<u>1,614</u>	<u>776</u>

3.d. Sales revenue

Revenue from contracts and recoverable works generally comprises a recoupment of material costs together with an hourly charge for use of equipment and employees. This revenue and the associated costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity based on costs incurred at the reporting date. Where consideration is received for the service in advance it is included in other liabilities and is recognised as revenue in the period when the service is performed.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Contract and recoverable works	<u>7,444</u>	<u>7,901</u>
	<u>7,444</u>	<u>7,901</u>

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3.e. Other income

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Fuel tax credits	252	320
Rental income	178	181
Other income	596	473
Fleet cost recovery	123	10
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>984</u>

4. Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

Grant income under AASB 15

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligations is satisfied.

Performance obligations vary in each agreement but include the completion of project milestones, repairing flood damaged infrastructure or providing services to the community. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for other.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where control is transferred over time, revenue is recognised using either costs or time incurred.

Grant income under AASB 1058

Where Council receives an asset for significantly below fair value, the asset is recognised at fair value, related liability (or equity items) are recorded and income then is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

Capital grants

Where Council receives funding under an enforceable contract to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment which will be under Council's control on completion, revenue is recognised as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred.

Donations and contributions

Where assets are donated or purchased for significantly below fair value, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council. Donations and contributions are generally recognised on receipt of the asset since there are no enforceable performance obligations.

4.a. Operating grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

In previous financial years, the Commonwealth Government prepaid a significant portion of the Financial Assistance Grant in June. The prepayment amount that was expected in June was not made until the beginning of the 2025 financial year, resulting in a significant reduction in General Purpose Grant income for the 2024 financial year.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
General purpose grants	448	15,086
Government subsidies and grants	14,586	13,921
Other operating contributions	97	163
	<u>15,131</u>	<u>29,170</u>

4.b. Capital grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Government capital subsidies and grants	5,116	6,157
Other capital contributions	560	166
	<u>5,675</u>	<u>6,323</u>
Total grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	<u>20,806</u>	<u>35,493</u>

4.c. Timing of revenue recognition for grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue recognised at a point in time	1,971	15,908
Revenue recognised over time	18,835	19,585
	<u>20,806</u>	<u>35,493</u>



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5. Capital - Other

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Provision for landfill rehabilitation		
Discount rate adjustment to rehabilitation provision	17	241
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment		
Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment	372	1,012
Less: Carrying value of disposed property, plant and equipment	(26)	(514)
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	<u>344</u>	<u>497</u>
Asset revaluation increments		
Asset revaluation increments recognised as capital income	-	403
Total capital income	<u>585</u>	<u>913</u>

6. Employee benefits

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Total staff wages and salaries	12,993	12,327
Councillors' remuneration	473	412
Annual, sick and long service leave entitlements	2,422	1,978
Superannuation	22	1,433
	<u>17,513</u>	<u>16,150</u>
Other employee related expenses	4	35
	<u>17,517</u>	<u>16,185</u>
Less: Capitalised employee expenses	(901)	(824)
	<u>16,615</u>	<u>15,361</u>
Total Council employees at the reporting date:	2024	2023
Elected members	7	7
Administration staff	83	74
Depot and outdoors staff	88	91
Total full time equivalent employees	<u>178</u>	<u>172</u>

7. Materials and services

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Administration supplies and consumables	862	1,175
Audit of annual financial statements by the Auditor-General of Queensland*	81	81
Communications and IT	1,638	980
Consultants and contractors	1,040	926
Donations paid	145	136
Electricity	812	677
Insurance	968	777
Repairs and maintenance	15,667	15,574
Cost of sales - contract and recoverable works	5,160	5,885
Other materials and services	226	198
	<u>26,620</u>	<u>26,411</u>

*Total audit fees quoted by the Queensland Audit Office relating to the 2023-24 financial statements are \$84,000 (2023: \$80,500)

8. Finance Costs

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Finance costs charged by Queensland Treasury Corporation	729	764
Unwinding of discount on provisions	17	72
(Reversal of impairment)/impairment of receivables	(26)	51
	<u>775</u>	<u>864</u>

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9. Capital expenses

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		
Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment	312	313
Less: Carrying value of disposed property, plant and equipment	(405)	(481)
Loss on Disposal	<u>(92)</u>	<u>(168)</u>
Increase in provision for landfill rehabilitation	17	(4)
Asset revaluation decrements recognised as a capital expense	(1,042)	-
Total capital expenses	<u>(1,178)</u>	<u>(172)</u>

10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank and on hand	11,126	15,079
Balance as per Statement of Financial Position	<u>11,126</u>	<u>15,079</u>

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	11,126	15,079
Less: Externally imposed restrictions on cash	(513)	(3,782)
Unrestricted cash	<u>10,613</u>	<u>11,297</u>

Council's cash and cash equivalents are subject to a number of external restrictions that limit amounts available for discretionary or future use. These include:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Unspent government grants and subsidies	513	3,782
Total unspent restricted cash	<u>513</u>	<u>3,782</u>

11. Receivables

Settlement of receivables is required within 30 days after the invoice is issued.

Debts are regularly assessed for collectability and allowance is made, where appropriate, for impairment. All known bad debts were written-off at 30 June. If an amount is recovered in a subsequent period it is recognised as revenue.

Under the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council has the power to sell an owner's property to recover outstanding rates debts. Rates receivables are not impaired unless the expected recovery value is less than the outstanding arrears.

Interest is charged on outstanding rates and utilities at 11.64% per annum from 1 July 2023. No interest is charged on other debtors. There is no concentration of credit risk for rates and utility, fees and other debtor receivables.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Current		
Rateable revenue and utility charges	727	998
LWDEFS current	642	635
Accrued interest	522	-
Other debtors	166	308
	<u>2,057</u>	<u>2,031</u>
Less loss allowance	(26)	(52)
Total current receivables	<u>2,031</u>	<u>1,979</u>
Non-current		
LWDEFS	10,435	11,075
Total non-current receivables	<u>10,435</u>	<u>11,075</u>



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Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme (LWDEFS)

A Current and Non-Current Receivable exists for the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme (LWDEFS) approved by Council. Under the scheme, a special charge will be levied on certain rural properties to fund the provision of wild dog exclusion fencing. The receivables balance represents the total cost of providing the fencing under the scheme. Over the term of the scheme, special charges will be levied to cover the repayment of the total cost of providing the fencing and a notional interest on outstanding amounts for the remaining term. The scheme commenced in 2016 and will be fully completed in 2038. This special charge is attached to the land on which the fencing was provided and so an expected credit loss is not calculated for these receivables.

Movement in accumulated impairment losses is as follows:

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Opening balance at 1 July	52	230
Less debts written off during the year	(3)	(281)
Additional impairments recognised	-	103
Less impairments reversed	(23)	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	26	52

12. Financial instruments

In accordance with the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1992, Council has category 1 investment power and currently holds term deposits with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The term deposits are considered to be low risk with fixed rates and fixed original terms to maturity greater than three months, but less than 12. While term deposits are likely to be held to maturity, Council is able to withdraw the deposits at short notice with some penalties to the amount of interest earned on the deposits.

In the current financial year, Council has changed the classification of its term deposits from cash and cash equivalents to financial assets. The change was made as the economic substance of the term deposits better meet the definition of financial instruments under AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows. The comparative financial statement has been amended for this reclassification.

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Term deposits	12,000	10,000
Balance as per Statement of Financial Position	12,000	10,000

13. Inventories

Stores and raw materials are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on the basis of weighted average cost.

Inventories held for distribution are:

- goods to be supplied at no or nominal, charge, and
- goods to be used for the provision of services at no or nominal, charge.

These goods are valued at cost, adjusted, when applicable, for any loss of service potential.

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Inventories held for sale		
Miscellaneous saleable items	22	25
	22	25
Inventories held for distribution		
Plant & equipment stores, quarry and road materials	693	573
	693	573
Total inventories	715	598

14. Non-current assets held for sale

Council has a number of undeveloped land parcels available for sale to the public on normal commercial terms. The fair value of the land was determined using the sales comparison approach. Sale prices of comparable land sites in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size. The most significant inputs into this valuation approach are price per square metre. The land is categorised as a level 2 valuation.

The Ifracombe Post Office building and land was available for sale during the 2023 financial year, however the contract for sale did not settle as expected. Council is undertaking works to prepare the assets for sale again during the 2025 financial year and so the assets have been reclassified as non-current assets during the 2024 financial year.

After conducting a tender process for the sale of Lot 201 on SP340125 (Corner of Kestrel and Plover Street, Longreach), Council entered into contract negotiations with the preferred buyer. In June 2024, Council finalised the terms of the agreement with the Buyer. The agreement includes an option agreement and a sale contract. A condition of the option agreement and the sale contract is the successful receipt of a Development Approval by the Buyer for the development described in their proposal to Council within two years. No gain or loss has been recognised at this time and the asset has not been reclassified due to the conditions of the option agreement.

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Vacant land held for sale	166	408
Ifracombe Post Office	-	66
	166	494

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15. Property, plant and equipment

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Basis of measurement	Land		Buildings		Plant and Equipment		Other plant and equipment		Road infrastructure		Water and Sewerage		Other Space and Recreation Assets		Work in progress		Total	
	Fair Value Level 2	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 2 & 3	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Fair Value Level 3	Cost			
Fair value category	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Opening gross value as at 1 July 2023	5,214	64,189	23,885	1,515	256,058	124,410	23,789	11,775	10,695	10,695	10,695	10,695	10,695	10,695	10,695	10,695	10,695	510,835
Additions	440	73	3,440	83	266	266	266	8,302	8,302	8,302	8,302	8,302	8,302	8,302	8,302	8,302	8,302	10,695
Disposals	(86)	(227)	(1,427)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,742)
Change in asset classification	(155)	(38)	114	(114)	375	-	-	(179)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assets classified as available for sale	282	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	329
Revaluation adjustment to other comprehensive income/(asset) revaluation surplus	1,051	4,011	-	-	10,077	16,982	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,731
Impairment adjustment to asset revaluation surplus	-	(153)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(193)
Revaluation adjustment to capital expense	-	1,356	-	721	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	582
Work in Progress Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing gross value as at 30 June 2024	7,341	69,217	28,733	1,411	288,379	142,079	24,532	13,482	14,595	14,595	14,595	14,595	14,595	14,595	14,595	14,595	14,595	551,177

Accumulated depreciation and impairment	
Opening balance as at 1 July 2023	11,105
Depreciation expense	1,343
Depreciation on disposals	(1,040)
Change in asset classification	-
Impairment adjustment to asset revaluation surplus	(100)
Revaluation adjustment to asset revaluation surplus	4,436
Revaluation adjustment to capital expense	-
Accumulated Depreciation as at 30 June 2024	11,408

Total written down value as at 30 June 2024	
Other Information	15,325
Range of estimated useful life in years	4-35
Not depreciated	20-85
Not depreciated	4-20
Not depreciated	15-180
Not depreciated	10-200
Not depreciated	5-150
Not depreciated	14-111
Not depreciated	13,482
Not depreciated	104,410
Not depreciated	7,872
Not depreciated	36,571
Not depreciated	1,235
Not depreciated	529
Not depreciated	(1,040)
Not depreciated	(13)
Not depreciated	(109)
Not depreciated	5,399
Not depreciated	1,634
Not depreciated	10,722
Not depreciated	37,899
Not depreciated	1,634
Not depreciated	164,207
Not depreciated	14,411
Not depreciated	13,482
Not depreciated	305,970

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15. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

15.a. Recognition

Purchases of property, plant and equipment are recognised as assets unless they are below the asset recognition threshold or maintenance expenditure.

The asset capitalisation threshold for Council is:

- Land \$1
- Plant and equipment \$5,000
- All other assets \$10,000

Land under the roads and reserve land which falls under the *Land Act 1994* or the *Land Title Act 1994* is controlled by the Queensland Government and not recognised in these financial statements.

15.b. Measurement

Property plant and equipment assets are initially recorded at cost. Subsequently, each class of property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

15.c. Depreciation

Land, work in progress, road formations and formation work associated with the construction of weirs are not depreciated as they have an unlimited useful life.

Depreciation, where applicable, is calculated on a straight-line basis. Management believe that the straight-line basis appropriately reflects the pattern of consumption of all Council assets.

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technical or physical obsolescence that may change the utility of infrastructure assets. During the reporting period, the useful lives and residual values of all assets were comprehensively reviewed by external consultants, resulting in a small decrease in depreciation for the 2024 financial year.

15.d. Impairment

Property, plant and equipment held at cost is assessed for the indicators of impairment annually. If an indicator of possible impairment exists, Council determines the asset's recoverable amount. Any amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

15.e. Valuation

(i) Valuation processes

Council considers the carrying amount of its property, plant and equipment on an annual basis compared to fair value and makes adjustment where these are materially different. Every five years, Council performs a full comprehensive revaluation by engaging an external professionally qualified valuer.

In the intervening years, Council undertakes a desktop valuation which involves management providing updated information to the valuer regarding additions, deletions and changes in assumptions such as useful life, residual value and condition rating. The valuer then determines suitable indices which are applied to each of these asset classes.

On revaluation, accumulated depreciation is restated proportionately with the change in the carrying amount of the asset and any change in the estimate of remaining useful life.

Fair values are classified into three levels as follows:

- Level 1 - fair value based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 - fair value based on inputs that are directly or indirectly observable, such as prices for similar assets, for the asset or liability.
- Level 3 - fair value based on unobservable inputs for the asset and liability.

There were no transfers between levels during the year.



15.e. Valuation (cont'd)
 (i) Valuation techniques used to derive fair values

Asset class and fair value hierarchy	Valuation approach	Last comprehensive valuation date	Valuer engaged	Key assumptions and estimates	Index applied	Other interim revaluation adjustment
Land (Level 2)	Market value	30-Jun-21	AssetVal	Direct comparison to sales approach taking into consideration characteristics of the land such as zoning, topography and configuration. Also considered was the recent revaluation of the unimproved values of land throughout the region by the Valuer General.	30.0%	Nil
Buildings (Level 2) 2024: \$1,897k 2023: \$1,751k	Market value	30-Jun-21	AssetVal	Direct comparison to sales and adjusting for differences in key attributes such as property size. Other key factors in determining fair value are the estimated remaining life of assets and their condition.	6.2%	Nil
Buildings (Level 3) 2024: \$44,304k 2023: \$47,366k	Current replacement cost	30-Jun-21	AssetVal	Gross replacement cost indexed for subsequent changes in construction costs, derived from reference to construction data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Other key factors in determining fair value are the estimated remaining life of assets and their condition.	6.2%	Nil
Road, drainage and bridge network (Level 3)	Current replacement cost	30-Jun-23	AssetVal	Gross replacement cost indexed for subsequent changes in construction costs, derived from reference to construction data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Other key factors in determining fair value are the estimated remaining life of assets and their condition.	Road and bridges index 4.2% Civil index 2.5%	Nil
Water and sewerage (Level 3)	Current replacement cost	30-Jun-24	AssetVal	A sample of water and sewerage assets were inspected to determine asset conditions and compositions. The gross replacement cost was determined by applying unit rates to each individual asset. The unit rates applied include all materials, labour and overheads. These unit rates are estimated using information collated from similar recent project costs, direct quotations from suppliers, unit rate databases, indices and industry sources.	Not applicable	Nil
Other space and recreation assets (Level 3)	Current replacement cost	30-Jun-21	AssetVal	Gross replacement cost indexed for subsequent changes in construction costs, derived from reference to construction data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Other key factors in determining fair value are the estimated remaining life of assets and their condition.	Mechanical index 2.8% Civil index 2.5% Electrical index 2.5%	Nil

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16. Payables

Creditors are recognised when goods or services are received, at the amount owed. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled within 7 days of invoice date (2023: 7 days).

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Current		
Creditors and accruals	1,800	1,807
Prepaid rates	381	370
	<u>2,181</u>	<u>2,177</u>

17. Borrowings

Interest is expensed as it accrues, no interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. Expected final repayment dates vary from 15 September 2026 to 15 June 2038.

Council adopts an annual debt policy that sets out Council's planned borrowings for the next nine years. Council's current policy is to only borrow for capital projects and for a term no longer than the expected life of the asset. Council also aims to comply with the Queensland Treasury Corporation's borrowing guidelines and ensure that sustainability indicators remain within acceptable levels at all times.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Current		
Current Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation	<u>1,352</u>	<u>1,292</u>
Non-current		
Non-current Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation	<u>12,410</u>	<u>13,765</u>
Total loans	<u>13,762</u>	<u>15,057</u>

The QTC loan market value at the reporting date was \$13,050,234 (FY23: \$14,467,167). This represents the value of the debt if Council repaid it at that date.



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18. Provisions

Long Service Leave

The provision for long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. The liability is calculated using current pay rates and projected future increases in those rates and includes related employee on-costs. The estimates are adjusted for the probability of the employee remaining in the Council's employment or other associated employment which would result in the Council being required to meet the liability. Adjustments are then made to allow for the proportion of the benefit earned to date, and the result is discounted to present value. The provision is discounted using the Commonwealth Bond yield rates.

Landfill rehabilitation

A provision is made for the cost of restoring the region's landfills where it is probable the Council will have an obligation to rehabilitate the sites when the use of the facilities is complete.

The calculation of the provisions use assumptions including application of environmental legislation, site closure dates, available technologies and engineering cost estimates. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from amounts currently provided. The provisions are reviewed at least annually and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time.

Landfill rehabilitation provision represents the present value of anticipated future costs associated with the closure of the landfill sites, decontamination and monitoring of historical residues and leaching on these sites.

As landfills are on state reserves which the Council does not control, the provision for restoration is treated as an expense in the year the provision is first recognised. Changes in the provision are treated as an expense or income.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Current		
Annual leave	1,535	1,344
Personal leave	336	310
Long service leave	1,501	1,520
	<u>3,372</u>	<u>3,174</u>
Non-current		
Landfill Rehabilitation	1,937	2,062
Long service leave - non-current	241	254
	<u>2,178</u>	<u>2,316</u>
Details of movements in landfill rehabilitation provision:		
Balance at beginning of year	2,062	2,023
Additional provisions	44	4
Increase/(decrease) due to unwinding of discount	72	48
Increase/(decrease) due to change in discount rate	(241)	(13)
Balance at end of year	<u>1,937</u>	<u>2,062</u>

19. Contract Balances

Contract assets represent the excess of costs incurred in relation to a contract with the customer or construction of an asset over the amounts that council has invoiced the customer or the grantor. Where council has invoiced the customer or grantor amounts in excess of what it has incurred in relation to a contract or in constructing an asset, this gives rise to a contract liability.

During the 2024 financial year, \$3.8 million of the prior year's contract liabilities was recognised as revenue as performance obligations were met. Council expects that all of the contract liabilities recognised in 2024 will be recognised as revenue in the next financial year

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Contract assets		
Contract costs incurred and not yet invoiced	<u>4,061</u>	<u>4,259</u>
Contract liabilities		
Funds received upfront to construct Council controlled assets	513	836
Non-capital performance obligations	-	2,946
	<u>513</u>	<u>3,782</u>

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20. Asset revaluation surplus

The asset revaluation surplus comprises revaluation movements on property, plant and equipment.

Movements in the asset revaluation surplus were as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at beginning of financial year	172,692	150,095
Land	1,651	339
Buildings	(542)	176
Road infrastructure	4,989	17,387
Water and Sewerage	17,129	4,695
Balance at end of financial year	<u>195,919</u>	<u>172,692</u>

Asset revaluation surplus analysis

The closing balance of the asset revaluation surplus comprises

Land	4,956	3,305
Buildings	42,287	42,829
Road infrastructure	98,543	93,554
Water and Sewerage	50,133	33,004
	<u>195,919</u>	<u>172,692</u>

21. Commitments for expenditure

Capital commitments

Commitments for the construction of the following assets contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Property, Plant and Equipment	389	2,714
	<u>389</u>	<u>2,714</u>

These expenditures are payable as follows:

Within one year	389	2,714
One to five years	-	-
Later than five years	-	-
	<u>389</u>	<u>2,714</u>

22. Contingent liabilities

Details and estimates of maximum amounts of contingent liabilities are as follows:

Local Government Mutual

The Council is a member of the local government mutual liability self-insurance pool, LGM Queensland. In the event of the pool being wound up or it is unable to meet its debts as they fall due, the trust deed and rules provide that any accumulated deficit will be met by the individual pool members in the same proportion as their contribution is to the total pool contributions in respect to any year that a deficit arises.

As at 30 June 2024 the financial statements reported an accumulated surplus and it is not anticipated any liability will arise.



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Local Government Workcare

The Council is a member of the Queensland local government worker's compensation self-insurance scheme, Local Government Workcare. Under this scheme the Council has provided an indemnity towards a bank guarantee to cover bad debts which may remain should the self insurance licence be cancelled and there was insufficient funds available to cover outstanding liabilities. Only the Queensland Government's workers compensation authority may call on any part of the guarantee should the above circumstances arise. The Council's maximum exposure to the bank guarantee is \$366,709 (2023: \$328,574).

23. Superannuation - Regional Defined Benefit Fund

Council contributes to the LGIASuper Regional Defined Benefits Fund (the scheme), at the rate of 12% for each standard permanent employee who is a defined benefit member. This rate is set in accordance with the LGIASuper trust deed and may be varied on the advice of an actuary. The Regional Defined Benefits Fund is a complying superannuation scheme for the purpose of the Commonwealth Superannuation Industry (Supervision) legislation and is also governed by the Local Government Act 2009. This scheme is managed by the LGIASuper trustee as trustee for LGIASuper trading as Brighter Super.

The scheme is a pooled benefit plan, and is not in accordance with the deed to allocate obligations, plan assets and costs at the council level.

Any amount by which the scheme is over or under funded may affect future benefits and result in a change to the contribution rate, but has not been recognised as an asset or liability of the Council.

Longreach Regional Council may be liable to the scheme for a portion of another local governments' obligations should that local government be unable to meet them. However the risk of this occurring is extremely low and in accordance with the LGIASuper trust deed changes to council's obligations will only be made on the advice of an actuary.

The last completed triennial actuarial assessment of the scheme was undertaken as at 1 July 2021. The actuary indicated that "At the valuation date of 1 July 2021, the net assets of the scheme exceeded the vested benefits and the scheme was in a satisfactory financial position as at the valuation date." The measure of vested benefits represents the value of benefit entitlements should all employee voluntarily exit the scheme. Council is not aware of anything that has happened since that time that indicates the assets of the scheme are not sufficient to meet the vested benefits, as at the reporting date.

No changes have been made to prescribed employer contributions which remain at 12% of employee assets and there are no known requirements to change the rate of contributions.

The next triennial review is not due until 1 July 2024.

The most significant risks that may result in LGIASuper increasing the contribution rate, on the advice of the actuary, are:

Investment risk - The risk that the scheme's investment returns will be lower than assumed and additional contributions are needed to fund the shortfall.

Salary growth risk - The risk that wages or salaries will rise more rapidly than assumed, increasing vested benefits to be funded.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Superannuation contributions made to the Regional Defined Benefits Fund	49	50
Other Superannuation Contributions for Employees	1,576	1,383
Total superannuation paid by the council for employees	1,625	1,433

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24. Trust Funds

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a separate trust bank account and separate trust accounting records are maintained for funds held in trust on behalf of third parties. Council performs only a custodian role in respect of these monies and because these monies cannot be used for council purposes, they are not considered revenue nor brought to account in the financial statements since council has no control over the assets.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Security Deposits	150	150
	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

25. Reconciliation of net result for the year to net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Net result	(7,709)	8,359
Non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	8,486	8,745
Impairment of receivables	(26)	51
Change in future rehabilitation and restoration costs	(125)	39
	<u>8,335</u>	<u>8,836</u>
Investing and development activities:		
Net (profit)/loss on disposal of non-current assets	(252)	(328)
Asset revaluations recognised as capital (revenue)/expenses	1,041	(403)
Capital grants and contributions	(5,675)	(6,323)
	<u>(4,886)</u>	<u>(7,054)</u>
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/ decrease in receivables	(89)	225
(Increase)/ decrease in contract assets	198	(779)
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	(117)	32
(Increase)/decrease in land held for sale	242	294
Increase/(decrease) in payables and accruals	40	(117)
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	(3,269)	(2,246)
Increase/(decrease) in other provisions	(10)	157
	<u>(3,005)</u>	<u>(2,434)</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>(7,264)</u>	<u>7,706</u>

26. Financial instruments and financial risk management

Liquidity Risk

Longreach Regional Council has exposure to the following risks arising from financial instruments:

- credit risk
- liquidity risk
- market risk

Risk management framework

Longreach Regional Council is responsible for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework, together with developing and monitoring risk management policies.

The Council's risk management framework is established to identify and analyse the risks faced, to set appropriate limits and controls and to monitor these risks and adherence against limits. The Council aims to manage volatility to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

Council's Audit and Risk Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with Council's risk management policies and framework, and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Council. Council's Audit and Risk Committee is assisted in its oversight role by internal audit. Internal audit undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Audit and Risk Committee.



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Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. These obligations arise principally from the Council's investments and receivables.

Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of credit counterparty ability to meet payment obligations. The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure.

Investments in financial instruments are required to be made with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) or similar state/ commonwealth bodies or financial institutions in Australia, in line with the requirements of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*. No collateral is held as security relating to the financial assets of Council.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Council will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

Council's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they are due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Council's reputation.

Council manages its exposure to liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient cash deposits to cater for unexpected volatility in cash flows.

The following table sets out the liquidity risk in relation to financial liabilities held by Council. It represents the remaining contractual cashflows of financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period, excluding the impact of netting agreements.

	0 to 1 year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2024					
Trade and other payables	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800
Loans - QTC	1,901	6,925	8,097	16,923	13,762
	<u>3,701</u>	<u>6,925</u>	<u>8,097</u>	<u>18,723</u>	<u>15,562</u>
2023					
Trade and other payables	2,177	-	-	2,177	2,177
Loans - QTC	1,901	7,180	9,744	18,825	15,057
	<u>4,078</u>	<u>7,180</u>	<u>9,744</u>	<u>21,002</u>	<u>17,234</u>

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market indices, such as interest rates, will affect the Council's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

Interest rate risk

Council is exposed to interest rate risk through its investments and borrowings with QTC and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA). Council has access to a mix of variable and fixed rate funding options so that interest rate risk exposure can be minimised.

Sensitivity

The following interest rate sensitivity analysis depicts what effect a reasonably possible change in interest rates (assumed to be 1%) would have on the profit and equity, based on the carrying values at the end of the reporting period. The calculation assumes that the change in interest rates would be held constant over the period.

	Net carrying amount \$'000	Effect on Net Result		Effect on Equity	
		1% increase \$'000	1% decrease \$'000	1% increase \$'000	1% decrease \$'000
2024					
Cash at bank	11,126	111	(111)	111	(111)
Term deposit	12,000	-	-	-	-
Loans - QTC*	13,762	-	-	-	-
	<u>36,889</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>(111)</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>(111)</u>
2023					
Cash at bank	25,079	251	(251)	251	(251)
Term deposit	10,000	-	-	-	-
Loans - QTC*	15,057	-	-	-	-
	<u>50,136</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>(251)</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>(251)</u>

*QTC loans are financial instruments with fixed interest rates which are carried at amortised cost and not subject to interest rate sensitivity.

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27. National Competition Policy

Business activities to which the code of competitive conduct is applied

Longreach Regional Council applies the competitive code of conduct to the following activities:

- Roads
- Water and sewerage
- Waste management
- Fleet operations

This requires the application of full cost pricing, identifying the cost of community service obligations (CSO) and eliminating the advantages and disadvantages of public ownership within that activity.

The CSO value is determined by Council, and represents an activities cost(s) which would not be incurred if the primary objective of the activities was to make a profit. The Council provides funding from general revenue to the business activity to cover the cost of providing non-commercial community services or costs deemed to be CSO's by the Council.

The following activity statements are for activities subject to the competitive code of conduct:

	Roads	Water and sewerage	Waste management	Fleet operations
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue for services provided to the Council	-	-	-	7,574
Revenue for services provided to external clients	7,444	5,253	1,092	403
Community service obligations	-	14	-	-
	7,444	5,267	1,092	7,977
Less : Expenditure	(6,408)	(4,328)	(867)	(5,633)
Surplus/(deficit)	1,035	939	225	2,344

Description of CSO's provided to business activities:

Activities	CSO description
Water and sewerage	For providing free services to public areas is \$14,427



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28. Transactions with related parties

(a) Transactions with other related parties

Related parties include the close family members of KMP and any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family member. Close family members include spouse, child and dependent of a KMP or their spouse.

Details of transaction between council and other related parties are disclosed below:

			2024	2023
			\$'000	\$'000
KMP	Transaction			
Chief Executive Officer	Internal audit and taxation	i	39	11
Chief Financial Officer	Council employee	ii	17	-
Director of Community Services	Building contracting	iii	296	-
Councillor Hatch	Catering and bus hire	iv	3	6
Councillor Rayner	BP Air	v	-	7
Councillor Nunn	Participant of LWDEFS	vi	103	109
Councillor Patterson	Participant of LWDEFS	vii	365	396
Councillor Bignall	Council employee	viii	2	-
			825	529

i) The Chief Executive Officer is a close family member of a person who controls Walsh Accounting, a business that provides internal audit and taxation services to Council.

ii) The Chief Financial Officer is a close family member of a person employed by Council.

iii) The Director of Community Services is a close family member of a person who controls Scott Brothers Construction, a business that provides construction services to Council.

iv) Councillor Hatch is a part owner in the Wellshot Hotel, a business that provides catering and bus hire to Council on commercial terms.

v) Councillor Rayner is a close family member of the person who controls BP Air, a business that provides Avgas to perform Councils wild dog baiting programs.

vi) Councillor Nunn is the part owner of a property that is a participant of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme and has a debt recognised under that scheme.

vii) Councillor Patterson is the part owner of a property that is a participant of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme and has a debt recognised under that scheme.

viii) Councillor Bignall is a close family member of a person employed by Council.

(b) Transactions with key management personnel (KMP)

KMP include the Mayor, Councillors, Council's Chief Executive Officer and Directors. The compensation paid to KMP comprises:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Short-term employee benefits	1,666	1,299
Post-employment benefits	161	131
Long-term benefits	39	19
Termination benefits	0	14
	1,866	1,463

(c) Outstanding balances for related parties at the end of the reporting period

There were no outstanding balances for related parties at the end of the reporting period apart from those noted in Note 27(a)(vi) and (vii).

(d) Commitments to/from other related parties

There were no outstanding commitments for related parties at the end of the reporting period.

(e) Transactions with related parties that have not been disclosed

We do not disclose ordinary citizen transactions.

29. Events after reporting period

Council is unaware of any material or significant "non adjusting events" that should be disclosed.

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Financial statements

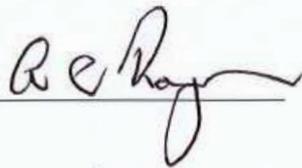
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Management Certificate
For the year ended 30 June 2024

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared pursuant to sections 176 and 177 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) and other prescribed requirements.

In accordance with section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that:

- (i) the prescribed requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects; and
- (ii) the general purpose financial statements, as set out on pages 3 to 26, present a true and fair view, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, of the Council's transactions for the financial year and financial position at the end of the year.



Mayor
Tony Rayner

Date: 11, 10, 2024



Chief Executive Officer
Brett Walsh

Date: 11, 10, 2024





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the councillors of Longreach Regional Council

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Longreach Regional Council.

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information and the certificate given by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

In my opinion, the financial report:

- a) gives a true and fair view of the council's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complies with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of my report.

I am independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

The councillors are responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in Longreach Regional Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 was the current year financial sustainability statement, current year financial sustainability statement – contextual ratios and unaudited long term financial sustainability statement.





My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have formed a separate opinion on the current year financial sustainability statement.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the councillors for the financial report

The councillors are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The councillors are also responsible for assessing the council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is intended to abolish the council or to otherwise cease operations of the council.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Statement

In accordance with s. 40 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, for the year ended 30 June 2024:

- a) I received all the information and explanations I required
- b) I consider that, the prescribed requirements in relation to the establishment and keeping of accounts were complied with in all material respects.





Prescribed requirements scope

The prescribed requirements for the establishment and keeping of accounts are contained in the *Local Government Act 2009*, and the Local Government Regulation 2012. The applicable requirements include those for keeping financial records that correctly record and explain the council's transactions and account balances to enable the preparation of a true and fair financial report.

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Michael Claydon
as delegate of the Auditor-General

16 October 2024

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

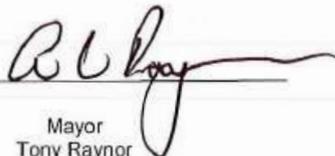


Longreach Regional Council Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement For the year ended 30 June 2024				
Type	Measure	Target (Tier 6)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average
Audited ratios				
Operating Performance	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	-9.0%	11.8%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	6.3	N/A
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	69.8%	70.8%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	69.9%	70.9%
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0-3 times	-3.8	1.1
<p>Note 1 - Basis of Preparation The current year financial sustainability statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024. The amounts used to calculate the reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the Council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.</p>				

**Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2024**

This financial sustainability statement for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Regulation).

In accordance with section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this current-year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.



Mayor
Tony Raynor



Chief Executive Officer
Brett Walsh





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the councillors of Longreach Regional Council

Report on the Current-Year Financial Sustainability Statement

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying current year financial sustainability statement of Longreach Regional Council for the year ended 30 June 2024, comprising the statement, explanatory notes, and the certificate of accuracy given by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with s.212 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, in my opinion, in all material respects, the current year financial sustainability statement of Longreach Regional Council for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been accurately calculated.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current year financial sustainability statement* section of my report.

I am independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the statement in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matter – basis of accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 which describes the basis of accounting. The current year financial sustainability statement has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024 for the purpose of fulfilling the council's reporting responsibilities under the Local Government Regulation 2012. As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The councillors are responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial sustainability statement and our auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in Longreach Regional Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 was the general-purpose financial report, current year financial sustainability statement – contextual ratios, and the unaudited long term financial sustainability statement.

My opinion on the current year financial sustainability statement does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have formed a separate opinion on the general-purpose financial report.

In connection with my audit of the financial sustainability statement, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial sustainability statement and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the councillors for the current year financial sustainability statement

The councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the current year financial sustainability statement in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012. The councillors responsibility also includes such internal control as the councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the statement that is accurately calculated and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current year financial sustainability statement

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the current year financial sustainability statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this statement.

My responsibility does not extend to forming an opinion on the appropriateness or relevance of the reported ratios, nor on the council's future sustainability.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of material accounting policy information used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the council.





I communicate with the council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

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Michael Claydon
as delegate of the Auditor-General

16 October 2024
Queensland Audit Office
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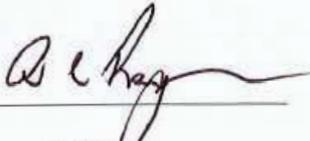
Longreach Regional Council Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement - Contextual Ratios For the year ended 30 June 2024				
Type	Measure	Target (Tier 6)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average
Contextual ratios (unaudited)				
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	N/A	36.2%	30.7%
	Population Growth	N/A	0.8%	0.3%
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	N/A	-32.2%	-8.3%

Note 1 - Basis of Preparation
 The current year financial sustainability statement - contextual ratios is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024. The amounts used to allocate the reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the Council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

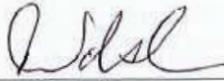
Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2024

This financial sustainability statement for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Regulation).

In accordance with section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this current-year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.



 Mayor
 Tony Raynor



 Chief Executive Officer
 Brett Walsh



**Longreach Regional Council
Unaudited Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement**

Prepared as at 30 June 2024

Type	Measure	Target	Projected for the years ended									
			Actuals at 30 June 2024	Forecast at 30 June 2025	Forecast at 30 June 2026	Forecast at 30 June 2027	Forecast at 30 June 2028	Forecast at 30 June 2029	Forecast at 30 June 2030	Forecast at 30 June 2031	Forecast at 30 June 2032	Forecast at 30 June 2033
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	N/A	36.2%	34.0%	32.0%	38.5%	38.9%	39.3%	39.4%	39.5%	39.7%	39.8%
Financial Capacity	Population Growth	N/A	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	N/A	-32.2%	-8.3%	-1.8%	-13.9%	-11.9%	-12.2%	-11.6%	-11.1%	-10.5%	-10.0%
Operating Performance	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	-9.0%	16.0%	16.1%	9.5%	11.2%	10.6%	10.6%	10.7%	10.8%	10.9%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	6.3	6.1	7.4	7.8	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.9
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 50%	69.8%	231.6%	242.1%	129.5%	177.4%	84.5%	85.1%	85.5%	85.9%	86.2%
Asset Management	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	69.8%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0-3 times	-3.8	1.7	1.2	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.6

**Certificate of Accuracy
Long-term Financial Sustainability Statement**

This long-term financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Regulation).

In accordance with section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this long-term financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.


Mayor
Tony Raynor


Chief Executive Officer
Brett Walsh



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11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.8 - Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot - 2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford

11.8 Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot - 2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford

The Applicant, Michael Murray Tomlinson C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd, has submitted a development application seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment) at 2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford formally described as Lot 105 on I2121 (the subject site).

Description:	Subdivision to resolve a road encroachment
Development:	Development Permit
Applicant:	Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd
Owner:	Michael Murray Tomlinson
Current Use of Land:	Residential
Address:	2 Saint Frances Street, Longreach
Real Property Description:	Lot 105 on I2121
Applicable Planning Scheme:	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Zone:	Township
Level of Assessment:	Code Assessment

Appendices

1. DA2425-002- Decision Report Nov 24.docx [↓](#)
2. Attachment A - Proposal Plan.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment) at 2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford formally described as Lot 105 on I2121 formally described as Lot 1 on RP610093, 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.

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- 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
Plan of Lot 105	Sheet 1 of 2	-	-

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

3.0 ENDORSEMENT OF SURVEY PLAN

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

4.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

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

ADVISORY NOTES

1. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing

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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.

11.8 - Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot - 2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford -- Appendix 1

DECISION REPORT FOR GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2024	TO
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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - DA24/25-002 - MICHAEL MURRAY TOMLINSON C/- MURRAY & ASSOCIATES (QLD) PTY LTD - 2 SAINT FRANCES STREET, ISISFORD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Applicant, Michael Murray Tomlinson C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd, has submitted a development application seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment) at 2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford formally described as Lot 105 on I2121 (the subject site).

The proposal involves the reconfiguration of an existing lot to ensure a formed road is wholly contained within the road corridor and not on private property. The lot is currently vacant; however, a road has been constructed through the north eastern corner of the site.

The proposal will result in the existing lot being reduced from an area of 2,023m² to 1,766 m².

Under the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015* (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is located in the Township Zone.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment) at 2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford formally described as Lot 105 on I2121 formally described as Lot 1 on RP610093, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

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

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- 1.2 Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.
- 1.3 The 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
Plan of Lot 105	Sheet 1 of 2	-	-

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

3.0 ENDORSEMENT OF SURVEY PLAN

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

4.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

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- 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.
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1.0 OVERVIEW

TABLE 1 - OVERVIEW	
PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site address	2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford
RPD	Lot 105 I2121
Site Area	2,023m ²
Landowner	Longreach Regional Council
Existing use of land	Vacant
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	DA24/25-002
Applicant	Michael Murray Tomlinson C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd
Application description	Development Application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment)
Decision Due date	21 November 2024
Proposal	Subdivision to resolve a road encroachment
STATUTORY PLANNING DETAILS	
State Planning Policy	<i>State Planning Policy (July 2017)</i>
Mapped SPP matters	<p>Natural Hazards Risk and Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flood hazard area - Level 1 - Queensland floodplain assessment overlay - Flood hazard area - Local Government flood mapping area - Bushfire prone area
Regional Plan	Central West Regional Plan (September 2009)
CWRP Designation	Community Activity Centre (Isisford)
Planning Scheme	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Zone	Township
Overlays	Nil
Category of Assessment	Code Assessment

1.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

Application lodged	26 September 2024
Application properly made	26 September 2024
Decision due date under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>	21 November 2024

2.0 SITE AND SURROUNDS DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at 2 Saint Francis Street, Isisford formally described as Lot 105 on I2121 (see **Figure 1**). The subject site has an area of 2,223m² and includes a frontage to Saint Frances Street and Saint Denys Street.

The site is currently vacant; however, a road has been constructed through the north eastern corner of the site.

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

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal involves the reconfiguration of an existing lot to ensure a formed road is wholly contained within the road corridor and not on private property (**see Figure 2**). The proposal will result in the existing lot being reduced from an area of 2,023m² to 1,766 m².

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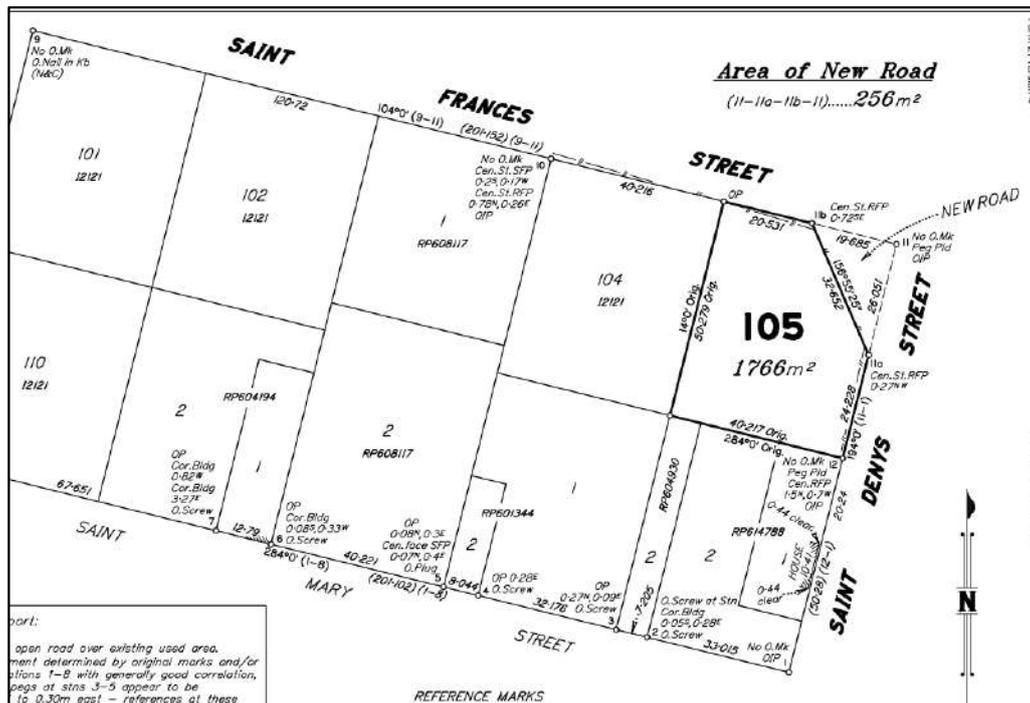


Figure 2 – Proposed reconfiguration (Applicant supplied)

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

4.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

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

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

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

- Township Zone Code
- Reconfiguring a Lot Code
- Flood Hazard Overlay Code
- Landscape Code
- Works Code.

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

The Central West Regional Plan

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

The State Planning Policy

The Planning Scheme reflects an older version of the SPP from July 2014. The current version of the SPP is from July 2017. As listed in Table 1 (overview of planning details), the subject site is identified by SPP mapping layers relating to Natural hazards.

A review of the assessment benchmarks relating to these state interests has been completed and it has been confirmed that the provisions between the 2014 and 2017 SPP are effectively the same. Therefore, no further assessment is required, as the provisions relating to the State interests are dealt with through the Planning Scheme. In general, there are no conflicts between the proposal and any other State interest under the SPP.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

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

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

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

Common material

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

Development approvals and existing uses

The site is currently vacant.

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

4.1 LONGREACH REGIONAL PLANNING SCHEME 2015 (V3)

4.1.1 Reconfiguring a Lot

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

a. Creating lots by subdividing another lot; or

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

Assessment of Codes

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

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

Township Zone Code

The site is in the Township Zone, as shown in red on the Zone Map for the town of Isisford in **Figure 3**.

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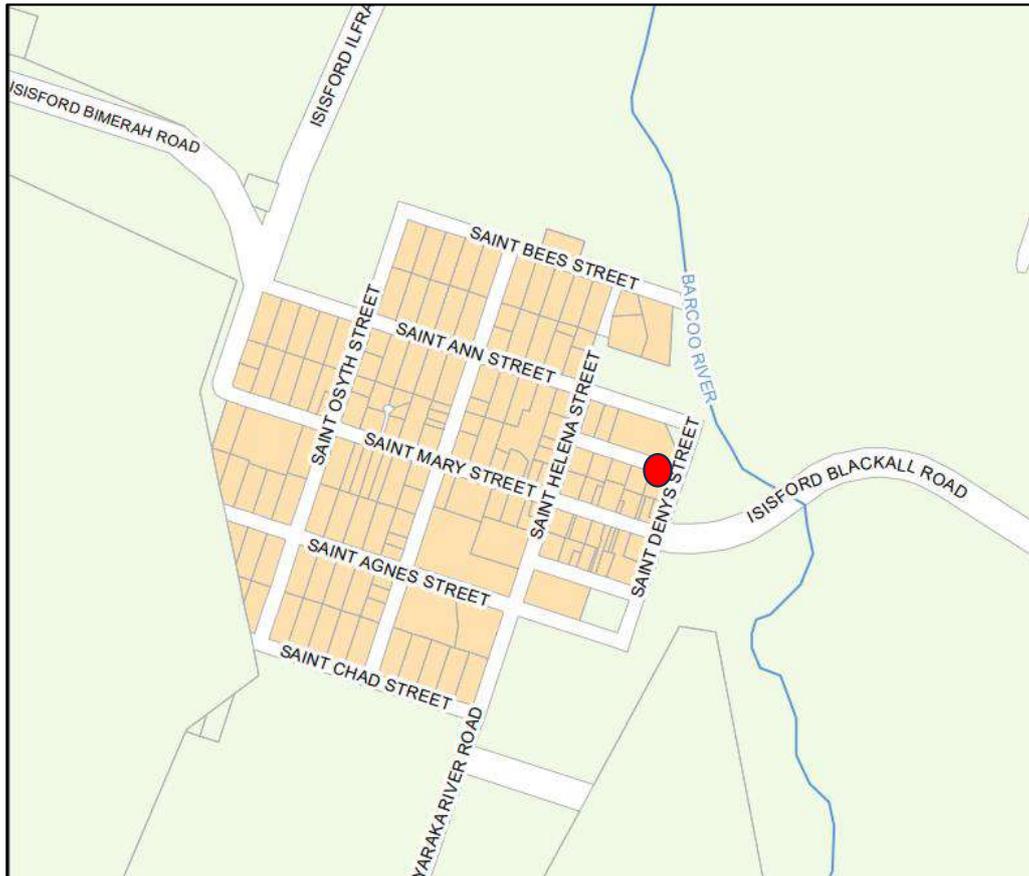


Figure 3 – Zone Map (Source: LRC Planning Scheme 2015)

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

Reconfiguring a Lot Code

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

- The reconfiguration will resolve an existing encroachment
- The proposal does not result in the creation of additional lots
- The reconfigured lot will be of a size that is consistent with surrounding lots.

