

LONGREACH TOWN COMMON TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Land Management Plan applies to: A specific class of Trust Land (detailed in 3 below)

Land Management Plan Duration: 2007 – 2016 (annual review)

1. COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION, PLANNING SCHEMES, etc

This plan complies with the following relevant legislation and policy:

Land Act
Longreach Shire Town Plan

2. TRUSTEE DETAILS

Trustee's Name/s

Longreach Shire Council

Trustee's Addresses

96a Eagle Street, Longreach Qld 4730

3. EXISTING TENURE OF THE SUBJECT LAND

The property description and tenure of subject land are described below:

Lot	Plan	Tenure
1	SP142648	Reserve
2	CP898663	Reserve
3	SP123565	Reserve
4	SP177544	Reserve

BACKGROUND

In 2002 and 2003 extensive community consultation was conducted by the Longreach Town Common Group to develop the Longreach Town Common Draft Management Plan with the aim of assisting the Longreach Shire Council and the community manage the Longreach town common. The Longreach community outlined actions in the 2003 draft plan with implementation allocated to several groups and organisations, including custodians and users. Actions from this draft plan that have been completed during the past four years, are outlined in the 'achievements' section below.

In late 2006 Desert Channels Queensland and the Longreach Shire Council began planning the development of a Trust Land Management Plan. This project has four main phases:

1. Key stakeholders including Town Common Group members, Longreach Shire Council representatives and Queensland (Qld) Government departmental representatives were invited to participate in a two-day workshop to review and build on the existing draft town common plan, along with current information to develop the 2007 Longreach Town Common Draft Trust Land Management Plan. This workshop was held on 12 and 13 February and involved Longreach Shire Council, Desert Channels Queensland, Natural Resources and Water, Longreach Land Care and Town Common Group, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, Indigenous community representatives, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Main Roads.
2. Longreach Shire Council released the draft plan for community input. Community consultation included:
 - a. an advertorial being included in the Longreach Leader,
 - b. an information flyer distributed to every mail and post box in the Longreach Shire,
 - c. radio interviews,
 - d. feedback mechanisms via email, face-to-face or fax through the Longreach Shire Council and Desert Channels Qld
 - e. the draft plan and an invitation to the community meeting delivered to sporting and community groups who use the common; and
 - f. a community meeting held on 28 March, 2007.
3. Community input incorporated into the draft plan and a second workshop held on 24 April, 2007 with the key people implementing the plan. During this workshop the roles and responsibilities for the management and use of the common were defined.
4. The final plan submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and Water for approval and ratified by Longreach Shire Council.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

Several actions from the 2003 plan have been completed and as a result of these actions the overall aesthetic appearance and ecological and cultural integrity of the Longreach Town Common has improved. This success is recognised, celebrated and will be built on in this Trust Land Management Plan.

Just a few of the achievements on the town common to date include:

- Improved rubbish collection and removal through designated rubbish sites being established, notably at Apex Riverside Park
- A managed process for camping along the river so that camping is now only permitted at Apex Riverside Park for a maximum of four nights for locals and tourists
- Iningai Nature Reserve has been established and is an increasing attraction for exercisers, tourists and nature lovers
- Control of declared plants through a partnership between Longreach Shire Council and Longreach Landcare
- Maintenance of the old highway as a pedestrians' access for cyclists, pram and stroller pushers, walkers, joggers and families

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Participants in the February workshop used the existing plan and current information to refine the vision for the town common, develop the mission, establish a list of guiding principles, strategic directions and goals that form the foundation on which the 2007 Trust Land Management Plan is developed and implemented.

VISION

A healthy common enjoyed by the community.

Our community

Our common

Our responsibility

MISSION

To provide the Longreach Shire and community with a plan to work towards the sustainable management of the town common through ongoing community involvement

- Being future focused building on past success
- Provide an evolving plan
- Defining roles and responsibilities
- Provide advice on practical and workable local laws
- Foster and maintain relationships with other agencies and encourage their ongoing commitment
- Promotion through celebration of achievements

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following should apply to the 2007 Longreach Town Common Trust Land Management Plan and/or its intended outcomes:

