



Etheridge Shire Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 16 November 2022

Location: **Council Chambers,
Georgetown**

Commencing: **9.00am**

Councillors: Cr Hughes
Cr Royes
Cr Haase
Cr Gallagher
Cr Barns

Agenda Attached

Ken Timms
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Local Government Act 2009

The principles (s4(2)) of the Act are:

- Transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest
- Sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services
- Democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement
- Good governance of, and by, local government
- Ethical and legal behavior of councillors and local government employees

S.275 – Local Government Regulation 2012

275 Closed meetings

- (1) A local government or committee may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss –
 - Appointment, dismissal or discipline of a CEO or a BCC senior executive employee
 - Legal advice obtained by the Council or legal proceedings involving the Council
 - Matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or group
 - Negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the Council
 - Negotiations relating to the taking of land by the Council under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
 - A matter required to be kept confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State
 - Industrial matters affecting employees
 - The Council budget
 - Rating concessions
- (2) A resolution that a meeting be closed must state the nature of the matters to be considered while the meeting is closed.
- (3) A local government or committee must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a closed meeting.

Conflict of Interest Obligations

Reference is made to Section 150EL of the Local Government Act 2009. Specifically, the obligation of Councillors when they first become aware they have a conflict of interest to make the Chief Executive Officer aware in writing or if in a meeting, ensure they declare immediately.

AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND SIGNING OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY
3. PRAYER
4. APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS
5. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
6. CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
7. CONSIDERATION OF DCS OPEN SESSION REPORTS
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Etheridge Shire Council

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD GEORGETOWN SPORTS CENTRE
ON WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2022
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT SPORTS CENTRE

ON WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

ATTENDANCE

Crs, Barry Hughes, Laurell Royes, Cameron Barns, Joe Haase and Tony Gallagher

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services
Miss Logan Bethel, Executive Assistant
Mrs Renee Bester, Rates Officer

APOLOGIES

Mr. David Fletcher, Director of Engineering Services

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.02am and welcomed all in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the history, cultural practice and traditions, of their people."

PRAYER

"We ask that today you give us wisdom to make good decisions to benefit our communities. Help us see what will benefit our shire and give us hearts to serve others. Amen".

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Haase declared a prescribed interest for an item within the Open Agenda Item 6 and Open Addendum Item 2 pertaining to the RADF Funding being that Cr Haase spouse is a member and recipient of RADF Funding. Cr Haase will leave the room during discussions on this matter and will not vote.

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS

Council would like to send their condolences to the family and friends of Robert Morallee of Einasleigh on his recent passing.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 14th September

Corrections:

Nil

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 14th September 2022 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22.10.01
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr Hughes- Gilbert River Cemetery, include this into next months Road Run.

Cr Gallagher- #22.09.11- Peace Park Monument, requested an update.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Corporate Services' Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.02DCS
5/0

1

Appointment of Member to Audit Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Earlier this year, Council resolved to reinstate its Audit Committee, appointing Mayor Cr Barry Hughes (Chair), Deputy Mayor Cr Laurell Royes, and representatives from the following organisations as observers: -

- Queensland Audit Office (QAO),
- QAO's appointed external auditors - BDO,
- Council's Internal Auditors - Pacifica; and
- Council's Management / Finance staff.

Pursuant to section 210 of the Local Government Regulation, the Audit Committee must have at least one additional member, who is external to the organisation and possesses "significant experience and skills in financial matters".

To fill the vacant Member's position, Council approached Cairns Regional Council, Mareeba Shire Council and Tablelands Regional Council to see if they would allow a senior, experienced Finance Officer / Manager to sit on our Audit Committee. Council received two nominations. Both nominations (fulfill the statutory criteria) have been assessed by Crs Hughes and Royes, with the preferred nominee being recommended to Council for appointment to the Audit Committee.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to s210 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council appoint Mr Jason Ritchie, Finance Manager, Cairns Regional Council as a Member of Council's Audit Committee.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.03DCS
5/0

2

QTC Financial Sustainability Training

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

QTC advise that through a partnership with DSDILGP and UQ, they will be holding regional training courses throughout Queensland to enhance sustainable financial management capability within the local government sector.

ESC is eligible to send up to 5 representatives to the courses.

RESOLUTION

That Council: -

1. Pursuant to Council's Councillor Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy, deem the joint QTC / DSDILGP / UQ Financial Sustainability Training courses as Professional Development essential for councillors' roles for which Council shall cover the costs of attendance; and

Authorise Cr Barns to attend the Financial Management in Practice and Service Planning for Elected Members, and should opportunity allow, Business Cases in Practice and Asset Management sessions, with Council meeting the cost of attendance.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #LOST
0/5

ATTENDANCE

Mr Robert French, Mr Willi Mosch, Mr Damien Pederson, Mr Lionel Wallace, Mr Jack Green and Mrs Shannon Slyne, students and teachers from Georgetown State School entered the meeting at 9.32am.