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Flood Hazard Overlay Code

The site is affected by the Isisford Locally Verified Historical Highest Known Water Level contained in the Flood hazard overlay. Although the lot is affected by the overlay, the proposal does not result in the creation of any additional lots and does not involve any new buildings and structures and therefore complies with the relevant assessment benchmarks in the Flood hazard overlay code.

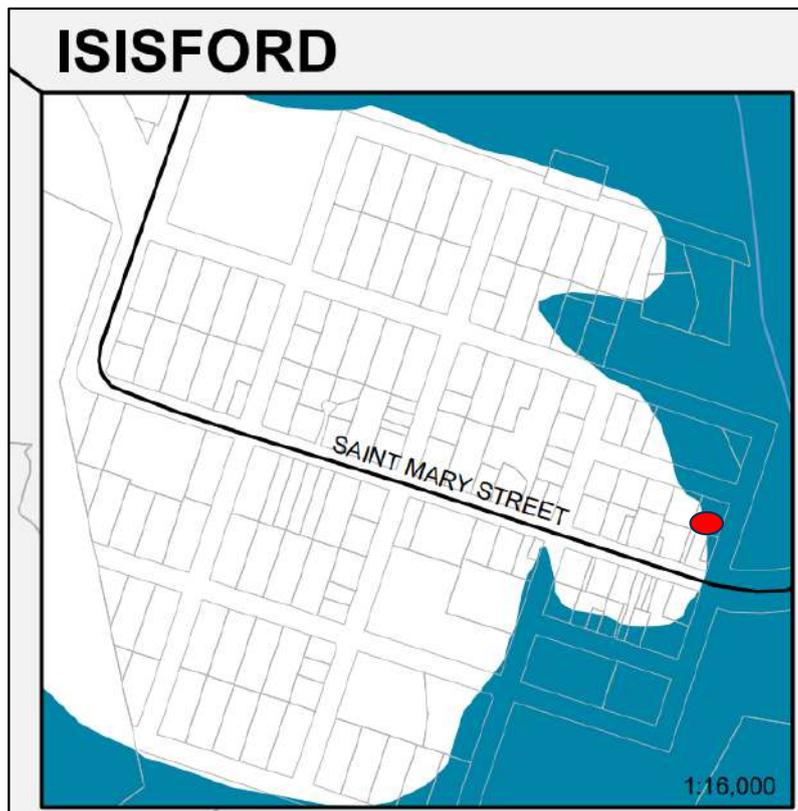


Figure 4 - Flood Hazard Overlay Map (Source: LRC Planning Scheme 2015)

Landscape Code

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

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

Works Code

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

The lot can be appropriately serviced when required.

5.0 REFERRALS

5.1 INTERNAL

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

5.2 STATE ASSESSMENT REFERRAL AGENCY

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

6.0 INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

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

7.0 CONCLUSION

The development application seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment) at 2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford formally described as Lot 105 on I2121, is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions outlined in this report. This recommendation is based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Act for applications subject to Code Assessment. The assessment undertaken, which is summarised in this report, demonstrates that the proposal complies with the relevant assessment benchmarks.

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

- The reconfiguration will resolve an existing encroachment
- The proposal does not result in the creation of additional lots
- The reconfigured lot will be of a size that is consistent with surrounding lots
- The proposal does not result in the creation of any additional lots and does not involve any new buildings and structures where within the Flood hazard overlay
- The development complies with all applicable assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme.
- The development does not compromise the relevant elements of the Central West Regional Plan and State Planning Policy.

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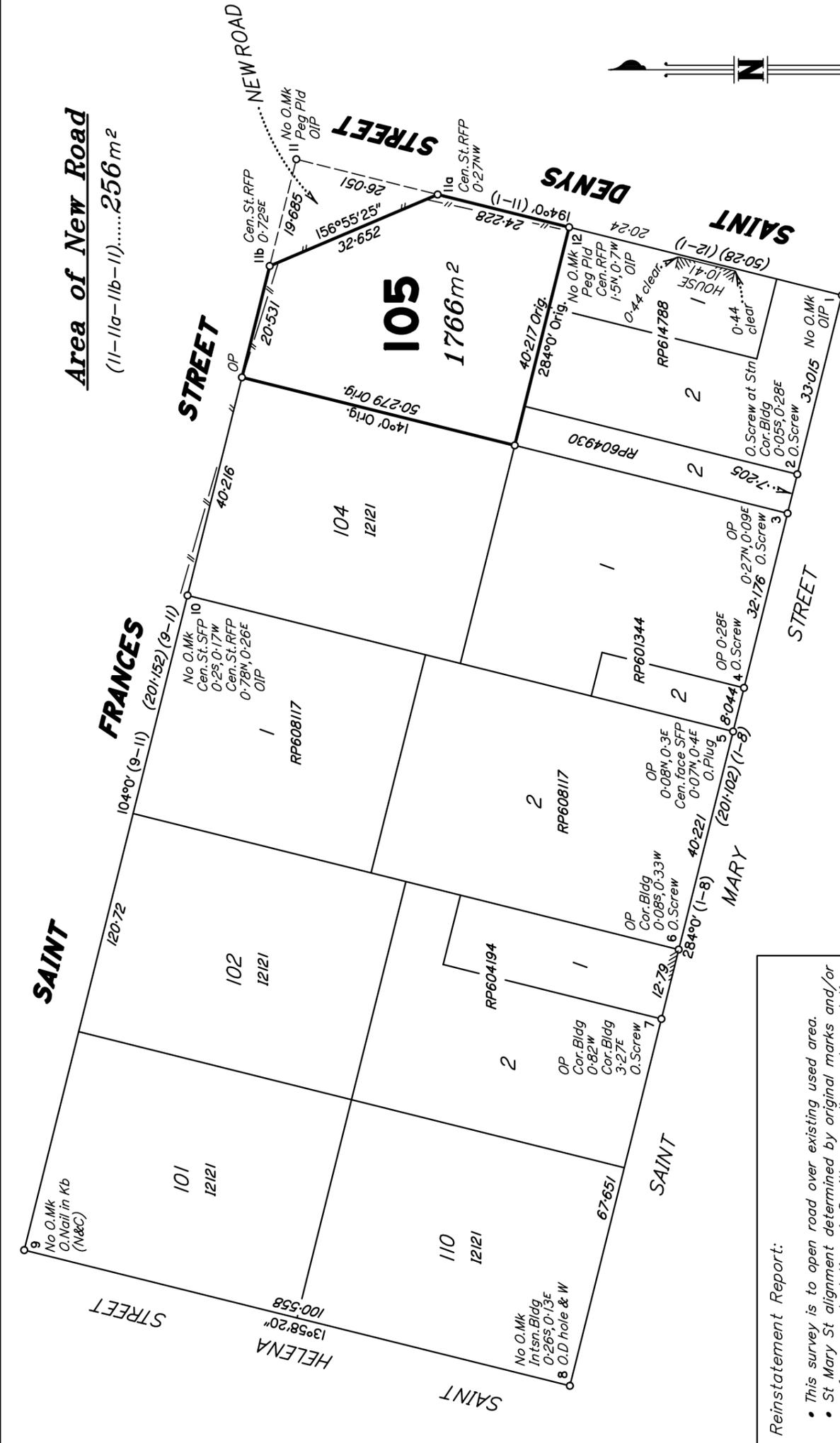
Assessment Officers (Author): Tim O'Leary Principal Planner (Reel Planning) 07 November 2024	Reviewed and Authorised by Assessment Manager Delegate: Simon Kuttner 11 November 2024
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ATTACHMENT A - PROPOSAL PLAN

Land Title Act 1994 ; Land Act 1994
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SURVEY PLAN

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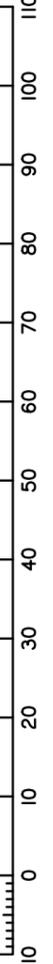
Area of New Road
(11-11a-11b-11).....256 m²

Peg placed at all new corners unless otherwise stated.

Original information compiled from IS228423 in the Department of Resources.

STN	TO	ORIGIN	BEARING	DIST
1	OIP 0.7 deep	5/RP604930	194°0'	1.006
2	O.Screw	6/IS228409	185°05'30"	1.722
3	O.Screw	5/IS228409	253°18'40"	3.757
4	O.Screw	4/IS228409	192°14'05"	1.899
5	O.Plug	3/IS228409	160°01'15"	2.201
6	O.Screw	6/IS241078	178°22'55"	2.055
7	O.Screw	7/IS241078	207°36'45"	2.104
8	O.D hole & W	6/IS228423	239°11'20"	2.891
9	O.Nail in Kb (N&C)	8b/IS228423	325°10'40"	4.41 (N&C)
10	OIP	10/IS228423	18°45'30"	1.69
10	Nail in Conc	12/IS228423	33°41'10"	5.95
11	OIP	13/IS228423	187°09'45"	1.426
12	OIP	13/IS228423	99°34'30"	1.143

Scale 1: 800 - Lengths are in metres.



Reinstatement Report:

- This survey is to open road over existing used area.
- St Mary St alignment determined by original marks and/or references at stations 1-8 with generally good correlation, however original pegs at stns 3-5 appear to be consistently 0.27 to 0.30m east - references at these stations maintain original dimensions.
- St Frances St alignment determined by original references at stations 10 and 11 on this plan, with OP at NW corner of lot 105 confirming this reinstatement. Further, this maintains parallel boundaries of St Marys and St Frances Streets.
- St Helena St determined using original dimensions as shown on surveys IS228423 and IS241078 - the reference at stn 9 maintains the original bearing but is shown 24mm different in distance. This maintains the original distance 9-10 as shown on the identification surveys.
- St Denys St alignment determined from original references at stns 1, 11 and 12, with excellent correlation to IS228423 and IS241078. These surveys have accepted shortage in depth and width of the lots, which this survey maintains and compiles original boundaries from IS228423 which has identified lot 105.
- New boundary follows existing fence to intersect boundaries on St Frances and St Denys Streets.

I, Anthony Scott MORCOM hereby certify that the land comprised in this plan was surveyed by me personally and that the plan is accurate, that the said survey was performed in accordance with the Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003 and Surveyors Act 2003 and associated Regulations and Standards and that the said survey was completed on 1/8/2024.

Date
Cadastral Surveyor

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Plan of Lot 105
Cancelling Lot 105 on I2121.

LOCAL LONGREACH
GOVERNMENT: REGIONAL COUNCIL LOCALITY: ISISFORD

Meridian: IS228423

Survey Records: No

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The Applicant, Simone and Martin Thomason C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd, has submitted a development application seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots) at 605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach formally described as Lot 2 on RP864458 (the subject site).

Description:	Subdivision to create two lots
Development:	Development Permit
Applicant:	Simone and Martin Thomason C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd
Owner:	Graham Warwick & Vivienne Rosemary Champion
Current Use of Land:	Longway Station - Grazing
Address:	605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach
Real Property Description:	Lots 2 on RP864458
Applicable Planning Scheme:	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Zone:	Rural Zone
Level of Assessment:	Code Assessment

Appendices

1. DA2425-005- Decision Report Nov 24.docx [↓](#)
2. Attachment A - Proposal Plan.pdf [↓](#)
3. Attachment B - SARA Referral Agency Response.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots) at 605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach formally described as Lot 2 on RP864458, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

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- 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

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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.
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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 1 Lot into 2 Lot Subdivision	40084	-	21/05/2024

- 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

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4.0 STORMWATER WORKS

- 4.1 Discharge all minor stormwater flows that fall or pass onto each lot to the lawful point of discharge without causing annoyance or nuisance to any person in accordance with the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (QUDM).

5.0 WATER SUPPLY

- 5.1 The existing water supply to proposed Lot 12 is required to be maintained.

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- 5.2 Proposed Lot 11 must be provided with on-site water supply in accordance with Planning scheme policy 1 – Works.

6.0 SERVICES

- 6.1 Existing electricity and telecommunications services to proposed Lot 12 are required to be maintained.
- 6.2 Electricity and telecommunication services must be provided to Proposed Lot 11 in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

Alternative off grid electricity supply (e.g. solar and battery arrangement) and telecommunications services (e.g. satellite) are permitted on proposed Lot 11 where they are reliable and readily available.

- 6.3 Any service connection to an existing building that traverses a lot boundary is to be:
- (a) removed; or
 - (b) relocated so that it does not traverse a lot boundary; or
 - (c) covered by an easement.

7.0 ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT & DISPOSAL

- 7.1 Existing on-site sewage treatment and disposal to proposed Lot 12 is to be maintained.
- 7.2 Proposed Lot 11 must be provided with on-site sewage treatment and disposal in accordance with the requirements of the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*, including the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code, at all times.

8.0 ACCESS WORKS

- 8.1 The existing access to proposed Lot 12 is required to be maintained.
- 8.2 A Rural Property Access is to be provided to proposed Lot 11 generally in accordance with the location shown on the approved plan.

9.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 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

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**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - DA24/25-005 - SIMONE AND MARTIN
THOMASON C/- MURRAY & ASSOCIATES (QLD) PTY LTD - 605 CRAMSIE
MUTTABURRA ROAD, LONGREACH**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The proposal involves the reconfiguration of an existing lot to create two lots. The site contains Longway Station, and the intention of the proposal is to create one (1) additional lot of 100 hectares at the northern end of the site. The lot is intended to be off the grid.

The application was required to be referred to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) as the site is within 25m of a State-controlled road and a railway line. SARA provided a referral agency response subject to an access condition.

Under the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015* (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is located in the Rural Zone.

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 - (c) All outstanding rates and charges relating to the site have been paid.

4.0 STORMWATER WORKS

- 4.1 Discharge all minor stormwater flows that fall or pass onto each lot to the lawful point of discharge without causing annoyance or nuisance to any person in accordance with the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (QUDM).

5.0 WATER SUPPLY

- 5.1 The existing water supply to proposed Lot 12 is required to be maintained.
- 5.2 Proposed Lot 11 must be provided with on-site water supply in accordance with Planning scheme policy 1 – Works.

6.0 SERVICES

- 6.1 Existing electricity and telecommunications services to proposed Lot 12 are required to be maintained.
- 6.2 Electricity and telecommunication services must be provided to Proposed Lot 11 in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

Alternative off grid electricity supply (e.g. solar and battery arrangement) and telecommunications services (e.g. satellite) are permitted on proposed Lot 11 where they are reliable and readily available.

- 6.3 Any service connection to an existing building that traverses a lot boundary is to be:
- (a) removed; or
 - (b) relocated so that it does not traverse a lot boundary; or
 - (c) covered by an easement.

7.0 ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT & DISPOSAL

- 7.1 Existing on-site sewage treatment and disposal to proposed Lot 12 is to be maintained.
- 7.2 Proposed Lot 11 must be provided with on-site sewage treatment and disposal in accordance with the requirements of the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*, including the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code, at all times.

8.0 ACCESS WORKS

- 8.1 The existing access to proposed 12 is required to be maintained.

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- 8.2 A Rural Property Access is to be provided to proposed Lot 11 generally in accordance with the location shown on the approved plan.

9.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 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.
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1.0 OVERVIEW

TABLE 1 - OVERVIEW	
PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site address	605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach
RPD	Lot 2 on RP864458
Site Area	5,704.063 hectares
Landowner	Graham Warwick and Vivienne Rosemary Champion
Existing use of land	Longway Station - Grazing
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	DA24/25-005
Applicant	Simone and Martin Thomason C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd
Application description	Development Application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots)
Decision Due date	25 November 2024
Proposal	Subdivision to create one new lot
STATUTORY PLANNING DETAILS	
State Planning Policy	<i>State Planning Policy (July 2017)</i>
Mapped SPP matters	<p>BIODIVERSITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MSES - Regulated vegetation (wetland) - MSES - Regulated vegetation (intersecting a watercourse) <p>NATURAL HAZARDS RISK AND RESILIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flood hazard area - Local Government flood mapping area* - Bushfire prone area <p>TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State-controlled road <p>STRATEGIC AIRPORTS AND AVIATION FACILITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obstacle limitation surface area - Obstacle limitation surface contours - Wildlife hazard buffer zone
Regional Plan	Central West Regional Plan (September 2009)
CWRP Designation	Major Rural Activity Centre (Longreach)
Planning Scheme	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Zone	Rural
Overlays	<p>Transport Noise Corridor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-controlled road <p>Agricultural Land</p> <p>Environmental Significance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSES - Regulated vegetation (intersecting a watercourse) <p>Airport Environs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runway Buffers - Wildlife hazard buffer 13km • Obstacle limitation service area (contour 341)
Category of Assessment	Code Assessment

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1.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

Application properly made	23 September 2024
Confirmation notice	26 September 2024
Application referred to SARA	03 October 2024
SARA referral agency response	21 October 2024
Decision due date under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>	25 November 2024

2.0 SITE AND SURROUNDS DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at 605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach formally described as Lot 2 on RP864458 (see **Figure 1**). The subject site has an area of 5,704.063 hectares and includes a frontage to Cramsie Muttaborra Road along the eastern boundary and the railway line is located on the western boundary of the site.

The site contains an existing station known as Longway Station.



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

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The site is located approximately 6km north of the Longreach town centre and is surrounded by the following:

- The Sandalwood estate (industrial land) to the south;
- Rural residential lots and rural land to the east;
- The Longreach Golf Club and rural land to the west; and
- Rural land to the north.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal involves the reconfiguration of an existing lot to create two lots. The site contains Longway Station, and the intention of the proposal is to create one (1) additional lot of 100 hectares at the northern end of the site (**see Figure 2**). The lot is intended to be off the grid.

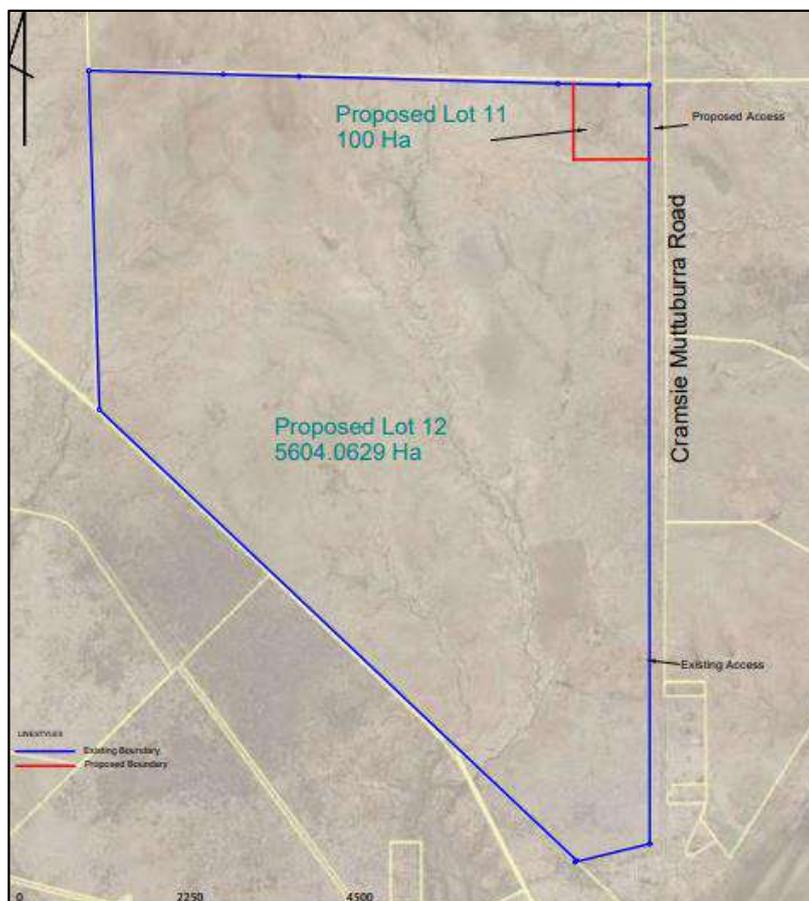


Figure 2 – Proposed reconfiguration (Applicant supplied)

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

4.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

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

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

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

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

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

The Central West Regional Plan

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

The State Planning Policy

The Planning Scheme reflects an older version of the SPP from July 2014. The current version of the SPP is from July 2017. As listed in Table 1 (overview of planning details), the subject site is identified by SPP mapping layers relating to Biodiversity, Transport Infrastructure, Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities and Natural hazards.

A review of the assessment benchmarks relating to these state interests has been completed and it has been confirmed that the provisions between the 2014 and 2017 SPP are effectively the same. Therefore, no further assessment is required, as the provisions relating to the State interests are dealt with through the Planning Scheme. In general, there are no conflicts between the proposal and any other State interest under the SPP.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

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

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

The planning application triggered State agency referral under Schedule 10 as the site is within 25m of a State-controlled road and a railway line.

Common material

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

Development approvals and existing uses

The site contains an existing station known as Longway Station. The proposed new lot will be located at the northern end of the existing lot to ensure it does not impact the operation of the existing station.

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

4.1 LONGREACH REGIONAL PLANNING SCHEME 2015 (V3)

4.1.1 Reconfiguring a Lot

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

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

Assessment of Codes

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

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

Rural Zone Code

The site is in the Rural Residential Zone, as shown in red on the Zone Map for the town of Longreach in **Figure 3**. The purpose of the Rural zone is to:

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- (a) provide for a wide range of rural uses including cropping, intensive horticulture, intensive animal industries, animal husbandry, animal keeping and other primary production activities;
- (b) provide opportunities for non-rural uses that are compatible with agriculture, the environment, and the landscape character of the rural area where they do not compromise the long-term use of the land for rural purposes; and
- (c) protect or manage significant natural features, resources, and processes, including the capacity for primary production.

The purpose of the code is achieved through various overall outcomes including the following outcome which is relevant to the proposal:

3 (g) new housing in the zone occurs only to the extent that it supports the productive use of the land or in very limited instances on a rural lifestyle lot, being a lot no smaller than 20 hectares and no larger than 100 hectares, established to facilitate a generally self-sufficient off-grid rural living opportunity;

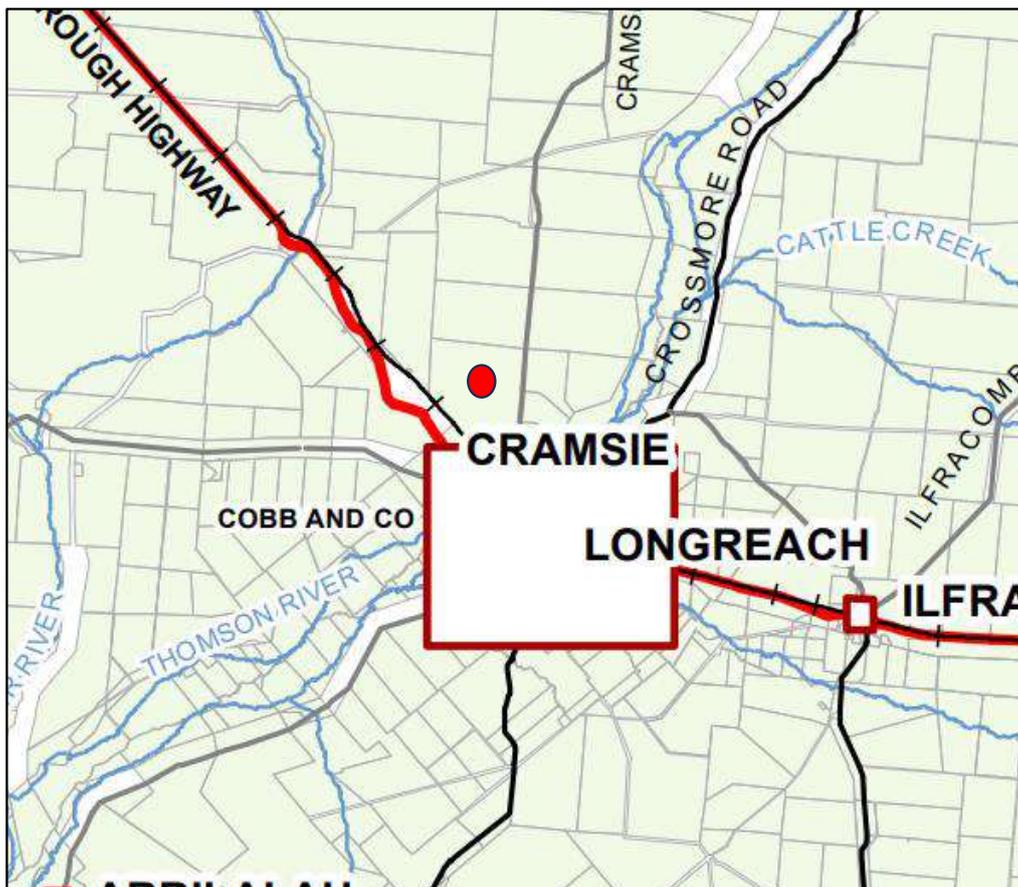


Figure 3 – Zone Map (Source: LRC Planning Scheme 2015)

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

- The proposal is consistent with overall outcome 3(g) as the proposal will not affect the productive capacity of the existing land use
- The new lot will be located on the north east corner of the existing site to ensure it is appropriately separated from the existing station and to ensure it is self-contained
- The new lot is limited to 100 hectares in area leaving an area of over 5,600 hectares for the continued operation of the existing station
- The new lot is intended to be an 'off-grid' lot that will be serviced by onsite sewer and water, solar and batteries for power and satellite and 5G for telecommunications
- Proposed Lot 12 which will contain the existing station will continue to be serviced by necessary services
- Proposed Lot 11 will have a rural type access from Cramsie Muttaborra Road
- Any clearing will be limited to establishing necessary infrastructure (clearing for fence lines)
- Proposed Lot 11 is not mapped as being subject to bushfire or flood hazards.

Reconfiguring a Lot Code

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

- The proposal results in the creation of a lot with an area less than 5,000 hectares which is the minimum lot size in the Rural zone. Despite creating a lot less than 5,000 hectares, the Rural zone code does permit the creation of a single rural lifestyle lot where it is between 20 – 100 hectares in size, does not affect the productivity of the land and can operate as an off-grid lot. Proposed Lot 11 will be limited to 100 hectares in size, will be located to not impact the operation/productive capacity of the existing use of the land and will be setup to be off the grid
- Proposed Lot 11 will be located in areas mapped as being subject to state environmental significance however, the reconfiguration will not result in extensive clearing and clearing will be limited to clearing for essential infrastructure, such as fencing
- The site is not mapped as being subject to bushfire hazard
- Each lot will be able to be serviced by appropriate infrastructure, proposed Lot 11 will be serviced by off the grid services
- The creation of one rural lifestyle lot at the north east corner of the site will not lead to fragmentation of rural land
- Proposed Lot 11 will have access to an established road, Cramsie Muttaborra Road.

Landscape Code

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

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

Works Code

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

Proposed Lot 11 will be conditioned to be provided with off the grid services, whilst proposed Lot 12 which contains Longway Station will continue to be serviced by existing services.

5.0 REFERRALS

5.1 INTERNAL

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

5.2 STATE ASSESSMENT REFERRAL AGENCY

The application required referral under the *Planning Regulation 2017* for proximity to a State-controlled road (Cramsie Muttaborra Road) and the Railway line. The application was referred to SARA on 3 October 2024. SARA provided a referral agency response with a condition relating to access on 21 October 2024. A copy of the referral agency response is included as **Attachment B**.

6.0 INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

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

7.0 CONCLUSION

The development application seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots) at 605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach formally described as Lot 2 on RP864458, is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions outlined in this report. This recommendation is based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Act for applications subject to Code Assessment. The assessment undertaken,

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which is summarised in this report, demonstrates that the proposal complies with the relevant assessment benchmarks.

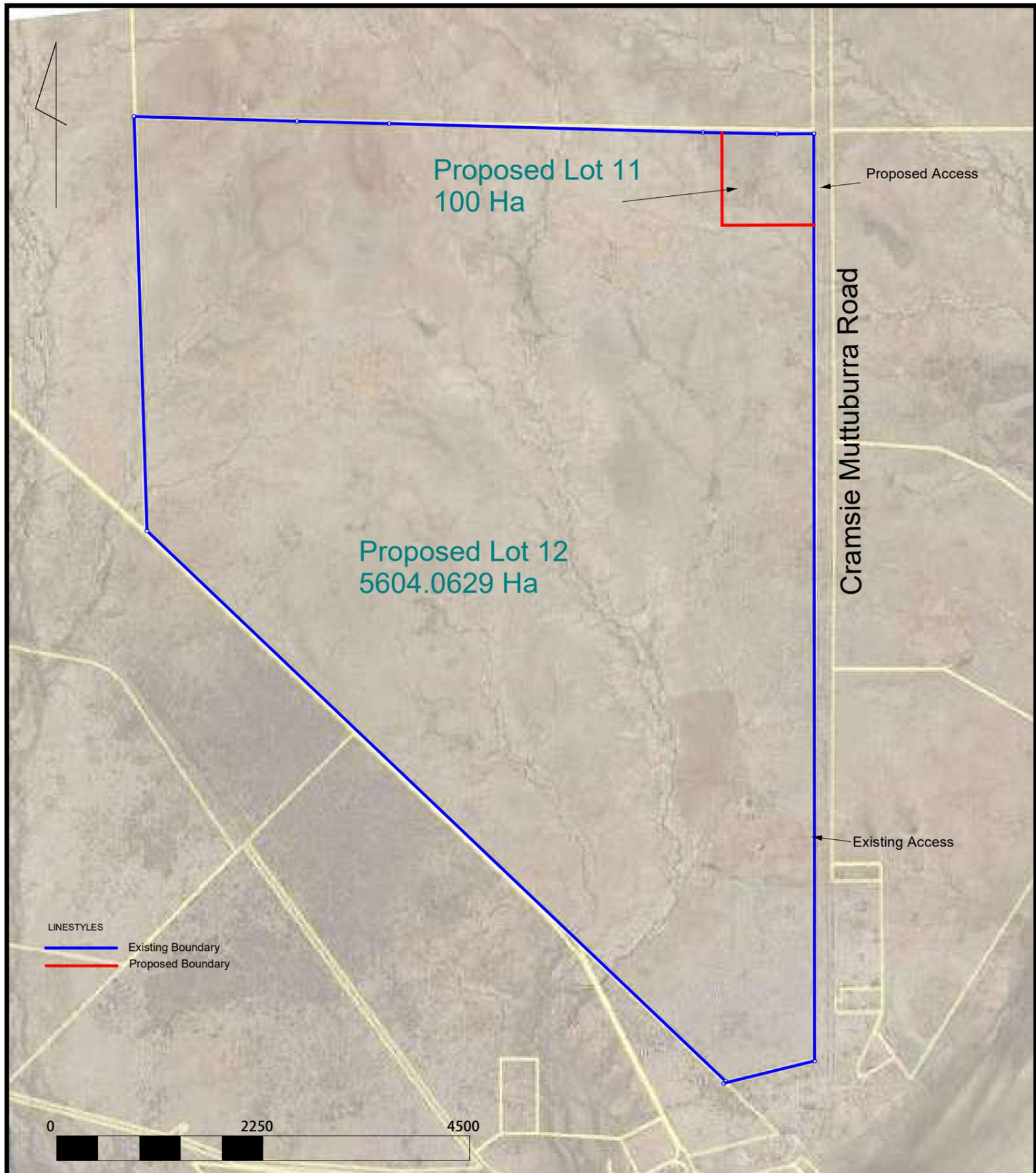
In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under Section 63 of the Planning Act, a notice must be prepared for publication on Council's website stating the reasons for the decision. For this development, the statement of reasons, being the grounds for approval, will feature on the notice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

- The proposal results in the creation of a lot with an area less than 5,000 hectares which is the minimum lot size in the Rural zone. Despite creating a lot less than 5,000 hectares, the Rural zone code does permit the creation of a single rural lifestyle lot where it is between 20 – 100 hectares in size, does not affect the productivity of the land and can operate as an off-grid lot. Proposed Lot 11 will be limited to 100 hectares in size, will be located to not impact the operation/productive capacity of the existing use of the land and will be setup to be off the grid.
- The new lot will be located on the north east corner of the existing site to ensure it is appropriately separated from the existing station and to ensure it is self-contained.
- The new lot is limited to 100 hectares in area leaving an area of over 5,600 hectares for the continued operation of the existing station.
- Each lot will be able to be serviced by appropriate infrastructure, proposed Lot 11 will be serviced by off the grid services.
- The creation of one rural lifestyle lot at the north east corner of the site will not lead to fragmentation of rural land.
- The development complies with all applicable assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme.
- The development does not compromise the relevant elements of the Central West Regional Plan and State Planning Policy.

Assessment Officers (Author): Tim O'Leary Principal Planner (Reel Planning) 11 November 2024	Reviewed and Authorised by Assessment Manager Delegate: Simon Kuttner 11 November 2024
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ATTACHMENT A – PROPOSAL PLAN

ATTACHMENT B – SARA REFERRAL AGENCY RESPONSE



CLIENT Thomason		PROJECT Proposed 1 Lot into 2 Lot Subdivision Cancelling Lot 2 on RP864458 605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach QLD L.G.A. Longreach Regional Council	
REV.	Scale 1:45000 Drawn ARB	Date 21/05/2024	
Datum RP864458		File 400804	
Registered Surveyor ABELL		Job & Plan No. 400804	Notes. Underground services have been located from visible surface features only. A Dial Before You Dig search should be performed before the commencement of any excavation work. The property boundaries shown have not fully been investigated for the purposes of this survey. For an accurate determination of the boundaries, an identification survey will be required.

<p>ACN 075 543 154 Murray Building, 15-17 Currie St. Nambour Ph.(07)5441 2188 P.O. Box 246 Branch Offices at Maroochydore Caboolture Chinchilla Roma Gympie & Emerald</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ AV Air Valve ▲ BM Bench Mark △ CP Control Point ● ELP Elect. Light Pole □ EMH Electricity Manhole ● PP Power Pole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ EPL Electricity Pillar ● EPIT Electricity Pit □ FH Fire Hydrant ■ GRATE Stormwater Grate ■ GATE Gate ■ S Sign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GAS Gas Infrastructure ○ SMH Sewer Manhole □ SV Scower Valve ○ SWMH Stormwater Manhole ○ T Tree ■ TE Telstra Pit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TPL Telstra Pillar ○ WM Water Meter □ WV Water Valve
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SARA reference: 2409-42614 SRA
Council reference: DA24/25-005
Applicant reference: 400804

21 October 2024

Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council
PO Box 144
Illfracombe QLD 4727
assist@longreach.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

SARA referral agency response—605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach

(Referral agency response given under section 56 of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 3 October 2024.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response – with conditions
Date of response:	21 October 2024
Conditions:	The conditions in Attachment 1 must be attached to any development approval
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in Attachment 2
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in Attachment 3

Development details

Description:	Development permit Reconfiguring a lot (1 lot into 2 Lots)
SARA role:	Referral agency
SARA trigger:	Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 1, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017)
	Development application for reconfiguring a lot within 25m of a railway corridor and state-controlled road

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SARA reference: 2409-42614 SRA

Assessment manager: Longreach Regional Council

Street address: 605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach

Real property description: 2RP864458

Applicant name: Simone and Martin Thomason

Applicant contact details: PO Box 665
Emerald QLD 4720
andrewb@mursurv.com

State-controlled road access permit: This referral included an application for a road access location, under section 62A(2) of *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*. Below are the details of the decision:

- Approved
- Reference: TMR24-043866
- Date: 18 October 2024

If you are seeking further information on the road access permit, please contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads at corridormanagement@tmr.qld.gov.au

Human Rights Act 2019 considerations: Consideration of the *Human Rights Act 2019* sections 15 to 35 has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s.30 Development Assessment Rules). Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 4**.

A copy of this response has been sent to the applicant for their information.

For further information please contact Thomas Gardiner, Principal Planning Officer, on 0749242916 or via email RockhamptonSARA@dcdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Anthony Walsh
Manager Planning

cc Simone and Martin Thomason, andrewb@mursurv.com

enc Attachment 1 - Referral agency conditions
Attachment 2 - Advice to the applicant
Attachment 3 - Reasons for referral agency response
Attachment 4 - Representations about a referral agency response provisions
Attachment 5 - Documents referenced in conditions

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2409-42614 SRA

Attachment 1—Referral agency conditions

(Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the *Planning Act 2016* the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application) (Copies of the documents referenced below are found at Attachment 5)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
Reconfiguring a lot		
10.9.4.2.1.1 – Reconfiguring a lot near a state transport corridor—The chief executive administering the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> nominates the Director-General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1.	(a) The road access location for proposed Lot 11 is to be located generally in accordance with Proposed 1 into 2 Lot Subdivision Cancelling Lot 2 on RP864458 605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach QLD L.G.A Longreach Regional Council, prepared by Murray & Associates, dated 21/05/2024, reference 400804, as amended in red by SARA. (b) Road access works comprising a Rural Property Access, at the road access location referenced in part (a) of this condition, must be provided generally in accordance with Standard Drawing 1807, prepared by the Department of Transport and Main Roads, dated March 2024, reference 1807, revision C. (c) The road access works must be designed and constructed in accordance with Standard Drawing 1807, prepared by the Department of Transport and Main Roads, dated March 2024, reference 1807, revision C.	(a) At all times. (b) and (c) Prior to submitting the Plan of Survey to the local government for approval.

Attachment 2—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> , its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) (version 3.0). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

Attachment 3—Reasons for referral agency response

(Given under section 56(7) of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The reasons for the SARA's decision are:

- SARA assessed the development against the following code(s) of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP), version 3.0:
 - o State code 1: Development in a state-controlled road environment.
 - o State code 2: Development in a railway environment.
- The development complies with the assessment benchmarks of State code 1 of SDAP (version 3.0) in that the development:
 - o does not adversely impact the structural integrity or physical condition of the state controlled road.
 - o does not adversely impact the function and efficiency of the state controlled road.
- The development complies with the assessment benchmarks of State code 2 of SDAP (version 3.0) in that the development:
 - o does not compromise the operating performance of the railway corridor.

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the SDAP (version 3.0), as published by SARA
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

Attachment 4—Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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Attachment 5—Documents referenced in conditions

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11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.10 - Development Permit for Material Change of Use - 85 Crane Street, Longreach

11.10 Development Permit for Material Change of Use - 85 Crane Street, Longreach

The Applicant, B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd, seeks a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Multiple dwelling (3 units) over land at 85 Crane Street, Longreach, formally described as Lot 16 on L3573 (the subject site). The subject site is 1,214m² in area and is located on the southern side of the Landsborough Highway.

Description:	Multiple Dwelling (3 units)
Development:	Development Permit
Applicant:	B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd
Owner:	Benjamin Hunt
Current Use of Land:	Dwelling house
Address:	85 Crane Street, Longreach
Real Property Description:	Lot 16 on L3573
Applicable Planning Scheme:	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Zone:	Medium Density Residential Zone
Level of Assessment:	Code Assessment

Appendices

1. DA2425-006- Decision Report Nov 24.docx [↓](#)
2. Attachment A - Proposal Plans.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Multiple dwelling (3 units) over land at 85 Crane Street, Longreach, formally described as Lot 16 on L3573, 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.

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- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 All development conditions contained in this development approval about infrastructure under Chapter 4 of the Planning Act 2016 (the Act), should be read as being non-trunk infrastructure conditioned under section 145 of the Act, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.6 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 Site Plan	TP1	A	01/09/24
Proposed Ground Floor	TP2	A	01/09/24
Proposed Roof Plan	TP3	A	01/09/24
Elevations	TP4	A	01/09/24
Elevations	TP5	A	01/09/24
Elevations	TP6	A	01/09/24

- 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 VEHICLE ACCESS AND PARKING

- 3.1 Provide and maintain a minimum of two (2) car spaces for each new dwelling.
- 3.2 Design, construct and maintain all car parking and access works generally in accordance with the approved plans, *Australian Standard AS2890 "Parking Facilities"* (Parts 1 to 6) and *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Queensland)*.
- 3.4 Construct and maintain two (2) vehicular accesses to Parrot Lane in accordance with the *Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Standard Drawing No. RS-049 (vehicle low density residential) Plan 1 and 2*.

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6.0 LANDSCAPING

- 6.1 Establish and retain all landscaping generally in accordance with the approved plans. The landscaping must predominantly contain species that are endemic to the region due to their low water dependency.
- 6.2 Ensure the landscaped areas are subject to water and maintenance during the establishment phase, and ongoing maintenance and replanting as required.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 7.1 Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, odour, wastewater, waste products, dust or otherwise.
- 7.2 Maintain outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 – 1997 "Control of Obstructive Effects of Outdoor Lighting".
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Advisory note: Schedule 5.1.2.5 of the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme (v2.1) references the Director of Infrastructure Services to undertake the assessment of the ESCP.

9.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- 9.1 Construction activity and noise must be limited during earthworks and construction of the approved development to the hours of 06:30 to 18:30 Monday to Saturday, with no work to occur on Sundays or public holidays.
- 9.2 The construction of any works must be undertaken in accordance with good engineering practice and workmanship and generally in accordance with the relevant provisions of Planning Scheme Policy No. 1 – Works Planning Scheme Policy under Schedule 5 of the Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3).
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- 10.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.

ADVISORY NOTES

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2. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in

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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. Compliance must be achieved with any relevant Civil Aviation Safety Authority requirements. The development and operation of the use must not conflict with or adversely impact the operational requirements of the Longreach Airport.
4. General environmental duty under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
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DECISION REPORT FOR GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2024	TO
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**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - DA NO24/25-006 - B T HUNT BUILDING PTY LTD
- 85 CRANE STREET, LONGREACH**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Applicant, B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd, seeks a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Multiple dwelling (3 units) over land at 85 Crane Street, Longreach, formally described as Lot 16 on L3573 (the subject site). The subject site is 1,214m² in area and is located on the southern side of the Landsborough Highway.

The proposal involves the addition of two (2) dwellings on a site that already contains an existing dwelling. The new dwellings will be 2 bedroom, single storey cabin type dwellings.

Under the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (version 3)* (the Planning Scheme), the proposal is defined as a Multiple dwelling. The subject site is in the Medium Density Residential Zone wherein a Material Change of Use for a Multiple dwelling is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment. A 'code assessable' development application does not require public notification (i.e. is not subject to third-party appeal rights) and is assessed against a limited set of assessment benchmarks (i.e. criteria) under the Planning Scheme – to the extent the development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the assessment benchmarks, it must be approved.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Impact Assessment process articulated in the *Planning Act 2016*, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Multiple dwelling (3 units) over land at 85 Crane Street, Longreach, formally described as Lot 16 on L3573, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

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- 1.2 Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or

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

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- 1.5 All development conditions contained in this development approval about *infrastructure* under Chapter 4 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act), should be read as being non-trunk infrastructure conditioned under section 145 of the Act, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.6 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council's satisfaction, and to be maintained at all times thereafter, unless otherwise stated.

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- 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 approval:

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision	Date
Proposed Site Plan	TP1	A	01/09/24
Proposed Ground Floor	TP2	A	01/09/24
Proposed Roof Plan	TP3	A	01/09/24
Elevations	TP4	A	01/09/24
Elevations	TP5	A	01/09/24
Elevations	TP6	A	01/09/24

- 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 prevail.

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OVERVIEW

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PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site address	85 Crane Street, Longreach
RPD	Lot 16 on L3573
Site Area	1,214m ²
Landowners	Benjamin Hunt
Existing use of land	Dwelling house
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	DA24/25-006
Applicant	B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd
Application description	Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Multiple dwelling (3 units)
Decision due date	27 November 2024
Proposal	Multiple dwelling
STATUTORY PLANNING DETAILS	
State Planning Policy	State Planning Policy (July 2017)
Mapped SPP matters	Natural Hazards Risk and Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood hazard area – Local Government flood mapping area Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacle limitation surface area • Lighting area buffer 6km • Wildlife hazard buffer zone
Regional Plan	Central West Regional Plan (September 2009)
CWRP Designation	Major Rural Activity Centre (Longreach)
Planning Scheme	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Overlays	Airport Environs Overlay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting Area Buffer (6km) • Wildlife Hazard Buffer Zone 3km • Operational limitation service area (236m contour)
Zone	Medium Density Residential Zone
Land use definition	Multiple dwelling
Category of Assessment	Code Assessment

1.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

TABLE 2 - APPLICATION HISTORY

Application lodged	25 September 2024
Decision due date under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>	27 November 2024

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2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at 85 Crane Street, Longreach, formally described as Lot 16 on L3573 (see **Figure 1**). The subject site is 1,214m² in area has frontage to Crane Street and Parrot Lane. The site contains an existing dwelling house that fronts Crane Street.



Figure 1 –Subject Site (Source: Queensland Government DAMS)

2.1 LOCALITY DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located on the southern side of the Landsborough Highway and is surrounded by residential dwellings to the north, south and east whilst the site adjoins the Longreach Motor Inn to the west.

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3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal involves the addition of two (2) dwellings on a site that already contains an existing dwelling. The new dwellings will be 2 bedroom, single storey cabin type dwellings (see **Figure 2**). The existing dwelling that fronts Crane Street will remain unchanged. Access to the new dwellings will be from Parrot Lane and each dwelling will have a carport that can accommodate two (2) cars.

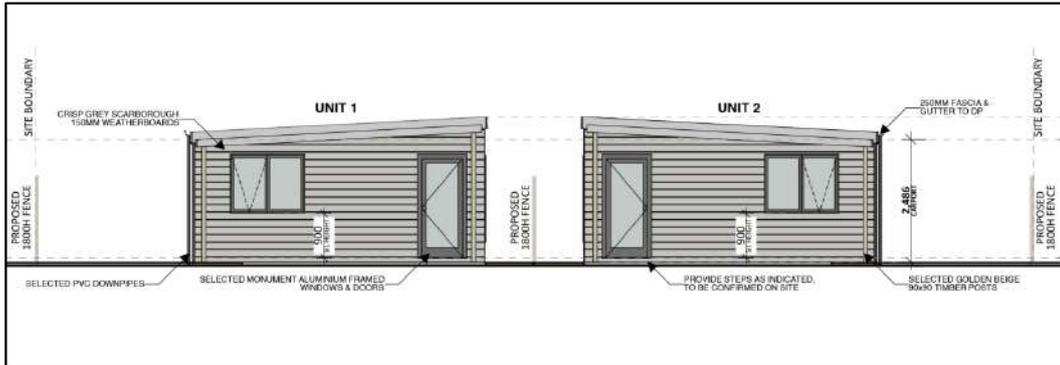


Figure 2 – Proposed dwellings (Source: Applicant supplied)

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

4.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

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

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

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

- Medium Density Residential Zone Code
- Landscape Code
- Works Code.

These are discussed in further in detail in Section 4.2 below.