- Timely – actions, implementation, monitoring and revision are conducted in a relevant timeframe (defined period) and are accountable now and the future
- Relevant - easy and simple to put into action
- Inclusive, involving and collaborative – processes are established to involve parties who are affected or who are specialists/advisors in decisions and where appropriate, in actions.
- Innovative – actively seek new and creative ideas, while avoiding duplication
- Practical and achievable – ensure the plan remains simple, straightforward and able to be done
- Lawful – ensure the plan complies with all statutory obligations
- Factual – deal with facts, not opinions
- Ensuring of commitment – continual obligation of all parties to evolve and progress the plan
- Purposeful – outline a sequence of steps that will help parties move toward realistic and concise goals
- Accountable, open and transparent – include mechanisms for review that will ensure the plan is credible, ethical and responsible and can withstand public scrutiny
- In plain English – the plan is written in English that is readily understood by the majority of the community that needs to understand the message
- Measurable – qualifies goals and actions so they can be monitored for progress and completion
- Sustainable – the plan works toward ongoing, long-lasting, renewable outcomes for the common that do not cause irreparable damage

The overall strategic direction outlined in this draft plan has been formed by applying the main values of the town common identified in the 2003 Longreach Town Common Draft Management Plan. Those values are (not in order of priority):

1. Our Common, Our Common Good
2. Land management and Conservation
3. Education
4. Historical / Cultural
5. Recreation
6. Water Management
7. Commercial

GOALS:

The workshop participants collaboratively formed the following goals for your consideration and approval.

VALUE	GOAL
1. Our Common, Our Common Good	1.1 For Council to seek/receive timely and appropriate advice on all issues to do with the town common
	1.2 For the open space of the town common to be preserved for use by community, visitors, flora and fauna alike (ie ensure a continuing sustainable diversity of use)
2. Land Management and Conservation 2. Land Management and Conservation continued	2.1 For the Town Common to be a leading example of environmental management
	2.2 Understand areas of high risk and vulnerability on the town common
	2.3 Manage threats in high risk areas
	2.4 Secure the future of the Iningai Nature Reserve
	2.5 To ensure that all use (stock and people access) of the town common is undertaken in accordance with appropriate standards and legislation
	2.6 To Minimise the intrusion of roads and tracks in the common (see Recreation and Commercial Usage Access requirements)
3. Education	3.1 To ensure that all users of the common are aware of their responsibilities in using the common and encourage mutual respect
	3.2 To promote to the wider community an awareness of the natural and cultural heritage values and wise use of the common
	3.3 Communicate town common initiatives to the community to enhance awareness and ownership
4. Historical / Cultural	4.1 Ensure cultural heritage sites are managed, conserved and restored appropriately
	4.2 Educate and promote the history and current and changing culture of the town common

VALUE	GOAL
5. Recreation	5.1 Work with the community to understand the various uses and set aside/nominate appropriate areas for those uses
	5.2 Ensure appropriate and safe access is provided and known (including appropriate signage)
	5.3 Involve the users in the development and maintenance of facilities and the environment
	5.4 Ensure that recreation facilities on the common are of an appropriate standard and are in an appropriate area.
6. Water Management	6.1 To have good quality water that meets environmental and users' need for Longreach and downstream
7. Commercial	7.1 Apply an overarching strategy to manage all commercial use
	7.2 Ensure saleyard stock grazing is appropriate
	7.3 Ensure responsible grazing agistment – drovers' stock
	7.4 Ensure responsible grazing agistment – horses
	7.5 Promote tourism in the town common and manage its impact
	7.6 Manage sustainable use of natural resources

IMPLEMENTATION

Using the strategic directions and goals plan development participants formed the following action tables, using the 2003 plan as a resource.

VALUE: OUR COMMON OUR COMMON GOOD					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
1.1 For Council to seek/receive timely and appropriate advice on all issues to do with the town common	1.1.1 LSC determine appropriate process and mechanism	1.1.1 Formal feedback mechanisms in place	2007	LSC	
	1.1.2 A new overall Advisory Committee to be formed (including for example Town Common Group, recreation and other interest groups, including Multipurpose group) and consulted as issues arise or prior to meetings such as the Rural Lands Advisory Committee	1.1.2a Advisory Group formed 1.1.2b Consultation conducted	2007	LSC (if an Advisory Committee) TCG and Community (if a Community Committee)	
1.2 For the open space of the town common to be preserved for use by community, visitors, native flora and fauna	1.2.1 Review any future proposed sub-division of the town common in consultation with the Advisory Group	1.2.1 LSC takes advice on any subdivisions from the community through the Advisory Group	As required	LSC NRW	