Mr Renee Bester left the meeting at 9.49am and returned at 10.05am.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council suspend standing orders at 9.33am as students from Georgetown State School join Council for Morning Tea and undertake discussions with Councillors.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.04
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10.08am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.30am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council resume standing orders at 10.30am.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.05
5/0

3

Radio Channels in the Region

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report follows a review of Council's broadcasted radio services within the Etheridge Region.

RESOLUTION

That Council: -

1. Receive this report and note its contents;
2. Authorise the CEO (or delegate) to pursue grant funding to augment radio services across the Shire's communities; and
3. Allow Coastal Broadcasters Pty Ltd 12 months to conclude the installation of a radio service in Georgetown. Should the installation not be completed within this time, Council withdraw its offer to lease the subject site.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.06DCS
5/0

4

Sale for Rate Arrears

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council commenced sale proceedings for arrears of rates against 9 properties in February 2022 that culminated in a public auction on Friday 30th September 2022 for the sale of 2 properties in Georgetown. At the closure of the auction, only one bid was taken by the auctioneer on each property. Having failed to meet the reserve price, the properties were passed in. Subsequent negotiations with the highest (only) bidder failed to secure a sale. As a result, Council has several options open to deal with the subject land.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to s149 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve to initiate the acquisition of assessments 254/20000 (17 Crampton Road) and 265/17000 (22 Collins Street) for unpaid rates and charges, having failed to secure a sale of the properties under Division 3, Part 12, Chapter 4 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.07DCS
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr Robert French, Mr Willi Mosch, Mr Damien Pederson, Mr Lionel Wallace, Mr Jack Green and Mrs Shannon Slyney, students and teachers from Georgetown State School left the meeting at 10.47am.

5

Sundry Debt Recovery Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Etheridge Shire Council is committed to the collection of overdue sundry debts in a fair, equitable and timely manner, but with due consideration to financial hardship faced by customers. The purpose of this policy is to set out Council's principles in regard to the management of debt, and to provide consistent and ethical recovery of outstanding Sundry Debtors of Etheridge Shire Council in accordance with the parameters and requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

This policy applies to all Sundry Debts receivable Etheridge Shire Council who have outstanding rates and charges on any rateable property including any special rates and charges.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the proposed Sundry Debt Recovery Policy to minimise debt and ensure the collection of overdue sundry debt is timely, effective and equitable.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.08DCS
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase declared a prescribed interest for the next item on the Agenda regarding RADF Funding and left the room at 10.52am.

6

Peace Park Event Request for Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) funding be used to fund a Resin Workshop in Georgetown

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RADF Committee is requesting Council to approve to fund a resin workshop to be held in Georgetown on Sunday 9 October from RADF reserved funds.

RESOLUTION

That Council endorse RADF Committee's decision to partly fund a resin workshop in Georgetown for \$1,000.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.09DCS
4/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM REPORTS

2

Endorsement of RADF Advisory decision regarding Community Applications for RADF funding

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RADF community applications closed 14 September. Three applications were received and were adjudicated by the RADF Committee at their meeting on Friday 7 October. Results are as follows:

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Results	RADF Applications								
	Organisation	Contact Name	Event	Artist	Date	Location	Total Costs	Other Funds	Funding Request
Unsuccessful - \$0	Colleen Taylor	Colleen Taylor	Local Historical Book	Colleen Taylor	25/9 to 31/3/23	Enniscorthy	\$ 13,915.00	\$	\$ 13,915.00
Successful - \$5,925	Mt Surprise School	Brooke Chudleigh	Musical Workshop	Joch Arnold	Jan 23 to July 23	Mt Surprise	\$ 6,965.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,925.00
Successful - \$4,000	Rebekah Haase	Rebekah Haase	Further education	Rebekah Haase	20/11 to 30/6/23	Georgetown	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,000.00

RESOLUTION

That Council endorse RADF Advisory Committee decisions on the following applications and a letter be sent to the applicants advising the outcomes of, and conditions attaching to, their application.

- 1) Colleen Taylor – Historical Book on Enniscorthy – Unsuccessful (requested \$13,915)
- 2) Rebekah Haase – Rural Artist Development – Successful - \$4,000 (requested \$4,000)
- 3) Mount Surprise School – Mount Surprise Music Video – Successful - \$5,925 (requested \$5,925)

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.10DCS
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase returned to the meeting at 11.15am.

1

Financial Report (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.