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

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The Central West Regional Plan

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

The State Planning Policy

The Planning Scheme reflects an older version of the SPP from July 2014. The current version of the SPP is from July 2017. As listed in Table 1 (overview of planning details), the subject site is identified by SPP mapping layers relating to Natural hazards and Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities.

A review of the assessment benchmarks relating to these state interests has been completed and it has been confirmed that the provisions between the 2014 and 2017 SPP are effectively the same. Therefore, no further assessment is required, as the provisions relating to the State interests are dealt with through the Planning Scheme. In general, there are no conflicts between the proposal and any other State interest under the SPP.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

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

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

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

Common material

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

Development approvals and existing uses

The site contains an existing dwelling that is considered to have been lawfully established.

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

4.1 LONGREACH REGIONAL PLANNING SCHEME 2015

The following sections address the elements of the Planning Scheme as it relates to the proposal.

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4.1.1 Proposal as a Material Change of Use

The proposed development involves a Material Change of Use of premises for a Multiple dwelling, which is categorised as Assessable Development under the Planning Scheme and therefore requires a development application. Under the Planning Act, the definition of Material Change of Use is:

- (a) the start of a new use of the premises;
- (b) the re-establishment on the premises of a use that has been abandoned;
- (c) a material increase in the intensity or scale of the use of the premises.

In the context of the proposal, a Multiple dwelling is considered a new use.

4.1.2 Land Use Definition

Under the Planning Scheme, the development is defined as a 'Multiple dwelling, which means:

Residential use of premises involving three or more dwellings, whether attached or detached.

4.1.3 Assessment Benchmarks

Medium Density Residential Zone Code

The subject site is located in the Medium Density Residential Zone (**Figure 3**).

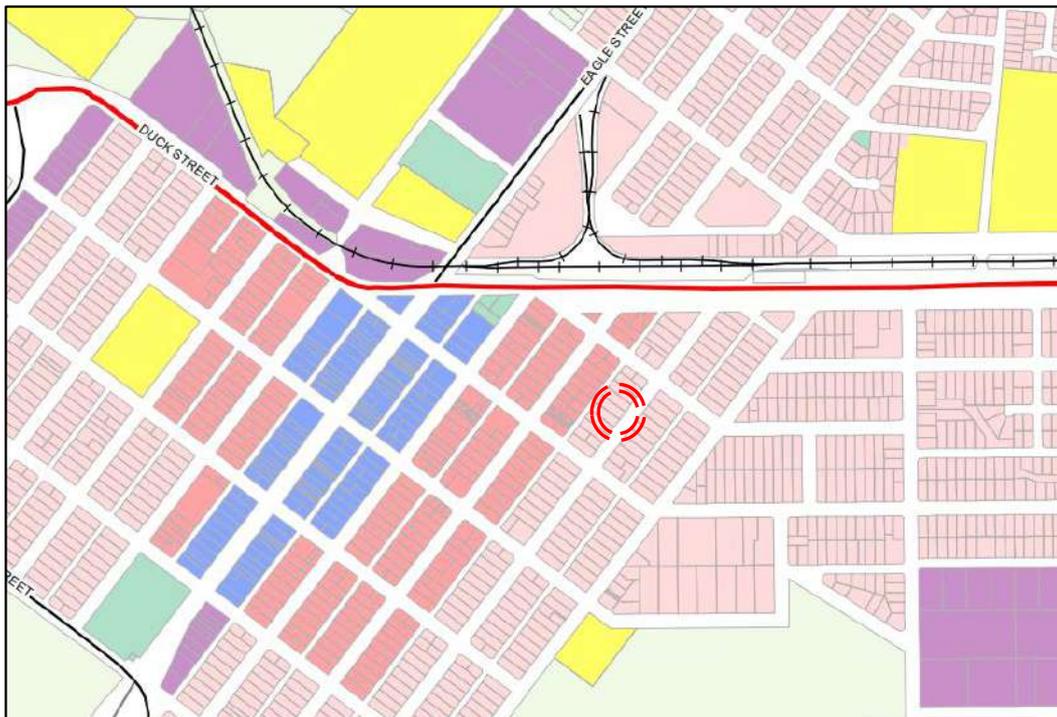


Figure 3 – Zone Map (Source: LRC 2015)

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The proposed development complies, or can otherwise be conditioned to comply, with the Performance Outcomes and, where applicable, the Acceptable Outcomes, of the Medium Density Residential Zone Code, in particular:

- The proposed new buildings are limited to one storey and well below the permitted 3 storeys and 10m maximum building height
- The site cover is below the permitted 60% for the site (approximately 41% proposed)
- The proposal includes compliant front and side boundary setbacks
- The proposal incorporates building elements that are compatible with the local climate
- Each dwelling incorporates sufficient ground floor open space that is accessible from living areas
- Landscaping has been provided to the Parrot Lane frontage
- Each dwelling has been designed to be setback from adjoining dwellings to maintain privacy and access to sunlight
- Each dwelling is oriented to a street frontage and includes windows overlooking the street.

Landscape Code

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

The proposed development has been conditioned to provide landscaping as shown on the proposed plans.

Works Code

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

Conditions have been included to ensure that each new dwelling is provide with necessary urban services.

In summary, on balance this planning assessment has demonstrated compliance between the development and the relevant assessable benchmarks of the Planning Scheme. Recommended conditions of approval reflect the elements of each assessment benchmark to ensure on-going compliance in terms of operations and amenity.

5.0 REFERRALS

5.1 STATE ASSESSMENT REFERRAL AGENCY

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

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6.0 INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

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

7.0 CONCLUSION

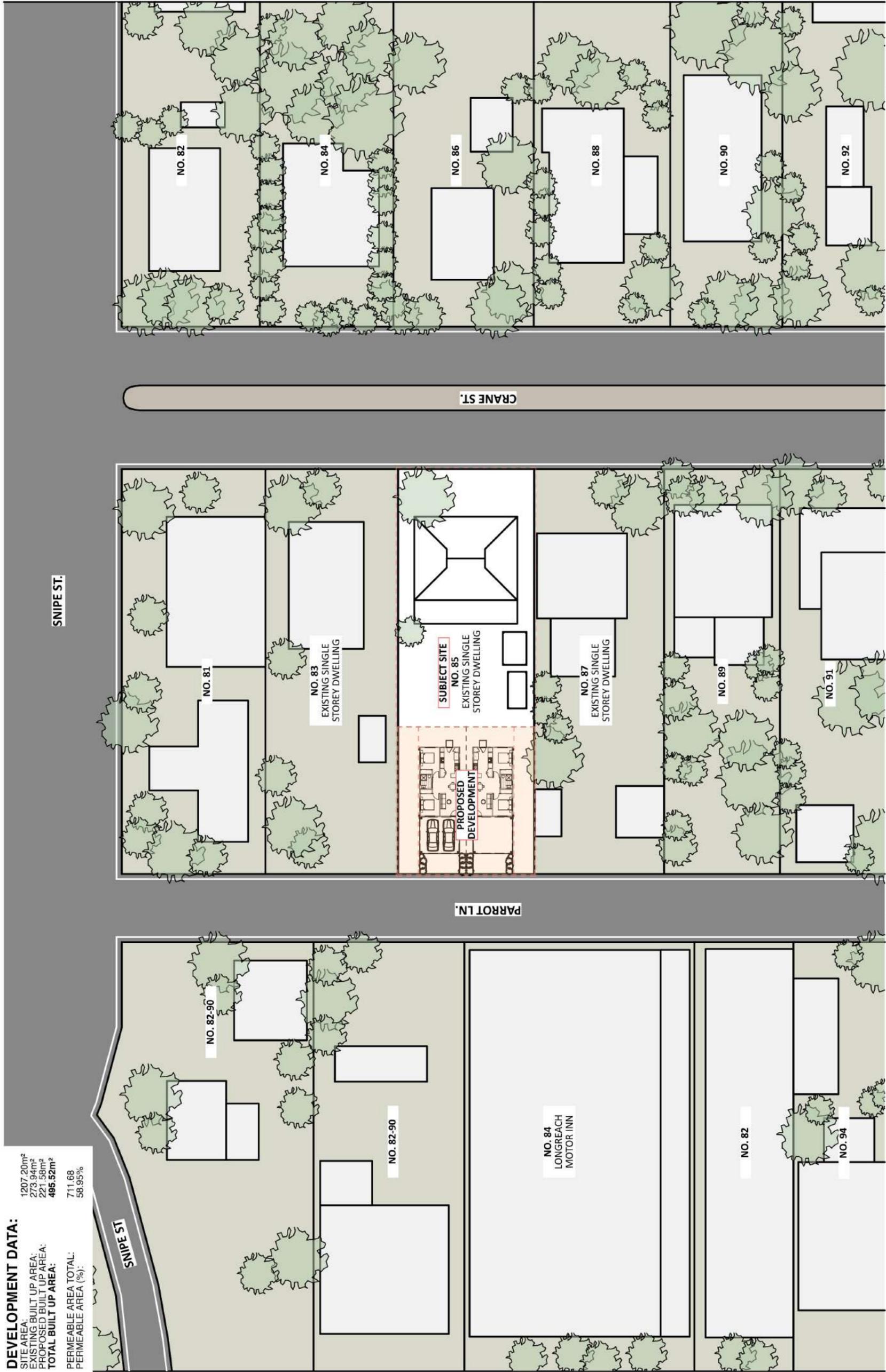
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In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under Section 63 of the Planning Act, a notice must be prepared for publication on Council's website stating the reasons for the decision. For this development, the statement of reasons, being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

- The proposal incorporates a compliant building height, compliant setbacks and a compliant site cover.
- The proposal can be serviced by all necessary urban services.
- The development complies with all applicable assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme.
- The development does not compromise the relevant elements of the Central West Regional Plan and State Planning Policy.

Assessment Officers (Author): Tim O'Leary Principal Planner (Reel Planning) 11 November 2024	Reviewed and Authorised by Assessment Manager Delegate: Simon Kuttner 11 November 2024
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ATTACHMENT A - PROPOSAL PLAN



DEVELOPMENT DATA:

SITE AREA:	1207.20m ²
EXISTING BUILT UP AREA:	273.94m ²
PROPOSED BUILT UP AREA:	221.58m ²
TOTAL BUILT UP AREA:	495.52m²
PERMEABLE AREA TOTAL:	711.68
PERMEABLE AREA (%):	58.95%

NOTES:
 Do not start any work until all dimensions on site are verified.
 Before commencing any work or preparing shop drawings which must be approved by the superintendent before manufacture.
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN
 SCALE 1:500

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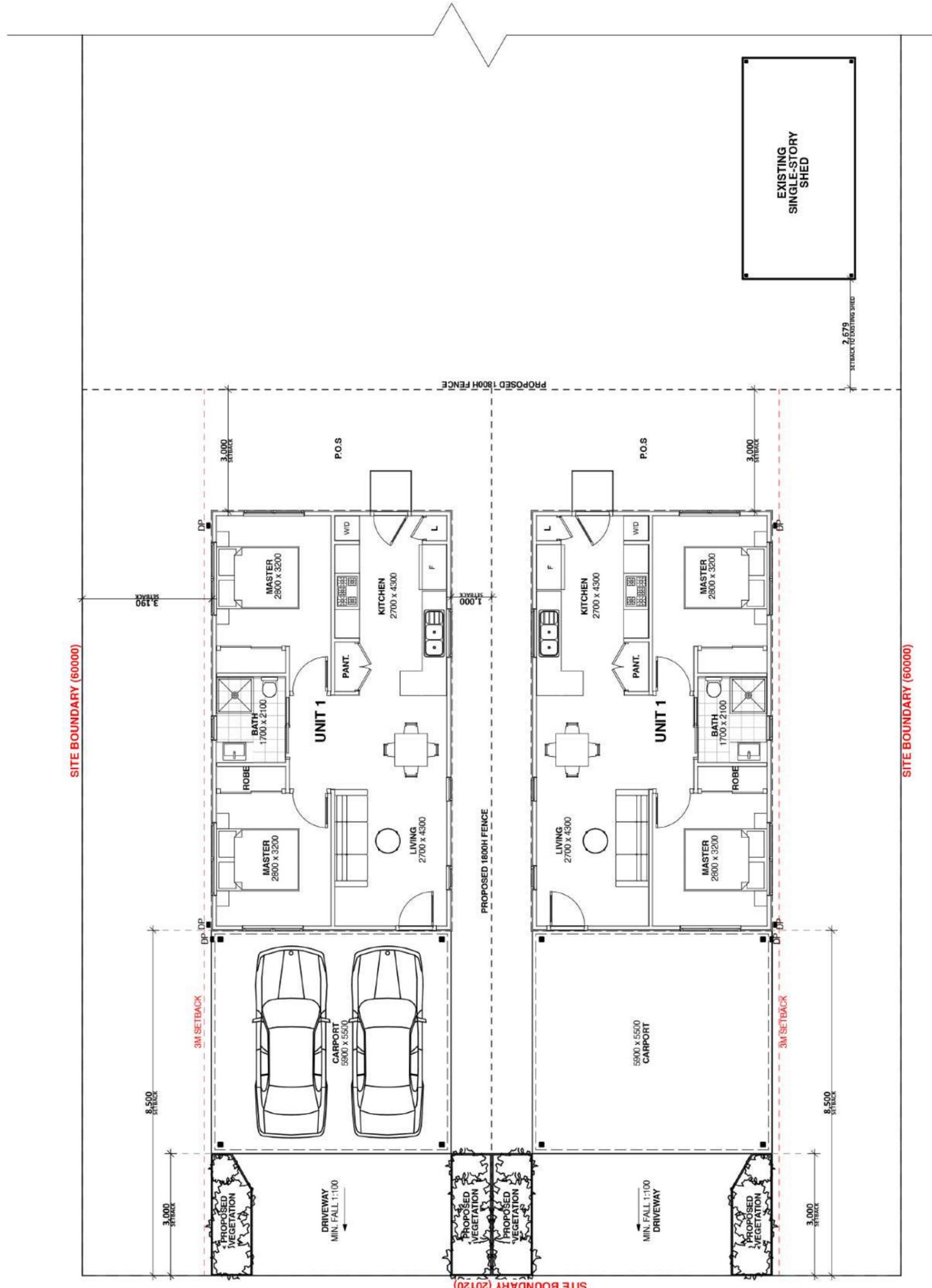
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PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR
 SCALE 1:100

GENERAL LEGEND	
LI	LIFT OFF / REMOVABLE HINGLES.
LA	1.2M OF DOOR HINGE RADIUS, MEASURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIGURE 3.8.3.3.
SA	DENOTE SMOKE ALARM HARD WIRED & INTERCONNECTED TO MAINS WITH BACKUP BATTERY AS PER B.C.A. REQUIREMENTS
EF	DENOTE EXHAUST FAN, MECHANICAL VENTILATION FROM KENS, POWDER ROOM AND LORTY TO BE DUCTED TO OUTSIDE AIR
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C/S	CAVITY SLIDING DOOR
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DP	DENOTE LOCATION OF DOWNPIPE TO BE CONNECTED TO SWD SYSTEM
DPS	DENOTE LOCATION OF DOWNPIPE WITH SPREADER
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FP	DENOTE LOCATION OF FIRE PLACE
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FGL	DENOTE FINISHED GROUND LEVEL (AHD)
REF	REFRIGERATOR
DW	DISHWASHER
OV	WALL OVEN
OHC	OVERHEAD CUPBOARDS
PAN	PANTRY
WM	WASHING MACHINE
DRY	DRYER
TR	45L TROUGH
LOH	LIFT OFF HINGE
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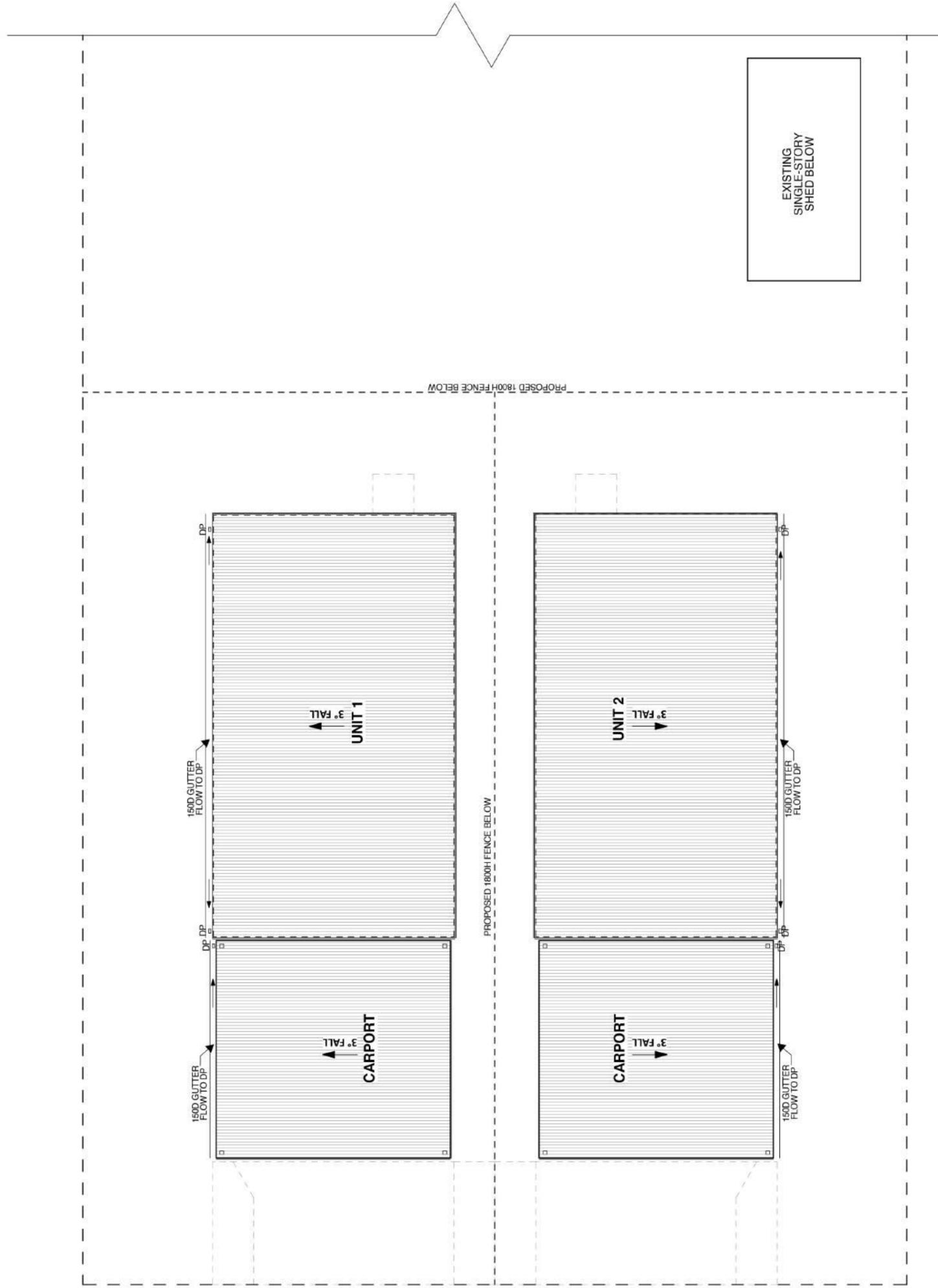


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BF	BIFOLD DOOR
DP	DENOTE LOCATION OF DOWNPIPE TO BE CONNECTED TO SWD SYSTEM
DPS	DENOTE LOCATION OF DOWNPIPE WITH SPREADER
GH	DENOTE LOCATION OF GAS HEATER
FP	DENOTE LOCATION OF FIRE PLACE
FFL	DENOTE FINISHED FLOOR LEVEL (AHD)
FGL	DENOTE FINISHED GROUND LEVEL (AHD)
REF	REFRIGERATOR
DW	DISHWASHER
OV	WALL OVEN
OHC	OVERHEAD CUPBOARDS
PAN	PANTRY
WM	WASHING MACHINE
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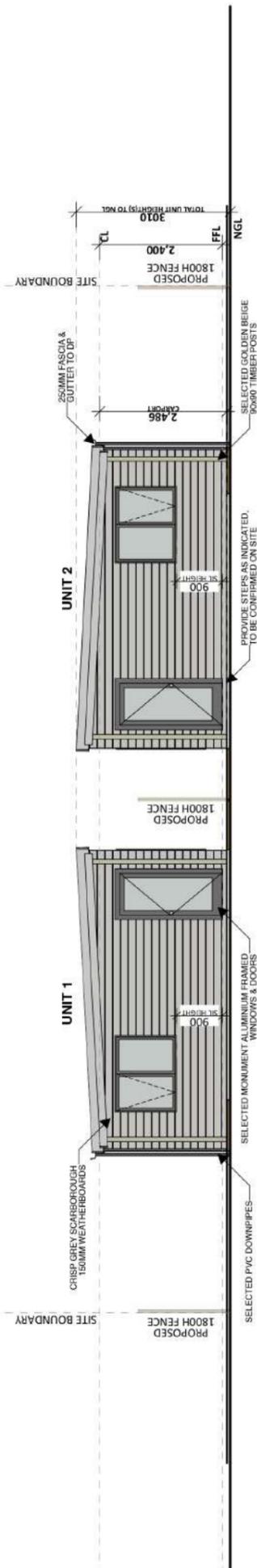
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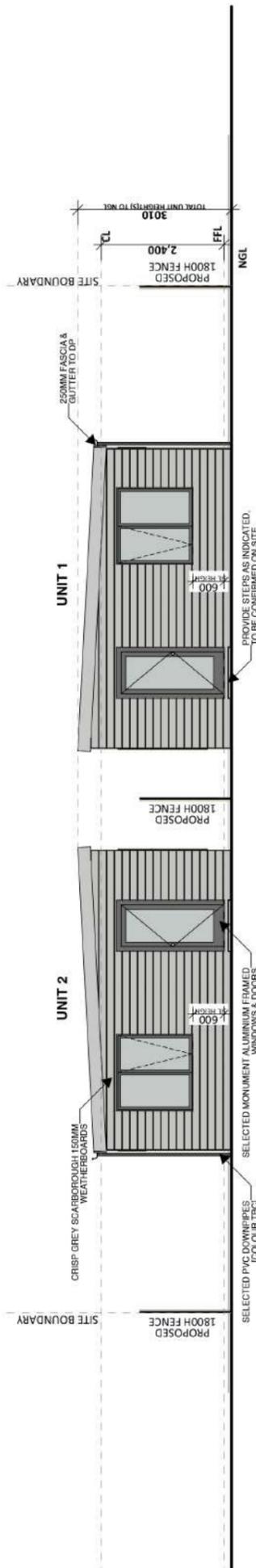
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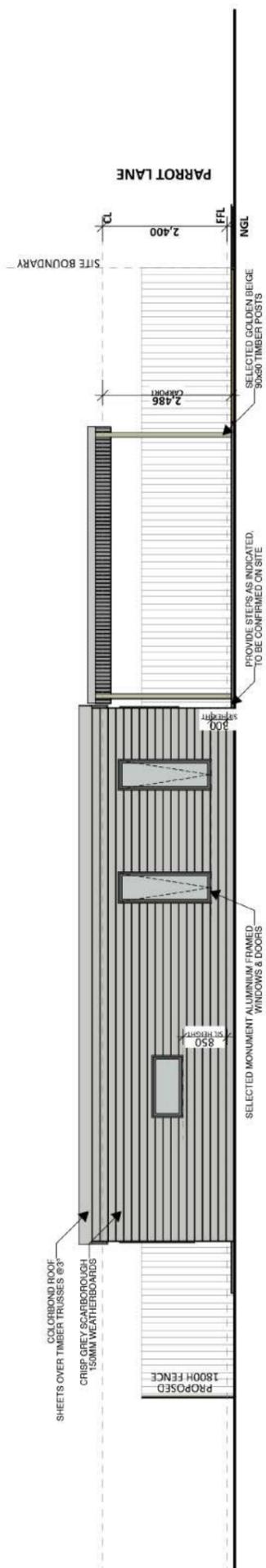
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11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.11 - Development Permit for Material Change of Use - Lot 172 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach

11.11 Development Permit for Material Change of Use - Lot 172 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach

The Applicant, Amplitel Pty Ltd, seeks a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications facility over land at Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 172 and on PD191 (the subject site). The subject site is 404,600m² in area and is located at the eastern fringe of Longreach's township.

Description:	Telecommunications Facility
Development:	Development Permit
Applicant:	Amplitel Pty Ltd
Owner:	Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre
Current Use of Land:	Tourism Attraction (Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame)
Address:	Lot 172 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach
Real Property Description:	Lot 172 on PD191
Applicable Planning Scheme:	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Zone:	Tourism Zone
Level of Assessment:	Impact Assessment

Appendices

1. DA2425-003- Decision Report - Nov 24.docx [↓](#)
2. Attachment A - Proposal Plans.pdf [↓](#)
3. Attachment B - Submissions.pdf [↓](#)
4. Attachment C - Applicants Submission Response.pdf [↓](#)
5. Attachment D - SARA Referral Agency Response.pdf [↓](#)

Recommendation:

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications facility over land at Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 172 and on PD191, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

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- 1.3 The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
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- 1.5 All development conditions contained in this development approval about *infrastructure* under Chapter 4 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act), should be read as being non-trunk infrastructure conditioned under section 145 of the Act, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.6 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council's satisfaction, and to be maintained at all times thereafter, 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, except where amended by the conditions of this approval:

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3.0 VEHICLE ACCESS AND PARKING

- 3.1 Maintain the existing vehicular access from Curlew Road.

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5.0 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS

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6.0 LANDSCAPING AND DESIGN

- 6.1 Establish and maintain landscaping around the perimeter of the lease area to a height that is able to provide screening to the proposed shelter. The landscaping must predominantly contain species that are endemic to the region due to their low water dependency.
- 6.2 Ensure the landscaped areas are subject to water and maintenance during the establishment phase, and ongoing maintenance and replanting as required.
- 6.3 The proposed facility must incorporate neutral, low-reflective materials, colours and finishes.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 7.1 Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, odour, wastewater, waste products, dust or otherwise.
- 7.2 No lighting is permitted to be established on the monopole.

8.0 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- 8.1 Implement and maintain an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) on-site for the duration of the works, and until such time as all exposed soil areas are permanently stabilised (for example, turfed, hydro mulched, concreted, and landscaped). The ESCP must be available on-site for inspection by Council Officers during the works.
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Advisory note: Schedule 5.1.2.5 of the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme (v3) references the Director of Infrastructure Services to undertake the assessment of the ESCP.

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

DECISION REPORT FOR GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2024	TO
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**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - DA24/25-003 - AMPLITEL PTY LTD -
ILFRACOMBE ROAD, LONGREACH**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The proposed development is proposed to improve existing levels of coverage and capacity within the telecommunication networks to adequately service the existing customer demand.

The proposal involves the installation of a Telecommunications facility that includes a monopole, antennas and associated ancillary equipment with an overall height of 36.3m. The Telecommunications facility will be located within in 126m² lease area on the southern boundary of the site.

Under the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (version 3)* (the Planning Scheme), the proposal is defined as a Telecommunications facility. The subject site is in the Tourism Zone wherein a Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications facility is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Impact Assessment. A development application that is subject to Impact Assessment is assessed against the entire Planning Scheme and is required to be publicly notified for a minimum of 15 business days. A total of four (4) submissions opposing the development were received. The submissions raised issues predominantly relating to scenic impacts and health issues.

The application was required to be referred the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) as the site is within 25m of a State-controlled road. SARA assessed the application and issued a referral agency response with no requirements.

The proposal has been assessed against the entire Planning Scheme and is consistent with the intent of the zone and all other relevant assessment benchmarks.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Impact Assessment process articulated in the *Planning Act 2016*, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications facility over land at Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 172 and on PD191, subject to the following conditions:

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3. Compliance must be achieved with any relevant Civil Aviation Safety Authority requirements. The development and operation of the use must not conflict with or adversely impact the operational requirements of the Longreach Airport.
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OVERVIEW

TABLE 1 - OVERVIEW

PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site address	Ilfracombe Road, Longreach
RPD	Lot 172 on PD191
Site Area	404,600m ²
Landowners	Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre
Existing use of land	Tourism attraction (Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame)
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	DA24/25-003
Applicant	Amplitel Pty Ltd
Application description	Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications facility
Decision due date	27 November 2024
Proposal	Telecommunications facility that includes a monopole, antennas and associated ancillary equipment with an overall height of 36.3m
STATUTORY PLANNING DETAILS	
State Planning Policy	State Planning Policy (July 2017)
Mapped SPP matters	<p>Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSES - Regulated vegetation (intersecting a watercourse) <p>Natural Hazards Risk and Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood hazard area - Local Government flood mapping area <p>Transport Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-controlled road <p>Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacle limitation surface area • Light restriction zone • Lighting area buffer 6km • Wildlife hazard buffer zone • Aviation facility
Regional Plan	Central West Regional Plan (September 2009)
CWRP Designation	Major Rural Activity Centre (Longreach)
Planning Scheme	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Overlays	<p>Flood Hazard Overlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Hazard Area - Low and Significant <p>Airport Environs Overlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Restriction Zone D • Lighting Area Buffer (6km) • Wildlife Hazard Buffer Zone 3km • Operational Airspace - 236m
Zone	Tourism Zone
Land use definition	Telecommunications Facility
Category of Assessment	Impact Assessment

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1.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

TABLE 2 – APPLICATION HISTORY

Application lodged	31 July 2024
Application properly made	02 August 2024
Council Confirmation Notice	05 August 2024
Application properly referred to SARA	07 August 2024
SARA Referral Agency Response	09 August 2024
Applicant notice of intention to commence public notification	26 August 2024
Public notification period	02 – 23 September 2024
Applicant notice of compliance	24 September 2024
Advice Notice issued	09 October 2024
Advice Notice response	16 October 2024
Tabled at General Meeting to be decided by Council	21 November 2024
Decision due date under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>	27 November 2024

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 172 on PD191 (see **Figure 1**). The subject site is 404,600m² in area has an approximate 780 metre frontage to the Landsborough Highway and a 510 metre frontage to Curlew Road. The site contains the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.



Figure 1 –Subject Site (Queensland Government DAMS)

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2.1 LOCALITY DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at the eastern edge of the Longreach township, on the southern side of the Landsborough Highway. Within the broader locality, the subject site is surrounded by (see **Figure 2**):

- To the north: Landsborough Highway and the Longreach Airport further north
- To the east: Longreach School of Distance Education
- To the south: Water treatment dams
- To the west: Curlew Road and dwelling houses.



Figure 2 – Surrounding Locality (Queensland Government DAMS)

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposed development is proposed to improve existing levels of coverage and capacity within the telecommunication networks to adequately service the existing customer demand.

The proposal involves the installation of a Telecommunications facility that includes a monopole, antennas and associated ancillary equipment with an overall height of 36.3m (see **Figure 3**). The Telecommunications facility will be located within in 126m² lease area on the southern boundary of the site (see **Figure 4**).

Key elements of the proposed telecommunications facility are as follows:

- One (1) 35 metre Amplitel Pty Ltd (Amplitel) monopole;

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- One (1) headframe mounted at the top of the pole;
- Six (6) Telstra panel antennas mounted on the headframe with a maximum overall height of 36.3m;
- One (1) elevated Telstra equipment shelter approximately 3.0m x 2.38m;
- One (1) GPS antenna mounted on the Telstra equipment shelter;
- One (1) 450mm wide elevated cable ladder running between the proposed monopole and equipment shelter. The feeder cables are to run internally within the pole; and
- Security compound fencing (2.4m high), double access gates (approximately 3m wide).

Access to the facility will be via a gate directly from Curlew Road.

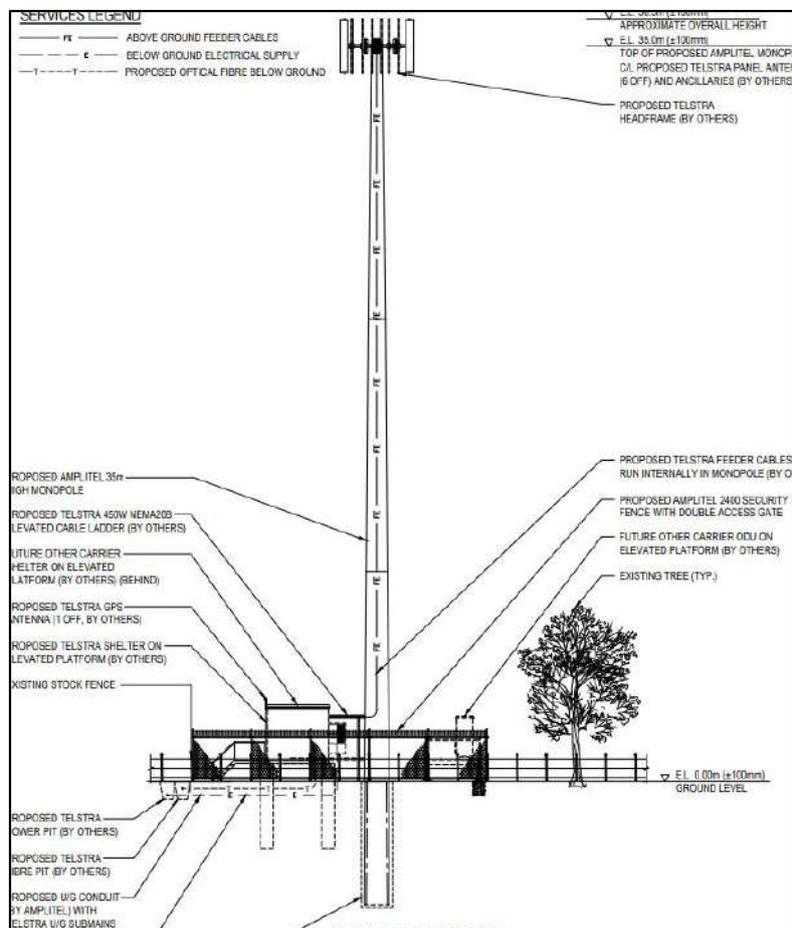


Figure 3 – Telecommunications Facility Elevation

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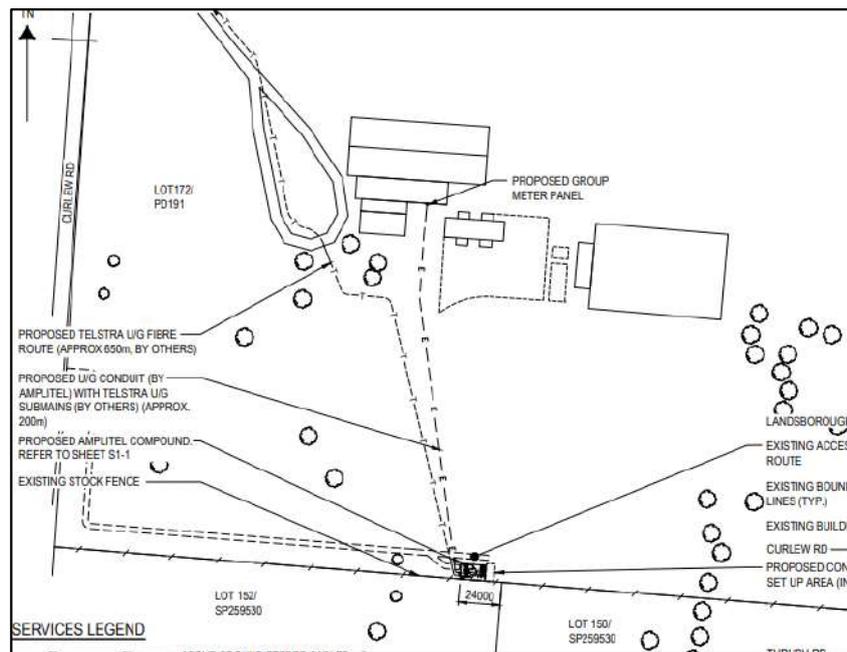


Figure 4 – Telecommunications Facility Location

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

4.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with section 45 (5) of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act), Impact Assessment is an assessment that:

- (a) **must be** carried out–
 - (i) against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and
 - (ii) having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this subparagraph; and
- (b) **may be** carried out against, or having regard to, any other relevant matter, other than a person's personal circumstances, financial or otherwise.

Examples of another relevant matter– a planning need

This framework for assessing impact assessable applications is clarified as follows –

The categorising instrument for the development is the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015* (Version 3). The entire planning scheme must be assessed as relevant to the application. In this instance, the relevant assessment benchmarks under the Planning Scheme are:

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- Strategic Framework
- Tourism Zone Code
- Telecommunications Facility Code
- Works Code
- Landscape Code
- Flood Overlay Code
- Airport Environs Overlay Code

These are discussed in further in detail in Section 4.2 below.

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

The Central West Regional Plan

The regional plan is identified as being appropriately integrated in the Planning Scheme and therefore does not require further assessment. The assessment of the proposal against the Planning Scheme in section 4.2 below also functions as an assessment of the Regional Plan.

The State Planning Policy

The Planning Scheme reflects an older version of the SPP from July 2014. The current version of the SPP is from July 2017. As listed in Table 1 (overview of planning details), the subject site is identified by SPP mapping layers relating to Biodiversity, Natural Hazards, Risk and Resilience, Transport Infrastructure and Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities.

A review of the assessment benchmarks relating to these state interests has been completed and it has been confirmed that the provisions between the 2014 and 2017 SPP are effectively the same. Therefore, no further assessment is required, as the provisions relating to the State interests are dealt with through the Planning Scheme. In general, there are no conflicts between the proposal and any other State interest under the SPP.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

The proposal will not impact the provision of infrastructure.

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

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

The application required referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency as the site is within 25m of a State-controlled road (Landsborough Highway).

Although the site is mapped as containing native vegetation, the vegetation is sparse and the proposal does not result in the clearing of native vegetation.

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Approval history /lawful uses

The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame was established in 1988 and has been in operation since that time.

Common material

All material about the application that Council has received since lodgement has been considered in this report. Further comment is provided in section 4.1 below.

Where a conflict may be evident between the application and above assessment benchmarks and matters, Council can consider any other relevant matter, such as planning need, to override the conflict and justify the non-compliance. This typically relates to matters that Council deems to be in the public interest, as opposed to personal circumstances.

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

4.1 LONGREACH REGIONAL PLANNING SCHEME 2015

The following sections address the elements of the Planning Scheme as it relates to the proposal.

4.1.1 Proposal as a *Material Change of Use*

The proposed development involves a Material Change of Use of premises, which is categorised as Assessable Development under the Planning Scheme and therefore requires a development application. Under the Planning Act, the definition of Material Change of Use is:

- (a) *the start of a new use of the premises;*
- (b) *the re-establishment on the premises of a use that has been abandoned;*
- (c) *a material increase in the intensity or scale of the use of the premises.*

In the context of the proposal, the addition of a Telecommunications facility is considered a new use.

4.1.2 Land Use Definition

Under the Planning Scheme, the development is defined as a 'Telecommunications facility, which means:

Use of premises for a facility that is capable of carrying communications and signals by guided or unguided electromagnetic energy.

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4.1.3 Assessment Benchmarks

The proposed development is to be assessed against the entire Planning Scheme. Consideration has been given to the relevant elements of the Strategic Framework, Zone code, Development codes and Overlay codes.

Strategic Framework

The Strategic Framework sets the policy direction for the Planning Scheme. As shown in red in **Figure 5** below, the subject site has a strategic mapping designation in the 'Urban' and 'Tourism facilities' layers.



Figure 5 – Strategic Framework Map (LRC 2015)

The following aspects of the Strategic Framework were considered in the assessment of the proposed development.

TABLE 3 – ASSESSMENT OF STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Outcome/s	Response
3.3.1 Strategic Outcomes	
<i>The town of Longreach continues to strengthen its role as the 'major rural activity centre' of the Central West region.</i>	Complies – The proposed Telecommunications facility will ensure the town is connected to a reliable telecommunications network that will assist in ensuring the town is continued to be recognised as a major rural activity centre.
6) <i>The lifestyle, character and amenity of the towns of the region are protected and strengthened.</i>	Complies – The proposed facility will ensure the community can stay connected through an improved telecommunications network. The amenity of the town will be protected as the tower is slim line and located on the eastern edge of town out of the main township area. The tower is setback approximately 250m from the site's western boundary and approximately 300m from the closest residential dwelling to the west.

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Outcome/s	Response
<p>(14) New development does not limit the continued operation and potential expansion of existing tourist attractions, including: (a) Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame;</p> <p>(b) Longreach School of Distance Education;</p> <p>(c) Qantas Museum and Outback Founders Museum;</p> <p>(d) Powerhouse Museum;</p> <p>(e) Great Machinery Mile and Langenbaker House at Ilfracombe;</p> <p>(f) Wellshot Centre and Pub at Ilfracombe;</p> <p>(g) the Emmet Railway Station; and at Isisford</p> <p>(h) the Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre;</p> <p>(i) Whitman's Museum;</p> <p>(j) the Major Mitchell Monument.</p>	<p>Complies – The proprietors of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame have agreed to the lease area on the site for the provision of the Telecommunications facility. It is considered that this lease would not have been agreed to if it were to affect the ongoing operation or potential expansion of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.</p> <p>In addition, the Telecommunications facility has been located at the southern end of the site and close to the boundary, therefore not encroaching on the existing operation or areas where expansion may be anticipated.</p>
<p>16) Development is commensurate with the capacity of available infrastructure or provides for the efficient expansion of infrastructure, consistent with Council's desired standards of service and financial capacity to support the ongoing operation of the infrastructure.</p>	<p>Complies – The proposal will not impact Council's infrastructure networks.</p>
3.3.2 Element 1 – The town of Longreach - Specific Outcomes – Tourism Activities	
<p>(23) New development in the eastern parts of the town, near the Qantas Founders Museum and the Stockman's Hall of Fame and School of Distance Education, does not compromise the continued operation and potential expansion of these important attractions.</p>	<p>Complies – The proprietors of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame have agreed to the lease area on the site for the provision of the Telecommunications facility. It is considered that this lease would not have been agreed to if it were to effect the ongoing operation or potential expansion of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.</p> <p>In addition, the Telecommunications facility has been located at the southern end of the site and close to the boundary, therefore not encroaching on the existing operation or areas where expansion may be anticipated.</p>
3.4.4 Element 3 – All towns – Natural hazards	
<p>(1) New development or the intensification of uses in areas potentially affected by flooding or bushfire is avoided, other than where development can be designed or sited to minimise risk</p>	<p>Complies – The proposed development is considered to comply based on the following assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal does not involve filling or any physical alteration to a watercourse.

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Outcome/s	Response
to people, property and the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lease area is limited to 126m² and the facility will be located in the Low flood hazard area. The premises is unstaffed and operated remotely therefore not placing people at risk. The equipment shelter will be located at least 500mm above the 1% AEP flood level therefore minimising risk to the facility.

Based on the above assessment, the proposal does not conflict with relevant elements of the Strategic Framework.

Zone Code

The subject site is located in the Tourism Zone (**Figure 6**).



Figure 6 – Zone Map (Source: LRC 2015)

An assessment of the proposal against the relevant overall outcomes of the Tourism Zone Code is provided in **Table 4**.

TABLE 4 – ASSESSMENT OF OVERALL OUTCOMES

Overall Outcome	Response
(a) The zone accommodates long-established tourism facilities, namely the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, the Longreach	Complies – The proposal is limited to a 126m ² lease area, which results in an area of approximately 0.03% of the subject site. The proposal will not impact the continual use of the site as a Tourist attraction, nor would it impact the potential expansion of the existing use.