VALUE: LAND MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
2.1 For the Town Common to be a leading example of environmental management	2.1.1 Develop an environmental and conservation strategy for the town common	2.1.1a Strategy in place and approved by stakeholders	2008	LSC TCG / LLC DCQ EPA NRW	Link with 7.1.1, 2.1.7, 2.2 and 2.3
	2.1.2 Education and enforcement of anti-littering legislation	2.1.2a Reduction in annual rubbish collection on clean up days	ongoing	LSC TCG / LLC	
	2.1.3 Rehabilitate old town dump site	2.1.3a Restore site and fence (Site is high and is useful for stock & wildlife during floods)	2008	LSC	Landcare funding?
	2.1.4 Eradication of pests (animals and weeds)	2.1.4a Implement Pest Management Plan	ongoing	LSC NRW	
	2.1.5 Map significant ecological sites (vegetation, wetlands etc) on common	2.1.5 Maps prepared	2008	EPA / DCQ LSC TCG / LLC NRW	Link to other mapping in this plan
	2.1.6 Maintain significant ecological sites (Such as native vegetation including groundcover especially endemic [i.e. local native] perennials)	2.1.6a Plan established for maintenance of sites 2.1.6b Establish monitoring sites	2009 on	LSC EPA	Plans for maintenance to be included in strategy 2.1.1 EPA – input/advice into how to maintain DCQ – potential funding
	2.1.7 Develop a fire management strategy (for conservation)	2.1.7a Strategy in place and stakeholders approve	2008	LSC EPA TCG / LLC DPIF Neighbours QFRA	Link to 2.1.1 and Stock Route M'ment and Counter Disaster M'ment plan EPA - input/advice into how to maintain Specific Iningai Park management required

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GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
	2.1.8 Ensure adequate corridors link grassland and shrub/woodland communities	2.1.8 Maintain wildlife corridors	2008-09	LSC EPA NRW	
	2.1.9 Promote native fish survival and avoid introduction of exotic species	2.1.9a Bag limits enforced 2.1.9b Provide a brochure on fish identification at boat ramp to encourage destruction of exotic fish	ongoing	DPIF Community Longreach Fishing Club	Link to 7.5.3 (Fishing comp. guideline review)
	2.1.10 Control feral and domestic animals on Common (Dogs, cats etc)	2.1.10 Reduction in complaints on wildlife and stock attacked by feral and domestic animals	Ongoing	LSC EPA TCG / LLC Neighbours	EPA and Police – deal with wildlife complaints
	2.1.11 Examine stormwater controls on the Cramsie Industrial Estate (Including saleyards) to minimise potential impacts on the Cramsie Lagoon	2.1.11a Stormwater plan prepared 2.1.11b Users implementing appropriate stormwater controls	Ongoing	LSC DPIF	
	2.1.12 Minimise light intrusion into common area	2.1.12a Examine existing lighting on and adjacent to common (eg showgrounds, and Apex Riverside Park) to determine ability to modify lighting to minimise intrusion 2.1.12b Modify planning requirements to include consideration of light spillage on to common by any development.	2009 Ongoing	LSC User groups Sports groups	
2.2 Understand areas of high risk and vulnerability on the town common	2.2.1 Map and assess uses that may pose risks or threats to town common such as pollution, weeds, tracks, saleyards, sewerage, wash down facility, boat ramp, dump, etc	2.2.1 Map complete	2008	LSC DCQ EPA NRW MR QR Indigenous	DCQ – provide mapping MR – state controlled road only Work with neighbours on weeds near boundary.

VALUE: LAND MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
	2.2.2 Map erosion areas	2.2.2 Map complete	2008	LSC DCQ, NRW MR, QR EPA	As above Specialist – eg Lew Markey (not in DPIF role) EPA – water quality
2.3 Manage threats in high risk areas	2.3.1 Monitor sites identified as high risk	2.3.1a Monitor sites regularly 2.3.1b Information from monitoring going to Town Common Advisory Group	2007	LSC DCQ, EPA NRW, DPIF MR (state road only) QR	Work with neighbours on weeds near boundary. Link back to 1.3.1
	2.3.2 Develop and implement a plan, in consultation with key stakeholders, to manage risk areas	2.3.2 Contain and where possible eradicate risks	2007	LSC DCQ, EPA NRW, DPIF MR, QR	Work with neighbours
2.4 Secure the future of Iningai Nature Park	2.4.1 Get Reserve gazetted (eg Nature Refuge)	2.4.1 Application submitted to NRW	June 2007	LSC NRW EPA	TCG / LLC
2.5 To ensure that all use (Stock and people access) of the town common is undertaken in accordance with appropriate standards and legislation	2.5.1 Maintain appropriate gates and fencing a) Map all existing fencing and gates b) Prepare a desired fencing and gate plan with references to all uses (including recreational access) c) Implement plan including removal of old fencing no longer used d) Removal of any illegal fencing identified	2.5.1a All gates and fencing in sound condition and old unused fencing removed 2.5.1b Mapped 2.5.1c Plan prepared 2.5.1d Ongoing maintenance plan implemented	ongoing	LSC DPIF Neighbours	

VALUE: LAND MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
	2.5.2 Develop a pasture management plan	2.5.2 Plan written and in use	2008	LSC	Link to 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 DPIF – input and advice
	2.5.3 Develop an animal welfare plan	2.5.3 Plan written and in use	2008	LSC DPIF	
2.6 To Minimise the intrusion of roads and tracks in the common (see Recreation and Commercial Usage Access requirements)	2.6.1 Develop a road maintenance strategy	2.6.1 Strategy written and in use	2008-09	LSC MR QR	MR – maintenance of state controlled roads
	2.6.2 Manage access routes to minimise impacts	2.6.2 Reduced number of access tracks in use and with the decisions of which track remain, made on the recommendation of the Town Common Advisory group	ongoing	LSC User Groups Commercial users	
	2.6.3a Map existing tracks b) Prepare plan of required access to be maintained c) Close tracks in areas where erosion or vegetation damage is occurring and rehabilitate d) Identification of and separation of walking and vehicular tracks	2.6.3 Decisions made, put in place and explained to the community	2007 on	LSC TCG / LLC DCQ	Link to other mapping DCQ – integrate mapping data

VALUE: EDUCATION					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
3.1 To ensure that all users of the common are aware of their responsibilities in using the common and encourage mutual respect	3.1.1 Visitor brochure	3.1.1 Update brochure	Ongoing	LTA LSC TCG/ LLC DCQ	Link to 3.2.1a Refer to Iningai brochure (EPA) DCQ – potential funding
	3.1.2 Liaise with key groups such as the motorbike club and water sports club regarding safe and respectful use of the common	3.1.2a Liaison process written 3.1.2b Liaison process undertaken 3.1.2c No complaints received at Council of disruptions, noise or dust on the common	Ongoing	LSC Community / User Groups TCG/ LLC Police	
	3.1.3 Foster tolerance and understanding between user groups	3.1.3 Via positive media stories	2007 on	LSC Plus all stakeholders	
3.2 To promote to the wider community an awareness of the natural and cultural heritage values and wise use of the common	3.2.1 Produce an educational document on the cultural and natural heritage values of the common	3.2.1 Brochure/booklet prepared and distributed	2008	LTA / LSC TCG / LLC DCQ Indigenous reps/Groups Historical Society	Link to 3.1.1 DCQ – potentially providing funding and maps
	3.2.2 Identify signage needs and erect signage (eg Lake Eyre Basin map, directional signage, use signage, warning signs, common map, points of interest etc)	3.2.2a Signage plan prepared 3.2.2b Signs Erected 3.2.2c Signs maintained	2008 2010 ongoing	LSC TCG/ LLC DCQ Historical Society	DCQ – potential funding Community Service Groups – potential funding
	3.2.3 Organised Iningai Nature Park tours	3.2.3 Regular tours operated	Ongoing	TCG / LLC	EPA – brochures provided Link to 3.1.1 and 3.2.1

VALUE: EDUCATION					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
	3.2.4 Hold a 'Care for the Common Week' (Link with Sport & Recreation)	3.2.4 Number of participants	annual	TCG / LLC LSC DCQ Advisory Group Community	DCQ – potential funding
3.3 Communicate town common initiatives to the community to enhance awareness and ownership	3.3.1 Media stories – paper and radio	3.3.1a Town Common Advisory Group to identify how community can best be kept aware 3.3.1b Number of positive stories appearing in the media	2007-08	DCQ / LSC TCG / LLC	DCQ – Basin Bullet