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<p><i>Tourist Park, and various short-term accommodation facilities fronting the Landsborough Highway. It also accommodates a range of small-scale tourism activities building on the reputation of the existing iconic facilities;</i></p>	
<p><i>(b) other uses which support the primary tourist facilities and/or otherwise enhance facilities available to the community may be appropriate where they are ancillary to the tourism use;</i></p>	<p>Complies – The proposal will not impact the continual use of the site as a Tourist attraction, nor would it impact the potential expansion of the existing use.</p> <p>The proposal will enhance the telecommunications facilities available to the community.</p>
<p><i>(c) new development does not limit the continued operation and potential expansion of the Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame;</i></p>	<p>Complies – The proposal is limited to a 126m² lease area, which results in an area of approximately 0.03% of the subject site. The proposal will not impact the continual use of the site as a Tourist attraction, nor would it impact the potential expansion of the existing use.</p>
<p><i>(e) development in the zone enhances and responds to the natural environment and constraints (particularly flooding), and protects the amenity of surrounding land uses.</i></p>	<p>Complies – The proposal effectively responds to the low flood risk of the site by not filling any watercourses and siting critical infrastructure above the 1% AEP flood level. The facility is unmanned therefore not placing additional people at risk.</p> <p>The amenity of the town will be protected as the tower is slim line and located on the eastern edge of town out of the main township area. The tower is setback approximately 250m from the site’s western boundary and approximately 300m from the closest residential dwelling to the west.</p>

As demonstrated in above the proposal is consistent with the overall outcomes of the code. Further consideration of the assessment benchmarks is provided in **Table 5** below:

TABLE 5 – ASSESSMENT OF TOURISM ZONE CODE ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS

Assessment benchmark	Response
<p><i>PO2 Development minimises impacts on surrounding land and provides for an appropriate level of amenity, having regard to:</i></p> <p><i>(a) noise;</i></p> <p><i>(b) traffic;</i></p> <p><i>(c) visual impact;</i></p>	<p>Complies – The proposal is limited to a 126m² lease area, which results in an area of approximately 0.03% of the subject site. Impacts on surrounding land will be minimised for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facility is not expected to generate noise impacts for surrounding land. • The facility will be unmanned and therefore there will only

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<p>(d) odour and emissions; (e) lighting; (f) access to sunlight; (g) privacy; and (h) outlook.</p>	<p>be a negligible increase in traffic to and from the site via the occasional maintenance visit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is acknowledged that the main structure is 36.3m in height, however the tower is slimline and setback a considerable distance from surrounding land to reduce its visual prominence. The applicant has advised that the facility has been designed with neutral, low-reflective materials and colours to blend with the surrounding elements and minimise visibility in a local setting. The applicant has provided a series of photomontages (see Figures 7-10) from various viewpoints which demonstrate that whilst the facility is visible it will not be a dominant structure. • The facility is not expected to generate odours and emissions. • There is no lighting associated with the facility. • Due to the significant setbacks to adjoining land there is not expected to be any reduction in access to sunlight. • As the facility is unmanned and setback a considerable distance from surrounding land it is not expected to impact privacy. • Whilst the tower is visible it is not expected to dominate view corridors.
<p><i>PO3 Landscaping is provided to enhance the appearance of the development, screen unsightly components, create an attractive on-site environment and provide shading.</i></p>	<p>Complies – Due to height of the tower it is difficult to screen the tower from view, however landscaping around the edge of the facility will help create an attractive ground level environment. A condition has been included to provide landscaping.</p>
<p><i>PO5 Development is consistent with the height and scale of surrounding buildings and includes features that contribute to an attractive streetscape.</i></p>	<p>Complies – By design telecommunications facilities are required to be tall to ensure they operate effectively. Despite being an overall height of 36.3m the tower is slim line, neutrally coloured and setback a considerable distance from surrounding uses to reduce any impacts. The tower includes the following boundary setbacks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North (Landsborough Highway) – 510m • South (Reven Road) – 330m • East – 540m • West (Curlew Road – 250m.
<p><i>PO6 Site layout facilitates the security of people and property having regard to: (a) opportunities for casual surveillance and sightlines; (b) exterior building designs which promote safety and deter graffiti; (c) adequate definition of uses and ownership;</i></p>	<p>Complies – The facility is secured by fencing and located on private property.</p>

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<p>(d) adequate lighting; (e) appropriate signage and way finding; (f) minimisation of entrapment locations; and (g) building entrances, loading and storage areas being well lit and lockable after hours.</p>	
<p>PO7 Development is designed and managed so that it provides appropriate protection for community safety and health, and avoids unacceptable risk to life and property.</p>	<p>Complies - The facility is secured by fencing to stop people from entering the facility thereby maintaining community safety.</p>
<p>PO8 The site layout and design responds sensitively to on-site and surrounding drainage patterns and ecological values by: (a) maximising retention of natural drainage patterns; (b) ensuring existing drainage capacity is not reduced; and (c) providing buffers to protect the ecological functions of waterways.</p>	<p>Complies - The facility will not impact surrounding drainage patterns and ecological values.</p>



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Figure 7 – Photomontage – End of Wompoo Road looking East (Source: Applicant supplied)

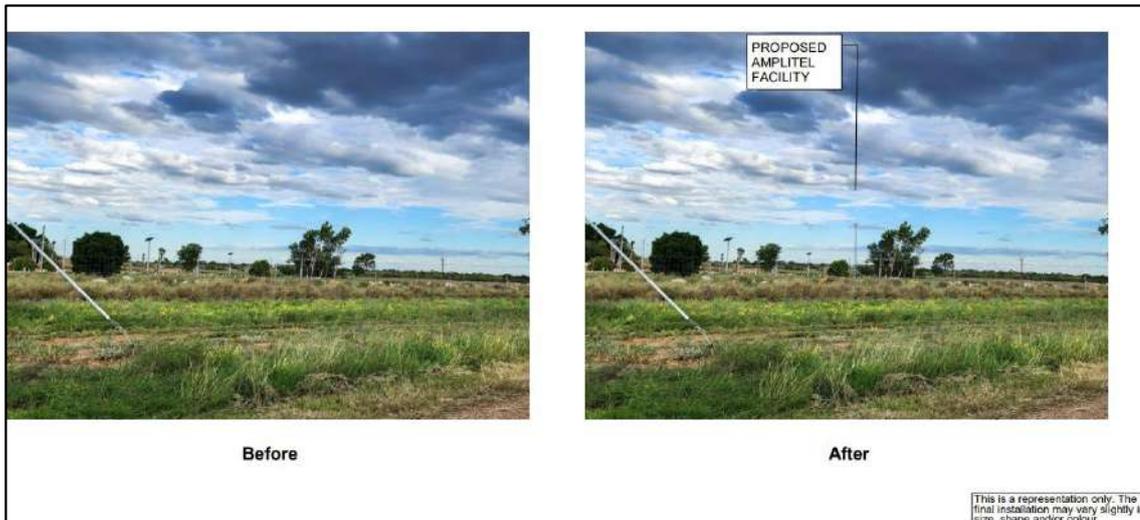


Figure 8 – Photomontage – 75m north of Wompoo Rd and Curlew intersection looking South East (Source: Applicant supplied)



Figure 9 – Photomontage – Southern corner of Raven and Curlew Rd looking north-east (Source: Applicant supplied)

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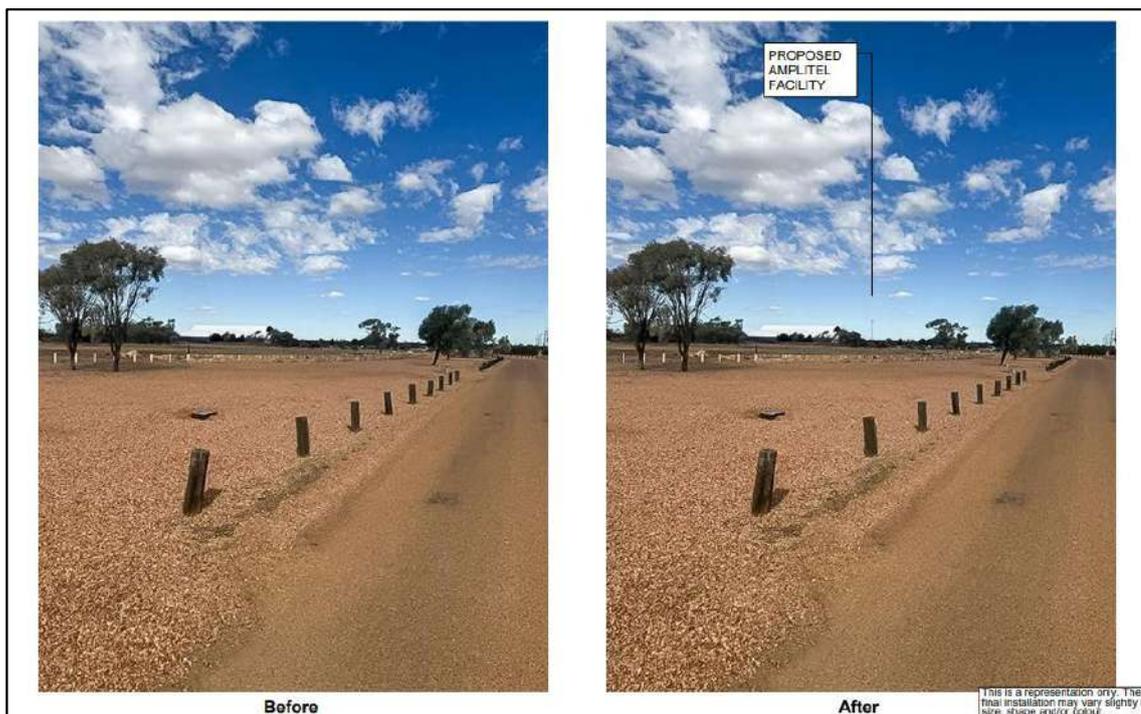


Figure 10 – Photomontage – Main Driveway looking south from Landsborough Highway (Source: Applicant supplied)

Telecommunications Facilities Code

An assessment of the proposal against the Telecommunications facilities code is include in Table 6 below:

TABLE 6 – ASSESSMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES CODE ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS

Assessment benchmark	Response
<p><i>PO1 To protect visual amenity, health and safety of residents, development is:</i></p> <p><i>(a) of high quality design and construction; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) not located close to sensitive land uses.</i></p>	<p>Complies – The proposal will be constructed in accordance with the relevant standards to ensure a high quality design. The tower is setback approximately 250m from the site’s western boundary and approximately 300m from the closest residential dwelling to the west.</p>
<p><i>AO2.1 Telecommunication facilities are not developed in the township, low density residential, or medium density residential zone.</i></p>	<p>Complies – The site is in the Tourism Zone.</p>
<p><i>AO2.2 Where in the rural zone, telecommunications facilities are set back a minimum of 50m from boundaries common with</i></p>	<p>N/A – The site is in the Tourism Zone.</p>

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<p><i>a main road or highway.</i></p> <p><i>AO2.3.1 The following minimum setbacks to all site boundaries are achieved:</i></p> <p><i>(a) 10m, where the height of the structure is less than 20m;</i></p> <p><i>(b) 15m, where the height of the structures is between 20m and 30m; and</i></p> <p><i>(c) 20m, where the height of the structure is greater than 30m.</i></p>	<p>Complies – The proposal incorporates the following boundary setbacks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North (Landsborough Highway) – 510m • South (Reven Road) – 330m • East – 540m • West (Curlew Road – 250m.
<p><i>PO3 Development minimises impacts on adjoining land as a result of noise, glare, overshadowing and loss of privacy.</i></p>	<p>Complies – There is no lighting associated with the facility and the facility is not expected to generate significant noise.</p> <p>Due to the significant setbacks to adjoining land there is not expected to be any overshadowing or loss of privacy.</p>
<p><i>PO4 Development is established, operated and maintained in a way to minimise the risk to public health and safety from electromagnetic emissions</i></p>	<p>Complies – The facility will be operated and maintained in accordance with the relevant telecommunications standards. The applicant has provided a response to submissions that provides a detailed response (see Attachment B) regarding operation of the facility and electromagnetic emissions.</p>
<p><i>PO5 Development incorporating access control arrangements including:</i></p> <p><i>(a) security fencing to prevent unauthorised access;</i></p> <p><i>(b) providing warning information signs on all boundaries to prevent unauthorised entry;</i></p> <p><i>(c) minimising the number and width of entry points; and</i></p> <p><i>(d) providing safe vehicular access to the site.</i></p>	<p>Complies – The facility is secured by fencing to stop people from entering the facility thereby maintaining community safety.</p> <p>The facility will be accessed by an access secured by a gate off Curlew Road.</p>
<p><i>PO6 Development does not adversely impact on the natural environment.</i></p>	<p>Complies – The proposal will not involve filling of watercourse or the removal of any native vegetation.</p>

As demonstrated in **Table 6**, the proposal complies or can be conditioned to comply with the Telecommunications facilities code.

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Works Code and Landscape Code

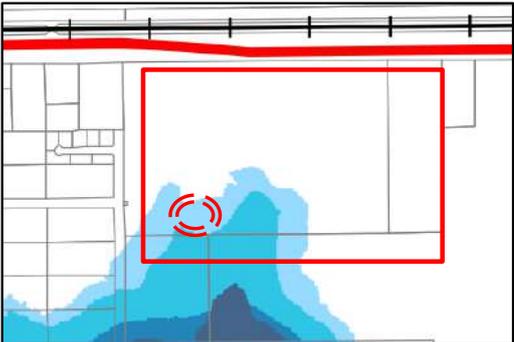
The recommended conditions are tailored to ensure on-going compliance with the Works Code and Landscape Code is achieved. The following specific matters are noted in this regard:

- The proposed development is not required to be serviced by reticulated services as it is unmanned and remotely operated.
- The site has existing access via Curlew Road.
- The proposal does not require permanent parking as the facility is unmanned, there is ample space on site for a maintenance vehicle to park on occasion.
- A condition has been included to ensure that landscaping is provided to screen the lower section of the facility.

Overlay Codes

Table 7 sets out the applicable overlay maps and assesses the corresponding codes.

TABLE 7 – ASSESSMENT OF OVERLAYS

Assessment of Overlay Codes	Response
<p>Flood Hazard Area Overlay (Low and Significant)</p>  <p>The map displays a flood hazard overlay with a color gradient from light blue (low hazard) to dark blue (significant hazard). A red rectangle highlights the site location, which is situated within the low flood hazard area. A red circular symbol is also present within the highlighted area.</p>	<p>Complies – The site is mapped as being subject to both the low and significant flood hazard, however the facility will only be sited in the low flood hazard area. The proposal complies with the Flood hazard area overlay for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal does not involve filling or any physical alteration to a watercourse. • The lease area is limited to 126m² and the facility will be located in the Low flood hazard area. • The premises is unstaffed and operated remotely therefore not placing people at risk. • The equipment shelter will be located at least 500mm above the 1% AEP flood level therefore minimising risk to the facility.
<p>Airport Environs Overlay (Light Restriction Zone D, Lighting Area Buffer (6km), Wildlife Hazard Buffer Zone 3km and Operational Airspace – 236m)</p>	<p>The proposed development avoids adversely affecting the safety and efficiency of the airport's operational airspace for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development does not result in

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	<p>the release of gaseous plumes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The development does not involve a use that attracts wildlife (i.e. birds) that may interfere with aircraft;• The development does not involve any lighting;• The facility will be approximately 2.3 kilometres south-west of the VHF antenna location;• The facility does not incorporate any reflective materials; and• The facility is not within a public safety area. <p>On this basis, the proposal is considered to comply with the Airport Environs Overlay Code.</p>
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In summary, on balance this planning assessment has demonstrated compliance between the development and the relevant assessable benchmarks of the Planning Scheme. Recommended conditions of approval reflect the elements of each assessment benchmark to ensure on-going compliance in terms of operations and amenity.

5.0 REFERRALS

5.1 External

A referral was required to State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Planning Regulation due to the site being within 25m of a State-controlled road. On 9 August 2024, SARA issued a referral agency response with no requirements. A copy of the referral agency response is included as **Attachment D**.

6.0 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The application was publicly notified from 02 September to 23 September 2024. This involved:

- A public notice sign on subject site for the duration of the above period;
- A public notice was published in the Longreach Leader on 30 August 2024; and
- Letters advising of the application were sent to landowners adjoining the subject site on 28 August 2024.

Four (4) properly made submissions (**Attachment B**) were received during the public notification period. The following table includes the issues raised and how they have been addressed:

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Matter raised in submission	Response to matter raised
<p>Concerns raised about potential health impacts caused by the facility.</p> <p>Concerns raised about potential ecological impacts caused by the facility.</p>	<p>The applicant has provided a detailed response (Attachment C) regarding the operation of the facility and any potential health impacts.</p> <p>The proposal will not result in any physical ecological impacts as it does not involve filling of any watercourses or the clearing of native vegetation.</p>
<p>Concerns raised about potential visual impacts on residential areas.</p>	<p>The tower is setback at approximately 250m from the site's western boundary and approximately 300m from the closest residential dwelling to the west.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the main structure is 36.3m in height, however the tower is slimline and setback a considerable distance from surrounding land to reduce its visual prominence. The applicant has advised that the facility has been designed with neutral, low-reflective materials and colours to blend with the surrounding elements and minimise visibility in a local setting. The applicant has provided a series of photomontages from various viewpoints which demonstrate that whilst the facility is visible it will not be a dominant structure.</p>
<p>The tower should be located on a different site that doesn't impact on town residents.</p>	<p>The applicant went through a site selection process to determine a suitable site. Site selection relies on various factors including operational requirements, land availability and planning considerations.</p> <p>The site selection process is detailed in the town planning report that accompanied the development application.</p> <p>It is noted that the landowner has agreed to the facility being placed on their land.</p>
<p>The tower will detract from views to the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.</p> <p>The tower is in close proximity to two key tourist</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that the main structure is 36.3m in height, however the tower is slimline and setback a considerable distance from surrounding land to reduce its visual</p>

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<p>attractions and the tower will impact their appearance.</p>	<p>prominence. The applicant has advised that the facility has been designed with neutral, low-reflective materials and colours to blend with the surrounding elements and minimise visibility in a local setting. The applicant has provided a series of photomontages from various viewpoints which demonstrate that whilst the facility is visible it will not be a dominant structure.</p> <p>Conditions have been included to ensure neutral, low-reflective materials and colours are used and that landscaping is provided to screen the lower sections of the facility.</p>
<p>The tower may impact further tourism attractions being planned for the site.</p>	<p>The proprietors of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame have agreed to the lease area on the site for the provision of the Telecommunications facility. It is considered that this lease would not have been agreed to if it were to affect the ongoing operation or potential expansion of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.</p> <p>The Telecommunications facility has been located at the southern end of the site and close to the boundary, therefore not encroaching on the existing operation of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.</p> <p>The proposed facility is limited to a 126m² lease area which results in an area of approximately 0.03% of the subject site being used for the proposal. The proposal will not impact the continual use of the site as a Tourist attraction, nor would it impact the potential expansion of the existing use.</p>

7.0 CONCLUSION

This Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications facility over land at Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 172 and on PD191, is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions outlined in this report. This recommendation is based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* for applications requiring Impact Assessment, which

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demonstrates the proposal's consistency with relevant matters and assessment benchmarks.

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

- (a) The proposed Telecommunications facility will ensure the town is connected to a reliable telecommunications network that will assist in ensuring the town is recognised as a major rural activity centre.
- (b) The proposed facility will ensure the community can stay connected through an improved telecommunications network. The amenity of the town will be protected as the tower is slim line and located on the eastern edge of town out of the main township area.
- (c) The tower is setback at approximately 250m from the site's western boundary and approximately 300m from the closest residential dwelling to the west.
- (d) The Telecommunications facility has been located at the southern end of the site and close to the boundary, therefore not encroaching on the existing operation of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame or areas where expansion may be possible.
- (e) The proposal will be constructed in accordance with the relevant standards to ensure a high quality design.
- (f) The main structure is 36.3m in height, however the tower is slimline and setback a considerable distance from surrounding land to reduce its visual prominence.
- (g) There is no lighting associated with the facility and the facility is not expected to generate significant noise.
- (h) The proposal effectively responds to the low flood risk of the site by not filling any watercourses and siting critical infrastructure above the 1% AEP flood level. The facility is unmanned therefore not placing additional people at risk.
- (i) Due to height of the tower it is difficult to screen the tower from view, however landscaping around the edge of the facility will help create an attractive ground level environment. A condition has been included to provide landscaping.
- (j) The facility is secured by fencing to stop people from entering the facility thereby maintaining community safety.
- (k) The facility will not impact surrounding drainage patterns or ecological values.

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- (l) The proposed development is not required to be serviced by reticulated services as it is unmanned and remotely operated.
- (m) The site has existing access via Curlew Road.
- (n) The development complies or can be conditioned to comply, with the relevant assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme.
- (o) The development does not compromise the relevant elements of the Central West Regional Plan or State Planning Policy.

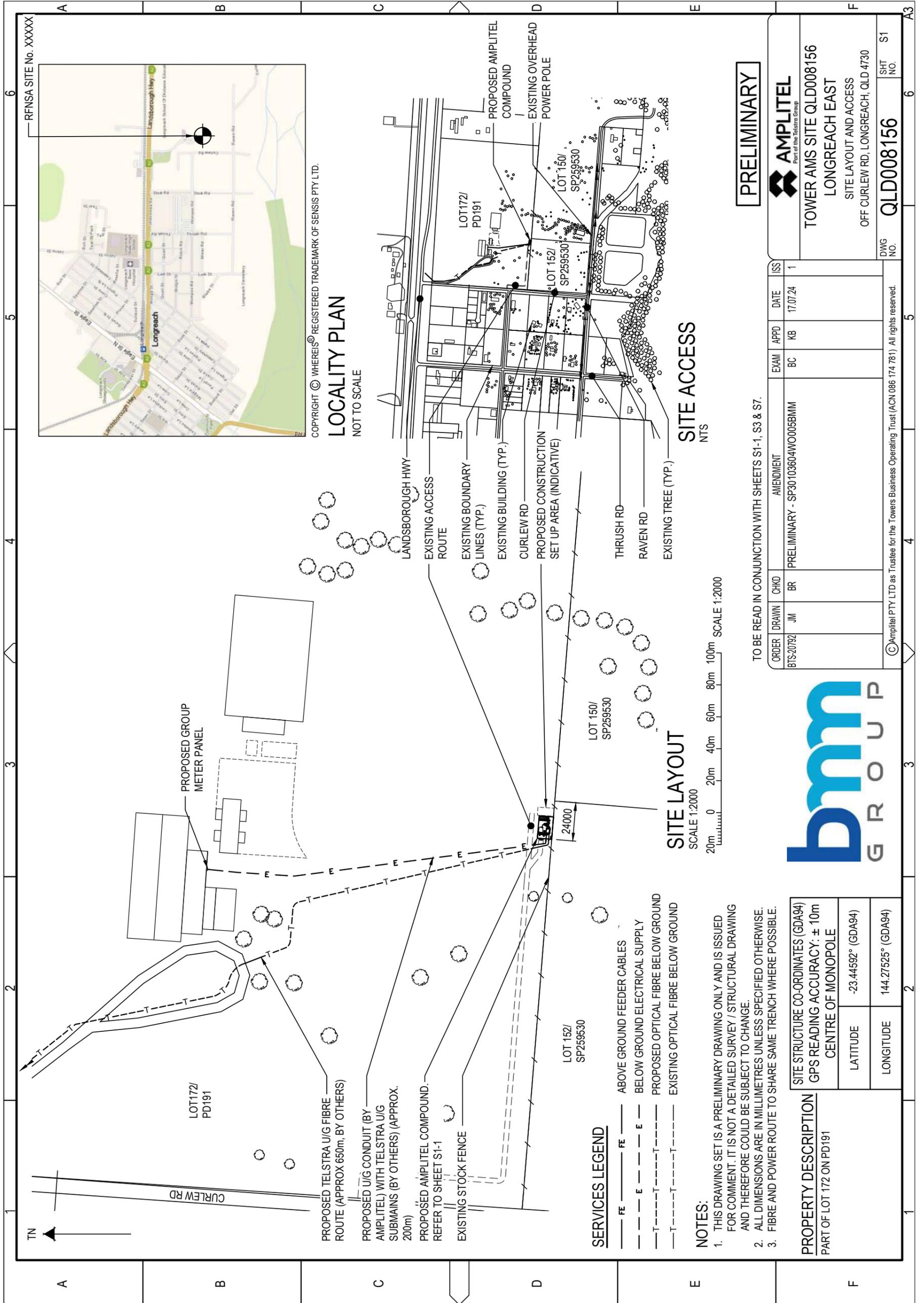
Assessment Officers (Author): Tim O'Leary Principal Town Planner (Reel Planning) 31 October 2024	Reviewed and Authorised by Assessment Manager Delegate: Simon Kuttner 11 November 2024
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Attachment A – Proposal Plans

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ATTN: Assessment Manager at Longreach Regional Council

**RE: Planning Application for the proposed Telecommunications Tower on Lot 172 on
PD191 – DA24/25-003 & Material Change of Use application**

I would like to request an extension to provide more factual evidence to support my submission of objection to Council regarding the proposed 5G tower.

Firstly, besides ruining the natural view of the ASHOF for locals and visitors alike, we do not know what the detrimental effects will be to residents and visitors over the long term. I am concerned, because Longreach is the transmitter to the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN) receiver, which is approximately 156km away. OTHR emits [high frequency](#) radio transmitter arrays at Longreach. A small proportion "backscatters" and returns along the original, reciprocal transmission path. These returns, again reflect from the ionosphere, finally being received at the Longreach (and Laverton) stations.

Council and Government and Telcos are responsible for what goes up around us. Even without considering the OTHR radar emissions, solid scientific and medical evidence suggests ionising radiation from 5G towers can damage the heart, affect people wearing pacemakers, activate viruses, cause Alzheimer in adults, and lead to Leukemia in adults and children, as well as other unpleasant effects such as tinnitus, headaches and brain fog.

If Council proposes to put up an experimental technology that produces excessive electromagnetic frequencies, whether from the proposed tower or in combination with the OTHR/JORN emissions, will Council or the Telecommunications company accept liability for the likely potential cost to our community's health?

I have a number of other reasons to present, but due to the limited notification time given to present evidence based research, I would appreciate if Council allowed more time for comprehensive research to be put forward.

Yours Sincerely



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[Redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 6:56 AM

To: Emily O'Hanlon <emily.ohanlon@longreach.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Attention Assessment Manager. Application Reference DA24/25-003 - Objection

Good Morning Sir/Madam,

We, the undersigned object to the location of the proposed 5G Telstra Tower. We live at [Redacted] and one reason for purchasing the home was the special view looking out over the Hall of Fame and surrounding grounds. This tower will detract from that view. Surely there would be preferable sites that don't impact on town residents eg. the huge expanse of land on the town common.

Furthermore the HoF is a very popular tourist facility and I'm confident tourists would prefer not to have it located so close to that icon and should further tourism attractions be planned for the site then they may be impacted.

We welcome the 5G network but surely there must be better sites.

Thanking you for the opportunity to object.

Kind regards,





23 September 2024

TO

Assessment Manager
Longreach Regional Council
PO Box 472
LONGREACH QLD 4730

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Proposed Development Permit for Material Change of Use:
Application Reference DA24/25-003

Thank you for providing documents by email regarding the proposed development of a Telecommunications facility at Lot 172 on PD191 in Longreach.

I have reviewed these documents with interest and appreciate the opportunity to ask some questions and raise some issues that warrant further discussion.

Extension request

Firstly, I would like to request that the due date for submissions regarding this proposal be extended.

- The vast majority of Longreach residents may not be aware of this proposed development.
- I am not aware of any public consultation that has been made on this issue, except for this submission process?
- I have been unable to find any reference to this development application on the Longreach Regional Council Website, in the monthly newsletters, or on LRC's official Facebook site.
- Whilst a notice was placed on the fence directly west of the proposed site and at a gate earmarked as the proposed entry to the site, both these areas have very limited traffic.

I would also like to raise several concerns and would appreciate your attention to these.

1. Health issues and proximity to residential housing

- Electro hypersensitivity from Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields (RF EMF) is a real physical condition that has often been mis-diagnosed as a display of the 'nocebo effect' (paranoia about the dangers of cell towers or other sources).
- In more recent years, Australian and international environmental medicine doctors have been observing the effects of RF EMF (both thermal and non-thermal) on human health and have been publishing guidelines and best practices to diagnose and treat these conditions.

- While ARPANSA (*Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency*) and WHO (*World Health Organisation*) guidelines outline safety levels, independent research also needs to be considered.
 - ARPANSA *Safety Codes and Standards* conclude that ‘excessive heating caused by high exposure levels remains the only established health effect from RF EME’. Consequently, their data focusses **only** on thermal effects.
 - The ARPANSA guidelines also do not take into account various individual susceptibilities.
 - There are a vast number of independent studies showing significant negative health effects to residents in areas where there are telecommunications towers.
 - These negative health effects include fatigue, sleep disturbance, headaches, difficulty concentrating, depression and anxiety, memory loss, virus activation and tinnitus, as well as life-threatening cancers including leukaemia.
 - It is alarming that these peer-reviewed published reports and studies into the effects of long-term, cumulative and non-thermal RE EMF exposure are dismissed by ARPANSA, WHO and ICNRP (*International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection*) as non-substantiated studies.
 - Independent studies deserve serious consideration especially as they are not funded by industry bodies and their data is consequently free from conflicts of interest
- 2. Requirements for 5G small cells/mini base stations**
- The need for boosters (small cells/mini-base stations) are recommended for many 5G networks. Are these likely to be necessary in Longreach?
 - If so, these unlock further health concerns for nearby residents
- 3. Proximity to two key Tourist attractions – Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum**
- While this has been addressed in some form in the Strategic Framework Assessment in the planning report, the response is short of adequate, particularly in relation to the points below:
 - It is disappointing that one of the first structures that visitors to Longreach will now focus on as they drive into town from the east is a 35 m telecommunications tower.
 - It is quite ironic that two museums, whose content was forged on the true pioneering spirit and harsh conditions of their time, should have their backgrounds marred by the appearance of such a structure.
 - I appreciate that *BMM Group* and *Amplitel* have attempted to improve aesthetics by ‘its setback and slim profile’; however, there is no hiding a 35 m tower especially when it is way out of context.
- 4. Mental Health and Natural surrounds**
- The visual impact effects on the psychological health of visitors and residents, especially those who are aware of the health consequences of tower RF EMFs, is cause for distinct concern.
 - Healthcare practitioners and researchers alike espouse that ‘being in nature’ is key to managing stress and lowering anxiety and depression. It is also associated with better cognitive function, including memory, attention, creativity and better sleep quality.
 - Many visitors to the outback do so to enjoy nature and experience spatial freedom and ‘getting away from it all’. Similarly, many who reside in a rural town do so to escape the

clutter, crowds and technological pollution of the larger cities; they live in regional areas to experience space and nature while still enjoying close community.

- These issues need to be considered against some of the very standard assessment responses in the planning document, some of which really don't address the local situation. For example point 5 in section 3.3.4.
5. **Local Primary industries and tourism businesses** pride themselves on the clean green healthy image of the local produce and attractions respectively.
- Do we really want to dilute these unique features?
6. **Ecological and environmental concerns**
- I note there is only very generic reference made to these in the assessment response to Section 3.3.2.1 in the Planning Report.
 - While more research needs to be done in this space, it is worth observing that credible scientific research notes that biological effects of non-thermal radiation are clearly proven in the laboratory. These studies cannot be ignored, and more work needs to be done to ascertain full ecological implications.
7. **Further questions**
- Are the frequencies and power emitted from this and similar towers constant?
 - How are they controlled and by whom?
 - Can they be altered without Council approval once a tower is built?
 - I note there are expected electric field figures in the Environmental EME report (on pages 40 and 41 of the Planning Report).
 - Is *BMM Group* able to provide to Council the magnetic field figures also?
 - Can you please provide evidence of environmental impact studies in relation to potential cumulative effects of the RF EMF on a variety of fauna including bees, various birds and surrounding microflora?
 - How will Telstra and Longreach Regional Council demonstrate protection of homeowners regarding RF EMR exposure?
 - Is this an opportunity for *Longreach Regional Council* to lead the way in investigating safer faster communication options such as underground fibre optic cable?

Thank you for your consideration of the abovementioned points. I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,



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[Redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 7:25 PM

To: Longreach Regional Council <council@longreach.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Submission re Proposed Development Telecommunications Facility Ilfracombe Road Longreach

Assessment Manager,
Longreach Regional Council

Submission re Proposed Development Telecommunications Facility Ilfracombe Road Longreach

We wish to oppose the proposed Development Permit for Material Change of Use for the above.

The application states “there are no residential dwellings in close proximity to the proposed facility”.

As our residence borders Curlew Road and would be only 250m from the proposed facility, we consider our dwelling to be in close proximity.

We strongly object to the development on the grounds of serious health concerns to the residents in our immediate vicinity.

We would also be concerned regarding the visual interference in our area.

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16th October 2024

Application Reference: DA24/25-003
Longreach Regional Council

Attention: **Emily O'Hanlon**

Via email: emily.ohanlon@longreach.qld.gov.au

Dear Emily,

Applicant's response to Public Submissions - Development Application No. DA24/25-003 for a Material Change of Use and Development Permit for a Telecommunications Facility at Ilfracombe Road, Longreach

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the matters raised by members of the community in response to the public notification of the above application which concluded on 23rd September 2024.

We note that community members raised questions with regards to EME (including 5G), visual amenity, site selection and the extent of public notification. This letter provides further information on the proposed Telstra facility and seeks to address the questions and concerns raised in the submissions.

Electromagnetic Energy (EME)

Telstra relies on national and international experts such as the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) in relation to guidance on base stations and health. It is the responsibility of these expert authorities to continually review the science on electromagnetic energy (EME) and to protect public safety.

ARPANSA's position is: "Based on current research there are no established health effects that can be attributed to the low RF EME exposure from mobile phone base station antennas."

<https://www.arpansa.gov.au/understanding-radiation/radiation-sources/more-radiation-sources/mobile-phone-base-stations>

The proposed Telstra Facility at Longreach will be designed to comply with the relevant Australian safety standard called RPS S-1 or Radiation Protection Series – S1 (Standard for Limiting Exposure to Radiofrequency Fields – 100 kHz to 300 GHz). RPS S-1 is set by ARPANSA and is based on the safety guidelines recommended by the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).

We would also like to highlight some aspects of the public health and safety standards. Firstly, The ARPANSA Standard is based on scientific research that shows the levels at which harmful effects occur and it sets limits, based on international guidelines, well below any harmful levels. The ARPANSA Standard is designed to protect people of all ages and health status (including the aged, infirm, children, babies and pregnant women) against all known adverse health effects from exposure to EME, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. As a condition of its licence to operate radiocommunications transmitters, Telstra is obligated to ensure that EME levels from their facilities comply with safety regulations.

Secondly, we highlight that the national safety regulations protect the public by placing a limit on the strength of the signal that any licensed radio facility may transmit. They do not impose any general public distance-based restrictions. It is the assessment of ARPANSA and international organisations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Commission on Non Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) that there is unsubstantiated scientific evidence to support any adverse health effects at levels below the limits set in the ARPANSA RF Standard. The Standard applies to any time duration from instantaneous to long term. To provide

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additional protection and account for uncertainty, the limits are set conservatively and well below the levels at which established health effects occur.

Consequently, Mobile Phone Base Stations are found in all environments. For example, the ACMA Register of Licensed Radio Communications shows that nationally, there is a significant number of licensed radio facilities (including mobile network facilities) located in residential areas, recreational parks and sporting fields, university campuses and hospitals across Australia. The ACMA Register of Licensed Radio facilities is available at: http://web.acma.gov.au/pls/radcom/register_search.main_page

Thirdly, and importantly, the public health and safety standards recommended by the WHO are based on a large body of peer-reviewed science. The WHO, the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) and other international safety bodies advise that *“There is no evidence that exposure to low level EME is harmful to human health”* (WHO) and *“The weight-of-evidence provides no credible indication of adverse effects caused by chronic exposures below levels specified in this standard.”* (IEEE).

EME Report

The EME Report provided with the development application and provided in **Attachment 1** calculates the maximum EME associated with the proposed facility that would be experienced at a range of locations up to 500m from the facility location, measured in accordance with the ARPANSA methodology at 1.5m above ground level. The maximum EME level calculated for the proposed facility is 0.45% of the allowable 100% (more than 220 times less than the standard).

We confirm that the calculation and report are correct and have been prepared in accordance with ARPANSA’s methodology. The calculation takes into account the directional nature of the antennas. Please refer to the below link for more information <https://www.arpansa.gov.au/research/surveys/environmental-electromagnetic-energy-reports>

Table 1 – Extract from EME Report

A snapshot of calculated EME levels at this site



For additional information please refer to the EME ARPANSA Report annexure for this site which can be found at <http://www.rfnsa.com.au/4730022>.

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We reaffirm the maximum calculation is more than 220 times less than the ARPANSA Standard of 100% (where 100% is considered a safe level). EME levels are calculated as a 'worst case scenario' based on the maximum power the facility is capable of operating at – in reality, actual levels will generally be much lower. The facility also has the ability to reduce power when not in use.

The Australian Media and Communications Authority (ACMA) has recently undertaken 5G Audits on EME levels across 129 base stations in NSW. The audit found the average EME levels from all technologies including 3G, 4G and 5G across 129 base stations was less than 1.2% of the public safety limits and the majority of sites were under 1%.

The ACMA audit also compared the measured values to those reported by Carriers in the ARPANSA EME Report prepared for all mobile base station sites in Australia and available on the Radiofrequency National Site Archive (RFNSA). In all cases the measured values from the ACMA audit were below the Carriers' predictions and in the vast majority of cases were less than half the levels reported on the RFNSA at:

<https://amta.org.au/acma-audit-reassures-5g-is-safe-2/>
<https://www.arpansa.gov.au/research-and-expertise/surveys-and-studies/survey-radio-wave-exposure-2022>

Other useful links explaining EME in the environment and mobile base stations are provided below:

Source	Link
Australian Government Department of Communications – EME Information	https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/spectrum/5g-and-eme
Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) – 5G EME Information	https://www.acma.gov.au/eme-5g-and-you
Australian Chief Medical Officer – Safety of 5G Technology Statement	https://www.health.gov.au/news/safety-of-5g-technology

Carrier Governance procedures and verification

As with all mobile telecommunications facilities in Australia, the proposed facility is required to comply with the ARPANSA Standard and must be reviewed for compliance by a certified and accredited person. Once a base station becomes operational or is modified, a Site Compliance Certificate is prepared by a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) Assessor to certify that the site has been assessed and complies with the Radio Frequency Human Exposure Limits as specified by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) Licence Condition Determination (LCD) and the requirements of RPS1 – S1.

The Site Compliance Certificate for the site can be accessed via the RFNSA once it has been uploaded. It generally takes approximately 45 days after a site has been constructed or modified and is in service. These reports are publicly available on the Radio Frequency National Site Archive (RFNSA): www.rfnsa.com.au/4655038.

Visual Amenity

It is important to note that the targeted coverage area is by nature predominantly characterised by large rural and commercial premises and low density residential/rural residential land uses to the west. The placement of the proposed facility has been determined based on a thorough analysis of the area. Given the coverage requirements, the best outcome is to place the facility as central as possible within the coverage area to ensure a facility of the lowest height can be deployed.

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The Tourism Zone is considered the most compatible land use in the coverage area as it offers the greatest setbacks from surrounding residential uses. The proposal will also not obstruct any significant distant views as the landscape is generally flat with no elevated vantage points on and around the subject site.

The facility has been designed with neutral, low-reflective materials and colours to blend with the surrounding elements and minimize visibility in a local setting. The facility has also been designed to the lowest feasible height to meet the target coverage objectives. The proposed height is required to allow for sufficient antenna elevation to provide clear line of sight to the reaches of the coverage area. A single, well positioned and designed facility will provide coverage in the most efficient manner, thereby avoiding the need for additional facilities to provide complete coverage to the same area.

In addition to the above design considerations, the facility has been designed to allow for future colocation opportunities by other carriers and entities, which will eliminate the need for additional infrastructure in the future. The net benefit of the proposal in terms of improved coverage and capacity for residents, businesses and other stakeholders therefore outweighs any minor visual impacts of the proposal and also addresses future telecommunications needs in the area via secure co-location opportunities.

A series of photomontages of the proposed facility are attached. The photomontages represent the proposed maximum structure height of 36.3m. The photomontages help to demonstrate a successful balance between the provision of essential infrastructure and a low-level impact on amenity. The locations of the photomontages are described in **Figure 1** below.



Figure 1 – Photomontage locations

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The photomontage locations are described as follows:

- A – End of Wompoo Road looking East
- B – 75m north of Wompoo Rd and Curlew intersection looking Sth East
- C - Southern corner of Raven and Curlew Rd looking north-east
- C – Main Driveway looking south from Landsborough Highway

Given the height requirements of telecommunications facilities, it is not possible for the structure to not be at least partly visible from surrounding areas. However, in determining the design and preferred site location for the facility, careful consideration has been given towards the height and scale of the structure along with environmental factors such as landform, vegetation buffering, distance to adjoining land uses, other vertical elements and the overall level of visual absorption in the landscape.

The photomontages effectively demonstrate that the proposed facility has been positioned and designed so that it absorbs well into the landscape. From the surrounding locations assessed, the views towards the facility are distant, and any impact on amenity is low as a result of the physical setback, the slimline design, screening by existing vegetation and/or changes in topography and the neutral colour of the facility.

The design and siting of the facility also ensures that the natural environment is not compromised. There is no remnant vegetation mapped within the project area and furthermore, no significant vegetation is required to be removed to establish or to provide access to the proposed facility. The proposed development will not result in a loss of biodiversity and ecological values or create new areas of fragmentation. Earthworks to establish the facility are minor and the adjacent drainage alignment will not be impacted. There are no off site impacts that will arise from the construction or operation of the facility.

The proposed facility location and proposed access also ensures that the use and function of the allotment and surrounding land uses can continue unencumbered and will not diminish the existing amenity. The proposed facility will provide enhanced social and economic benefit, and improved safety and accessibility to the community without compromising the amenity, function and ongoing use and enjoyment of the surrounding residential, commercial, tourist and rural precincts.

The photomontages provide a comprehensive visual representation of the facility when viewed from north, west and south of the proposed facility location. The images demonstrate that the proposed facility has been appropriately sited and designed and will integrate well in the locality. The setbacks of the facility location from any surrounding residential areas are substantial and the site location was selected based on maximising these setbacks and locating the facility away from any sensitive uses. Any distant views of the facility from adjoining properties, including the low density/rural residential properties to the west are considered to be a very low-level visual impact.

Public Notification

The community has been provided with the opportunity to comment on the proposal via public notification which has been undertaken in accordance with the Planning Act. A Notice of Compliance has been submitted to Council confirming compliance with the requirements of section 17 and Schedule 3 of the Development Assessment Rules. Public notification included an advertisement in a locally circulating newspaper, signs at the site frontages and letters to all immediately adjoining neighbours.

Please contact me should you require any additional information.

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Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben McDonnell".

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(on behalf of Amplitel – a subsidiary of Telstra)



ATTACHMENT 1 EME REPORT

Environmental EME Report

Location	172 Plan PD191 ILFRACOMBE RD, LONGREACH QLD 4730		
Date	05/07/2024	RFNSA No.	4730022

How does this report work?

This report provides a summary of levels of radiofrequency (RF) electromagnetic energy (EME) around the wireless base station at 172 Plan PD191 ILFRACOMBE RD, LONGREACH QLD 4730. These levels have been calculated by BMM Group using methodology developed by the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA). A document describing how to interpret this report is available at ARPANSA’s website: [A Guide to the Environmental Report](#).

A snapshot of calculated EME levels at this site

There are currently no existing radio systems for this site.

The maximum EME level calculated for the **proposed** changes at this site is

0.45%

out of 100% of the public exposure limit, 212 m from the location.



EME levels with the proposed changes	
Distance from the site	Percentage of the public exposure limit
0-50 m	0.11%
50-100 m	0.10%
100-200 m	0.44%
200-300 m	0.45%
300-400 m	0.32%
400-500 m	0.19%

For additional information please refer to the EME ARPANSA Report annexure for this site which can be found at <http://www.rfnsa.com.au/4730022>.

Radio systems at the site

This base station currently has equipment for transmitting the services listed under the existing configuration. The proposal would modify the base station to include all the services listed under the proposed configuration.

Carrier	Existing		Proposed	
	Systems	Configuration	Systems	Configuration
Telstra			4G, 5G	LTE700 (proposed), NR850 (proposed), NR/LTE2600 (proposed)

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An in-depth look at calculated EME levels at this site

This table provides calculations of RF EME at different distances from the base station for emissions from existing equipment alone and for emissions from existing equipment and proposed equipment combined. All EME levels are relative to 1.5 m above ground and all distances from the site are in 360° circular bands.

Distance from the site	Existing configuration			Proposed configuration		
	Electric field (V/m)	Power density (mW/m ²)	Percentage of the public exposure limit	Electric field (V/m)	Power density (mW/m ²)	Percentage of the public exposure limit
0-50m				1.98	10.42	0.11%
50-100m				1.56	6.43	0.10%
100-200m				2.77	20.29	0.44%
200-300m				2.91	22.44	0.45%
300-400m				2.57	17.56	0.32%
400-500m				1.96	10.20	0.19%

Calculated EME levels at other areas of interest

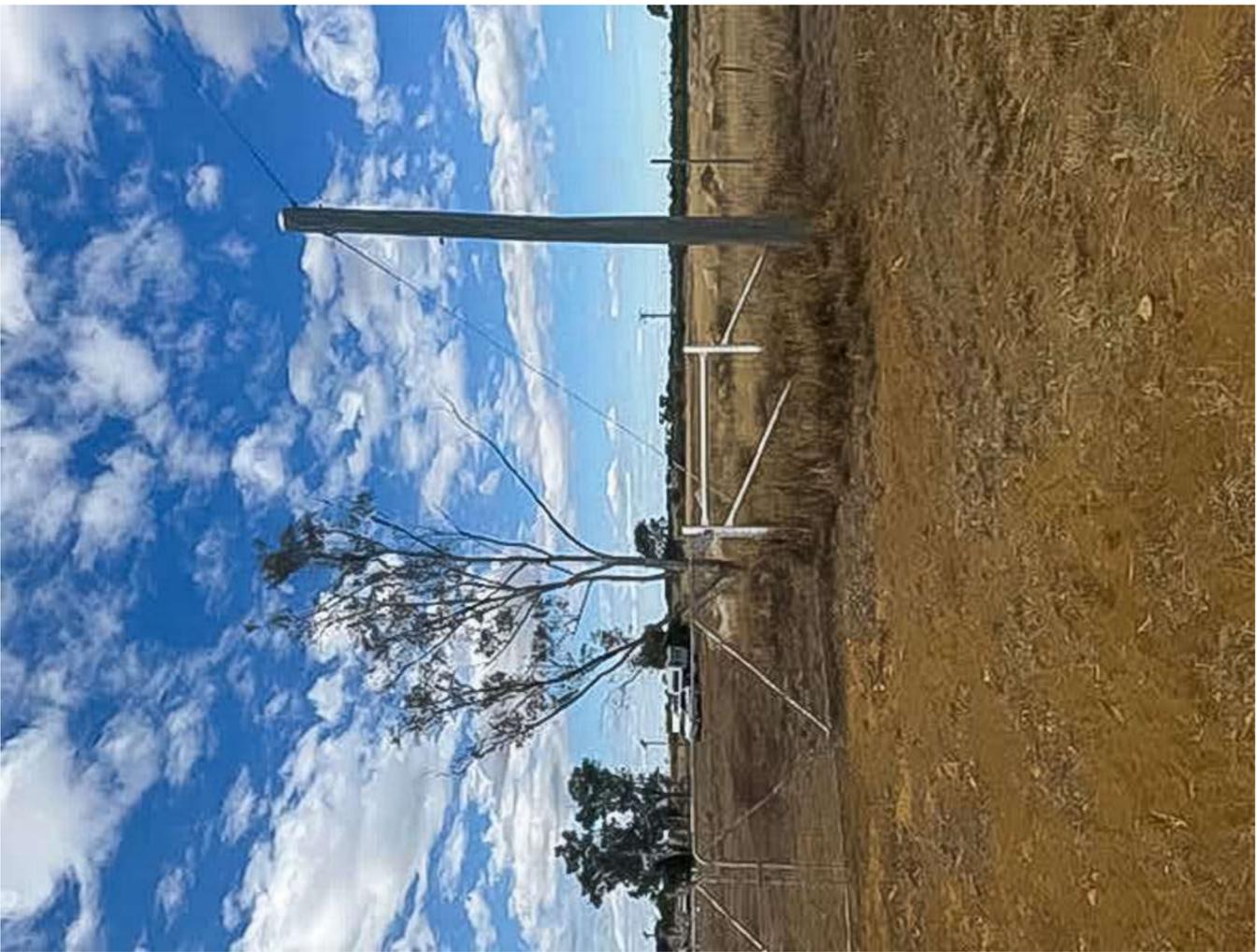
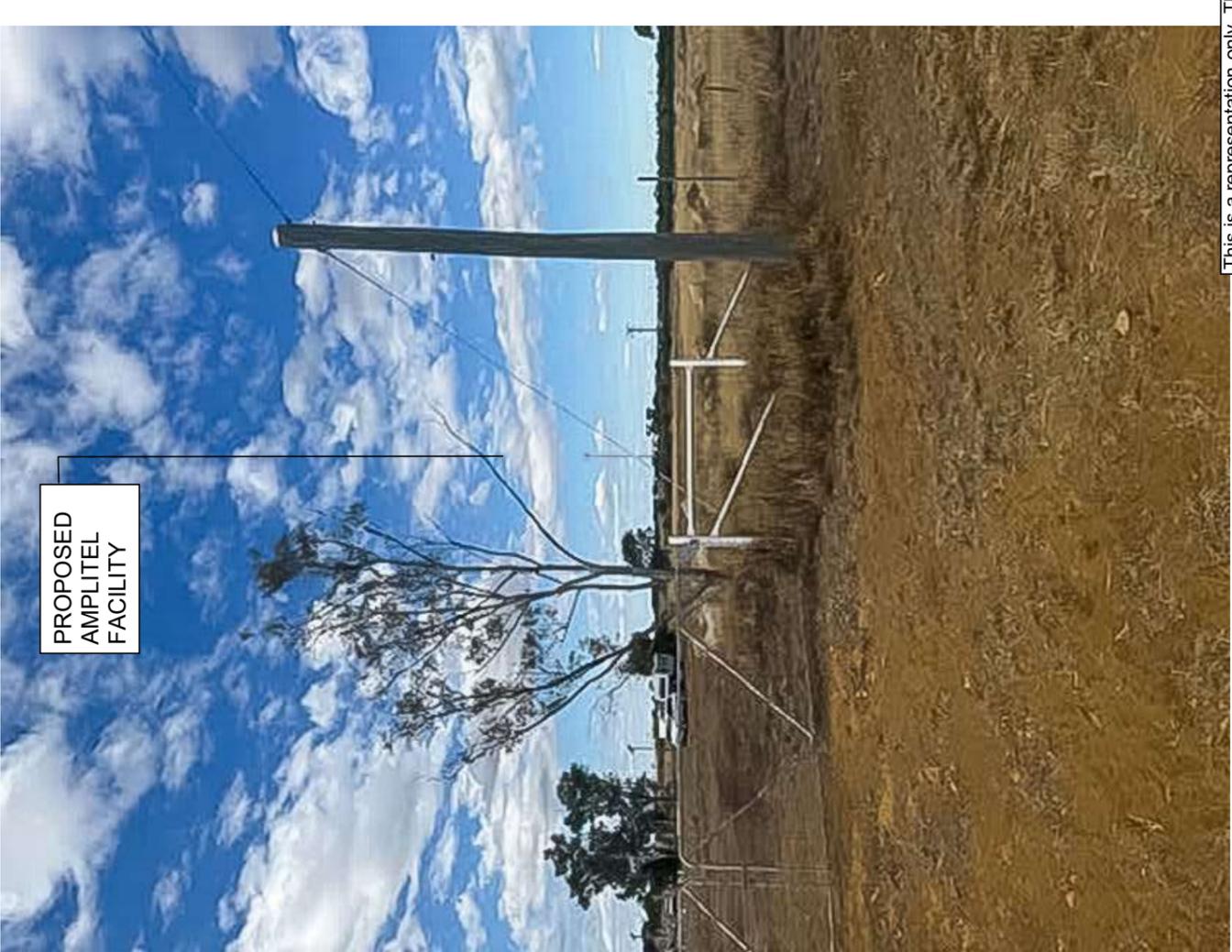
This table contains calculations of the maximum EME levels at selected areas of interest, identified through consultation requirements of the [Communications Alliance Ltd Deployment Code C564:2020](#) or other means. Calculations are performed over the indicated height range and include all existing and any proposed radio systems for this site.

Maximum cumulative EME level for the proposed configuration

Location	Height range	Electric field (V/m)	Power density (mW/m ²)	Percentage of the public exposure limit
No locations identified				



ATTACHMENT 2 PHOTOMONTAGES

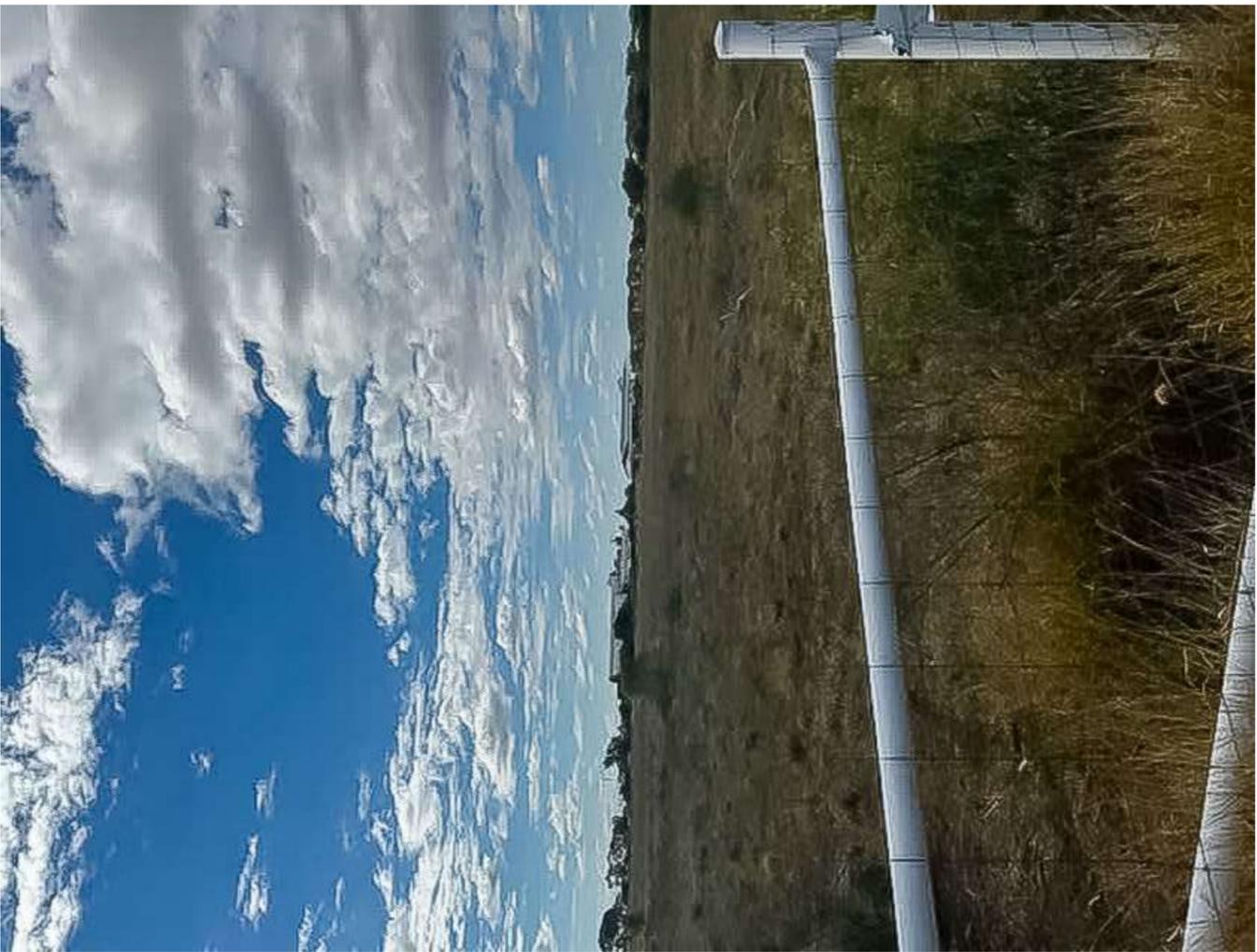
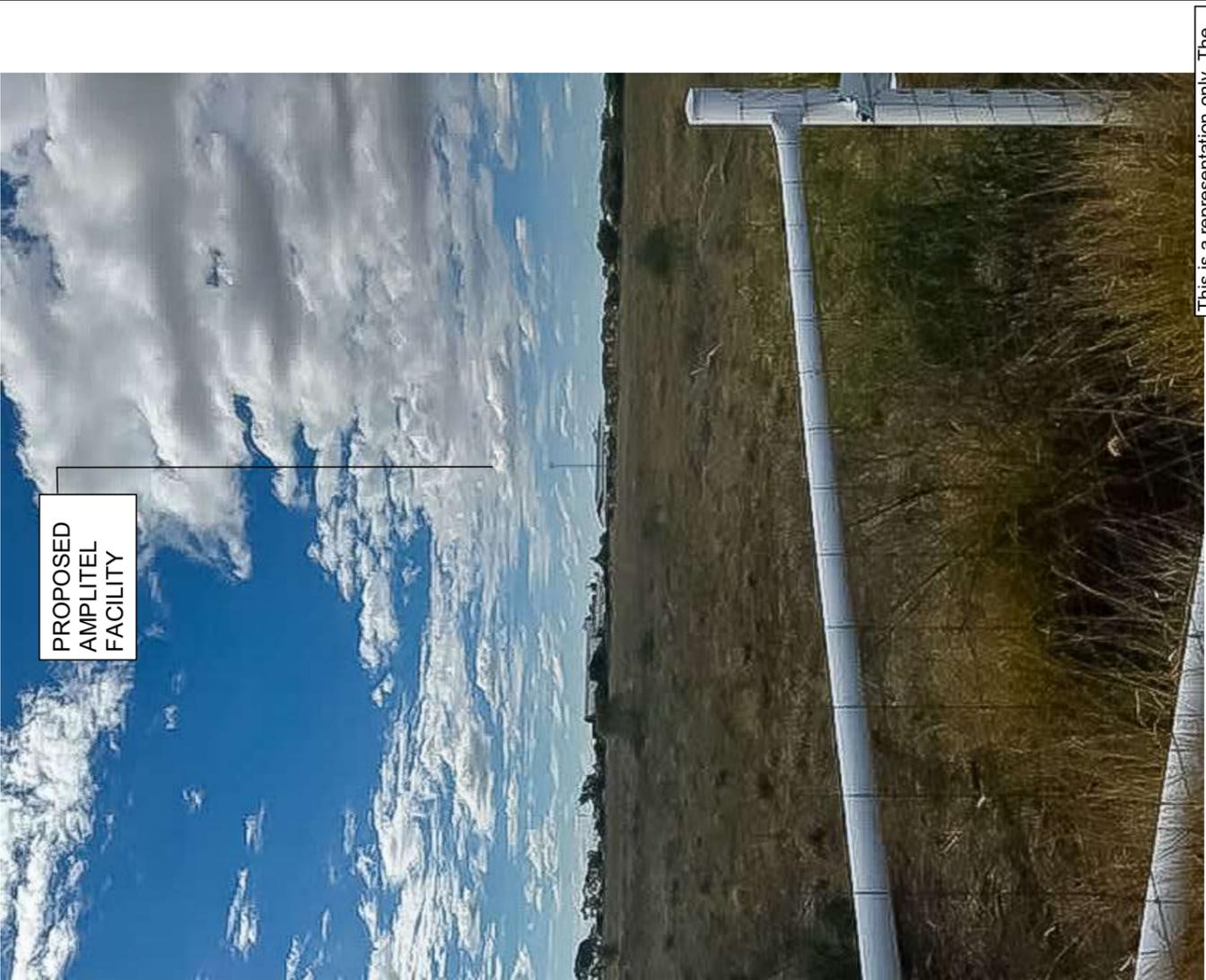


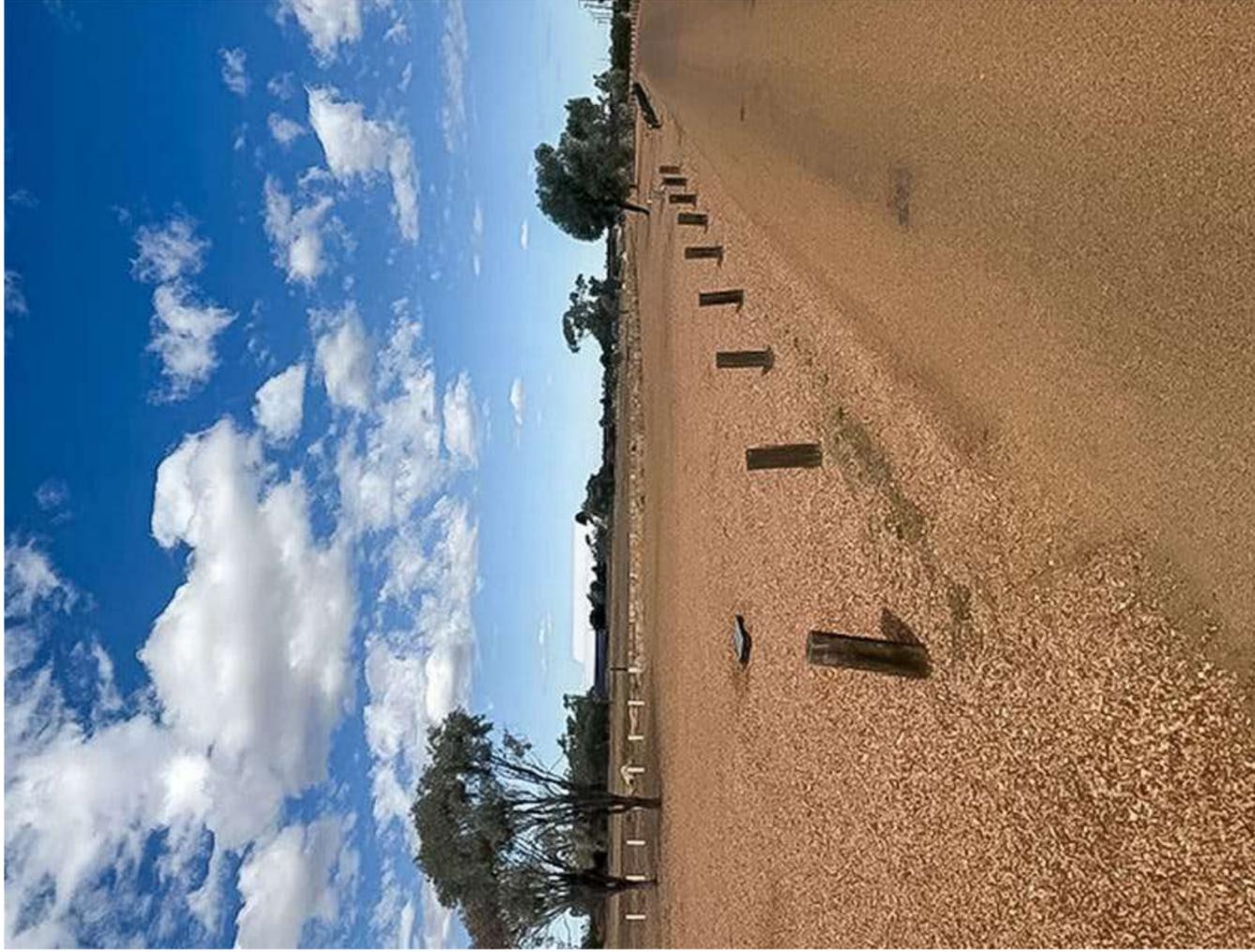
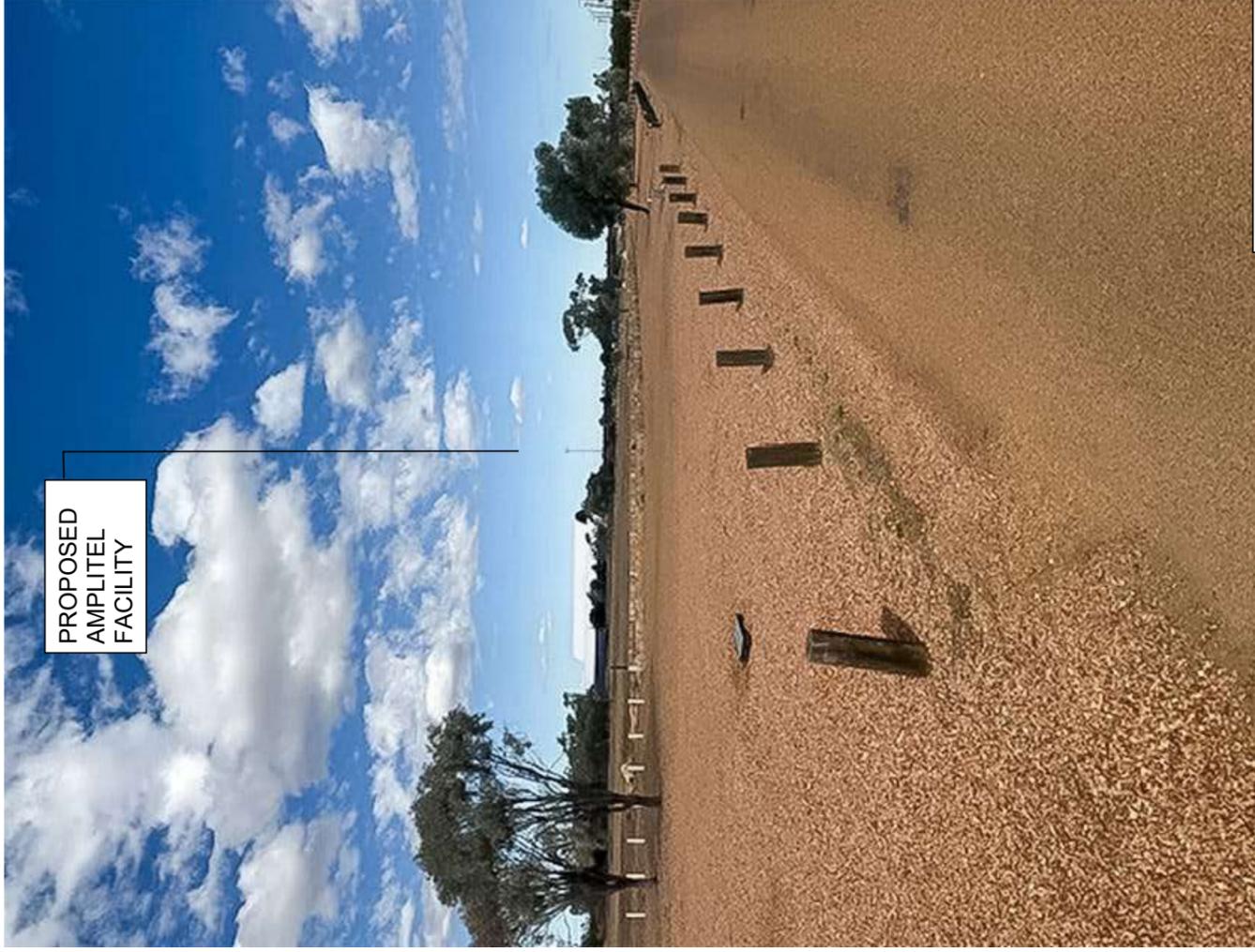
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SARA reference: 2408-41760 SRA
Council reference: DA24/25-003
Applicant reference: QLD008156

9 August 2024

Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council
PO Box 472
LONGREACH QLD 4730
council@longreach.qld.gov.au

Attention: Emily O'Hanlon

Dear Ms O'Hanlon,

SARA referral agency response—Ilfracombe Road, Longreach

(Referral agency response given under section 56 of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 7 August 2024.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response - No requirements Under section 56(1)(a) of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> , SARA advises it has no requirements relating to the application.
Date of response:	9 August 2024
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in Attachment 1
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in Attachment 2

Development details

Description:	Development permit – Material change of use for Telecommunications facility
SARA role:	Referral agency
SARA trigger:	Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 4, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017)
SARA reference:	2408-41760 SRA Material change of use of premises near a State transport corridor

11.11 - Development Permit for Material Change of Use - Lot 172 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach -- Appendix 5

2408-41760 SRA

Assessment manager: Longreach Regional Council
Street address: Ilfracombe Road, Longreach
Real property description: Lot 172 PD191
Applicant name: Ampitel Pty Ltd
Applicant contact details: c/- Ben McDonnell
PO Box 430
TOOWONG QLD 4066
ben.mcdonnell@bmmgroup.com.au

Human Rights Act 2019 considerations: A consideration of the 23 fundamental human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s. 30 Development Assessment Rules).

Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 3**.

A copy of this response has been sent to the applicant for their information.

For further information please contact Lawson Costello, Planning Officer, on (07) 4924 2914 or via email RockhamptonSARA@dasilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Anthony Walsh
Manager Planning

cc Mr Ben McDonnell, ben.mcdonnell@bmmgroup.com.au

enc Attachment 1 - Advice to the applicant
Attachment 2 - Reasons for referral agency response
Attachment 3 - Representations about a referral agency response provisions

Attachment 1—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP), (version 3.0). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

Attachment 2—Reasons for referral agency response

(Given under section 56(7) of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The reasons for SARA's decision are:

SARA assessed the development application against the following code of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) version 3.0:

- State code 1: Development in a state-controlled road environment.

The development complies with relevant performance outcomes of State code 1: Development in a state-controlled road environment (version 3.0). Specifically:

- The development does not adversely impact the structural integrity or physical condition of state-controlled road.
- The development does not adversely impact the function and efficiency of state-controlled road.

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the SDAP, version 3.0, as published by SARA
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- Section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

**Attachment 3— Representations about a referral agency response
provisions**

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Development Assessment Rules—Representations about a referral agency response

The following provisions are those set out in sections 28 and 30 of the Development Assessment Rules¹ regarding **representations about a referral agency response**

Part 6: Changes to the application and referral agency responses

28 Concurrence agency changes its response or gives a late response

- 28.1. Despite part 2, a concurrence agency may, after its referral agency assessment period and any further period agreed ends, change its referral agency response or give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, subject to section 28.2 and 28.3.
- 28.2. A concurrence agency may change its referral agency response at any time before the application is decided if—
- (a) the change is in response to a change which the assessment manager is satisfied is a change under section 26.1; or
 - (b) the Minister has given the concurrence agency a direction under section 99 of the Act; or
 - (c) the applicant has given written agreement to the change to the referral agency response.²
- 28.3. A concurrence agency may give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, if the applicant has given written agreement to the late referral agency response.
- 28.4. If a concurrence agency proposes to change its referral agency response under section 28.2(a), the concurrence agency must—
- (a) give notice of its intention to change its referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant within 5 days of receiving notice of the change under section 25.1; and
 - (b) the concurrence agency has 10 days from the day of giving notice under paragraph (a), or a further period agreed between the applicant and the concurrence agency, to give an amended referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant.

¹ Pursuant to Section 68 of the *Planning Act 2016*

² In the instance an applicant has made representations to the concurrence agency under section 30, and the concurrence agency agrees to make the change included in the representations, section 28.2(c) is taken to have been satisfied.

Part 7: Miscellaneous

30 Representations about a referral agency response

- 30.1. An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response.³

³ An applicant may elect, under section 32, to stop the assessment manager's decision period in which to take this action. If a concurrence agency wishes to amend their response in relation to representations made under this section, they must do so in accordance with section 28.

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

11.12 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - October 2024

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

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 activities.

Team Update:

Operational updates for the month of October:

- New legislation about health monitoring for workers is coming into effect as of 29 July 2025. This new legislation may require Council as an employer to provide audiometric (hearing) testing within three months of the worker commencing work and at least once every two years. The WHS Team are currently investigating Council's requirements and reviewing the data from the last two noise monitoring reports to determine the areas that will be impacted by this change.
- At the most recent Safety Committee Meeting, a new structure was trialled where the Executive Leadership Team was present for the 'formal' reporting section of the meeting and then excused while the team continued the session with the Health and Safety Representatives (HSR's). The aim of this change was to allow for more relaxed conversation which in turn allowed for staff to expand on topics presented to the

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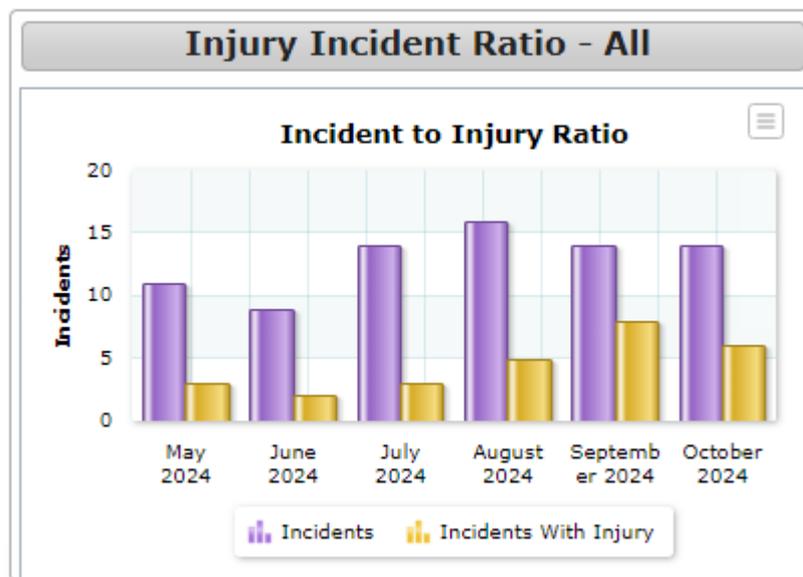
committee, present new concerns, and workshop key trends. The WHS team presented three key topics, addressing feedback following last meeting, updating staff on trials and legislation changes as well as defining what is/isn't a notifiable incident. This structure of the meeting was received exceptionally well by the HSR's and the WHS Team gained a lot of valuable information and buy in from the change in environment. The committee has agreed to adopt this structure moving forward.

Incident Report Summary:

In total, fourteen incidents were reported for the month. These included:

- Six personal injury incidents, consisting of:
 - Three were report only incidents as a result of slips, trips and falls, manual handling or aggravation of a previous injury.
 - One minor first aid incident.
 - One lost time injury as a result of a foreign object going into their eye.
- There were six property damage reports:
 - Six incidents of windscreen/glass and panel damage to various plant due to stone chips, wildlife strikes or other immovable objects.
- There were two near miss incidents:
 - One incident where a member of the public had lost control and damaged their e-scooter due to an uneven footpath. On inspection, it was identified, that a utility service pit was not level with the height of the footpath. The area has been highlighted as a pedestrian hazard until rectification works can be completed.
 - Inspection of a vehicle highlighted that it was unsuitable for the work tasks being carried out increasing risk of worker injury. Following an in-depth risk assessment and review of plant by the team and workshop, it has been agreed that the plant is to be removed from use and another appropriate vehicle sourced.

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



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11.12 - Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - October 2024

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood:	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 as at 31 October 2024, as presented.

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11.13 - Information Report - Planning and Development Report

11.13 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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

Issue:

1. Development Assessment

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No new applications have been received by Council since the last monthly report. Four applications are currently under assessment.

1.1	Council reference:	DA24/25-005
	Application:	Development Permit for a Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots)
	Street address:	605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 2 on RP864458
	Day application was made:	23 September 2024
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	Simone and Martin Thomason C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd
	Status:	Decision stage

An application has been made by Simone and Martin Thomason C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots) over land at 605 Cramsie Muttaborra Road, Longreach.

The proposal involves the reconfiguration of an existing lot to create two lots. The site contains Longway Station, and the intention of the proposal is to create one (1) additional lot of 100 hectares at the northern end of the site. The lot is intended to be off grid.

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

The site adjoins a State-controlled and the application will need to be referred to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) for assessment. SARA has provided its referral agency response.

The application is now in the decision stage and will be presented at Council's November General Meeting for decision.

1.2	Council reference:	DA24/25-006
	Application:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Multiple dwelling
	Street address:	85 Crane Street, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 16 on L3573
	Day application was made:	23 September 2024
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd
	Status:	Decision stage

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An application has been made by B T Hunt Building Pty Ltd seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Multiple dwelling over land at 85 Crane Street, Longreach

The proposal involves the addition of two (2) dwellings on a site that already contains an existing dwelling. The new dwellings will be 2 bedroom, single storey dwellings.

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

The application is now in the decision stage and will be presented at Council's November General Meeting for decision.

1.3	Council reference:	DA24/25-002
	Application:	Development Permit for Development Permit for a Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment)
	Street address:	2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford
	Property description:	Lot 105 on I2121
	Day application was made:	23 September 2024
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	Michael Murray Tomlinson C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd
	Status:	Decision stage

An application has been made by Michael Murray Tomlinson C/- Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd seeking a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (boundary realignment) over land at 2 Saint Frances Street, Isisford.

The proposal involves the reconfiguration of an existing lot to accommodate an improvement over the land, particularly formed road currently passes through the north east of the site.

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

The application is now in the decision stage and will be presented at Council's November General Meeting for decision.

1.4	Council reference:	DA24/25-003
	Application:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications Facility
	Street address:	Ilfracombe Road, Longreach
	Property description:	Lot 172 on PD191
	Day application was made:	2 August 2024

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Category of assessment:	Impact
Public notification required:	Yes
Applicant:	Amplitel Pty Ltd
Status:	Decision stage

An application has been made by Amplitel Pty Ltd seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications Facility over land at Ilfracombe Road, Longreach.

The proposal involves the installation of a Telecommunications Facility that includes a monopole, antennas and associated ancillary equipment with an overall height of 36.3m.

The subject site is in the Tourist Zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Impact Assessment. As the application is Impact Assessable it will require public notification. The application will also require referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency as the site is within 25m of a State-controlled road. SARA has issued its referral agency response with no requirements.

Public notification has now finished, and Council received a total of four (4) submissions opposing the development. The submissions primarily raised issues regarding the suitability of the location, visual amenity and health impacts.

Council has reviewed the submissions and issued an advice notice requesting further information. The applicant provided a response to the advice notice.

The application is now in the decision stage and will be presented at Council's November General Meeting for decision.

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
17/10/24	Town Planner	<u>Request</u> Council received a request regarding subdividing an existing lot. <u>Advice</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is in Low density residential zone • The site contains an easement for stormwater purposes • The minimum lot size in the Low 	Closed

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PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<p>density residential zone is 700m²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfiguring a lot in the Low density residential zone is subject to Code assessment • Code assessment means a development application is required to be lodged to Council • Only stormwater infrastructure would be permitted in the easement. 	
22/10/24	Landowner	<p><u>Request</u> Council received a request about establishing a machinery repair business.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is located in the Industry zone • The site adjoins a State-controlled road and is within 100m of State-controlled road intersection • The proposed use is defined as Low impact industry • If the earthworks are proposed as part of the Low impact industry there is no need for a separate operational work approval • Low impact industry is subject to Code assessment in the Industry zone • Code assessment means a development application is required to be lodged to Council • The application will require referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) for proximity to the State-controlled road 	

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PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES			
Date received	Customer details	Type	Status
7/11/24	Conveyancing company	Council received a request for Limited Planning and Development Certificate for a land holding in the Centre zone.	Under consideration
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES			
Nil			
SURVEY PLAN ENDORSEMENT			
18/10/2024	DA24/25-004	ROL 7-9 Wonga St - SP342079	Completed

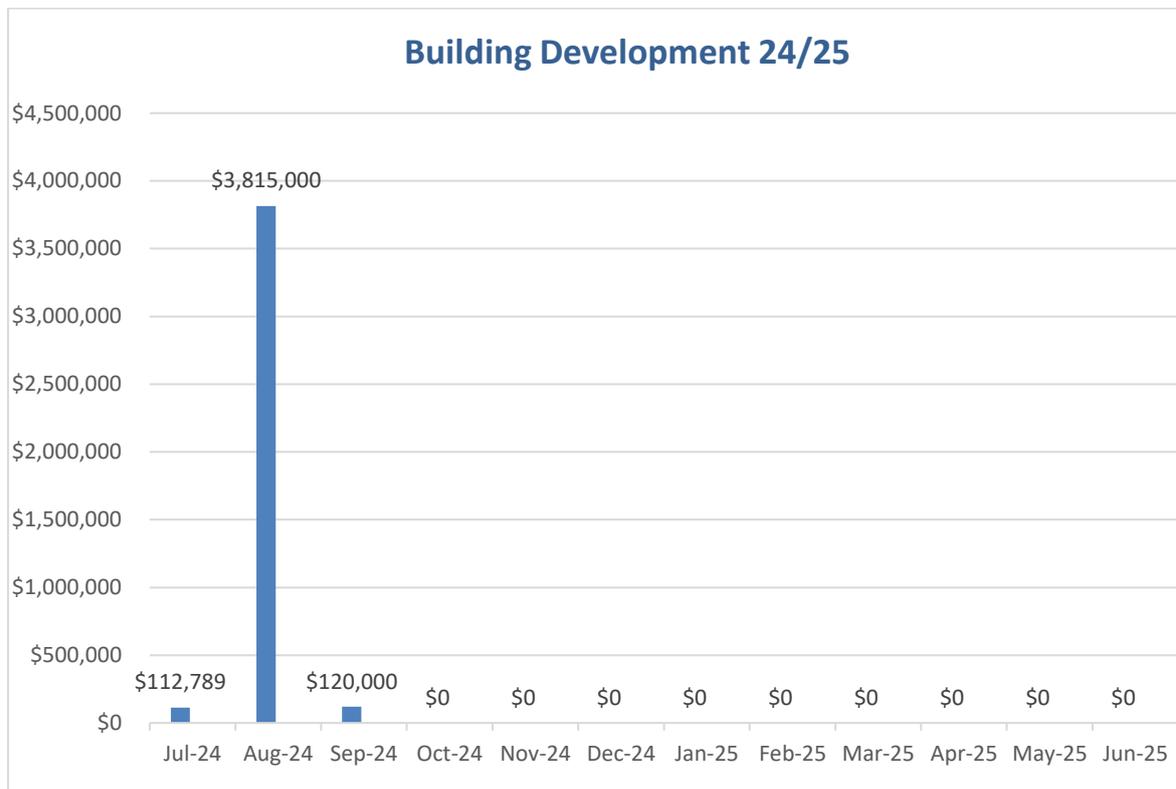
Development Applications Received

Application Type	October	YTD
Building (Council Certifier)	1	7
Building (Private Certifier)	1	2
Certificate of Classification	0	0
Change of Classification	0	0
Endorsement of Survey Plan	0	1
Exemption Certificate	0	0
Material Change of Use (MCU)	0	2
Minor Change (MCU)	0	0
Minor Change (Op Works)	0	0
Building Work (Assessable)	0	0
Operational Works	0	0
Plumbing & Drainage	0	5
Reconfiguration of a Lot	0	3
Siting Variation	0	0
Building Record Searches/ Planning Certificates	0	6
Operational Works - Bore	0	0
Total	2	26

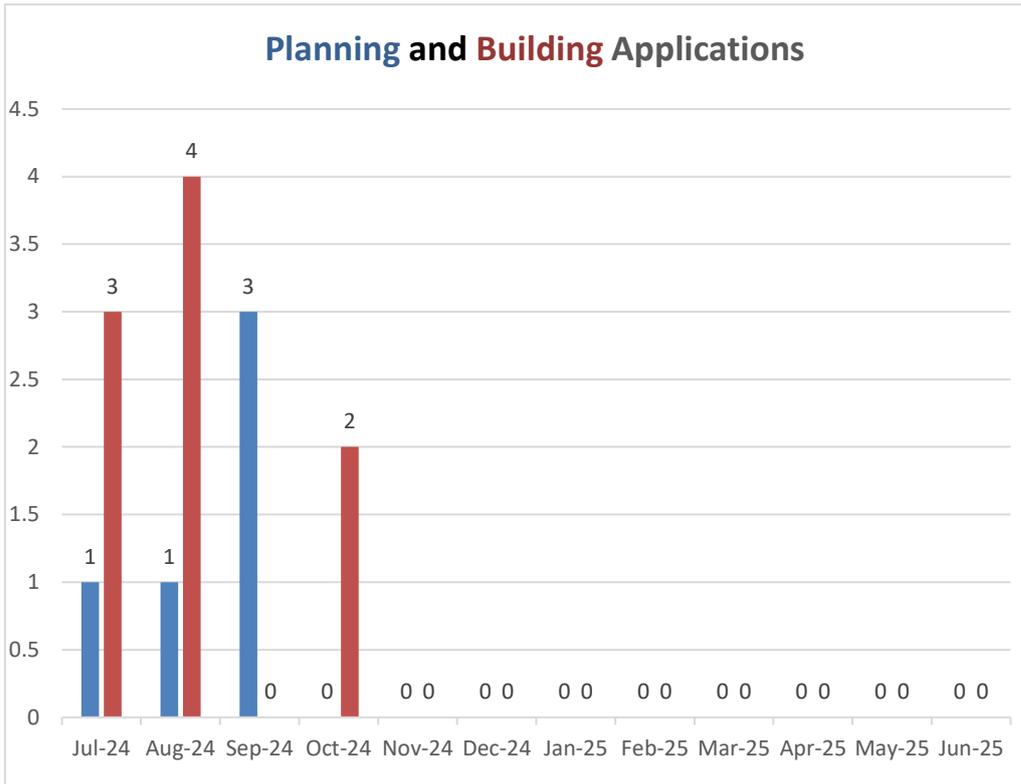
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Project Value of Building Applications

Date	Development Type	Development Details	Value of Work	Location
Carried FWD			\$3,927,789	
29/10/2024	Building	New Patio	\$40,000	Longreach
1/10/2024	Building	Shed	\$80,000	Ilfracombe
		Total for September	\$120,000	
		Total for 24/25 Year	\$4,047,789	



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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.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.14 - Information Report - Governance

11.14 Information Report - Governance

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

Council Action

Recognise
Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: *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.

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Issue:

Calendar of Council Events

November 2024			
20 Wednesday 10.00am	Briefing Session	Council Chambers, Longreach	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
21 Thursday 9.00am	Ordinary Council Meeting	Isisford Council Chambers	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
26 – 27 Tuesday & Wednesday	RAPAD Board Meeting	Brisbane	RAPAD Members
December 2024			
11 Wednesday 10.00am	Briefing Session	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
12 Thursday 9.00am	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
January 2025			
22 Wednesday 10.00am	Briefing Session	Council Chambers, Longreach	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
23 Thursday 9.00am	Ordinary Council Meeting	Isisford Council Chambers	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
26 January	Australia Day	Regional	

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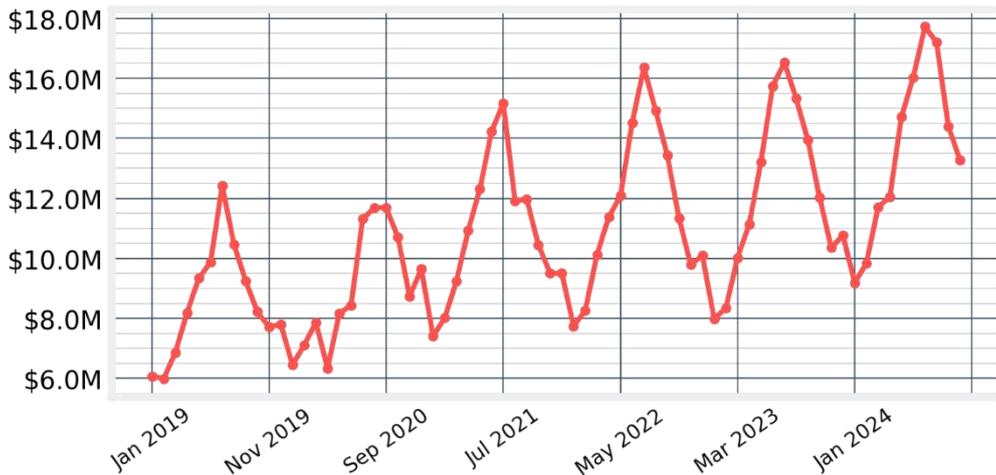
Economic/Consumer Spending Data (Spendmapp)

Presented here is data for October 2024:

Total Local Spend was \$13.3M. This is a 10.2% increase from the same time last year.
 Resident Local Spend was \$8.56M. This is a 17.8% increase from the same time last year.
 Visitor Local Spend was \$4.72M. This is a 1.28% decrease from the same time last year.
 Resident Escape Spend was \$5.4M. An 8.7% increase from the same time last year.

Total Local Spend

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



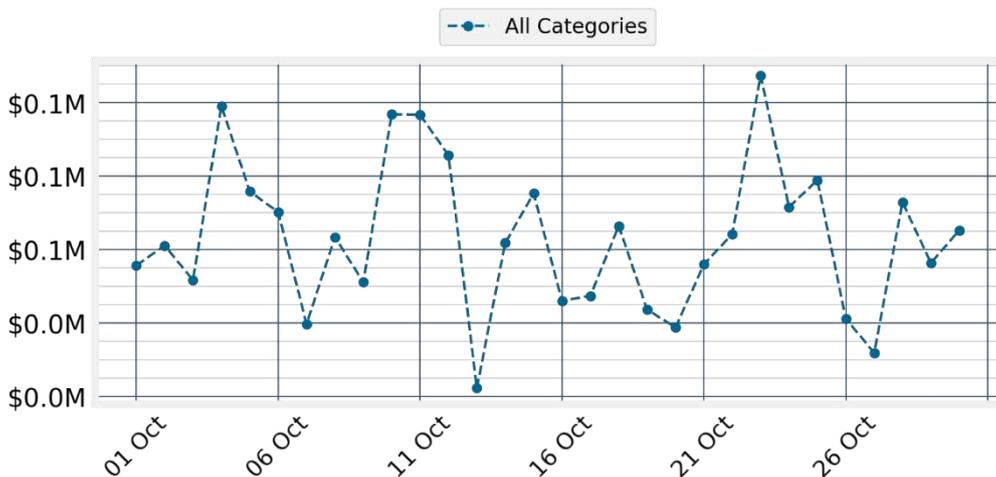
The Top 3 Suburbs by Resident Escape Spend for October 2024

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

- Emerald: \$614k
- Brisbane City: \$208k
- Torrington, Qld: \$180k

Night Time Economy for October 2024

The biggest spending night of the month of October 2024 was Wednesday 23 October.



11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.14 - Information Report - Governance

Small Business Update

Council distributed a Small Business e-Update, on 29 October.

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The update featured articles on:

- Consumer Spending Data
- Marketing basics and the 7 Ps
- FREE: Recruitment for small business TAFE course
- Hiring employees checklist
- Card surcharges
- Business Stress Test
- TM Checker
- Pulse Survey September Quarter
- Digital Solutions Program Funding Opportunities

Reach

- The email was sent to 868 addresses
- 297 people opened the email a total of 537 times
- It failed to reach 6 addresses, either because they were incorrect or because of spam filters
- 5 people unsubscribed

Activity

44 clicks have been generated on links in the email with the top performers being:

- Council's newsletter page
- Council's Small Business Friendly Grant Program Guidelines
- Council's Small Business Friendly Grant Program Application Form
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11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.14 - Information Report - Governance

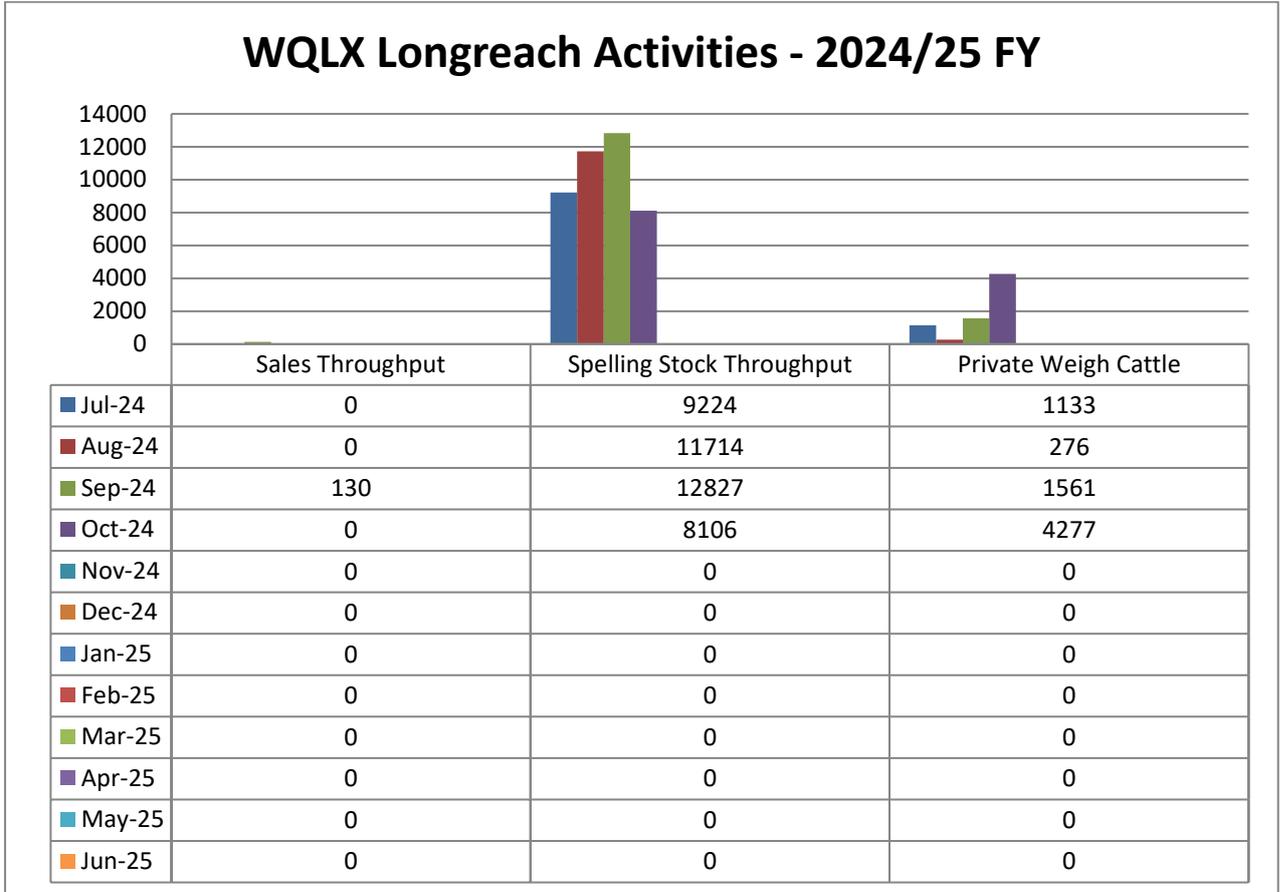
Human Resources

Staffing Levels as at 31 October 2024

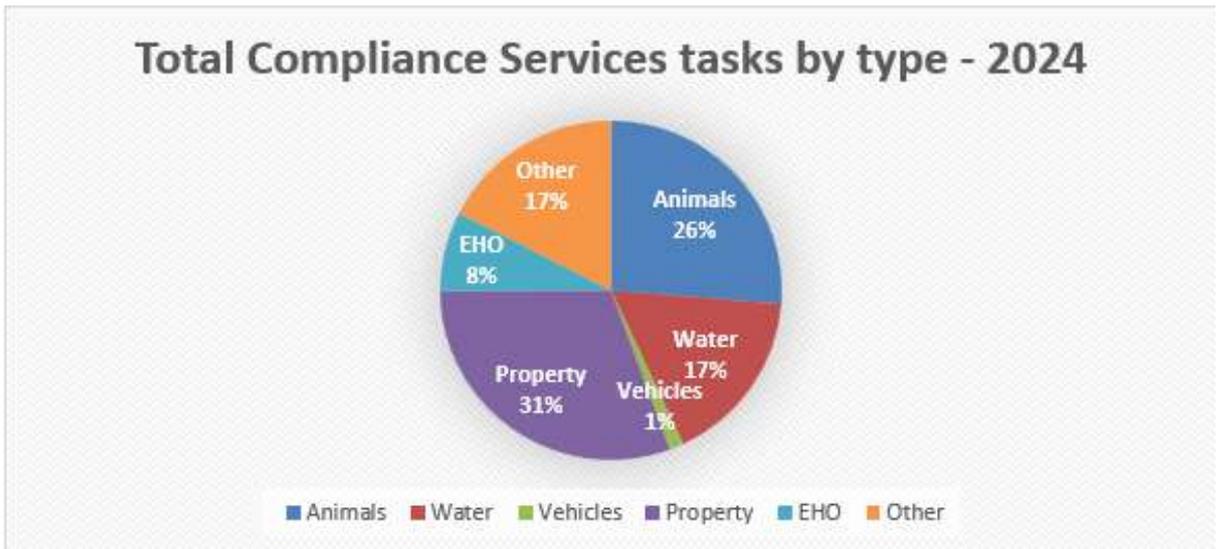
ALL Employees FTE	Operational	Admin/ Supervisors	Contract	Total	Last Month	30/06/2024
Full Time	79	52	11	142	143	147
Permanent Part Time	3.57	3.97	0.83	8.37	8.19	8.67
Contracted Staff (Consultants)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Permanent Employees	82.57	55.97	11.83	150.37	151.19	155.67
Temporary Full Time	3.0	6.0	-	9.0	9.0	6.0
Temporary Part Time	-	0.69	-	0.69	0.69	0.69
Apprentices - Trades	2.0	-	-	2.0	3.0	3.0
Traineeships	-	2.0	-	2.0	2.0	2.0
Casual Staff	1.85	2.09	-	3.94	4.43	3.37
Total Temporary Employees	6.85	10.78	-	17.63	18.12	15.06
Total Current Employees FTE	89.42	66.75	11.83	168.00	169.31	170.73
Current Vacant Positions	14.00	6.00	2.00	22.00	20.0	15.0
Complement FTE				190.00	189.31	185.73

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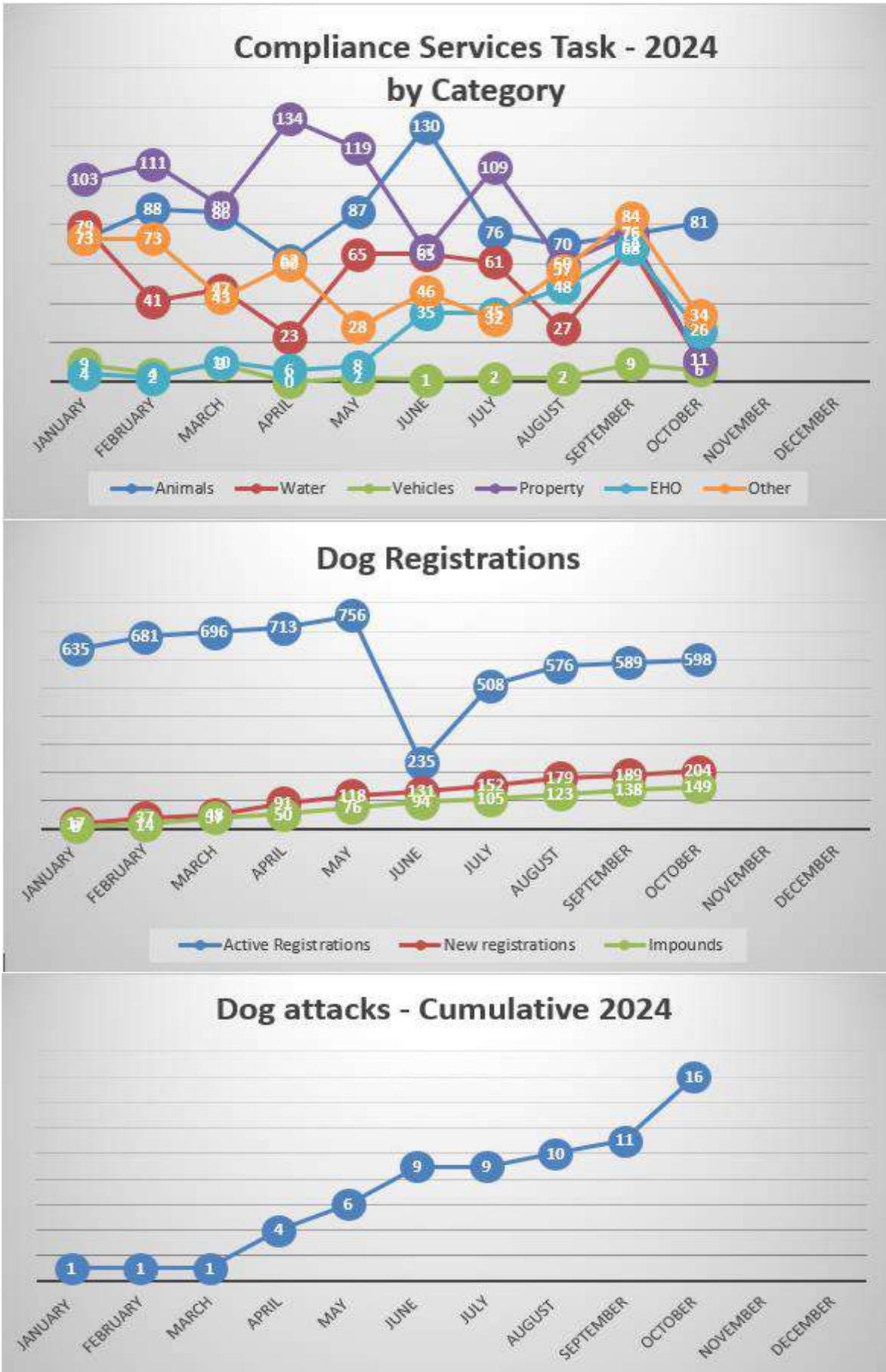


Regulatory Services – Compliance



*Other – CSR’s, Equipment maintenance, After hours call outs, Impound Maintenance, Illegal dumping/littering, Pound incidents, Aggression in workplace/community, Stock Squad assistance, Pest weed spray assistance

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Regulatory Services – Environmental Health

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:

EHO Action Report.