VALUE: HISTORICAL / CULTURAL					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
4.1 Ensure cultural heritage sites are managed, conserved and restored appropriately	4.1.1 Indigenous – follow all appropriate legislation and Council protocols	4.1.1a Assist Indigenous group to undertake surveys if required 4.1.1b No recorded breaches	2007	Indigenous Reps /Groups LSC Community	DCQ – Indigenous facilitator available
	4.1.2 Non-Indigenous – survey, research and document town common history and historic sites (e.g. Chinese gardens and grave sites)	4.1.2 Survey and comprehensive report completed	End 2008	LSC Historical Society	Add to mapping DCQ – support for mapping
	4.1.3 Consultation and decision making regarding management of this information and sites	4.1.3 Consultation complete and management plan produced	End 2009	LSC Community Indigenous Reps/Groups Historical Society	
4.2 Educate and promote the history, and current and changing culture of the town common	4.2.1 Develop education and promotion strategy in conjunction with traditional owners for indigenous history (include promotion of legislation)	4.2.1 Consultation and strategy complete	End 2008	Indigenous reps/Groups LSC Community LTA	DCQ – Indigenous facilitator available
	4.2.2 Develop education and promotion strategy for non-indigenous history	4.2.2 Consultation and strategy complete	End 2009	Historical Society / LSC TCG / LLC Community LTA	

VALUE: RECREATION					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
5.1 Work with the community to understand the various uses and set aside/nominate appropriate areas for those uses	5.1.1 Identify and designate areas for various uses (eg swimming such as a beach at Riverside Park, water skiing area, jet ski area etc)	5.1.1a Map current uses 5.1.1b Obtain agreement of these areas and uses 5.1.1c Map of designated areas displayed via signboard at key locations on the common 5.1.1d Designated areas established and signed 5.1.1e Rehabilitate areas no longer required for old uses	2008	LSC DPIF TCG / LLC User groups Relevant sports clubs and groups	See other mapping
	5.1.2 Control camping – provide seasonal supervision	5.1.2 Compliance to camping regulations	Ongoing	LSC Community TCG / LLC LSC	June 2008 - new local laws developed by State Government Link with 5.1.2
	5.1.3 Develop Allowable Camping Policy for Common including standard set of conditions applicable	5.1.3a Draft Policy developed 5.1.3b Community Consulted on policy 5.1.3c Policy adopted.			
	5.1.4 Encourage camping in designated controlled areas by provision of attractive facilities in those areas (i.e. access and fireplaces etc) and restricting vehicular access (See 2.3 and 2.4) to other areas not conducive to intensive camping	5.1.4a define proposed areas for more intensive area for camping (other than Apex Riverside Park) in light of existing adjoining uses 5.1.4b prepare development plan for these areas 5.1.4c implement development plan			
5.1 Work with the	5.1.5 Exclude all	5.1.5 Regeneration sites	2007-08	LSC / EPA	DCQ – potential funding

VALUE: RECREATION					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
	incompatible uses from areas where regeneration of vegetation is needed	established where required		NRW DCQ	EPA – specialist advice particularly in relation to species Link to 2.2.2
	5.1.6 Area upstream from Boatman zoned suitable for water skiing and jet skis	5.1.6 Designated area for water sports established and signed	End 2008	LSC / DPIF Water Sports & Skiing Club	
	5.1.7 Erect boating safety signage at boat ramp area	5.1.7 Signage erected	End 2008	LSC DPIF	Link to 3.2.2
	5.1.8 Designate an area for motorcycle riding and enforce	5.1.8a Signage and fencing 5.1.8b Liaise with Club on areas out of bounds for bikes	End 2008	LSC / Motor - cycle Club Police	
	5.1.9 Liaise with Motorcycle Club regarding Club events	5.1.9 Safe motorcycle events on the common	Ongoing	LSC / Motor - cycle Club	
	5.1.10 Zone area of Elibank Creek as suitable for horse trail rides	5.1.10a Discussions held between Council and Pony Club 5.1.10b Agreed zone set-up and published	2008	LSC / Horse Sports Groups	
	5.1.11 Ensure there are safe tracks for walkers and cyclists	5.1.11 Leave the old road to the river for walkers and cyclists	Ongoing	LSC	Demaining of the old road MR – possible funding source
5.2 Ensure appropriate and safe access is provided and known (including appropriate signage)	5.2.1 Clearly sign access points to areas of use including horse trail rides, bike tracks, walking tracks, designated swimming zone	5.2.1 Erect appropriate signage	2007-08	LSC User Groups	Link to 5.1.1 and 3.2.2 Community service groups – potential funding
5.3 Involve the	5.3.1 Identify user groups	5.3.1 List of Clubs, Associations	End 2007	LSC	

VALUE: RECREATION					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
users in the development and maintenance of facilities and the environment		and Groups connected to or using the common		TCG / LLC Multipurpose Group	
	5.3.2 Negotiate an MOU or Code of Conduct with these groups for the various uses	5.3.2 Signed MOU's	End 2008	LSC / User groups	
	5.3.3 Develop mechanisms for input and involvement by the groups	5.3.3 See Our Common, Our Common Good section (Advisory / Community Committee)	2007-08	LSC / User Groups	
5.4 Ensure that recreation facilities on the common are of an appropriate standard and are in an appropriate area.	5.4.1 Identify improvements in consultation with user groups	5.4.1 A list of priorities for improvements	Ongoing	User Groups / LSC	Link/comply with 2.1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 7.1.1, 5.3.2 and 5.3.3
	5.4.2 Source grant money to fund improvements	5.4.2 Successful funding applications	Ongoing	User Groups Multipurpose Group LSC	Link with 5.3.2 and 5.3.3
	5.4.3 Develop a management action plan for designated areas and clarify roles for implementation	5.4.3 Action plan in place	End 2008	LSC / User Groups	Link with 5.3.2 and 5.3.3
	5.4.4 Maintenance of rubbish stations	5.4.4 Tidy, rubbish free common and adjoining waterways	Ongoing	LSC	
	5.4.5 Restrict fires to fireplaces and provide firewood. Ban fires in some areas/ seasons.	5.4.5 Educational signage erected	2009	LSC User Groups	User Groups – provide own firewood from appropriate source

VALUE: WATER MANAGEMENT					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
6.1 To have good quality water that meets environmental and users' need both in Longreach and downstream (refer to Recreation and Land Management and Conservation sections)	6.1.1 Continue with rubbish removal strategies	6.1.1 Clean water way and reduction in rubbish	Ongoing	LSC Community TCG / LLC	
	6.1.2 Education of users regarding waterhole features and appropriate toileting	6.1.2 Clean river banks	Ongoing	LSC / LTA EPA DCQ NRW Neighbours	Possible project on upper weir re stock watering / reducing animal faeces into river DCQ – possible funding source
	6.1.3 Promotion of waterwise extension techniques	6.1.3 Reduced per capita town water usage	Ongoing	LSC DCQ, NRW DPIF	Schools education
	6.1.4 Formalise water users group and establish triggers for limiting water use including domestic, stock, irrigation and recreation	6.1.4a Group formalised 6.1.4b Triggers established	August 2007	LSC / Water Users Group	Refer to regional water management document
	6.1.5 Develop/revise protocol for water quality monitoring	6.1.5 Water monitoring protocol in place	End 2007	NRW / LSC EPA DPIF	EPA & DPIF – currently monitoring water informally in Dec EPA – school science project NRW – gauging station (conductivity, PH, temperature and heights) Monitors across catchments, ambient water quality monitoring LSC responsible for monitoring quality of drinking water
	6.1.6 Monitor vessel use on river system	6.1.6 Waterhole not being damaged by overused	Annual Ongoing	DPIF / LSC	Policy developed on vessel use on river eg house boats Link with 7.1

VALUE: WATER MANAGEMENT					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
	6.1.7 Comply with existing and future water management strategies (eg Cooper Catchment)	6.1.7 Compliance	Ongoing	NRW LSC Water users	
	6.1.8 Monitoring of refuse and waste disposal from water craft	6.1.8 No significant incidents		DPIF LSC	