All Council Areas:

- Draft Food Business Application Form sent to all council areas for editing and approval.
- Community Group (not-for Profit Organisations) Food Safety Training. Development Stage.
- Draft Temporary Food Business Application Form.
- Draft Caravan Park Inspection form. (Checks completed and waiting for approval)
- Draft Caravan Park Application Form. Final Stages.
- Inquiry sent to all Councils, regarding *Subordinate Local Laws 1, Prescribed Activity/s* Caravan Park Licensing and inspections. Ongoing.
- Draft Personal Appearance Services (PAS) Application. Final Stage. (Final checks and approvals with Blackall Admin & Barcaldine Admin, Respectively).
- Sent Personal Appearance Services (PAS) Inspection form to all Councils, to add Logos to document.
- Food Business Renewal Form. Approved by Boulia and sent to all other councils.
- Inquiry sent to all Councils, regarding Public Pool water testing. Referencing *Subordinate Local Laws 1, Prescribed Activity/s*

Longreach:

Food Business

- Food Business Re-Inspection Conducted.
- Food Business Application Assessment. Ongoing
- Legislative Clarification Inquiry/s. Actioned & Closed.
- Food Business Renewals.
- Complaint/s investigated and closed.

Environmental Management/ Public Health

- Customer Consultation/s. Information & Suggestions given.
- Inquiry and Information support.
- Legislative hierarchy of Public Accommodation. Shared.

Pest Management:

All Councils:

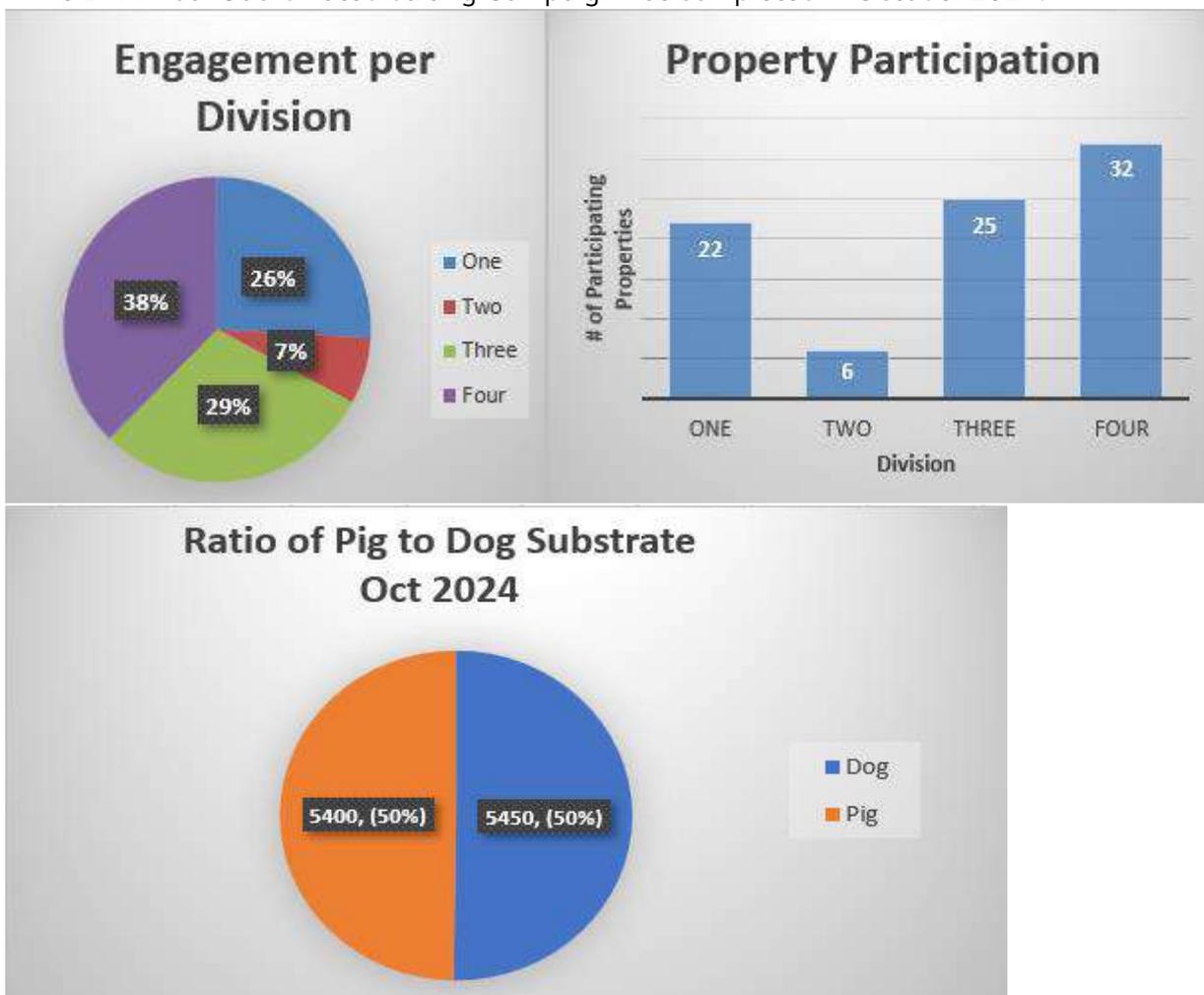
- Started developing a Mosquito Management Plan for RAPAD Region. With Blackall Admin for editing & Checks.
- Inquired into Mosquito Surveillance Equipment Costs.
- Consulted with Rockhampton Public Health Unit.
- Consulting with Arbovirus Sentinel Program - Metro North Public Health Unit

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Regulatory Services – Rural Lands

Wild Dog and Feral Pig Baiting Program

The Bi-Annual Coordinated baiting Campaign was completed in October 2024.



Snapshot

Meat Substrate Supplied by Council	10.9 tonne
Total Properties participating in October 2024 Program	85
Indicative total Employee Hours completing 1080 Bait program	209 hours
Total Cost of October 2024 Program	\$108,424.00
Funding generated from Rate Pest Control Levy	\$52,123.46

Bexley Project

Biosecurity Queensland and Department of Agriculture and Fisheries attended Bexley and assisted with a team spray project over 4 days across the top of the escarpment.

To date 369 hours of paid contract spraying has been undertaken (between Council and RAPAD) with further work being programmed for the coming months. Cochineal is still being monitored; observations indicate some expansion of range but again difficult to quantify due to access limitations.

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Pest Animals

Rural Lands are currently working on the tender contract for Wild Dog Contractors, which will close on the 8 November 2024. There has been a significant increase in feral cats with recent wild cat destructions reported to be occurring from local landholders and our regular pest animal providers.

Division	Scalp Bounty - Dog 24/25 YTD	Contract Dog Trapper 24/25 YTD	Scalp Bounty – Cat 24/25 YTD
1			
2			
3			
4	111		104
Total	111	0	104

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

- Wild dog and feral pig baiting program
- Pest weed spraying, mapping and reporting
- Repair and maintenance of QuikSpray units and other plant
- Assistance with the Bexley Project Snake Cactus Project
- After-hours on-call roster, shared with Compliance Officers

Risk Management Factors:

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

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

Low risk, information report only

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Governance Information Report, as presented.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.15 - Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

11.15 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Chief Executive Officer.

Council Action

Recognise
Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *Brett Walsh, Chief Executive Officer*

Background:

The Chief Executive Officer provides an information update to Council to outline activities undertaken since the last meeting.

Issue:

Chief Executive Officer Update

Following is a summary of activities undertaken for the period to 13 November 2024.

Strategic Leadership

- Attend RAPAD meeting via Teams
- Attend LGAQ State Conference in Brisbane
- Attend State Conference CEO forum in Brisbane
- Attend Central West Senior Officers Network meeting

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

11.15 - Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

Operational Management

- Progress the MID and RIDA applications for the Longreach weirs
- Progress Animal Management Facility project
- Inspect Ilfracombe Aramac Road following ratepayer complaint (no issues found)
- Attend Longreach Traffic Advisory Group meeting
- Attend Drought Management Committee meeting to review water restrictions
- Send feedback on Community Forums to each community
- Discuss the review of local laws with Council solicitors
- Discuss future options for Longreach Airport land with Qld Airports Ltd
- Inspect Isisford Bimerah Road following complaint (no issues found)

Financial Management

- Discuss 2026 budget strategy with the Chief Financial Officer
- Meet with the internal auditors re audit outcomes
- Attend QTC Economic Update (webinar)

Workforce Capability

- Participate in the whole of staff day - Big Day In
- Conduct interview for new Utilities Manager

Stakeholder Engagement

- Meet with Proterra Group re Weir project management
- Attend community engagement forums in Yaraka, Isisford, Ilfracombe and Longreach
- Meet with the Office of Independent Assessor re statewide trends
- Attend Thomson River Festival events
- Attend Small Business Forum breakfast
- Meet with Desert Channels Qld re future projects
- Attend Isisford Race meeting
- Attend meeting between Department of Water and owners of Muddy Duck re water licence
- Conduct radio interview with ABC re assistance to other Councils
- Attend meeting with the Board of Qantas Founders Museum
- Meet with organisers of Thomson River Festival re debrief
- Attend Longreach State High School Presentation Night
- Meet with Alan and Sue Smith re future land options
- Attend Outback Independent Living Disability Forum and meet with key stakeholders
- Meet with the Qld Racing Integrity Commissioner
- Attend Remembrance Day ceremony in Longreach. Spoke with Maranoa MP, David Littleproud and Speaker of the House, Milton Dick
- Meet with Qld Small Business Commissioner
- Attend Longreach School of Distance Education musical performance
- Attend Conference and Events Forums with local tourism businesses and consultant Karen Maher
- Meet with Catholic Care re new services for the region

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
11.15 - Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

Risk Management

- Attend Qld Police State disaster management workshop re revised State plan
- Attend District Disaster Management Group meeting

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood: Rare
Consequence: Insignificant
Rating: Low (1/25)
Low risk, information report only

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's report, as presented.

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.1 - Final Management Report

12. Finance Report

12.1 Final Management Report

The Qld Audit Office has completed its audit of Council's financial statements for 2024. The final management report is attached for Council's information.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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

Budget Considerations

The preparation and audit of the financial statements forms part of the 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2024-07-178)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Interim Audit Report as presented.

Officer Comment

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

Background:

Council's financial statements are audited each year by the Queensland Audit Office as required under the *Local Government Act 2009*. The audit is to provide users of the financial statements with assurance that they are a true and accurate representation of Council's financial performance and position. As part of the audit process, QAO performs an interim audit to test Council's internal controls relating to the preparation of the financial statements and review any material accounting issues which were presented to Council in July 2024.

The Final Management Report is to update on any matters that have arisen since presentation of the closing report in September 2024.

It is a requirement of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (s 213)* that a copy of this report is presented to Council.

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.1 - Final Management Report

Issue:

Attached is the final management report from QAO for Council's information.

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

Ineffective controls and processes in preparing financial statements can lead to adverse audit reports and late completion of the reports. External users such as the community, and State and Commonwealth Government funding bodies need to be able to rely on the accuracy and relevance of the financial reports.

Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Appendices

1. LRC Final Management Report 2024 [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Final Management Report for 2024 from the Qld Audit Office, as presented.



2024 FINAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Longreach Regional Council

23 October 2024



Cr Anthony (Tony) Raynor
Mayor
Longreach Regional Council

Dear Tony

Final management report for Longreach Regional Council

We have completed our 2024 financial audit for Longreach Regional Council. QAO has issued an unmodified audit opinion on your financial statements.

The purpose of this report is to update you on any matters that have arisen since we presented our closing report to the Audit and Risk Committee on 18 September 2024.

Reporting on issues identified after the closing report

I can confirm that we have identified a moderate risk financial reporting issue since the presentation of our closing report to the Audit and Risk Committee. The issues and other matters we have formally reported to management and an update on management's actions taken to resolve these issues is included as Appendix A.

Please note that under section 213 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, you must present a copy of this report at your council's next ordinary meeting.

Report to parliament

Each year, we report the results of all financial audits and significant issues to parliament.

We intend to include the results of our audit of Longreach Regional Council in our report to parliament *Local Government 2024*. We will comment on the results of our audit, any significant internal control issues, and the overall results for the sector, including major transactions and events. We will discuss the proposed report content with your entity contact and continue to consult as we draft it. Formally, entities have an opportunity to comment on our report, and for these comments to be included in the final version tabled in parliament.

Audit fee

The final audit fee for this year is 89,000, exclusive of GST. This fee is higher than the \$84,000 estimated in our external audit plan. We have discussed the key factors contributing to the fee variation with your chief financial officer. In summary, these matters were additional work arising from the Lot 201 matter identified in this report that arose after issuing our closing report.

We would like to thank you and your staff for your engagement in the audit this year and look forward to working with your team again next year.

If you have any questions about this report or would like to discuss any matters regarding our services and engagement, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0421 056 478.

Yours sincerely

Timothy Cronin
Partner PKF

cc.

Brett Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

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Appendix A1 – Status of issues

Financial reporting issues

This section provides an update on the financial reporting issues we have identified since our closing report. It includes a response from management.

Our risk ratings are as follows. For more information and detail on our rating definitions, please see the webpage here: www.qao.qld.gov.au/information-internal-controls or scan the QR code.



M Medium risk

24FR-1 Lot 201 – Not Recognised in Council Accounting Records

Observation

In June 2024, Council entered into an option agreement and sale contract with a developer for Lot 201.

Audit reviewed land listed by Council as non-current assets held for sale and identified that Lot 201 was not included in the list. A review of the fixed asset register also failed to find any record of Lot 201.

Review of the history of Lot 201 identified the following:

- Land was transferred to Council in 2011, being Lot 2 SP142654. This was not recognised as an asset at this time.
- Council used some of this land to create the Teal Street sub-division in 2018. Development costs were recognised for 27 lots. The remaining land had a new property title created Lot 200 SP297086 but this was not recognised as an asset at this time.
- In 2023, Council commenced a process to sell Lot 200, including extending Kestrel Street to Plover Street. This resulted in Lot 200 being cancelled and Lot 201 SP340125 being created. As part of this process, an independent valuer determined a fair value of \$440,000.

Implication

Council's land was understated by the fair value of Lot 201. This is the result of errors in 2011 and 2018 where the land was not recognised as an asset of Council.

QAO recommendation

As the fair value is less than overall materiality, we agreed with management to correct the error in the current financial year by recognising Lot 201 as land at fair value of \$440,000 with a corresponding capital revenue.

Management response

Adjusting journal posted and financial statements updated

Responsible officer: Chief Financial Officer

Status: Resolved

Action date: 8 October 2024

Appendix A2 – Matters previously reported

The following table summarises all control deficiencies, financial reporting issues and other matters that have previously been raised, some of which may have been reported as resolved in the closing report]. The listing includes issues from our reports this year.

Our risk ratings are as follows. For more information and detail on our rating definitions, please see the webpage here: www.gao.qld.gov.au/information-internal-controls or scan the QR code.



Internal control issues

Ref.	Rating	Issue	Status
24IR-1	D	Independent review of provision for landfill rehabilitation balances It is recommended that management engage an independent expert to review and validate the accuracy of these balances.	Work in progress Independent expert to review the provision in financial year 2024/25. Responsible officer: Chief Financial Officer Action date: 30 June 2025

Financial reporting issues

24CR-1	M	Interest on term deposits not accrued Testing identified that \$12m of term deposits maturing FY 2025 did not have accrued interest taken up at 30 June 2024	Resolved Adjusting journal posted.
24CR-2	M	Term deposits incorrectly classified as cash equivalents Review of "Cash and cash equivalents" highlighted that it included 2 term deposits \$8m and \$4m with terms of 12 months and 6 months respectively. As maturity was greater than three months, they did not meet the definition of cash and cash equivalents in AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows	Resolved Adjusting journal posted.
24CR-3	M	Annual leave provision – Superannuation not included Testing identified that the provision for annual leave did not include superannuation as required by AASB 119 Employee Benefits	Resolved Adjusting journal posted.
24CR-4	M	Expenses not accrued that related to current financial year Testing identified that expenses paid in July related to June 2024 expenditure on 2022 NDRRA event had not been recognised in FY 2024 financial statements.	Resolved Adjusting journal posted.



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12. FINANCE REPORT

12.2 - Information Report - Finance

12.2 Information Report - Finance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that occurred during the month for the Financial Services 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.
ANCES OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.3	Council delivers a positive customer experience in all service areas.

Budget Considerations

Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2024-10-274)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Finance information report, as presented.

Officer Comment

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

Background:

The Financial Services Directorate provides a monthly update on strategic issues and improvement projects to improve Council's financial sustainability.

Issue:

Procurement

The Procurement Team and other managers conducted a "Doing Business With Council" information session for small business owners in the Region on the 10 October. The session and subsequent communication has encouraged small businesses to register as a pre-qualified supplier and register to use Vendorpanel to increase their chances of obtaining work from Council.

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YTD Percentage of purchase made locally

2024-25	2023-24
41.71%	40.59%

Contracts awarded in October

VP / QTender Number Request Name	Supplier	Value of Contract
VP428581 – Longreach Tennis Court Upgrade	Global Turf Projects	\$256,255.00

Tenders and RFQ Open and not Awarded

TENDER/RFQ	PLATFORM
VP431701 – Regional Pest Control 2024-2026	VendorPanel
VP433366 – Meeting and Agenda Management Software	Vendor Panel
VP433715 – Pest Weed Spraying 2024 -2026	Vendor Panel
VP433716 – Wild Dog Trapping 2024-2026	Vendor Panel
VP434773 – Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Supplies	Vendor Panel
VP435416 – Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Wet and Dry Hire	Vendor Panel
VP435418 – Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Trades and Services	Vendor Panel
VP435427 – Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Mechanical Services	Vendor Panel
VP43587 – Supply and Delivery of One (1) 2WD Medium Rigid Truck	Vendor Panel
VP436674 – Supply and Delivery of Grids	Vendor Panel

Upcoming Requests for Quote and Tenders

REQUEST	QUOTE/TENDER
Internal Auditor Services	Quote
Landfill Rehabilitation Liability Assessment and Modelling	Quote
Longreach Depot Layout Review	Quote

There will be three training sessions for staff on the use of VendorPanel during November.

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Suppliers with expenditure >\$200,000 YTD 24-25

Creditor Name	Sum Of Invoice Amount	Services
Rayner's Western Hire Pty Ltd	\$ 1,065,570.60	Plant And Labour Hire
JTCox Concrete & Precast Pty Ltd	\$ 794,685.06	Quarry Supplies
Tropic Petroleum	\$ 610,127.30	Fuel And Oil
Champion Contracting	\$ 558,308.86	Quarry Supplies
LGM Assets	\$ 546,936.83	Asset insurance
Property Exchange Australia Ltd	\$ 544,698.41	House purchase
Moore Civil & Plant Hire Pty Ltd	\$ 368,225.50	Plant And Labour Hire
Ergon Energy Corporation Limited	\$ 331,040.45	Electricity
Telstra Limited	\$ 301,074.72	Telephone And Internet
Neuendorf Constructions	\$ 295,400.00	Construction
George Bourne & Associates	\$ 251,064.51	Project Management
Central Highlands Auto Pty Ltd	\$ 227,046.92	Plant
Queensland Local Government Workcare Scheme	\$ 211,298.07	Workers Compensation
Fourier Technologies Pty Ltd	\$ 209,204.97	IT Management

Innovation and Business Improvement

October was another busy month for the Innovation and Business Improvement Team with progress made on a number of key initiatives the team is striving to complete before the end of the financial year. These include:

- Request for quote process underway for meeting and agenda management software;
- Order placed for the 2024/25 PC replacement program;
- Starlink installation dates confirmed for mid-November;
- Go live of the new fleet management system occurred following onsite training of the key staff. Additional phases of this project to be rolled out in early 2025; and
- Further cyber security initiatives were implemented into the environment.

The focus for November will be to complete the migration of the Ilfracombe archive room to Longreach along with the Starlink installation and the rollout of the switch and PC replacement programs.

Asset Management

Pinnacle Software is moving into a different phase of its usage. There is more focus being placed on Management & Maintenance Plans.

A review of all the maintenance plans & who manages these were undertaken with the Communities team. During the workshop we were able to identify new strategies for maintenance plans and an overall approach to how these will be managed moving forward.

The Asset Manager will be visiting a couple of sites in Brisbane that have been utilising Pinnacle for the past 20 years - Southbank Corporation and City Parks (Brisbane City

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.2 - Information Report - Finance

Council). Also, during the site visit he will be catching up with the Pinnacle management team to discuss further development of the application for our needs (inspection forms, App changes & GIS interface)

Project Sunpower is still progressing. The Expression of Interest is in its final stages for solar energy solutions at sites with high electricity consumption. We have been engaging with some industry experts & other local councils to help prepare this documentation being so specialised. The EOI responses will be used to create a business case to assess the viability of the solutions.

The trial at the Childcare facility is still seeing reductions in the electricity consumption on the nighttime tariff. However, due to the higher temperatures we have experienced, the peak loads have been high. This is expected to occur, and the trade-off will see benefits in winter.

Other energy savings identified in the way of electricity timers for lights, hot water units are currently being quoted with energy reduction figures being calculated.

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.

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12.3 - Chief Financial Officer's Report

12.3 Chief Financial Officer's Report

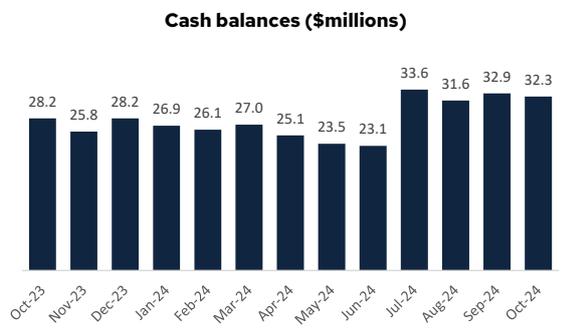
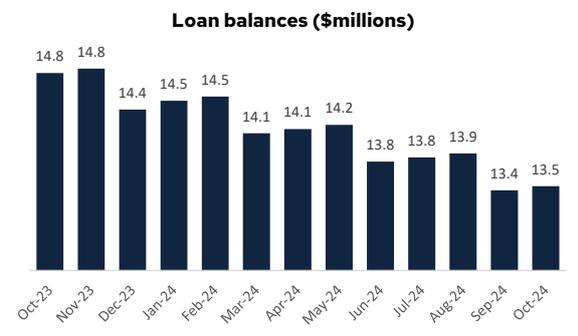
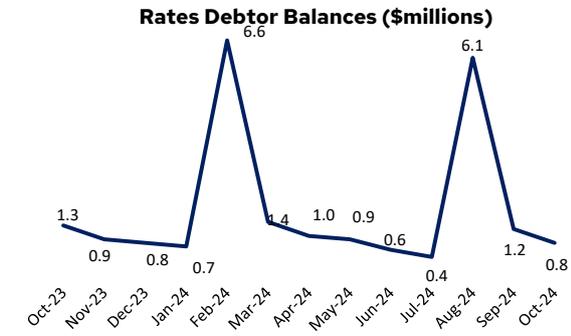
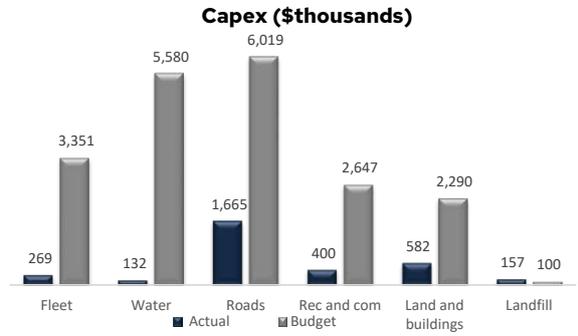
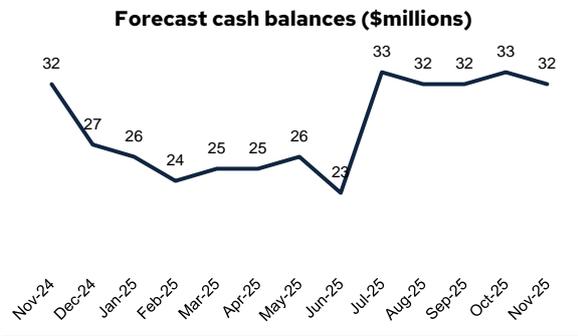
Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 October 2024:

Longreach Regional Council Financial Dashboard

for the month ending Oct 2024

(all amounts in \$millions)

Income statement	YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	Last YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$26.2	\$24.6	\$1.6	\$17.5	\$8.7 ●
Expenses	\$15.7	\$16.3	\$0.6	\$18.0	\$2.3 ●
Net result	\$10.5	\$8.2	\$2.2	(\$0.5)	\$11.0 ●
Balance sheet	Oct 2025	Jun 2024	Movement	Last YTD	Movement
Total assets	\$438.9	\$428.6	\$10.3	\$413.1	\$25.9 ●
Total liabilities	\$21.7	\$21.9	\$0.2	\$21.9	\$0.2 ●
Total equity	\$417.2	\$406.8	\$10.5	\$391.2	\$26.0 ●
Cash flow	YTD	Last YTD	Movement	Cash expense cover	
Operating cash flow	\$11.9	(\$5.4)	\$17.2 ●	10 months ●	
Capex	(\$3.2)	(\$2.2)	\$1.0 ●	Current ratio	
Other investing cash flow	\$0.8	\$1.1	(\$0.3) ●	5:1 ●	
Loan repayments	(\$0.3)	(\$0.4)	\$0.1 ●	Unrestricted Cash Balance	
Net cash flow	\$9.2	(\$6.9)	\$16.0 ●	\$30.5 ●	



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Summary

- Council is performing better than expected year to date with a \$10.5m net surplus and is in a good financial position with \$30.5m in unrestricted cash.

Financial performance

- Revenue is \$1.6m higher than budget with positive variances in recoverable works income and capital grants income, due to timing of work completed.
- Employee expenses are lower than budget. Vacancies are the main cause of this positive variance. Employee expenses are \$114k higher than last YTD.
- Materials and services are higher than budget and last year to date. The variances due to the timing of flood damage and recoverable works projects. Most programs are operating within budget and management are taking steps to maintain expenditure within budget for those programs with unfavourable variances.
- Depreciation is higher than budget and last year to date due to the impact of the higher valuations at the end of the 2023/24 financial year. This will be monitored and the budget adjusted if it is likely to become a material variance.
- A positive net result of \$10.5m is higher than the budgeted net result of \$8.2m.

Financial position

- The financial position remains sound with no significant movements.
- Liabilities continue to decrease since the beginning of the financial year with a reduction in trade payables and loan balances.
- Net community equity has increased by \$10.5m year to date.

Cash flow

- Closing cash balance was \$32.3 million (\$30.5 million unrestricted).
- A positive net operating cashflow of \$11.9 million is mainly due to receipt of the FA Grant in July and the receipt of rate payments in August and September.
- Capital expenditure is steadily increasing as projects are delivered. No significant risks to project delivery times and budgets have been identified.

Liquidity

- Council maintains 10 months of cash expense cover.
- Current ratio is 5:1 (\$5 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 has three Term Deposit totaling \$20 million

Term Deposit	Maturity date	Rate
\$8,000,000	4/07/2025	5.06%
\$8,000,000	2/01/2025	4.98%
\$4,000,000	4/12/2024	4.79%

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Debtors

The debtor balance is decreasing as we continue to adhere to the debt policy. Of the \$791k outstanding, 11% are currently under payment plans, 28% is with legal and 61% is being actively pursued through our debt recovery process.

	Current	1 year	2 years	3 years
Outstanding rates	\$495,543	\$161,246	\$56,303	\$78,187

Risks

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

Risk	Description	Treatment	Rating
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 realised.	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 several years of consistent external funding from flood damage works and TMR works. When this funding decreases, it will impact Council's financial result and cash position.	Examine services, assets and business processes to reduce fixed costs in Council so that it becomes more adaptable and resilient. Diversify Council's revenue sources.	Likelihood – Possible Consequences – Moderate if the reductions impact a single year. Major if the reductions impact several consecutive years. Rating – Medium to High
Costs continue to increase rapidly placing pressure on Council's ability to sustainably provide services.	The cost of wages, goods and services, particularly construction materials continue to increase at a higher rate than previously experienced, increasing the cost of providing services and maintaining assets.	Prioritise services and projects to allocate limited resources to the most important community areas. Maintain reporting and forecasting to identify issues and where necessary, revise budgets.	Likelihood – Almost certain Consequence – Moderate Rating – High

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Appendices

1. Financial Report 31.10.2024.pdf [↓](#)
2. Directors Report 31.10.2024.pdf [↓](#)
3. Capital October 31.10.24.pdf [↓](#)
4. Grants Report October [↓](#)

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 31 October 2024, as presented.

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Statement of financial performance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Last YTD	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue				
Rates, levies and charges	6,256	6,230	6,230	12,378
Fees and charges	902	960	854	2,809
Recoverable works income	1,500	1,304	2,952	3,911
Other revenue	923	537	650	1,581
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	15,858	15,314	5,656	22,692
Capital grants, subsidies and income	632	-	1,143	13,702
Profit on sale of assets	152	230	-	689
Total revenue	26,222	24,574	17,485	57,762
Expenses				
Employee expenses	5,445	6,407	5,331	19,222
Materials and services	7,027	6,869	9,402	19,216
Finance expenses	251	159	264	614
Depreciation	3,016	2,904	3,006	8,712
Other expenses	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	15,740	16,340	18,004	47,764
Net surplus or (deficit)	10,483	8,235	(519)	9,998
Operating deficit				
	10,483	8,235	(519)	9,998
	(784)	(230)	(1,143)	(14,391)
Operating deficit	9,699	8,005	(1,661)	(4,393)

Statement of financial position	YTD Actual	Actual June	Full year budget
	\$'000	2024 \$'000	\$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	32,295	23,126	22,276
Current trade and other receivables	6,858	5,596	1,590
Inventories	931	881	593
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	10,101	10,435	9,126
Property, plant and equipment	388,736	388,573	404,391
Other non-current assets	-	-	-
Total assets	438,921	428,612	437,976
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	2,581	2,710	1,645
Current borrowings	1,352	1,352	1,410
Current provisions	3,460	3,208	3,269
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	12,125	12,410	10,983
Provisions	2,168	2,178	2,324
Total liabilities	21,685	21,859	19,631
Net community assets	417,235	406,753	418,345
Community equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	195,919	195,919	196,637
Retained surplus	221,316	210,834	221,708
Total community equity	417,235	406,753	418,345

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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	8,652	22,570
Receipts from grants	15,858	24,193
Payments to employees	(5,204)	(19,222)
Payments to suppliers	(7,182)	(19,847)
Interest paid	(251)	(557)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	11,874	7,136
Cash flows from Investing activities		
Receipts from capital grants	632	12,968
Receipts from sale of assets	152	650
Payments for capital expenditure	(3,204)	(21,095)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(2,420)	(7,477)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Loan repayments	(285)	(1,346)
Net cash outflows from financing activities	(285)	(1,346)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	9,168	(1,687)
Opening cash balance	23,126	23,963
Closing cash balance	32,295	22,276

Statement of changes in equity	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Accumulated surplus		
Opening balance	210,834	211,710
Recognise land sold in prior years	-	-
Net profit or (loss)	10,483	9,998
Closing accumulated surplus	221,316	221,708
Asset revaluation reserve		
Opening balance	195,919	196,637
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Closing asset revaluation reserve	195,919	196,637
Total community equity	417,235	418,345

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 Program Report
 for the YTD October 2024

Program	Revenue		Expenses		Net result	
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget full year
Office of the CEO						
Human resources	5	-	(405)	(495)	(400)	(1,486)
Governance	7	-	(321)	(311)	(314)	(311)
Elected member expenses	-	-	(186)	(219)	(186)	(657)
Disaster management and regional coordination	39	15	(103)	(78)	(64)	(129)
Economic development	-	-	(51)	(74)	(51)	(223)
Local laws	84	47	(332)	(440)	(248)	(1,136)
Health and environmental services	16	4	(13)	(34)	3	(90)
Land, leased out assets and commercial businesses	55	73	(156)	(184)	(101)	(341)
Development services	29	37	(65)	(76)	(36)	(119)
Total Office of the CEO	236	176	(1,633)	(1,912)	(1,397)	(4,492)
Infrastructure Services						
Infrastructure administration	-	-	(195)	(436)	(195)	(1,359)
Depot and airstrips	-	-	(148)	(241)	(148)	(722)
Roads, streets and stormwater	-	280	(2,391)	(2,397)	(2,391)	(6,352)
2023 NDRA Event	3,124	2,667	(3,124)	(2,667)	-	-
2022 NDRA Event	169	-	(169)	-	-	-
Contract works	1,409	1,267	(1,404)	(1,149)	5	352
Fleet management	138	94	833	655	970	2,247
Sewerage	805	807	(310)	(286)	495	901
Waste management	544	522	(271)	(321)	273	81
Water	1,721	1,699	(993)	(1,028)	728	165
Total Infrastructure Services	7,911	7,335	(8,172)	(7,870)	(262)	(4,688)

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Program	Revenue		Budget		Net result	
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget full year
Community Services						
Child Care	923	944	(935)	(995)	(11)	(50)
Community development and events	28	-	(89)	(158)	(60)	(150)
Donations and sponsorship	-	-	(83)	(64)	(83)	(192)
RADF	25	-	(12)	(13)	13	(10)
Community administration	1	-	(620)	(569)	(619)	(1,708)
Libraries	35	13	(84)	(81)	(49)	(221)
Community centres and halls	6	12	(189)	(161)	(182)	(447)
Public conveniences	4	3	(57)	(106)	(53)	(311)
Council housing	26	25	(45)	(101)	(19)	(229)
Showgrounds and sporting facilities	12	22	(271)	(283)	(260)	(784)
Cemeteries	54	53	(123)	(123)	(70)	(208)
Parks and gardens	-	-	(771)	(754)	(771)	(2,261)
Swimming pools	6	4	(381)	(441)	(374)	(1,326)
Tourism, museums and VIC	129	85	(360)	(450)	(231)	(1,188)
Total Community Services	1,250	1,160	(4,020)	(4,298)	(2,770)	(9,684)
Financial Services						
Insurance	-	-	(564)	(565)	(564)	(790)
Finance	12,841	12,480	(719)	(826)	12,122	11,654
Rates	2,969	2,969	(61)	(41)	2,908	2,913
LWDEFS	211	225	(126)	(92)	85	80
Internal recharges	17	-	(18)	-	()	-
Innovation and Business Improvement	3	-	(425)	(735)	(422)	(735)
Total Financial Services	16,042	15,674	(1,914)	(2,259)	14,128	13,399
Total Council Operating Result	25,439	24,345	(15,740)	(16,340)	9,699	8,048
Notes to the program report						

1. FrankyAI project funded with income & expense.
2. Contract Works ahead of schedule.
3. Income and expenses are down in this area due to vacancies.
4. Fees to come in throughout the year.

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Infrastructure	Current Budget	Actual Cost YTD	
23/24 Rural Road Signs Upgrade (LRCl4)	-	5,412	
LGSP Longreach Water Mains Replacement	117,209	107,060	
W4Q COVID Ilfracombe WTP Automation	-	69,211.81	
R2R 24/25 Grids Replacement Program	279,000	51,872	
R2R 24/25 Seal Golden West Side Of St Helena St	210,000	-	
R2R 24/25 Floodway Upgrades On Isisford Blackall River Rd	95,000	37,940	
R2R 24/25 Reseal Town Street Isisford	30,000	-	
R2R 24/25 Reseal Town Streets Longreach	450,000	169,509	
R2R 24/25 Gravel Resheet Stonehenge River Rd	150,000	11,693	
R2R 24/25 Repair Down Stream Batter On Tocal Road	70,000	1,432	
R2R 24/25 Replace Floodway On Crossmore Rd	60,000	-	
R2R 24/25 Install Concrete Floodway On Stonehenge River Rd	60,000	32,530	
R2R 24/25 Upgrades Culverts And Drains In Plover/Crow Lane	50,000	-	
R2R 24/25 Replace Existing Concrete Floodways On Silsoe Rd Ch 39.82-39.850	36,000	-	
R2R 24/25 Reseal Floodway On Crossmore Rd	35,000	17,921	
R2R 24/25 Reseal Floodway On Isisford Yaraka River Rd	45,000	-	
Replace Existing Concrete Floodway	36,000	-	
24/25 STIP Funded Project Our Lady's School	270,000	49,700	
24/25 Improve Centre Medium Strips	100,000	-	
24/25 Install Kerb And Channelling - Pelican Street (Tids)	50,000	-	
24/25 Install Concrete Floodways Ilfracombe Dump Road	25,800	11,453	
24/25 Upgrade Bike Path At Jabiru Rail Crossing	35,000	2,794	
24/25 Install Roundabouts Around Ergon Poles (Tids & Ergon)	200,000	105,177	
24/25 Replace Kerb And Channelling And Rehabilitate Street - Galah Street (Tids)	400,000	356,432	
24/25 Replacment Of Elevated Reservoir & Stand At Wtp	500,000	-	
24/25 Water Treatment plant upgrades	250,000	-	
24/25 Eletrical Switchboards upgrade at Murray McMillan Dam	180,000	-	
24/25 Thomson River raising	1,000,000	1,766	
24/25 Water Mains Replacement	2,000,000	-	
24/25 Refurbish Ilfracombe sewer pump station	50,000	-	
24/25 Refurbish Isisford sewer pump station	50,000	-	
24/25 Isisford Depot workshop upgrades	100,000	-	
24/25 Vehicle key safes	30,000	-	
24/25 New Cell at waste facility	150,000	156,898	
Fleet Purchases	3,350,730	326,792	
QRA betterment projects	443,713	18,182	
Lot 201 infrastructure	1,090,000	-	
Installation of electronic readers of Fuel Bowsers	35,000	-	
Tullundilly Road - Isisford - Yaraka River Road	773,000	803,648	
TIDS 23/24 Silsoe Road Reseal	-	1,497	
Ilfracombe-Aramac Road, Gravel re-sheeting	-	-	
23.24 Replace pump at Fairmount Weir	-	24,186	
24/25 Isisford Sewerage Ponds	100,000	63,325	
Grand Total	12,906,452	2,288,009	18%
Communities and Project Management			
23/24 Civic Centre Shade Structure	45,321	37,335	
23/24 Refit Back Of Library Into Disaster Management Centre	810,000	800	
23/24 Squash Courts Upgrade Longreach (sport &rec)	370,000	221,550	
Council Chambers	65,561	380	
Relocate Ilfracombe Post Office	250,000	-	
Lioness Park Shade Structure 23/24	92,360	77,127	
24/25 Replace dressing rooms air conditioner Longreach Civic Centre	5,000	-	
Isisford Hall Upgrade	50,000	-	
Tennis Club Upgrades	316,189	467	
OBIC Roof Replacement	100,000	-	
Machinery Mile Toilet Block Replacement	190,825	-	
Wellshot Centre Footpath Replacement	12,000	-	
Powerhouse accessibility ramp	15,000	-	
Beersheba Pump - Power Reconnection	40,000	29,033	
Back Wall Ilfracombe Multipurpose Court	10,000	-	
Ilf Pool - Salt Water Chlorination Conversion	75,000	-	
Longreach Pool Coping Tile Replacement	115,000	-	
Childcare Fencing	85,000	-	
Longerach Childcare -New Shade Structure	20,000	-	
Cemetery plinth replacements	45,000	-	
Extension to columbarium Longreach cemetery	25,000	-	
Cemetery new entrance sign	12,500	800	
24/25 Executive House	550,000	549,698	
Animal Management facility	1,650,000	-	
Isisford SES Training Room	89,709	-	
Council Housing @ Teal Street	3,801,552	-	
Grand Total	9,041,017	915,591	10%

Grant/s Information (current as of Tuesday, 05 November 2024)

Completed Grants

The below grants have been finalised, and acquitted since 01 July 2024.