VALUE: COMMERCIAL					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
7.1 Apply an overarching strategy to manage all commercial use	7.1.1 Develop an overarching strategy for commercial use of the common	7.1.1 Strategy completed and is accepted by stakeholders	Mid 2008	LSC Commercial users	Relates to 7.5.4 Develop code of practice
	7.1.2 Implement existing mechanisms (Local Laws) to control commercial usage of common	7.1.2 Local Law being adhered to	Ongoing	LSC	
7.2 Ensure saleyard stock grazing is appropriate	7.2.1 Council to assess pasture conditions (prior to issuing permits to depasture)	7.2.1 Include this action in the relevant officers position description	Ongoing	LSC DPIF	DPIF training of LCS staff (eg Stocktake program available from DPIF) LSC - Records kept on pasture assessment
	7.2.2 Set agistment fee per head higher than yard fodder feeding costs	7.2.2 Fee per head > saleyard fodder costs per head	ongoing	LSC Land Advisory Committee	Report the annual figure
7.3 Ensure responsible grazing agistment – drovers' stock	7.3.1 Council to direct drovers to low-impact watering points away from visitor areas	7.3.1 Cattle watered away from high impact areas	ongoing	LSC NRW DCQ	NRW – appeal authority DCQ - potential funding for water infrastructure and fencing
	7.3.2 Conditions of traveling stock permits for stock traversing common on Stock route to require that stock must move through the common in one day	7.3.2 Establish allowable camping points at extremities of common with water facilities and make these the only allowable camping spots for traveling stock			
	7.3.3 Council to monitor pasture as above	7.3.3 Adequate pasture left after agistment	Ongoing	LSC NRW DPIF	NRW – currently undertaking stocktake of pasture
	7.3.4 When river is dry below lower weir – cattle to cross there	7.3.4 Practice being followed	Ongoing	LSC NRW	

VALUE: COMMERCIAL					
GOALS	ACTIONS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (OUTCOMES)	TIME LINE	AGENCY / GROUP	NOTES
7.4 Ensure responsible grazing agistment – horses	7.4.1 Ensure Council has sufficient resources to manage horses on the common	7.4.1a Review current agistment fees 7.4.1b Every horse paid for	Annually	LSC	
	7.4.2 LLO to monitor pasture as above (and in relation to weather changes)	7.4.2 Adequate pasture present (DPIF Stocktake)	Ongoing	LSC DPIF	
	7.4.3 Investigate restricted areas for agistment (as in Mt Isa) with appropriate fencing (see 2.5)	7.4.3 Develop as part of overarching strategy above Proposal completed on time	Mid 2008	LSC	DCQ – potential funding for fencing
	7.4.4 Establish and implement code of practice for keeping of horses on common (e.g. mustering, vet attention and keeping animal in reasonable condition)	7.4.4a Prepare code 7.4.4b Require horse owners to acknowledge and implement code		LSC DPIF	DPIF – assist with code
7.5 Promote tourism in the town common and manage its impact	7.5.1 Identify existing activities	7.5.1&2 Increased tourism numbers	Ongoing	LSC LTA	
	7.5.2 Identify promotion activities				
	7.5.3 Review fishing competition guidelines	7.5.3 Positive feedback / lack of complaints	Annually	LSC Long. Fishing Club, DPIF	
	7.5.4 Develop code of practice	7.5.4 Code prepared	Mid 2008	LSC , LTA , DCQ , NRW , DPIF , EPA	Link back to 7.1.1
7.6 Manage sustainable use of natural resources	7.6.1 Manage quarry materials – all removals of quarry materials to be covered by appropriate permits and by Council plan	7.6.1 All removals permitted appropriately	Ongoing	NRW LSC	EPA
	7.6.2 Sustainable Management Plan developed, including rehabilitation plan	7.6.2a Plan completed on time and accepted by stakeholders 7.6.2b No EPA improvement notices	Mid 2008 Ongoing	NRW LSC DCQ DPIF EPA	

MONITORING AND REVISION

The usefulness and worth of this plan depends entirely on the ongoing commitment of custodians and users to implement the actions outlined. The success of this process will be measured by ongoing monitoring and timely revision. Monitoring measures if the town common's natural resources have changed and how they have changed, and how use of the common affects the common. Monitoring also helps assess how effectively the 2007 Trust Land Management Plan is being implemented. Ongoing monitoring and research equip stakeholders with timely information that assists in decision making on how best to manage the common and increases people's understanding of what is being achieved.

What is being monitored?

The key issues being monitored are the values of the common as outlined earlier;

- Our Common, Our Common Good
- Land management and Conservation
- Education
- Historical / Cultural
- Recreation
- Water Management
- Commercial

Every action, key performance indicator and timeline under each of these values will be monitored as part of this process.

Who is responsible for monitoring and how is it being monitored?

Each action stated in the plan has one or several agencies or groups responsible for implementation. The agency/group listed first is the *lead agency*, which was negotiated amongst key stakeholders in a workshop. *This lead agency/group is responsible for driving the monitoring and evaluation for that action including individually monitoring their performance in relation to achieving the agreed key performance indicators in the agreed timeframe. If there are multiple groups/agencies involved in implementing an action monitoring may be conducted collectively. Implementers will determine what means of monitoring and evaluation is most appropriate for each action; how to track progress and how to report outcomes, achievements or non-compliance.* Monitoring mechanisms may include such activities as camper or tourist surveys, *Stocktake* assessment of pastures, water level measurements against set triggers, and visual assessment of vegetation rehabilitation sites.

On an annual basis all key stakeholders, including government agencies, the Town Common Group and Landcare will be invited to participate in a meeting with the Longreach Shire Council to discuss, assess and revise the Longreach Town Common Trust Land Management Plan. The integrity and ongoing sustainability of the Longreach town common depends on collaboration by all key stakeholders and the wider community, guided by the principles stated earlier in this plan. Each group and agency will report against the actions they are responsible for. From this meeting:

- significant achievements, issues and new threat areas to be monitored will be identified,
- the existing plan will be revised; and
- relevant information and the revised plan will be shared with the community.

How will communication between agencies and groups be facilitated to ensure the plan is progressing?

Longreach Shire Council aims to establish Memorandums of Understanding with all key agencies and groups nominated for action in the plan, to ensure that implementation and monitoring of the plan happens in a timely manner.

How are the results shared with the broader community?

Following the annual meeting of key stakeholders, the key outcomes, achievements and issues will be shared with the community via:

- Publication in the local media
- The revised plan will be available on the Longreach Shire Council website
- The revised plan will be available in the Longreach Shire Council library

Formation of Town Common Advisory Group

Longreach Shire Council approved the resolution for the formation of a Town Common Advisory Group at the meeting held on 18th October 2007 and how the Town Common Advisory Group will operate. The Council resolution stated and reads as follows:

That:

1. in accord with Section 452 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby appoints a Longreach Shire Town Common Advisory Committee to make recommendations to Council on issues related to the Town Common Management Plan (including an annual review);
2. in accord with Section 453 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby appoints the following persons as members of the Town Common Advisory Committee:

Two Councillors, a Youth Group member as selected by the Longreach Youth Club, a Landcare Group member as selected by that Group, User Group nominee (expression of interest to be called by the CEO and returned to Council for determination) and a representative nominated by the Australian Agricultural College – Longreach Campus;

3. it be noted that the Town Common Advisory Committee may also invite technical advisors to attend the committee (such as Council's Chief Executive Officer and Council's Rural Lands Officer and Officers from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Department of Primary Industries, Desert Channels Queensland and other interested persons, however, these people, as they would not be appointed members of the Committee, do not hold any voting rights at meetings of the Committee;
4. in accord with Section 455 of the Local Government Act 1993, a quorum of the Town Common Advisory Committee shall consist of a majority of the appointed members of the committee;
5. in accord with Section 456 of the Local Government Act 1993, the chairperson for the Town Common Advisory Committee shall be determined by the Committee at its first meeting by majority vote with the CEO of the Longreach Shire Council presiding until a chairperson is decided as the first order of business;
6. in accord with Section 458 of the Local Government Act 1993, the committee shall report to Council by way of the minutes of the meetings which shall be provided to the Chief Executive Officer for inclusion on the Council agenda for the next scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council;

7. it be noted that the Town Common Advisory Committee can make no decisions on behalf of Council, that the Chief Executive Officer will coordinate the allocation of all correspondence and reports to the committee for consideration, the preparation of meeting notices, agendas and minutes of the committee, and that all resolutions of the committee (other than procedural motions) form recommendations to Council and should take the following form:- "That this advisory committee recommends that...."; and
8. Meetings to be held quarterly.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

TCG / LLC	Town Common Group and Longreach Landcare
LSC	Longreach Shire Council
LTA	Longreach Tourism Association
DCQ	Desert Channels Queensland
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
NRW	Department of Natural Resources and Water
DPIF	Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries
DLGP	Department of Local Government and Planning
LLO	Local Laws Officer (employed by Longreach Shire Council)
MR	Department of Main Roads
QR	Queensland Rail

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