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	\$55,000	\$0	24/01/2024	30/09/2024
GC2024264	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	Kindy Uplift 2024	\$5,098	\$5,098	\$0	1/06/2024	31/12/2024
GC2023240	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	AWG_Active Women and Girls - Fitness & Self-defence program	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$0	20/11/2023	30/06/2025
GC2023199	DEPT OF PREMIER AND CABINET OFFICER FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL QLD	Queensland Day Sponsorship Program 2024	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	16/02/2024	30/09/2024
GC2024271	STATE LIBRARY OF QLD	SLQ - Service Development Subsidy 24-25	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$0	1/07/2024	30/06/2025
GC2024272	STATE LIBRARY OF QLD	First 5 Forever - FY25	\$5,746	\$5,746	\$0	8/10/2024	30/06/2025
Total			\$129,844	\$129,844	\$0		

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
GC2024269	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	GRP_Growing Regions Program (Round 2)	\$2,251,418	\$0	\$2,251,418	26/09/2024	30/06/2026
GC2024265	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	LGGSP_Longreach Water Mains Replacement Program	\$4,369,511	\$0	\$4,369,511	31/05/2025	30/06/2028
GC2024268	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	Scheme Supply Fund 2024	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	1/10/2024	30/06/2026
Total			\$6,720,929	\$0	\$6,720,929		

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
GC2023204	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	Professional Development & Paid Practicum Subsidy - FY24	\$13,680	\$0	\$13,680	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023207	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_Long Day Care Sustainability	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2024254	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_OSHC Sustainability	\$180,744	\$42,967	\$137,778	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2024255	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_Capital	\$279,281	\$64,841	\$214,441	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2024257	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	GKFS_Kindy for All 2024	\$130,000	\$123,388	\$6,612	1/01/2024	31/12/2024
GC2023185	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	MIP1 - Longreach Squash Courts Upgrade	\$328,692	\$164,346	\$164,346	28/06/2023	31/12/2024
GC2023194	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	HIF - Teal Street Development 2023	\$3,801,552	\$380,155	\$3,421,397	1/09/2023	30/10/2025
GC2021142	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 1 LRCH Childcare Playground Replacement	\$162,000	\$141,786	\$20,214	1/01/2021	30/06/2024
GC2022146	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 2 Yarakka Tree Line	\$11,000	\$9,627	\$1,373	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022147	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 3 Isisford MPC Kiosk Repair	\$19,500	\$17,067	\$2,433	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022148	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 4 Isisford Park Renovations	\$44,500	\$38,947	\$5,553	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022149	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 6 ILF Rec Centre Maintenance	\$50,000	\$43,761	\$6,239	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022150	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 8 LRCH Showgrounds landscaping	\$70,000	\$61,265	\$8,735	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022151	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 9 LRCH Showground Audio Upgrade	\$50,000	\$43,761	\$6,239	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022153	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 11 Painting of LRCH Civic Centre	\$70,000	\$61,265	\$8,735	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022154	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 12 LRCH Edkins Park Ablution Block	\$330,000	\$288,823	\$41,177	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022155	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 13 LRCH Eagle St Beautification	\$60,000	\$52,513	\$7,487	1/01/2022	30/06/2024

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Grant number	Name	Title	Subsidy amount	Income received	Remaining income	Grant start date	Grant end date
GC2022156	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 14 LRCH Eagle St Landsborough HWY and Pelican St	\$775,000	\$678,295	\$96,705	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022157	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 15 Isisford Footpaths	\$70,000	\$61,265	\$8,735	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022159	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 17 Longreach Footpaths	\$98,000	\$85,772	\$12,228	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022160	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 16 Isisford Airport Road	\$335,000	\$330,888	\$4,112	1/01/2022	30/06/2024
GC2023187	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 18 Longreach Showgrounds Rodeo Arena Resurfacing	\$31,000	\$0	\$31,000	21/03/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023188	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 19 Powerhouse Museum Centenary Garden	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	21/03/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023189	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 20 Wool Pavillion Concreting	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0	21/03/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023190	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP3 - 21 Longreach Library Roof Replacement	\$71,350	\$0	\$71,350	21/03/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023213	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_01 Eagle & Swan Street New Crossover & Shelter	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023214	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_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	LRCIP4_03 Beersheba Park Shade Structure	\$50,000	\$47,000	\$3,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023216	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_04 Yarakal IOR Fuel Turn Around	\$148,000	\$70,885	\$77,115	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023217	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_05 Ilfracombe Multi-purpose Court	\$631,175	\$631,175	\$0	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023218	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_06 Apex Park High Bar Installation	\$20,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023219	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_07 Apex Park Shade Structure Installation	\$30,000	\$26,500	\$3,500	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023220	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_08 Ilfracombe Street Number Replacement	\$35,000	\$31,500	\$3,500	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023221	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_09 Longreach Showgrounds Canteen Repair	\$30,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023222	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_10 Banner Poles (Ilfracombe & Isisford)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023223	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_11 Apex Park Beautification	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$0	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023224	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_12 Isisford Bin Cage Replacement	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023225	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_13 Isisford-Bimerah Gravel Resheet	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$0	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023226	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_14 Rural Road Signage Upgrade	\$150,000	\$134,500	\$15,500	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023227	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_15 Corella Lane Pave & Seal	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$0	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023228	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_16 Bailey Street Upgrade	\$46,467	\$46,467	\$0	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023233	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	LRCIP4_17 Longreach Childcare Centre Footpath (Galah Street to Childcare Centre)	\$143,513	\$143,513	\$0	17/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2024261	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	R2R_Roads to Recovery 2024-2029	\$10,526,379	\$0	\$10,526,379	1/07/2024	30/06/2029
GC2024270	DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURING AND WATER	WISER_Longreach Water Security for Growth	\$11,990,000	\$0	\$11,990,000	5/09/2024	30/09/2027
GC2019036	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	BoRR4 Long 0056 - Railway Siding Extension	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	12/12/2019	1/05/2025
GC2023242	Department of Tourism and Sport	Building Bush Tourism_Machinery Mile Toilet Block Replacement	\$190,825	\$95,000	\$95,825	30/11/2023	1/02/2024
GC2022175	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	MWPC - CN17474 - 95B Longreach - Jundah Road	\$5,382,740	\$5,310,740	\$72,000	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
GC2023180	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	STIP - Longreach State High School - Parking & Drop-off Area	\$450,000	\$0	\$450,000	12/09/2022	30/06/2025
GC2023181	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	WLG - Walking Local Government Grant 2022/2023	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	30/06/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023202	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	TIDS - CN-21356 2023/2024 Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme	\$838,000	\$588,000	\$250,000	1/07/2023	30/06/2025
GC2023246	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	TMR_Cycling Network Local Government 2024-25	\$27,500	\$0	\$27,500	15/12/2023	30/06/2025
GC2024262	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q_Works for Queensland [Animal Management Facility]	\$1,680,000	\$840,000	\$840,000	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2024266	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	FAG_Financial Assistance Grant (FY25)	\$13,648,508	\$12,081,889	\$1,566,619	1/07/2024	30/06/2025
GC2023243	Dept. OF EMPLOYMENT, SMALL BUSINESS & TRAINING	First Start_IT Trainee (2024)	\$16,500	\$15,000	\$1,500	1/12/2023	31/12/2024
GC2023244	Dept. OF EMPLOYMENT, SMALL BUSINESS & TRAINING	First Start_Isisford Trainee (2024)	\$16,500	\$15,000	\$1,500	1/12/2023	31/12/2024
GC2023245	Dept. OF EMPLOYMENT, SMALL BUSINESS & TRAINING	First Start_Communities Trainee (2024)	\$16,500	\$15,000	\$1,500	1/12/2023	31/12/2024

Grant number	Name	Title	Subsidy amount	Income received	Remaining income	Grant start date	Grant end date
GC2022169	DEPT. OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	LGSP 2022/2024 - Water and Sewerage Replacement	\$600,000	\$163,636	\$436,364	1/07/2022	30/06/2024
GC2022176	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES Support - Sensor lights for Flood Boat Shed	\$3,795	\$0	\$3,795	1/01/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023235	QUEENSLAND FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	SES_Support Grant - Isisford SES Training Room	\$89,709	\$0	\$89,709	30/05/2024	30/06/2025
GC2022168	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	GRQ 2022/2023 - LRC.0021.2223A.QGR - Get Ready Queensland	\$9,700	\$8,730	\$970	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
GC2022173	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	QRRRF - 2022-2023 Regional Disaster Management Coordinator	\$207,500	\$162,774	\$44,726	1/01/2023	30/06/2026
GC2023195	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA - LRC.0025.2122J.REC (21 April to 12 May 2022 events)	\$14,930,610	\$12,797,753	\$2,132,857	9/05/2023	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	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
GC2023212	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA - LRC.0023.2122F.REC - Tallundilly Creek Reconstruction	\$658,363	\$298,816	\$359,547	21/08/2023	30/06/2024
GC2024260	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	GRQ_Get Ready Queensland 2024-2025	\$9,700	\$8,730	\$970	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
GC2024267	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0028.2223G.REC	\$6,475,980	\$1,932,658	\$4,543,323	19/07/2024	30/06/2025
GC2022166	Translink Division- Transport Dept	PTIIP - Long Distance Coach Stops Grant	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$37,500	1/06/2022	30/06/2024
Total			\$78,562,609	\$39,539,050	\$39,023,558		

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

13. Communities Report
13.1 Community Donations - Individuals

Considerations of applications received for the month of November 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

\$110,000.00 has been committed and allocated to Community Donations YTD.

Category	Total Budget	Budget Remaining	Budget required to meet Community Donations for November 2024	Budget remaining for future applications (if approved)
Community Donations	\$110,000.00	\$42,502.15	\$7,375.20	\$35,126.95

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter

0 NIL

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer: Abby Lewis, Customer Service Coordinator

Approved by: Tanya Johnson, Acting Director of Communities

Background:

Longreach Regional Council Individual Donations Program received five (5) applications for the month of November 2024.

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

1. Erika Holland has been selected to represent Queensland at the All Schools Championships for hammer throw. Erika will travel to Brisbane from 6 – 8 December 2024.

<i>Erika Holland</i>	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 24/25 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Erika Holland</i> \$500.00	<i>Erika Holland</i> \$500.00

2. Jaylie Miller has been selected to represent Queensland at the All Schools Championships for hammer and discus. Jaylie will travel to Brisbane from 6 – 8 December 2024.

<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 24/25 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	Yes

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i> \$500.00	<i>Jaylie Miller</i> \$500.00

3. Taya Miller has been selected to represent Queensland at the All Schools Championships for hammer throw. Taya will travel to Brisbane from 6 – 8 December 2024.

<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 24/25 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	Yes

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Taya Miller</i> \$500.00	<i>Taya Miller</i> \$500.00

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
13.1 - Community Donations - Individuals

4. Max Bruggermann was selected to participate in the North West 13-19 years track and field State Championships. Max travelled to Brisbane from 11-14 October 2024.

<i>Max Bruggermann</i>	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 24/25 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Max Bruggermann</i> \$350.00	<i>Max Bruggermann</i> \$350.00

5. Cooper Paige was selected to participate in the North West 13-19 years track and field State Championships where he competed in 100m, 200m, and long jump. Cooper travelled to Brisbane from 8-10 October 2024.

<i>Cooper Paige</i>	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 24/25 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Cooper Paige</i> \$350.00	<i>Cooper Paige</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>Erika Holland</i>	North West all Schools Championships Team	<i>6 – 8 December 2024</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	North West all Schools Championships Team	<i>6 – 8 December 2024</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Taya Miller</i>	North West all Schools Championships Team	<i>6 – 8 December 2024</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Max Bruggermann</i>	13-19 years track and field State Championships	<i>11 – 14 October 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Cooper Paige</i>	13-19 years track and field State Championships	<i>8 – 10 October 2024</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>			<i>\$2,200.00</i>

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.2 - Community Donation - Ilfracombe District Progress Association

13.2 Community Donation - Ilfracombe District Progress Association

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

Council Action

Partner

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Community Donations Policy No. 11.06

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
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Budget Considerations

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Category	Total Budget	Budget Remaining	Budget required to meet Community Donations for November 2024	Budget remaining for future applications (if approved)
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Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2021-02-001)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Smith

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Sponsorship Program as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.09:

<i>Organisation/Name</i>	<i>Event/Project Activity</i>	<i>Event Date</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Ilfracombe District Progress Association</i>	<i>Matt Scott Sculpture</i>	<i>Upon Completion</i>	<i>\$5,728.00</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>			<i>\$5,728.00</i>

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.2 - Community Donation - Ilfracombe District Progress Association

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Abby Lewis, Customer Service Coordinator

Authorised by: Tanya Johnson, Acting Director of Communities

Background:

Longreach Regional Council Community Donations program:

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

The aim of programme is to:

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

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

Issue:

Ilfracombe District Progress Association

Di Scott Memorial Christmas Tree	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 24/25 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No
<i>Has the event/ project been previously funded by Council?</i>	No

The Ilfracombe District Progress Association will host their annual Christmas Tree event at Ilfracombe Memorial Park on Saturday, November 30, 2024. This festive gathering invites children and their families to come together to celebrate the spirit

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.2 - Community Donation - Ilfracombe District Progress Association

of Christmas. The Longreach Lions will provide a complimentary BBQ for everyone, and attendees are welcome to bring their own food and drinks. Santa will make a special appearance, delivering presents to all the children.

A total grant of \$2,247.00 has been recommended to cover equipment costs from Longreach Event Hire.

The application was evaluated by a panel and assessed according to the Longreach Regional Council's Community Donations Assessment Guidelines, resulting in an 80% support recommendation for the Ilfracombe District Progress Association.

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Financial \$2,644.00</i> <i>Total \$2,644.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,115.20</i> <i>Total \$2,115.20</i>

Appendices

1. Application ↓
2. Assessment ↓

Recommendation:

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

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
Ilfracombe District Progress Association	<i>Di Scott Memorial Christmas Tree</i>	<i>Financial \$2,644.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,115.20</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$2,644.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$2,115.20</i>

APPLICATION FORM



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: (Group or Organisation)	Ilfracombe District Progress Assoc
ABN if applicable	
Contact Person's Name:	Kate Wright
Postal Address:	P o Box 38
Telephone:	0400681339
Mobile:	0400681339
Email:	mkcgrwright@bigpond.com

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name:	Di Scott MEMORIAL Annual Christmas Tree
Event Date:	30 November 2024
Description of what Council funds will be used for: No more than approx 200 words.	To hire Longreach Event hire lights, chairs, Christmas backdrop to make the event a more enjoyable night for families and community members attending the Di Scott Memorial Christmas Tree event.
Financial Amount Requested:	\$ 2644.00
In-kind Support Requested:	\$



DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

INCOME List any source of income supply i.e other sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions, etc.	Amount	EXPENSES List any expenses incurred by your organisation for the project or event the application relates to.	Amount	Tick what is being funded by Council
Multi Draw Raffle	\$ 1000.00	Contribution to childrens Santa presents	\$ 500.00	
	\$	Hire of Longreach Party Hire Lights, Chairs	\$ 2664.00	✓
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$	
Comments or other details:				
Multi Draw raffle is main fundraising event that IDPA holds each year. Funds raised goes to families in Ilfracombe District within first few days when sudden death in family or House fires etc to assist with unexpected costs etc. We also make donation to any child that attends State trials to assist with cost of uniforms, travel etc.				

In-Kind support component List items and \$ amounts (e.g stage, chairs, tables) Please refer to the fees and charges: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/rates-fees-charges/rates-fees-charges-1	Amount	Other comments
Please see attached quote	\$ 2664.00	
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	\$	



ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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

Brings community together for one night to celebrate Christmas but also mingle with friends that they may not have seen for last 12 months but also take minds of worries etc. Each year we try and make the evening as affordable as possible with Lions club supply a free BBQ.

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

Will allow Ilfracombe and Longreach families to come together and celebrate Christmas. Promotes livability and wellbeing.

Is your event based within the Longreach Regional Council Area

Yes No

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

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

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

Most community members from Ilfracombe district and some from Longreach.

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

On night thank Longreach Regional Council for kind donation and also display banner if required.

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

Yes: No:

If YES, please provide details?



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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Does the Organisation/Applicant have any overdue debt with Council (excluding organisations with a payment arrangement)?

Yes No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*

Relevant public liability insurance (if required)

N/A Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire)

A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1,000 only)

*if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).

DECLARATION BY RECIPIENT

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.

I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.

I consent to Longreach Regional Council publishing the applicants name in reports and publication statements.

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	
Date:	11/11/2024
Name in full:	Kate Wright
Community Group/ Organisation:	Ilfracombe District Progress Association
Position in Group or Organisation: (if applicable)	President

Privacy Collection Statement: Longreach Regional Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all personal information is secure. Council is collecting your personal or community groups information for the purpose of assessing your application for Community Donations.

SUBMIT



QUOTE

Ilfracombe Progress Association

Date
11 Nov 2024
Expiry
11 Dec 2024
Quote Number
QU-0283
Reference
30/11/2024
ABN
55 320 859 842

Longreach Event Hire
PO Box 219
LONGREACH QLD 4730

Annual Christmas Tree

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	GST	Amount AUD
3 Seater Vintage Lounge	1.00	250.00	10%	250.00
Wine Barrel	3.00	55.00	10%	165.00
Tolix Barrel Stool (Black) (66cm)	15.00	6.00	10%	90.00
Tolix Bar Table (1.5m)	3.00	65.00	10%	195.00
Tolix Bar Stool (Black) (76cm)	18.00	8.00	10%	144.00
1.8m Trestle Table (Seats 8)	6.00	15.00	10%	90.00
Pipee Chair (White)	50.00	3.00	10%	150.00
Coloured Spotlights (Stage Lights)	12.00	25.00	10%	300.00
Warm White Fairy Lights (Per Meter)	150.00	1.00	10%	150.00
Freestanding Light Poles	4.00	50.00	10%	200.00
Christmas Greenery Backdrop	1.00	250.00	10%	250.00
Labour Event Set Up and Pack Down	1.00	500.00	10%	500.00
Material Handling	1.00	50.00	10%	50.00
Delivery \$1.25/km return Ilfracombe	52.00	1.25	10%	65.00
Collection 1.25/km return Ilfracombe	52.00	1.25	10%	65.00
INCLUDES GST 10%				242.19
TOTAL AUD				2,664.00

Business Insurance Renewal Invitation		
Policy Number EGU048406BPK	Client Number EG089956	Insurance
		<small>Client Name ILFRACOMBE & DISTRICT PROGRESS</small>
ILFRACOMBE & DISTRICT PROGRESS PO BOX 38 ILFRACOMBE QLD 4727		Elders Insurance ELDERS INSURANCE CENTRAL QLD ABN: 50 093 006 609 ATTN:ROS KAVANAGH PO BOX 63 LONGREACH QLD 4730 (P) 07 4652 6700 (F) - (E) insurancelongreach@elders.com.au
Period of Insurance From 21/11/2024 To 21/11/2025 at 4pm		
Your Insurance Policy will expire at 4.00pm on the FROM DATE shown. To arrange cover : 1. Check the Sum(s) Insured, Policy Covers and Policy Wordings to understand what you are covered for. If any changes are required please advise us. 2. Pay the amount due before the FROM DATE. Please read DUTY OF DISCLOSURE on back of notice.		
The Insured		
ILFRACOMBE & DISTRICT PROGRESS		ASSOCIATION INC
----- ✂ -----		
Payment Advice/Options		
	By Mail: If payment is by cheque or credit card please detach this Payment Advice and forward to: ELDERS INSURANCE CENTRAL QLD ATTN:ROS KAVANAGH PO BOX 63 LONGREACH QLD 4730	 Biller Code: 106591 Ref: 0221048406020 Telephone & Internet Banking - BPAY® Contact your bank or financial institution to make this payment from your cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account. More info: www.bpay.com.au
Please make Cheque payable to: Elders Insurance Payment by Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa		
Credit Card	<input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>	
Account Name	<input style="width: 100%; border: none; border-bottom: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>	Expiry Date <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: none; border-bottom: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: none; border-bottom: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: none; border-bottom: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>
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For the Amount of	\$ <input style="width: 150px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>	
		Total Amount Payable \$2,905.01 Due Date 21/11/2024

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ILFRACOMBE & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC - Business banking

Overview **Payments** Service Administration Busi

Your accounts

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Westpac Community Solutions One 034-194 257618	\$8,062.97
Westpac Community Solutions One 034-194 259664	\$3,484.87

COMMUNITY DONATIONS APPLICATION ASSESSMENT FORM



Panel Members:	T Johnson, A Lewis	
Date of Assessment:	11 November 2024	
Applicant Name:	Ilfracombe District Progress Association	
Project:		
Amount Requested & What will the funding be used for:	Financial: \$2,644.00	In-Kind:
Has the community organisation accessed Community Donations already, this financial year? If yes, what amount?	Details: (if in excess of \$5,000, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment)	
Is the Application funding any ineligible costs? If yes, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies or departments of local, state or federal government <input type="checkbox"/> Educational, Religious or Medical Organisations <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Applications whereby Council funds will be donated to another cause Applications which fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries for staff <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent costs with day to day operations of a community group <input type="checkbox"/> Retrospective funding <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment or other expenditure that are personal or of personal gain <input type="checkbox"/> Part of or all of Council Rates <input type="checkbox"/> Items that would otherwise be funded by State or Government bodies	

13.2 - Community Donation - Ilfracombe District Progress Association --Appendix 2

Assessment Guidelines

Yes = 1 point: The applicant has answered the relevant question to the full satisfaction of the panel.

Yes = ½ point: The applicant has answered the relevant question, however, only provided basic details or answered the question to the partial satisfaction of the panel.

No = 0 points: The applicant has not attempted to answer the question, provided the relevant information or not answered the question to the satisfaction of the panel.

Section 1: Eligibility	Yes	No
A community organisation that is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation OR:	✓	
A community group or club auspiced by not-for-profit incorporated organisation located within the Longreach Regional Council area, and		—
Have met acquittal conditions for previous council funding.(tick yes if there hasn't been previous funding)	✓	
Is the applicant eligible? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant)	✓	
TOTAL	2	1/2

Section 2: Assessment Criteria	Yes	No
Applicants must demonstrate strong community benefit or need and support for the project or activity. (eg will it contribute to Economic Development, Tourism, Liveability, etc). (Insert supporting comments below).		✓ .5
Comments: <i>This application can demonstrate Liveability, but the panel felt Economic development and Tourism was lacking.</i>		
The applicant or proposed project or activity must be based within the Longreach Regional Council boundaries; or clearly demonstrate direct benefit to the Longreach Regional Council communities. (If not in LRC area insert benefits below).	✓	
Comments: <i>This event will be held at the Ilfracombe Memorial Park.</i>		
Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial viability and/or competence to achieve the stated goals of the project or activity and provide evidence with application.		✓ .5
Is evidence provided? <i>yes</i>		
Comments: <i>Panel felt that the applicant could cover the cost of this event without council contribution. There does not seem to be any attempts of other funding contributions</i>		
Applicants must not have any overdue debt with Council unless a payment arrangement is in place to reduce debt. Is this the case for the applicant?		✓
Have all assessment criteria been met? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant or request further details)	✓	
TOTAL	3	1/4

Section 3 Supporting documentation	Yes	No
Evidence of the event or project (ie quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*	✓	
Relevant public liability insurance (if required)	✓	
A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1000 only) tick yes if the application is \$1000 or less.	✓	
A detailed budget of running expenses for the event		✓
Has all supporting documentation been provided? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant or request further details)	✓	
Total	3	1

Section 4 Assessment panel review Recommendation	Yes	No
The application be approved	✓	
Total Score	8	10
Percentage of requested grant to be allocated	80	%
Justification (provide details supporting the recommendation). <i>This application is approved for 80% of the full amount.</i> <i>Financial \$ 2,115.20</i>		

SUBMIT

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.3 - Community Donation - Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society

13.3 Community Donation - Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society

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

Council Action

Partner

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

Community Donations Policy No. 11.06

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

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

Budget Considerations

\$110,000.00 has been committed and allocated to Community Donations YTD.

Category	Total Budget	Budget Remaining	Budget required to meet Community Donations for November 2024	Budget remaining for future applications (if approved)
Community Donations	\$110,000.00	\$42,502.15	\$7,375.20	\$35,126.95

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter.

(Res-2021-11-001)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

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

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved	Conditions of approval/ Payment
Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society	LFBHS Annual Fire Trials	Financial \$4,810.00	Financial \$4,810.00	Nil
		Total \$4,810.00	Total \$4,810.00	

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Abby Lewis, Customer Service Coordinator

Authorised by: Tanya Johnson, Acting Director of Communities

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.3 - Community Donation - Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society

Background:

Longreach Regional Council Community Donations program:

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

The aim of programme is to:

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

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

Issue:

Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society

100 Years of the Longreach Fire Trials	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 24/25 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No
<i>Has the event/ project been previously funded by Council?</i>	No

The Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society (LFBHS) is excited to announce the 100 Years of Fire Trials, taking place on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at the Longreach Civic Centre. The LFBHS has invited over 50 former firefighters who have served the Longreach Community since its inception in 1924. To date, 100 tickets have been sold, with more anticipated in the coming days. This centennial celebration is part of a larger event, coinciding with the Fire Trails scheduled for Monday, November 25, and Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.3 - Community Donation - Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society

Over the four days, the region expects a significant influx of visitors, which will contribute to local spending on accommodation and food. Attendees can look forward to an operating bar, food options, merchandise sales, and guest speakers throughout the evening.

A total grant of \$2,460.00 has been recommended to support the costs of merchandise and decorations, alongside \$600 in in-kind support designated for the hire of the Longreach Civic Centre.

The application was carefully reviewed by a panel and evaluated against the Longreach Regional Council's Community Donations Assessment Guidelines, resulting in a support score of 85% for the Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society.

<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Recommended</i>
<i>Financial \$3,000.00 In-Kind \$600</i>	<i>Financial \$2,460.00 In-Kind \$600.00</i>
<i>Total \$3,600.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$3,060.00</i>

Appendices

1. Application ↓
2. Assessment ↓

Recommendation:

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

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society</i>	<i>100 Years of the Longreach Fire Trials</i>	<i>Financial \$3,000.00 In-Kind \$600</i>	<i>Financial \$2,460.00 In-Kind \$600.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$3,600.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$3,060.00</i>

APPLICATION FORM



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: (Group or Organisation)	Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society
ABN if applicable	79 637 128 031
Contact Person's Name:	Toby Stacey
Postal Address:	PO Box 143 Longreach QLD 4730
Telephone:	
Mobile:	0400 251 586
Email:	fbhs18@gmail.com

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name:	100 years of the Longreach Fire Trials
Event Date:	23-26 November 2024
Description of what Council funds will be used for: <small>No more than approx 200 words.</small>	<p>Council assistance is sought to assist the Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society (LFBHS) to host a celebration dinner and reunion night commemorating 100 years of the Longreach Fire Trials.</p> <p>This year, the LFBHS has set out to host a reunion dinner, and celebratory evening on Saturday 23 November 2024, as well as, the annual running of the Longreach Fire Trials event on the following Monday and Tuesday evening.</p> <p>Council funds will be used to deliver the event as cost-neutral to our small but committed group of volunteers.</p> <p>Please see attached budget for further information.</p>
Financial Amount Requested:	\$ 3,600
In-kind Support Requested:	\$



DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

INCOME	Amount	EXPENSES	Amount	Tick what is being funded by Council
List any source of income supply i.e other sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions, etc.		List any expenses incurred by your organisation for the project or event the application relates to.		
Longreach RSL Sub-branch donation	\$ 2000	Eventbrite fees	\$ 1252	
Dinner admission tickets	\$ 10310	Merchandise	\$ 5029	✓
Merchandise sales	\$ 1300	Catering	\$ 12000	
	\$	Decorations	\$ 500	✓
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	
TOTAL	\$ 13610	TOTAL	\$ 19383	
Comments or other details:				
LRC contribution to decorations and Merchandise for the event would be greatly appreciated.				

In-Kind support component	Amount	Other comments
List items and \$ amounts (e.g stage, chairs, tables)		
Please refer to the fees and charges: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/rates-fees-charges/rates-fees-charges-1		
Civic Centre Hire	\$ 600	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	



ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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

The Longreach Fire Trials event is a long-standing community event that draws a diverse crowd of community members and visitors. This year, because of the centenary event, the LFBHS has prepared and invited an extensive list of over 50 past firefighters that have served the Longreach community since 1924.
At time of writing, LFBHS have sold 90 tickets to the celebratory dinner, and expect to sell at least another 30-50 prior to the event.

This will total 120 visitors to Longreach for up to 3 nights, pending individuals itinerary.

Some invitees have expressed to the group that this will be the first time they have returned to the region since moving away, and they are excited to catch up with old friends, family and explore the area once more. The attendance by past-firefighters and their

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

The Longreach Fire Trials event will have an impact on tourism, bringing patronage to accommodation houses at a time where tourist numbers are historically low. Increased visitors, and the potential for a three-day visit will provide some economic stimulus to the town with guests booking accommodation, increased spend by the LFBHS on catering and increased patronage to local businesses from Saturday to Tuesday. A long-standing and recurrent benefit of the fire trials is their impact on social well-being. Children, families, elderly and visitors can be seen lining Eagle Street on the Monday and Tuesday nights while being entertained, and engaged with, by the local firefighters.

Is your event based within the Longreach Regional Council Area

Yes No

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

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

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

The LFBHS is expecting more than 100 visitors from outside of the Longreach Region.
These visitors have all played a part in the Longreach Fire Brigade at some point between 1924 and today.
LFBHS has also engaged with local community groups to cater for the Monday & Tuesday nights events.

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

Longreach Regional Council will be included on the sponsors banner that will be printed and displayed at both the celebratory dinner, and the Fire Trials events.
The program of events for the celebratory dinner will include the Longreach Regional Council logo, and acknowledgement will be made alongside all other sponsors.
The commentator of the Longreach Fire Trials is tasked with thanking our sponsors throughout both nights of events.

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

Yes: No:

If YES, please provide details?

Longreach RSL sub-branch have kindly donated \$2,000 to assist with this event also.



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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Does the Organisation/Applicant have any overdue debt with Council (excluding organisations with a payment arrangement)?

Yes No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

- Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*
- Relevant public liability insurance (if required)
- Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire)
- A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1,000 only)

*if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).

DECLARATION BY RECIPIENT

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.
- I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.
- I consent to Longreach Regional Council publishing the applicants name in reports and publication statements.

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	
Date:	
Name in full:	Toby Stacey
Community Group/ Organisation:	Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society
Position in Group or Organisation: (if applicable)	President

Privacy Collection Statement: Longreach Regional Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all personal information is secure. Council is collecting your personal or community groups information for the purpose of assessing your application for Community Donations.

SUBMIT

QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd
 Head Office
 Level 18, 388 George Street
 Sydney NSW 2000
 ABN: 78 003 191 035
 AFS Licence No: 239545



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BUSINESS PACK INSURANCE / CERTIFICATE OF CURRENCY Policy Number: 05BL92475BPK

This certificate acknowledges that the policy referred to is in force for the period shown.

Details of the cover are listed below.

Policy Number: 05BL92475BPK
 Period of Insurance: From 27/11/2023 to 27/11/2024 at 4.00pm
 Insured Name: LONGREACH FIRE BRIGADE HISTORICAL SOC.
 ABN Number: Not Provided

Liability Section		Sum Insured	Excess
Location:	EAGLE STREET LONGREACH QLD 4730	Liability: \$20,000,000	
Type of Business:	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Property Owner: No	
		Property Damage Excess:	\$500

Interested Party: None Noted

Clauses

- S40

ORGANISERS

The Public and products liability cover section of this Policy does not cover liability for claims in respect of:

1. Personal injury or damage to property of persons actually participating in any performance, sport, game, contest or display involving athletic, acrobatic, military or equestrian skill or the use of firearms, missiles of any kind, explosives or combustibles.
2. Personal injury or damage to property of persons caused by the use of mechanical amusement devices.

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ESCAPE OF FIRE

The Public and products liability cover section of this Policy does not cover liability in respect of Personal injury, Property damage or Advertising injury arising directly or indirectly out of or caused by or through the escape of fire lit by You or by any persons in contravention of the provisions of any Statute or of any By-Laws or Regulations imposed by any Public Authority.

- S41

PARTICIPANTS ENDORSEMENT

The Public and products liability cover section of this Policy does not cover liability for claims in respect of Personal Injury or Property Damage of any person caused by or arising out of the participation of such person or his/her property in any game, match, race, practice, trial or other sporting activity (including but not limited to swimming, gymnastics, health and fitness activities), amusement involving bodily contact with persons, machines, or devices. Amusement includes but is not limited to sumo wrestling, bar flying, arm wrestling and mud wrestling. Machines or devices means machines or devices designed to challenge the user to contests of strength and/or other physical skills.

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TOBACCO EXCLUSION
The Public and Products Liability Section of this Policy does not cover liability in respect of Personal Injury or Property Damage arising directly or indirectly out of, or caused by, or in connection with the inhalation or ingestion of, or exposure to:
(a) tobacco or tobacco smoke;
(b) any ingredient or additive present in any articles, items or goods which contain or include tobacco;
(c) electronic cigarettes, cigarette substitutions or vaping liquids.

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APPLICABLE POLICY WORDING
When BUSINESS PACK INSURANCE is shown on the Policy Schedule Commercial/Retail/Industrial Policy wording QM485-1122 applies.
When TRADES PACK INSURANCE is shown on the Policy Schedule QBE Trade Policy QM207-0421 applies.
When OFFICE PACK INSURANCE is shown on the Policy Schedule QBE Office Policy QM208-1221 applies.

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Date Issued: 23. August 2024

End of Certificate.

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13.3 - Community Donation - Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society --Appendix 1



Westpac Community Solutions One

STATEMENT

Statement Period
04 September 2024 - 04 October 2024

Account Name
LONGREACH FIRE BRIGADE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Customer ID
3103 0948 LONGREACH FIRE
BRIGADE HISTO..

BSB Account Number
034-194 271 663

Opening Balance	+ \$9,493.10
Total Credits	+ \$11,489.06
Total Debits	- \$1,895.75
Closing Balance	+ \$19,086.41

TRANSACTIONS

Please check all entries on this statement and promptly inform Westpac of any possible error or unauthorised transaction

DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
04/09/24	STATEMENT OPENING BALANCE			9,493.10
06/09/24	Deposit Lrc Inv-0402		4,400.00	13,893.10
09/09/24	Deposit Bank Of QLD Dan Prosser 000015		157.00	14,050.10
11/09/24	Deposit-Osko Payment 2207302 Isabel Coppo 000014		192.00	14,242.10
11/09/24	Deposit Longreach QLD		250.00	14,492.10
11/09/24	Deposit Longreach QLD		1,150.00	15,642.10
12/09/24	Deposit-Osko Payment 2645689 Dane McDonald Dinner - Mcdonald x2 Mcdonald x2		90.00	15,732.10
16/09/24	Deposit-Osko Payment 2012172 Mr Robert Gerard Carr R Carr x 2 15 Sep 2024		90.00	15,822.10
16/09/24	Deposit-Osko Payment 2471719 Mr Nicholas Anthony Dillon 100 year shirt Nd		50.00	15,872.10
16/09/24	Deposit Container Exchan 212988061		8.60	15,880.70
17/09/24	Deposit Longreach QLD		400.00	16,280.70
18/09/24	Deposit-Salary Qfd 003705 271663		50.00	16,330.70
18/09/24	Deposit-Salary Qfd 404194 271663		50.00	16,380.70
18/09/24	Deposit-Salary Qfd 036133 271663		50.00	16,430.70
18/09/24	Deposit-Salary Qfd 035534 271663		50.00	16,480.70
18/09/24	Deposit-Salary Qfd 402534 271663		50.00	16,530.70
18/09/24	Deposit-Salary Qfd 008257 271663		50.00	16,580.70
18/09/24	Deposit-Salary Qfd 402679 271663		50.00	16,630.70
18/09/24	Deposit-Salary Qfd 032933 271663		50.00	16,680.70
18/09/24	Deposit-Salary Qfd 400788 271663		50.00	16,730.70

13.3 - Community Donation - Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society --Appendix 1

Revenue			
	Qty	Per unit	Total
RSL Longreach donation	1	2000	\$2,000.00
Longreach Regional Council donation	1	0	\$0.00
Event entry (Earlybird)	69	\$45.00	\$3,105.00
Event entry (General)	81	\$55.00	\$4,455.00
Shirts (Mens)	11	\$50.00	\$550.00
Shirts (Ladies)	2	\$50.00	\$100.00
Shirts (Kids)	0	\$50.00	\$0.00
Cap	50	\$35.00	\$1,750.00
Pannikin	10	\$25.00	\$250.00
Patch	75	\$15.00	\$1,125.00
Stubby cooler (blue)	5	\$15.00	\$75.00
Stubby cooler (canvas)	4	\$15.00	\$60.00
Bar income	1	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Postage	2	\$15.00	\$30.00
Total revenue			\$15,750.00
Expenses			
Eventbrite fees	1	\$1,265.73	\$1,265.73
Civic Centre	1	\$600.00	\$600.00
Catering	150	\$60.00	\$9,000.00
Decorations	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
Shirts (Mens)	10	\$40.00	\$400.00
Shirts (Ladies)	2	\$40.00	\$80.00
Shirts (Kids)	0	\$40.00	\$0.00
Cap	200	\$18.00	\$3,600.00
Pannikin	20	\$15.00	\$300.00
Patch	200	\$2.00	\$400.00
Stubby cooler (blue)	20	\$5.50	\$110.00
Stubby cooler (canvas)	20	\$5.50	\$110.00
Bar expense	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Postage	2	\$14.95	\$29.90
Total expenses			\$19,645.63
Net surplus/(deficit)			(\$3,895.63)



Prepared By: Patsy Worland

CUSTOMER INFORMATION,

Name : Patsy Worland
Email : pworland@mercbiz.com.au
Phone : 000000000
Company : Patsy Worland

QUOTE

DATE: 13TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024
QUOTATION NUMBER: QBBAU1000034038

Requested Quote Items

Sr No.	Product	Qty	Subtotal
1	Item : Custom Vinyl Banners Size (W X H): 1200 x 610 (MM) Choose Material: Vinyl Print Sides: Single Sided Upgrade to Premium: Standard 13 Oz Hanging Options: Metal Grommets	17	\$264.52
Subtotal			\$264.52

COMMENTS:

Shipping and tax amount will be calculated at the Cart.

Thank You For Your Business
49B 2 SLOUGH AVENUE SILVERWATER NSW 2128 alerts@bannerbuzz.com.au



Prepared By: Patsy Worland

CUSTOMER INFORMATION,

Name : Patsy Worland
Email : pworland@mercbiz.com.au
Phone : 0429 802 001
Company :

QUOTE

DATE: 15TH OF OCTOBER 2024
QUOTATION NUMBER: QBBAU1000034804

Requested Quote Items

Sr No.	Product	Qty	Subtotal
1	Item : Outdoor Banners Size (W X H): 5.8 x 1.3 (MT) Choose Material: Vinyl Print Sides: Single Sided Upgrade to Premium: Standard 13 Oz Lamination: Yes (Recommended for outdoor use) Hanging Options: Metal Grommets	1	\$277.28
Subtotal			\$277.28

COMMENTS:

Thank You For Your Business
49B 2 SLOUGH AVENUE SILVERWATER NSW 2128 alerts@bannerbuzz.com.au

Online pre-order for Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society 100 years of the Longreach Fire Trials event

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1pc Candle Tray Holder: Round Wooden Decorative Candle Tray Small Farmhouse Table Centerpiece Rustic ... M >

Seasonal Offer | -75% limited time • Interest-free installments with Afterpay or Klarna

AU\$10.98 ~~45.64~~ -75%

Qty 14 v


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6pcs Blue Carved Sun Flower Glass Tea Candle Holder Blue Sunflower/6pcs >

Special sale | -26% limited time • Interest-free installments with Afterpay or Klarna

AU\$13.18 ~~17.99~~ -26%

Qty 3 v


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1 Pack Romantic Golden Leaf Fairy Lights – Elegant String Lighting For Home Decor, Table Setting, Weddings... 2m/200.0cm >

Special sale | -41% limited time • Interest-free installments with Afterpay or Klarna

AU\$2.89 ~~4.95~~ -41%

Qty 16 v


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Set. 4 Meters Navy Blue Ivory White Round Wedding Birthday Graduation, Party Decoration, Garland String, ... Navy Blue >

Lightning deal | -90% limited time • Interest-free installments with Afterpay or Klarna

AU\$1.94 ~~20.32~~ -90%

Qty 2 v


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107pcs Balloons Navy Blue Golden White Balloons Garland, Golden Confetti Balloons Decoration Birthday Fo... 107pcs/set >

Seasonal Offer | -79% limited time • Interest-free installments with Afterpay or Klarna

AU\$7.68 ~~36.55~~ -79%

Qty 1 v


- 

4pcs Set of Navy Blue & Golden Polka Dot Garland - Perfect for Birthdays, Weddings, Baby Showers, Graduat... 4pcs >

Special sale | -87% limited time • Interest-free installments with Afterpay or Klarna

AU\$7.27 ~~59.69~~ -87%

Qty 2 v


- 

24 Pcs Ivory Gauze Cotton Cloth Napkins - 32x32cm, Reusable, Perfect for Wedding, Christmas, or Any Speci... White >

Lightning deal | -77% last day • Interest-free installments with Afterpay or Klarna

Last day AU\$35.97 ~~AU\$150/pc 150.51~~ -77%

Qty 8 v



Total amount: \$553.36



COMMUNITY DONATIONS APPLICATION ASSESSMENT FORM

Panel Members:	T, Johnson, K, Dillon, A, Lewis	
Date of Assessment:	5 November 2024	
Applicant Name:	Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society	
Project:	100 years of Longreach Fire Trials	
Amount Requested & What will the funding be used for:	Financial:	In-Kind:
	\$3,000	\$600
Has the community organisation accessed Community Donations already, this financial year? If yes, what amount?	Details: (if in excess of \$5,000, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment)	
Is the Application funding any ineligible costs? If yes, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies or departments of local, state or federal government <input type="checkbox"/> Educational, Religious or Medical Organisations <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Applications whereby Council funds will be donated to another cause Applications which fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries for staff <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent costs with day to day operations of a community group <input type="checkbox"/> Retrospective funding <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment or other expenditure that are personal or of personal gain <input type="checkbox"/> Part of or all of Council Rates <input type="checkbox"/> Items that would otherwise be funded by State or Government bodies	

13.3 - Community Donation - Longreach Fire Brigade Historical Society --Appendix 2

Assessment Guidelines

Yes = 1 point: The applicant has answered the relevant question to the full satisfaction of the panel.

Yes = ½ point: The applicant has answered the relevant question, however, only provided basic details or answered the question to the partial satisfaction of the panel.

No = 0 points: The applicant has not attempted to answer the question, provided the relevant information or not answered the question to the satisfaction of the panel.

Section 1: Eligibility	Yes	No
A community organisation that is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation OR:	✓	
A community group or club auspiced by not-for-profit incorporated organisation located within the Longreach Regional Council area, and	✓	
Have met acquittal conditions for previous council funding.(tick yes if there hasn't been previous funding)	✓	
Is the applicant eligible? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant)	✓	
TOTAL		2 / 2

Section 2: Assessment Criteria	Yes	No
Applicants must demonstrate strong community benefit or need and support for the project or activity. (eg will it contribute to Economic Development, Tourism, Liveability, etc). (Insert supporting comments below).		0.5
Comments: Panel felt that this event can demonstrate Liveability for this event, however Economic Development and Tourism may be lacking		
The applicant or proposed project or activity must be based within the Longreach Regional Council boundaries; or clearly demonstrate direct benefit to the Longreach Regional Council communities. (If not in LRC area insert benefits below).	✓	
Comments: Event will be held at the Longreach Civic centre.		
Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial viability and/or competence to achieve the stated goals of the project or activity and provide evidence with application.		✓
Is evidence provided? <i>yes</i>		
Comments: AS shown in applicant's bank statement, Applicants may not be financial viable if council did not contribute to event.		
Applicants must not have any overdue debt with Council unless a payment arrangement is in place to reduce debt. Is this the case for the applicant?		✓
Have all assessment criteria been met? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant or request further details)		
TOTAL		2.5 / 4

Section 3 Supporting documentation	Yes	No
Evidence of the event or project (ie quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*	✓	
Relevant public liability insurance (if required)	✓	
A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1000 only) tick yes if the application is \$1000 or less.	✓	
A detailed budget of running expenses for the event	✓	
Has all supporting documentation been provided? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant or request further details)	✓	
Total	4	14

Section 4 Assessment panel review Recommendation	Yes	No
The application be approved	✓	
Total Score	85	110
Percentage of requested grant to be allocated	85 %	
Justification (provide details supporting the recommendation). <i>Panel approves applicant to the value of 85%.</i> <i>Financial \$ 2,460.00</i> <i>In-Kind \$600</i>		

SUBMIT

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT

13.4 - Naming of the Skatepark and new Library Meeting Room

13.4 Naming of the Skatepark and new Library Meeting Room

Naming of the Skatepark and new Library Meeting Room at the back of the Library.

Council Action

Deliver

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 2009

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

OUR COMMUNITY	
Corporate Plan Outcome	
1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
1.2	Council recognises cultural heritage and supports inclusion of all peoples.
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 2024/25 budget

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Tanya Johnson, Acting Director of Community Services

Background:

1. Council has applied for funding the Growing Regions to extend the offering of the current Longreach Skate Park to incorporate a destination playground, pump track, walking paths, dog park and half basketball court.
2. Council approved a budget to build an accessible disaster co-ordination centre and meeting room at the back of the Longreach Library.

Issue:

Due to the extended offering of both the Longreach Skate park and Longreach Library building, Council has asked the community to suggest names to incorporate the purpose of the two facilities.

The community has provided a list of suggested names for both facilities.

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13.4 - Naming of the Skatepark and new Library Meeting Room

Risk Management Factors:

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

Likelihood: Rare

Consequence: Insignificant

Rating: Low (1/25)

Community Consultation:

Council advertised in IILY as well as posts on social media platforms requesting participation from the community.

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council names the following Council facilities in Longreach:

- 1. The whole of the land bounded by Eagle St, Owl St, Emu St and Bustard St and incorporating the skate park and future dog off-leash area, pump track, playground, as "....."*
- 2. The new building at the rear of the Longreach library incorporating a meeting room and disaster coordination centre as ".....".*

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13.5 - Information Report - Community Services

13.5 Information Report - Community Services

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of October 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	
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1.1	Council infrastructure and services support liveability and community amenity.
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OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.2	Informed and considered decision making based on effective governance practices

Budget Considerations

As per approved 2024/25 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 monthly, outlining achievements, challenges, and statistical information for the various functional areas in Council.

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Library Services – October 2024

- October was a bustling month for the Longreach Library. With the Thomson River Festival and the LSOE Musical taking place, we welcomed a significant number of visitors seeking refuge from the heat.
- Additionally, the library hosted a special visit from Graham Lister, the author of the children's book *Hugh Who? The Kangaroo*. Graham read his book to the First 5 group on Friday morning.

Library Statistics (YTD)

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford	
	OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD
Loans	429	1,853	13	46	2	18
New Members	15	55	0	2	0	1

Swimming Pools

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford		Yaraka	
	OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD	SEP/OCT	YTD
Adults	1057	2712	255	1583	45	56	11	38
Children	2669	3312	119	558	64	85	11	11

Childcare Services

Spotlight on October

- We celebrated World Cerebral Palsy Day on the 6th by wearing green.
- The month of October was an opportunity to focus on ADHD [attention deficit hyperactivity disorder]
- We had a Regulatory visit from the department of Education, with Helen Jansen, who spent invaluable time with us. Her experience and advice were much appreciated.
- Grandparents Day Celebrated.
- And, of course, Our Big Day In.



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Horticulture and Community Facilities

Facility Usage

The following community facilities were utilised October -

Longreach Showgrounds	Heart of Australia Bus, Fitness Classes, Longreach SHS Blue Edge Program, Junior Rugby Union, Longreach Rodeo, Active Women and Girls Program, Footy Awards and Presentations Evening, State General Election Polling Station
Longreach Civic Centre	LSODE Musical and rehearsals, Young Leaders Summit, Western Qld PHN Mental Health Workshop, Council Staff 'Big Day In', Regional Brain Resetting Tour, RADF Performance - Mini Marilyn, Flying Skin Doctor
Edkins Park	Longreach Churches Together Meeting
Ilfracombe Rec Centre	Social Darts, Council Community Forum
Isisford Hall	Barcoo Chat N Do; Council Community Forum, Sh*tbox Rally (Isisford State School P&C Fundraiser), Christian Church Service
Isisford Racecourse	Ross Cup Race Day
Yaraka Hall	Council Community Forum

Water Tower Lights

The water tower lights were lit up in specific colours for the following occasions -

Breast Cancer Awareness	Pink
Mental Health Week	Green
Meningitis Awareness	Purple
The Australasian Mastocytosis Society	Purple

Funeral Services

Longreach Cemetery Funeral Figures October	
Funeral Type	
Church & Graveside Funeral	1
Civic Centre & Graveside Funeral	1
Church Service Only	
Graveside Funeral	
LRC Graveside Set up ONLY	
Memorial Service	
Cremation	1
Internment of Ashes -Private Family	
Plaques arranged by LRC	3
Undertakers Services Only	1

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Communication Activity – Statistics for October 2024

Website:

- 11,828 sessions (11,540 in September)
- 22,259 page views (21,131 in September)
- After the Home landing page, the most popular pages are:
 - Newsroom
 - Current vacancies
 - Events
- Most people have found the website through direct search.
- 74% of people use desktop as a device, followed by 26% mobile devices.
- See attachments for the data.

Facebook:

- 4,050 followers (4,032 in September), 67.3% of our followers are women.
- 40 posts in total October 2024
- Post topics – Careers, Showgrounds maintenance, Big Day In, Skate Park & Library Competition, Christmas.
- Post with the highest reach of 6399 about the existing vacancies for Longreach Leading Hand Mechanic.
- See attachments for the data.

Community Events

Remembrance Day:

A small gathering of community members convened at Edkins Park to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom during the Remembrance Day ceremony. The service included prayers and blessings from two local pastors, the solemn recitation of the Ode, and a heartfelt poem authored and presented by local RSL member Patrick Casey.

The Federal Member for Maranoa Hon. David Littleproud MP delivered a commemorative address, followed by remarks from Hon. Milton Dick MP The Speaker of the House of Representatives. Representatives from local schools, businesses, and emergency services joined together to lay wreaths in remembrance. Talented local high school student Malcolm Strong performed *The Last Post*, leading into a minute of silence. The ceremony concluded with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, sung by Corinne Ballard.

As always, the local scout and venturer troop played a vital role, standing guard at the cenotaph and respectfully lowering the flags.

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this moving tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our country.

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November 2024			
DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHERE	COST
Open now until 29 th November	Christmas Table Centrepiece competition	LRC Christmas Comp	FREE
Open now nominations close 29 th November	Dinky Bullen Memorial Christmas Lights Competition	LRC Christmas Competition	FREE
Saturday 2 nd November 7am – 8.30am	All Souls' Mass	Longreach Lawn Cemetery	FREE
Saturday 9 th November 9.30am – 5.00pm	Outback Disability Expo	Longreach Civic Centre	FREE
Monday 11 th November 10.15am – 11.30am	Remembrance Day	Edkins Park	FREE
Friday 15 th November 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Women of the world "In her name" Touring exhibition opening	QANTAS Founders Museum	FREE
Saturday 16 th November 6.45pm – 7.00pm	Community light show	QANTAS Founders Museum	FREE
Saturday 16 th November 8am – 1pm	Free museum entry	QANTAS Founders Museum	FREE
Saturday 16 th November 9.30am – 10.30am	WOW what's next out west conversation	QANTAS Founders Museum	FREE
Saturday 23 rd November – 9am	Longreach Fire Brigade street parade and open stations day	Eagle St, Emu St	FREE

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Monday 25 th & Tuesday 26 th November 6:30pm	Longreach Fire Trials	Eagle St, Corner of post office and commercial hotel.	FREE
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Project Management Update

OBIC Roof Replacement

The roof of the OBIC building in Isisford has now been fully replaced. Extra work was taken to remove all unused equipment connected to the previous roof sheeting.



See attachments for an overview on all projects and dashboards for large projects of:

- Longreach Disaster Centre Construction
- Ilfracombe Post Office Relocation
- Longreach Tennis Court Upgrade
- Longreach Squash Court Upgrade
- Longreach Childcare - Energy Efficiency Improvement

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After Hours Message Centre –October 2024

Incoming Calls Received	No. of Hang Ups	Total
24	28	52

During the month of October 2024 there were 24 after hours' calls received. The calls were related to the following sections of Council:

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF CALLS
Funerals	0
Water and Sewerage	5
Local Laws/Animal Management	8
Facilities	6
Tourism / Visitor Information	4
Parks and Gardens	1
Roads	0

Customer Requests

A total of **130 Customer Service Requests** were received for the month of October 2024. Of these requests **93 were completed** within the same month.

Completed	Progress	Outstanding	Total
93	13	24	130

Tourism Update

- Updated/renewed signage has been installed at The Keeping Place, Longreach Show Sign and Arrilalah Cemetery.
- Outdated signage has been removed from Qantas Park and the Qantas Park sign has been moved into a more visible location in the park. It will be cleaned and painted in November.



Longreach Region Website:

	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sept-24	Oct-24	2024 YTD
Views	5.6k	4.4k	5.9k	6.6k	8k	8.6k	8.3k	7.4k	5.5k	4.8k	15.7k

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New Users	1.5k	1.2k	1.4k	1.8k	2.2k	2.6k	2.6k	2.4k	1.7k	1.6k	19k
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Longreach Region Explore Centre Visitor statistics 2024:

Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
151	169	401	1226	2965	4267	5851	4249	2360	884	20,163	21682

Longreach Visitor Information Centre statistics:

	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	2024 YTD
Phone calls	81	85	171	140	236	124	170	137	138	61	1068
Emails	22	24	21	37	67	46	70	61	44	21	308
General Information	82	30	147	114	216	55	98	82	77	30	772
Information packs	33	36	110	37	49	25	66	64	18	32	388
Phone Bookings	58	21	46	74	38	20	24	46	6	8	289
Over the Counter Bookings	0	0	49	122	406	313	705	573	252	65	1660

Bookings made by information centre staff on behalf of Operators for 2024:

Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sept-24	Oct-24	2024 YTD
\$0	\$337	\$9300	\$25,678	\$86,167	\$88,224	\$124,402	\$135,218	\$65,240.97	\$17,272	\$351,381

Longreach Powerhouse and Historical Museum Visitor statistics 2024:

Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	2024 YTD
Closed	Closed	91	297	383	592	901	701	464	192	Closed	Closed	3621

Longreach Regional Council Approved Camping Areas 2024:

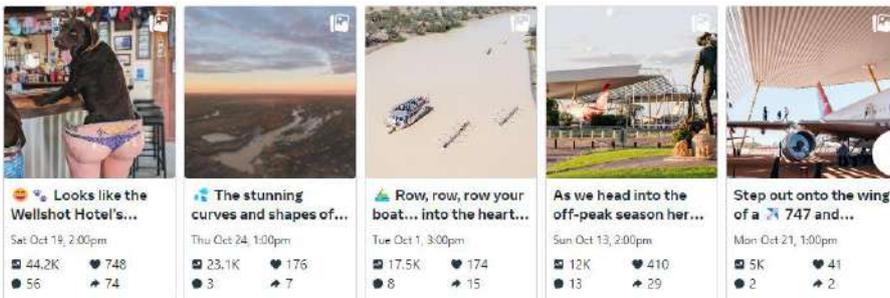
Location	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	2024 YTD
Longreach	\$0	\$0	\$335	\$2166	\$4164	\$8543	\$10244	\$9865	\$2894	\$1472	\$36,789
Isisford	0	0	\$189	\$162	\$2389	\$4810	\$5016	\$3909	\$1505	\$220	\$16,695
Yaraka	0	0	0	0	\$595	0	\$1362	\$2312	\$510	\$440	\$4,673

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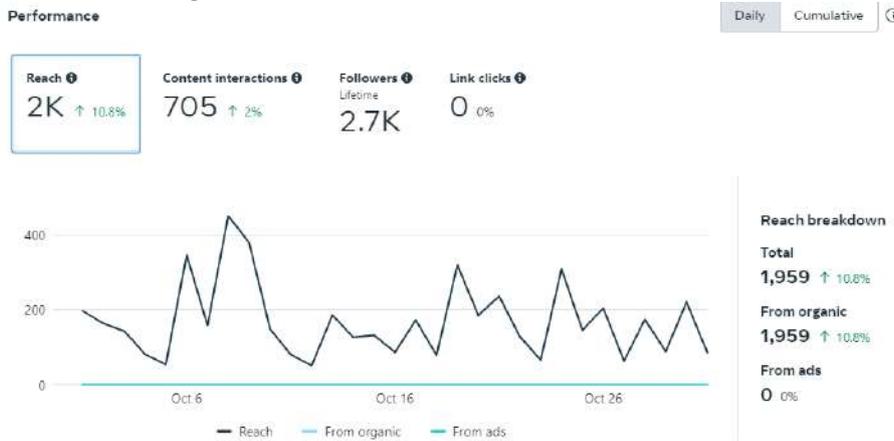
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Longreach Region Social Media October 2024:

Facebook



Instagram



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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)

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

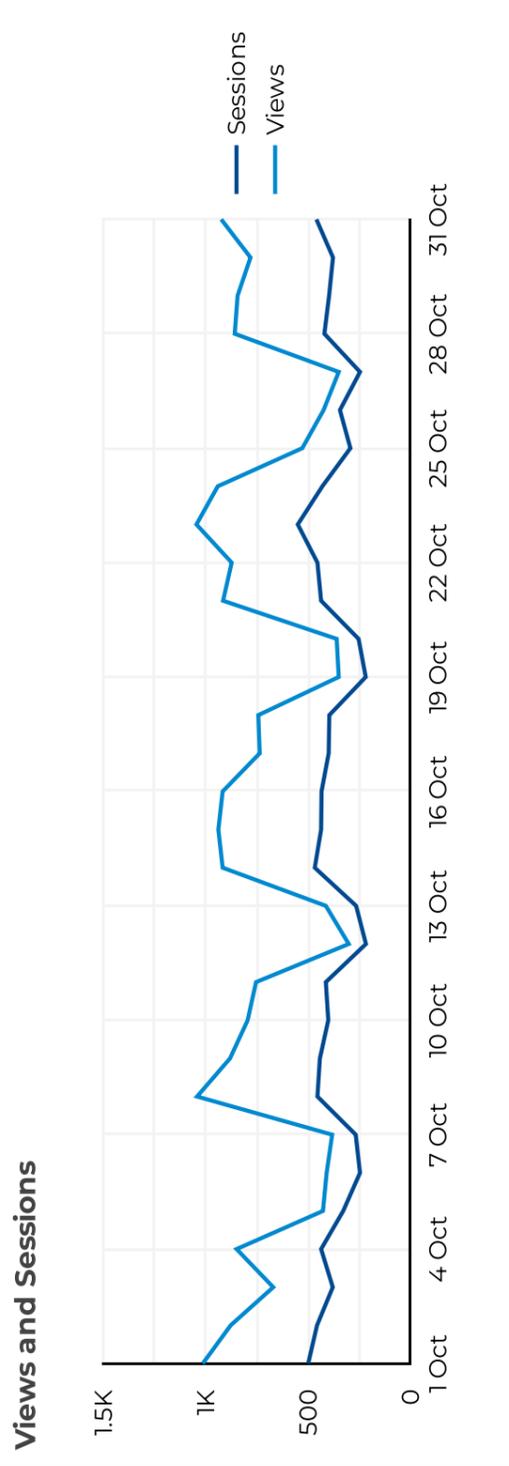
Appendices

1. Longreach Regional Council - Monthly Analytics Snapshot October 24 [↓](#)
2. Facebook Follows - October 24 [↓](#)
3. Facebook Reach - October 24 [↓](#)
4. Facebook Visits - October 24 [↓](#)
5. Projects Dashboard [↓](#)
6. Major Projects Dashboard [↓](#)

Recommendation:

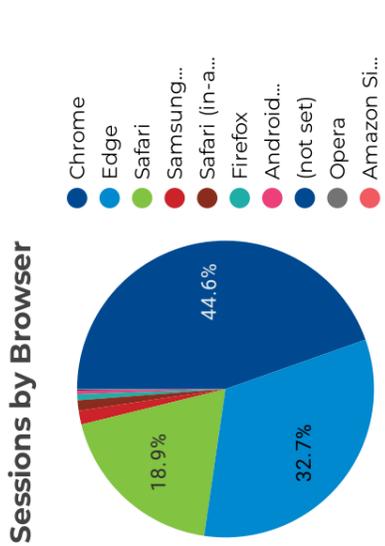
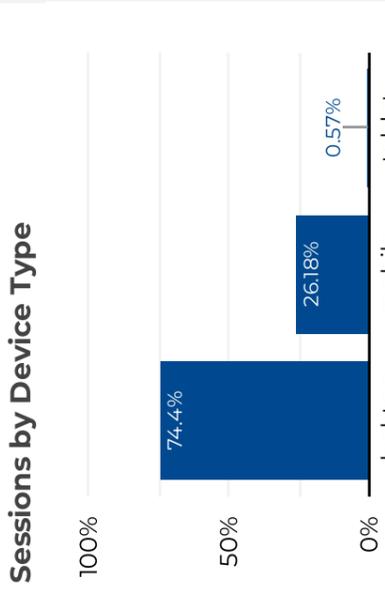
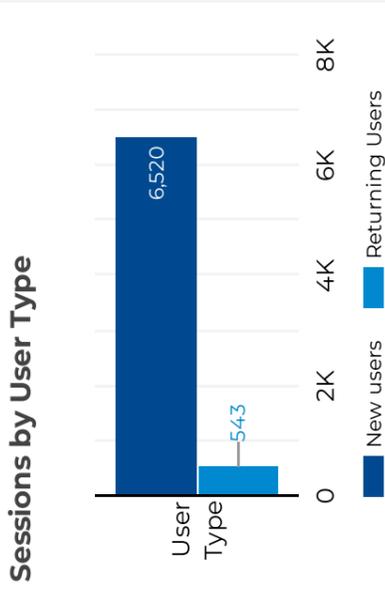
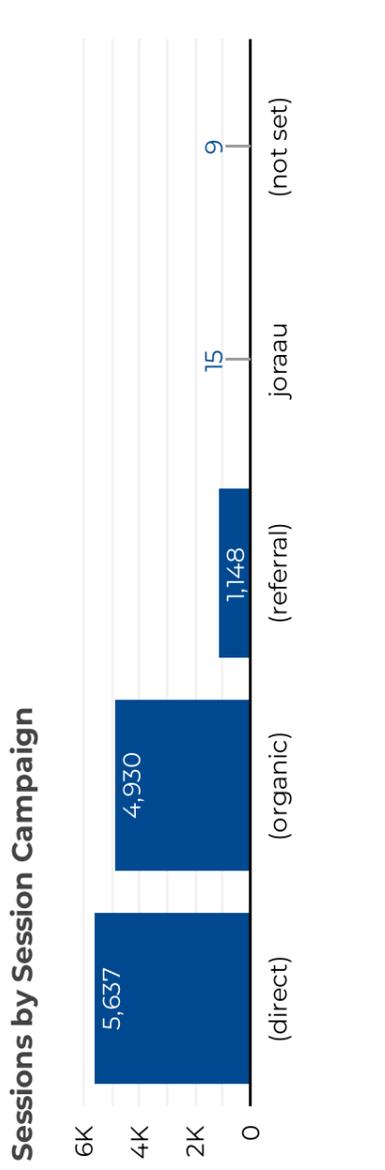
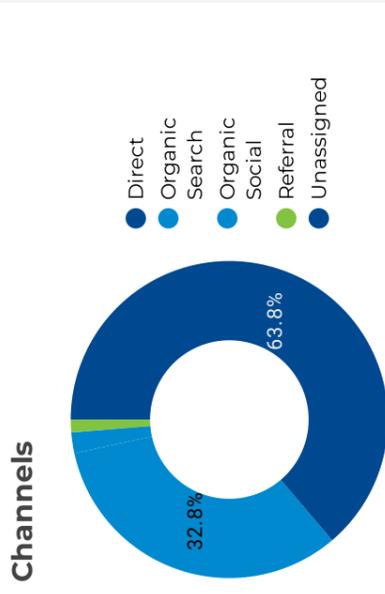
That Council receives the Community Services Information Report, as presented.

Sessions	11,828
Views	22,259
Views / Session	1.88



Top 10 Pages

Rank	Page path	Views
1.	/	8,829
2.	/newsroom	1,180
3.	/current-vacancies	1,069
4.	/whats	840
5.	/careers	609
6.	/site-search/results/	532
7.	/whats-on	360
8.	/swimming-pools	346
9.	/meetings-agendas-minutes	261
10.	/longreach-burial-directory	233



Top 10 Referral Sources

Rank	Session source	Sessions	Views
1.	(direct)	5,637	8,563
2.	google	4,593	9,654
3.	galaxy.lgaq.digital	470	1,581
4.	bing	327	879
5.	statics.teams.cdn....	162	360
6.	longreach.majiqc...	161	388
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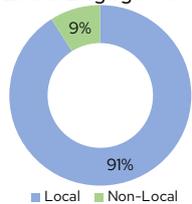


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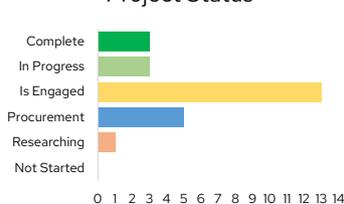


Project	Progress	Funding	Status	
MU038	Wellshot Centre Footpath Replacement	Work to occur after Christmas break.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
SP019	Ilf Pool - Salt Water Chlorination Conversion	Contractor engaged. Work to occur early 2025.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
CB010	Ilfracombe Post Office Relocation	Construction work to commence January 2025.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
MU037	Machinery Mile Toilet Block Replacement	Procurement completed and fabrication of new toilet block to commence.	Building Bush Tourism (BBT) Fund	Is Engaged
SF021	Rebound wall for Ilfracombe Multipurpose court	RFQ is underway.	Longreach Regional Council	Procurement
MU036	OBIC Roof Replacement	Work completed.	Longreach Regional Council	Complete
SP020	Isisford Pool - Replace Shade Structures	Contractor engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
HC026	Isisford Hall Upgrade	Contractor engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
DM016	Isisford SES Training Room	Contractor engaged.	SES Support Grant	Is Engaged
GP004	Longreach Council Chambers Aircon Replacement	Work completed.	Longreach Regional Council	Complete
LA019	Longreach Squash Court Upgrade	Onsite work in progress.	Minor Infrastructure Program	In Progress
CM010	Cemetery New Entrance Sign	Contractor engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	In Progress
PK066	Beersheba Pump Reconnection	Contractor engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	In Progress
LB007	Longreach Disaster Centre Construction	Design being finalised with appointed builder.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
MHC200	Civic Centre Floor	Contractor engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
SP021	Longreach Pool Coping Tile Replacement	Contractor engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
CC018	Longreach Childcare – New Shade Structure	Contractor engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
LH013	Teal St housing for six houses over 4 lots	Contractor engaged.		Is Engaged
MSG201	Longreach Showground Electrical conduits	Contractor engaged.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
LA020	Longreach Tennis Court Upgrade	Contractor engaged.	Minor Infrastructure Program	Is Engaged
CM008	Cemetery Plinth Replacements	Procurement in progress.	Longreach Regional Council	Procurement
CM009	Longreach Cemetery Columbarium Extension	Procurement in progress.	Longreach Regional Council	Procurement
MU040	Powerhouse Accessibility Ramp	Procurement in progress.	Longreach Regional Council	Procurement
CC016	Longreach Childcare - Energy Efficiency Improvements	Procurement in progress.	Community Child Care Fund Program	Procurement
AC001	Animal Management Facility	Design being finalised.	Works For Queensland Program	Researching

Local Engagement



Project Status



Budget vs Actual Expenditure





Project: Longreach Disaster Centre Construction

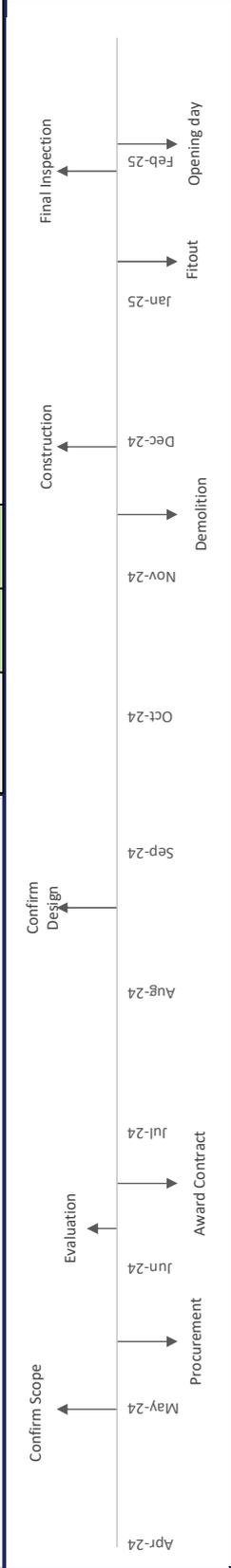
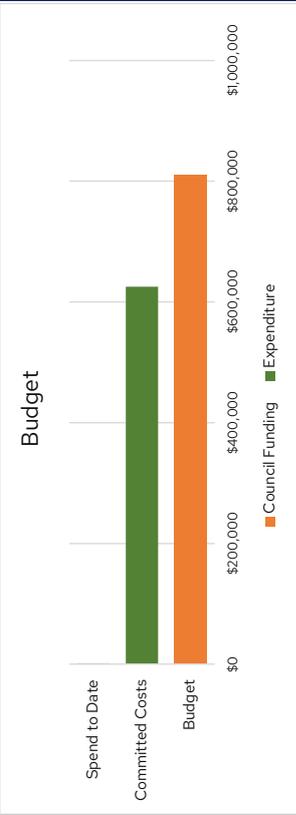
Status

Engaged

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Recent Deliverables	Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period
Structure design confirmed with builder and Project Manager.	Review design with key stakeholders.
Draft Engineer drawings for structure review and approval.	Approve final Engineer drawings with builder.
	Confirm onsite dates with builder and then complete communications to stakeholders and public.
	Commence demolition work.

Risks	Previous status	Current status	Status Description
Overall	Green	Green	Construction work timeframe only risk identified but still well under financial year deadline.
Time	Yellow	Yellow	Further delay in Engineer drawings. Work now scheduled to start mid-November and finish February 2025.
Budget	Green	Green	Construction work under budget. Remaining budget to use for internal furniture and IT services.
Scope	Green	Green	Noise will have impact to library during construction. Control is for main demolition work to be completed during library off-hours.
Communication	Green	Green	Key stakeholders being engaged. Community commits to occur once construction dates confirmed.





Project: Ilfracombe Post Office Relocation

Purpose: Upgrade Ilfracombe Council building to incorporate postal services, visitor information, library and Council staff office spaces.

Project Team: Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson
Project Manager: Joel Perry

Funding Source: Total project budget is \$250,000 as committed by Council.

Stakeholders: Ilfracombe residents, AusPost, ratepayers and Longreach Regional Council.

Status: Engaged

8/11/24

Recent Deliverables

Discussions made with key stakeholders.

Transition plan drafted.

Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period

Complete transition plan.

Finalise internal design.

Risks	Previous status	Current status	Status Description
Overall			Low risks currently identified.
Time			Construction to commence January and end March 2025.
Budget			Low risk. Committed construction work well under budget.
Scope			Layout now confirmed and approved by AusPost.
Communication			Key stakeholders to be engaged.

Budget

Category	Amount
Council Funding	~\$160,000
Expenditure	~\$250,000

Timeline: Apr-24 to May-25

- Aug-24: Confirm Scope, Procurement
- Sep-24: Evaluation, Award Contract
- Oct-24: Confirm Design
- Jan-25: Construction
- Mar-25: Fitout
- Apr-25: Final Inspection
- May-25: Transition



Project: Longreach Tennis Court Upgrade

Status

Engaged

8/11/24

Recent Deliverables	Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period
Evaluation completed for the RFT procurement process.	Initial meeting to occur with engaged contractor.
Project update meeting with the Department Sponsor and Tennis Club.	Project update meeting with the Department Sponsor and Tennis Club.

Purpose: Replace three of the Longreach Tennis Courts. Work involves demolishing the existing courts on asphalt and replacing with concrete edge beam, roadbase and crusher dust material and synthetic grass surface.

Project Team:
 Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson
 Department Sponsor: Debbie Hall
 Project Manager: Joel Perry
 Project Control Group: Longreach Tennis Club

Funding Source: Total project budget is from the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (Minor Infrastructure Program), Longreach Tennis Club and Council.

Stakeholders: Longreach residents and ratepayers, Longreach Regional Council and Longreach Tennis Club.

Budget

Category	Sub-category	Amount
Budget	Expenditure - Longreach Tennis Club	\$20,000
	Expenditure - Council Funding	\$280,000
	Expenditure - Minor Infrastructure Program	\$100,000
Committed Costs	-	\$250,000

Timeline

Date	Milestone/Task
Apr-24	Initial meeting
May-24	Second meeting
Jun-24	Confirm Scope
Jul-24	Detailed Design
Aug-24	Procurement
Nov-24	Confirm Contractor
Mar-25	Demolish existing surface
Apr-25	Install new slab
May-25	Lay new surface
Jun-25	Opening day
Dec-25	Funding Completion



<p>Project: Longreach Squash Court Upgrade</p>		<p>Status: In Progress</p>	<p>8/11/24</p>
<p>Purpose:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Recent Deliverables</p> <p>Provide project update to Department Sponsor.</p>	<p>Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period</p> <p>Provide project update to Department Sponsor.</p>	
<p>Project Team:</p> <p>Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson Department Sponsor: Debbie Hall Project Manager: Joel Perry</p>	<p>Construction work continues progress. Framing, Painting and cabinets completed.</p>	<p>Construction to continue progress.</p>	
<p>Funding Source:</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Opening day/time to be confirmed and stakeholder notified.</p>	
<p>Stakeholders:</p> <p>Longreach residents and ratepayers, Longreach Regional Council and Longreach Squash.</p>			

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. Extra scope was required for two ambulant toilets for recent building compliance changes.
Scope	Green	Green	Specifications and design with Architect has been completed.
Communication	Green	Green	General updates provided to stakeholders on project progress.

Budget

Category	Amount
Spend to Date	~\$225,000
Committed Costs	~\$375,000
Budget	~\$450,000



Project: Longreach Childcare - Energy Efficiency Improvements		Status	8/11/24
Purpose:	Upgrade functional aspects of the facility, specifically to improve the energy efficiency of the facility by upgrading electrical equipment to help to reduce overheads. 30kW of solar panels are also to be installed.	Recent Deliverables	Milestones, Tasks, Outcomes to deliver next period
Project Team:	Executive Sponsor: Tanya Johnson Project Manager: Joel Perry Acting Childcare Director: Margie McEniery	Walkthrough of childcare completed to assist with finalise quantity of scope items.	Start collecting quotes from contractors.
Funding Source:	Community Child Care Fund Program and Longreach Regional Council.	Second meeting held with key stakeholders.	
Stakeholders:	Longreach residents and ratepayers and Longreach Regional Council.	Scope confirmed to be: - White good replacement - Air-conditioning system replacements - Fluorescent light fitting replacements - 30kW solar panel installation	
<p>Budget</p> <p>■ Expenditure ■ Council Funding</p>		Risks	Status Description
Spend to Date		Overall	No risks identified no far.
Committed Costs		Time	No risks identified no far.
Budget		Budget	No risks identified no far.
		Scope	Scope confirmed.
		Communication	Initial meeting with key stakeholder completed. Ongoing engagement to occur during RFO stage.

Timeline:

- Apr-24: Initial meeting
- Aug-24: Confirm Scope
- Nov-24: Procurement
- Dec-24: Confirm Contractor
- Jan-25: Replace white goods
- Feb-25: Aircon Replacements
- Mar-25: Aircon Replacements
- Apr-25: Electrical work
- May-25: Electrical work
- Jun-25: Contract Completion
- Jul-25: Contract Completion
- Aug-25: Contract Completion
- Sep-25: Contract Completion
- Oct-25: Contract Completion
- Nov-25: Contract Completion
- Dec-25: Contract Completion

13. COMMUNITIES REPORT
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13.6 Director of Communities Report

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of October for the Director of Communities.

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 2024/25 budget

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: Tanya Johnson, Acting Director of Communities

Background:

The Director provides an information update to Council monthly outlining achievements, challenges and statistical information for the various functional areas in Council.

Strategy and Planning

Walking Network Plan (Grant funded)	Complete	Walking Network Plan completed and was tabled at October Meeting for adoption. Grant application for 3 projects submitted to Transport and Main Roads. This round is to
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		complete gaps in our network linking public transport hubs.
Cycling Network Plan (Grant funded)	In Progress	This round of funding is for Detailed design of 2 routes in Longreach including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landsborough Highway (Beersheba Park to Emu Street) • Crossing of the Landsborough Highway Currawong Street (Kite Street to Eagle Street)
Isisford Racecourse	In progress	Swab Box installed, new map of horse handling areas to be developed in consultation with stakeholders.
Iningai Working Group	In Progress	Develop a management plan, and Facility Concept Plan in conjunction with stakeholders. First draft of Management Plan has been completed. Plan currently in review between Council and DCQ.
Signage Audit	In Progress	Audit of all tourism signage within the Region to be inspected and new signage to identified and replaced. Signage at Arrilalah installed Signage Dinosaur designing process underway. Isisford and Yaraka town history signage in progress for replacement.
Ilfracombe Heritage Strategy	In Progress	GBA heritage report complete and Initial stakeholder engagement with Qld Museums has commenced. Request for Quote underway, Qld Museums have advised Council that we are able to pack away bottles for assessment later. Quotes being obtained from Professionals for significance and value on this collection.
Digital Tourism Strategy Workshop	Started	A Workshop is to be held in November with Telstra Purple as the facilitators to assist Longreach Regional Council in implementing a digital Tourism Strategy.

Attended

- Remembrance Day
- OIL Meet and Greet
- OIL Disability Expo
- Community Forums
- Travelled to Yaraka, Isisford and Ilfracombe with Events and Comm's team to show them around the region and Council Assets. These tours will be ongoing until the whole team has the opportunity to visit the other Communities in our region.
- Big Day In
- Small Business Breakfast

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- Procurement Presentation to Local Business

Training

- Co-ordinating teams in Disaster Management Masterclass

Meetings

- Safety Committee.
- Walking Network Concept TMR feedback
- Longreach Archival Group
- MICE Market Presentation and Debrief
- Thomson River Festival Debrief
- Great Australian Cattle Drive

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Acting Director of Communities Report, as presented

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14.1 - Information Report - Works

14. Works Report

14.1 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of October 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
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OUR LEADERSHIP	
	Corporate Plan Outcome
5.2	Informed and considered decision making based on effective governance practices

Budget Considerations

As per approved 2024/25 budget.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *André Pretorius, Director of Works*
Guy Goodman, Manager of Operations
Ajith Samarasekera, Manager Fleet & Workshops

Background:

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

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Manager of Operations Update - Current projects underway

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
R2R Projects					
All areas grid replacement	Install Grids	10%	\$ 279,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	Works to commence September 2024. 1 x grid installed on Royston Lane. Programmed grid installations are as follows: 3 x Plains Road 1 x Yaraka Bimerah Road 1 x Glenloch Road 1 x Westlands Gaza Road
Isisford-Blackall River Road	Installation of concrete rat walls and gravel on floodways	100%	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	Works commenced in July 2024. Concrete rat walls completed. Carting gravel to site. Completed.
Stonehenge River Road	Gravel Resheet	20%	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	Project commenced in November.
Stonehenge River Road	Installation of concrete floodway	85%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 47,000.00	Project commenced in November.
Crossmoor Road	Installation of concrete floodway	80%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	Project commenced in November.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
Internal Works					
Ilfracombe Dump Road	Installation of concrete floodways	90%	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 20,000.00	Project commenced in November. 

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
TIDS Projects					
Ilfracombe - Aramac Road	Gravel resheet	80%	\$ 897,999.44	\$ 550,879.44	Works commenced July 2024.

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Longreach Town Streets	Galah St – Replace kerb and channel and street rehabilitation	100%	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 387,000.00	Works commenced July 2024. New kerb and channel to be installed early September. Completed.  
Longreach Town Streets	Installation of round-a-bouts around ergon poles	100%	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	Works to re-commence August 2024. 3 round-a-bouts infill completed. Line marking to commence early September. Remaining 4 round-a-bouts to be installed mid-September. 4 x round-a-bouts installed and line marking completed. Round-a bout centre infill, programmed for completion in October. Completed.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
NDRRA Projects 2023 Event					
Vergemont Road	Medium formation grade	90%	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	Works commenced in September 2024.
Stonehenge River Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 76,000.00	Works to commence August 2024. Completed.
Silsoe Road	Desilt Drainage Structure	80%	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	Works commenced July 2024.
Honan Downs Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 91,000.00	Works commenced September 2024. Completed.
Darr River Downs Road	Medium formation	70%	\$ 288,000.00	\$ 161,000.00	Works commenced August 2024.

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	grade				
Glenloch Road	Heavy formation grade	10%	\$ 149,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	Works commenced in November 2024.
Isisford Yaraka River Road	Medium formation grade	70%	\$ 415,000.00	\$ 213,000.00	Works commenced in September 2024.
New Deer Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	Works commenced in August 2024. Completed.
Emmet Highlands Road	Medium formation grade	100%	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	Works commenced in September 2024. Completed.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
NDRRA Betterment 2023					
Longreach Regional Council Area	Combination of rock mattresses and reinforced concrete at various sites	5%	\$ 438,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	Materials tendered and awarded.

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments
RMPC Projects					
National Highway & State Road Networks	Maintenance Contract National Highway & State Road Networks	45%	\$ 2m	\$ 802,537.94	Contract started July 2024.

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. • Works programmed to commence October through to December 2024.



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	LSHS	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement negotiations are progressing. Waiting for final agreement from TMR before execution. • Site works scheded for 2024. • Project has been granted extension to 30th June 2025. • Final Agreement received from TMR for execution • In the procurement stage for the design of the car park. Designing to consider potential changes to the Jabiru street / Plover street intersection as a result of the Kestrel street development. • Design process underway.

Maintenance Graders Locations

All available maintenance graders will be working on formation grading projects for the 2024 flood damage in conjunction with normal maintenance grading programmes.

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Water & Waste Update

Current projects and operational undertakings underway for 2024/25

Water & Sewer Projects			
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments
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 carried over to this FY. • Tender process underway.
Digital Water Meter Trial	Ilfracombe	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works program scheduled for Q2 2024. Trial planned to commence with communications install and staged rollout of meters. • Ongoing planning with internal and external parties. • Materials have arrived. Local contractor to perform installation of aerials etc. • Awaiting works program from contractor to install concentrators. • Work in progress – installation of concentrators. • Concentrators have been installed. Waiting for installation requirements for water meters.
Upgrade to Murray McMillan Dam Switchboard	Ilfracombe	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project in current 24/25 budget. • Tender process underway.
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. • Technical Brief being updated considering comments from peer reviewer.
Reservoir Cleaning (RAPADWSA Project)	All Sites	90%	<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. • Works programmed for end of July, start of August.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longreach GLR completed 05/08/24. Isisford completed. Longreach ELR is booked for September. • Project postponed.
<p>Flood Gauge Camera Arno Crossing Barcoo River & Dingo Creek (Landsborough Highway)</p>	<p>Yaraka/ Longreach</p>	<p>70%</p>	<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. • Dingo Creek camera installed early November. 

Water & Sewerage

<p>Water Operations</p> <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. <p>Longreach Water Treatment & Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTP operating as normal. <p>Ilfracombe Water Treatment & Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ilfracombe WTP- operating as normal. • Reverse Osmosis treatment plant – Out of Service due to issue with one of the process treatment trains. <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. <p>Sewerage Operations</p>

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Longreach Pump Stations & STP

- Routine maintenance undertaken as required.

Ilfracombe Pump Stations & CED Ponds

- Routine maintenance undertaken as required.

Isisford Pump Station & CED Ponds

- Routine maintenance undertaken as required.
- CED ponds currently hydraulically overloaded. Investigating options to improve operational capacity.
- New CED ponds excavated. Pumping underway. Fencing to be installed.

Table 1 – Estimated Current Weir/ Dam Levels (~ approximate level)

Dam	Approx. Current Level (m)	Approx. % Full	DMP Height Full	Comments
Longreach Town Weirs	0.0m	0%	1.3m	Level 2 water restrictions effective as of 11 th November 2024. Pumping commenced.
Shannon Dam	11.5m	85%	14.5m	Water is regularly pumped from Murray McMillan to keep Shannon Dam at full levels.
Murray MacMillan Dam	5m	46%	10.3m	
Isisford Dam	10.5m	95%	11m	
Isisford Weir	-1.3m	0%	1.3m	The weir is 1.3m below full height.
Yaraka North Dam	8.5m	75%	12.5m	
Yaraka South Dam	8.5m	75%	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

Longreach Waste Facility

- 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 August to discuss operations and various opportunities for

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<p>regional recycling options, construction of the new waste cell, waste compaction and waste cell closure during wet weather.</p> <p>Ilfracombe Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor is conducting routine cleaning of the facility. <p>Isisford Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor conducting twice weekly covering of general waste. <p>Yaraka Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor conducting regular covering of general waste.

Plant & Fleet Update

Current projects and operational undertakings underway for 2024/2025

Plant & Fleet

Project	Task	Comment
Plant Replacement	Plant Procurement and Disposal	A controlled program of RFQs for replacement plant for FY25 are being released to the industry. A RFQ for a rigid truck was released in this period with others to be released periodically.
Plant Utilisation	Plant Utilisation data from NAVMAN for Graders, Loaders, Prime Mover, Scraper and Stabiliser	Ausfleet, Council's new fleet management information system went live on 31 October 2024. Utilisation reports from Ausfleet will be available in 3 months after the programs commissioning.
Workshop Operations	General Update	The Longreach Workshop is carrying two vacancies. One of these positions is the leading hand mechanic that is critical to the workshop's operations. The first-round advertisement failed to attract suitable applicants. The position has been re-advertised on the job website SEEK with a closing day of 18 November 2024. The workshop has commenced a programme to weigh Council's light vehicles and trucks to ensure compliance with mass regulations.
Radio Communications and Vehicle Telematics	Working Group	Following discussion at the Change Advisory Meeting on 21 August 2024, a Business Case is being prepared for the next Change Advisory Meeting scheduled for a date in November 2024. As part of this project Council is trialling a sample of Personal Locator Beacons that will provide for distress alerting however, without voice-to-voice capability.
New Fleet Management Information System (FMIS)	Implement	Following user training for Fleet staff the new Fleet Management Information System (AusFleet) went live on 31 October 2024. A typical screenshot and a list of available reports are displayed in the following page. The implementation will be conducted in two phases. Phase 1 will focus on utilising AusFleet for programmed maintenance. This strategy will enable Fleet staff to familiarise with the program before it is rolled out to all staff that will enable

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Project	Task	Comment
		<p>electronic service requests to be made and conduct prestart inspections.</p> <p>Managing and monitoring prestart inspections is a mandatory requirement under work health and safety regulations.</p>

Typical Screen Shot

Fleet number	Registration	Driver	Fleet type	Make	Model	Series	Body	Status
10030	YQ455R	CHARLES KEENE	WHITE FLEET	ROADWEST TRANSPORT	TRI AXLE		DOLLY	IN SERVICE
10031	YQ465R	CHARLES KEENE	WHITE FLEET	ROADWEST TRANSPORT	B TRAILER		TRAILER	IN SERVICE
10032	173D14	BRETT WALSH	WHITE FLEET	TOYOTA	PRADO	WAGON	WAGON	IN SERVICE
10033	703EQ8	JEFFREY NEWTON	WHITE FLEET	TOYOTA	HILUX	SR	TRUCK	IN SERVICE
10034	715EQ8	JONATHAN HARVEY	WHITE FLEET	TOYOTA	HILUX	SR	EXTRA CAB	IN SERVICE
10036	XB96HK	MICHAEL POLE	WHITE FLEET	ISUZU	RUBBISH TRUCK		GARBAGE TRUCK	IN SERVICE
10038	10038	GEORGE WOODFIELD	PLANT SMALL	KUBOTA	SQ3140B-AU-B		GENERATOR	IN SERVICE
10039	872FF4	GRANT HARVEY	WHITE FLEET	TOYOTA	HILUX	WORKMATE	EXTRA CAB	IN SERVICE
10040	054GX7	JAMES DOYLE	WHITE FLEET	TOYOTA	HILUX	SR	EXTRA CAB	IN SERVICE
10041	5551G5	MICHAEL URICHARD	WHITE FLEET	TOYOTA	HILUX	SR	DUAL CAB	IN SERVICE

Reports Available



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:

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

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14.2 - Director of Works Report

14.2 Director of Works Report

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

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

As per the approved 2024/25 budget

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: André Pretorius, Director of Works

Background:

The Director of Works provides an update to Council on his activities on a monthly basis and should be read in conjunction with the Works Information Report.

Issue:

Following is a summary of main activities undertaken for the period to 31 October 2024

Strategic Leadership

Key:  Completed  In Progress  Not Started

Name	Description	Status
Longreach Flood Study	Received comments from Peer Reviewer regarding the technical brief. Currently finalising the Brief for Services.	

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Longreach Transport Plan	Currently in the process of reviewing and updating the Roads Register	●
Ilfracombe Elevated Reservoir	In the process of finalising the Technical Brief before calling for Quotes/Tenders	●
Bridge and Major Culvert Inspections	Level 2 and 3 inspections of our major bridges and culverts in progress. This is via the ORRTG. Inspections have been completed and we are waiting for the draft report.	●
Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Review	Submitted Drinking Water Quality Management Plan to the Regulator for their final review.	●
Isisford Wastewater CED pond investigation and Flow Study	Consultation with consultant with regards to preliminary investigations and flow study	●
Longreach Weir Raising Project	Brief for Services being developed. Discussions with potential services providers.	●

Operational Management

- Inspect some of the drinking water service infrastructure, with the Regulator for them to provide an opportunity for any questions or feedback regarding the amended DWQMP currently being considered by the Regulator.
- Commenced pumping of water from the Fairmount Weir to the Longreach Town Weir pool as per the Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan
- Engaged with Contractor with regards to the UV process train at the Ilfracombe Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant due to a faulty unit.
- Engaged with Supervisors with regards to flood damage work packages
- Engaged with a consultant to commence with the Isisford sewage flow study.

Financial Management

- Attended monthly Flood Damage progress meeting.

Workforce Capability

- Continue process for review of the Organisational Structure
- Attended internal Works meeting to assign responsibilities based on the responses received from the community forms.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Attended Community Forums in Yaraka, Ilfracombe and Longreach
- Attended ORRTG technical committee meeting.
- Attended RAPADWSA technical meeting.
- Attended Traffic Advisory Group Meeting
- Attended Drought Management Response Team Meeting to discuss the implementation of Level 2 Water Restrictions in Longreach.
- Provided feedback to TMR regarding the planned works on Jundah Road pavement rehabilitation between Road Chainages: 112850 – 119330.
- Met with our SCADA/Telemetry provider regarding required upgrades to our water and sewer communication systems.

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- Met with a consultant to discuss project management services for the Longreach Weirs Project.
- Met with consultant to engage their services for the cycleways, Longreach State High School carpark and Jubiru Street/Plover Street intersections.

Risk:

- The main initial infrastructure risks to Council are listed below.

Key:



Risk	Description	Treatment	Rating
General			
Procurement and Project delivery	Delays in project delivery due to availability of local contractors causing reputational damage, delays and potential budget overruns	Regular reviews regarding workload and commitments of Contractors working on Council projects.	
Transport and Aerodromes/Landing Strips			
Town Streets, Footpaths and Traffic Facilities	While intervention levels are mostly met when an issue arise in terms of reactive work, consideration should be given to aging infrastructure.	Review, update and implement an asset inspection program with regards to traffic facilities, footpaths and the like. Council to allocate appropriate funding during budgeting processes. Review of the Transport Plan	
Rural Roads	Council have limited funds available for maintaining or renewing rural roads and associated road infrastructure. While rural roads are in good condition and is meeting required service standards, the level of service for each rural road should be reviewed to determine required levels of service and or renewals or upgrades. Traffic facilities not meeting required levels of service.	Examine and review the Transport Plan in considering available funds and in consultation with Stakeholders. The Transport Plan should follow relevant Austroads, ARRB, TMR guidelines and Australian Standards, to ensure a standard and defensible approach. Mapping of defects and the implementation of a proactive replacement/renewal program within Council's financial constraints.	

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Risk	Description	Treatment	Rating
Aerodromes/landing strips	Increase in maintenance effort when there is a decrease in usage.	Examine services, assets and business processes to reduce fixed costs in Council so that it becomes more adaptable and resilient. Discussion with services provider scheduled in November to gain an understanding of our Responsibilities and Risk Management as asset owner	 
Quarries / Extractive Mining	Existing Quarry Areas use rights extinguished as a result of no Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) in place.	Commence with the ILUA process and/or find alternative sources. Potential budget item for 25/26 if gravel stockpile option is considered.	 
Water			
Water security	Risk of failure of water supplies due to delayed wet season or lack of rainfall to replenish water sources Treated water storage tanks/reservoir fail or does not recover during peak demand conditions.	Actively monitor water production and water levels at sources. Timely implementation of Water Restrictions. Review and update Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan Develop a Servicing Strategy that considers future growth areas and potential impacts to critical infrastructure. Community awareness and education regarding water usage. Implementation of water restrictions and/or other intervention until problem is resolved. Develop a Servicing Strategy that considers future growth areas and potential impacts and/or upgrade requirements to critical infrastructure.	

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Risk	Description	Treatment	Rating
Raw water	Raw water assets are nearing its end-of useful life with insufficient cost recovery for future renewal or replacement. Potential for cross connections affecting the integrity of the drinking water supply network	Examine services, assets and business processes to reduce fixed costs in Council so that it becomes more adaptable and resilient. Conduct audits and test the integrity of the drinking water system to confirm compliance with Drinking Water Quality Management Plan.	 
Sewer			
Treatment and disposal	Treatment Plants are nearing their end of life, could be hydraulically overloaded, do not provide operational flexibility or change in legislative/discharge requirements.	Examine services, assets and processes. Commence with or confirm investigations in terms of waste water generation, sewer loads, etc. Include renewal and maintenance requirements in Asset Management Plans	  
Waste			
Waste Management	Waste at facilities not being treated in accordance with relevant Regulations/Guidelines Waste received (i.e. tyres) are higher than expected quantities	Review of Management Plans to ensure compliance. Conduct audit to determine origin of waste. Implement management measures.	  
Unauthorized dumping and Scavenging	Uncontrolled access at unattended sites	Review of Management Plans to consider access control	
Plant and Fleet			
Plant and Fleet	Examine services, assets and business processes to reduce fixed costs in Council so that it becomes more adaptable and resilient. Plant procured and/or replaced to be fit for purpose.	Continue with the implementation and review of fleet replacement program.	

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Community Consultation:

Nil

Environmental Management Factors:

Nil

Other Comments:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented

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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