RESOLUTION

That Council pursuant Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, resolve to adopt the Monthly Financial Report the period ending 30th September 2022, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.11DCS
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM REPORTS

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

1

Expressions of Interest for the Sale of 2011 Gravely Zero Turn Mower

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Georgetown Horse & Pony Club and Georgetown Rodeo Association submitted the only expression of interest for the Gravely Zero Turn Mower.

With the Georgetown Horse & Pony Club and Georgetown Rodeo Association being a local community organisation this mower will enhance maintenance of the Rodeo and Camping Ground.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the following Expression of Interest from Georgetown Horse & Pony Club and Georgetown Rodeo Association for the sum of \$3000.00.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.12DES
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Engineering Services' Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.13DES
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns left the meeting at 11.55am and returned at 11.56am.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1

Proposed Revaluation Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council have received correspondence from the State Valuation Service regarding a proposed inclusion in the revaluation program effective 30 June 2023.

The Land Valuation Act 2010 requires that the Valuer-General undertakes an annual valuation of ratable land, but they may decide not to do so in a local government area after considering:

- a market survey report for the local government area that reviews the sales of land and the probable impact of those sales on the value of land since the last annual valuation
- the results of consultation with the local government for the area and appropriate local and industry groups.

Based on the preliminary assessment, the State Valuation Service plans to recommend that the Etheridge Shire area is **not** included in the next revaluation program that will commence in late 2022 and take effect from 30 June 2023.

A written response is due by Friday 14th October 2022 agreeing or opposing to the above recommendation.

RESOLUTION

That Council advise the department of resources that it agrees with the valuer recommendations that a revaluation not be undertaken of assessments within the Etheridge Shire.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.14CEO
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Chief Executive Officer's Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.10.15CEO
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12.21pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.41pm

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hughes left the meeting at 2.24pm and returned at 2.25pm.

Cr Barns left the meeting at 3.05pm and returned at 3.11pm.

Mrs Renee Bester left the meeting at 3.54pm and returned at 3.56pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Enquired if Council have any cat traps for public use as some residents have a feral cat problem
- Raised the idea of a possible careers day for Shire School Children

Cr Barns

- Raised concern about Garths Corner, first Creek on Kidston road- No signage on creek crossing.
- Spoke about utilising the services of FNQROC for the enhancement of Biosecurity Action Plan QLD
- Requested that the Oil Drums waste point Forsayth Dump needs servicing
- Requested action on prohibiting of Cattle in Mt Surprise township
- Enquired about plans for The bike park Mount Surprise
- Enquired about Grants for Oral History Etheridge Shire.

Cr Haase

- Requested action on Open Gates on town fence Mount Surprise.
- Requested progress report on Sound proofing/audio system for Shire Hall.
- Seeking information on Firefighting grants for shelter over slip on units

Cr Royes

- Requested Action on Cattle entering Mount Surprise township

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- Requested a report on “What is on in Etheridge” POSTER /CALENDAR for public places/facebook campaign
- Requested action to Repair to Mt surprise public toilets.
- Provided an update of the recently attended NWQROC meeting in Cloncurry

Cr Hughes

Nil

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 4.08pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 16th November 2022.

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MAYOR

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DATE

Business Arising

12th October 2022

#	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken	Progress
22.10.03	That pursuant to s210 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council appoint Mr Jason Ritchie, Finance Manager, Cairns Regional Council as a Member of Council's Audit Committee.	DCS	Candidates notified	Completed
22.10.06	That Council: - 1.Receive this report and note its contents; 2.Authorise the CEO (or delegate) to pursue grant funding to augment radio services across the Shire's communities; and 3.Allow Coastal Broadcasters Pty Ltd 12 months to conclude the installation of a radio service in Georgetown. Should the installation not be completed within this time, Council withdraw its offer to lease the subject site.	DCS	Letter sent to Coastal Broadcasters. CDEO & IT Officer to review grant programs to augment radio broadcast services as opportunities arise.	Completed
22.10.07	That pursuant to s149 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve to initiate the acquisition of assessments 254/20000 (17 Crampton Road) and 265/17000 (22 Collins Street) for unpaid rates and charges, having failed to secure a sale of the properties under Division 3, Part 12, Chapter 4 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.	DCS	Instructions issued to Preston Law	In progress
22.10.08	That Council adopt the proposed Sundry Debt Recovery Policy to minimise debt and ensure the collection of overdue sundry debt is timely, effective and equitable.	DCS	Policy implemented	Completed
22.10.09	That Council endorse RADF Committee's decision to partly fund a resin workshop in Georgetown for \$1,000.	DCS	Applicant advised of Council's decision	Completed
22.10.10	That Council endorse RADF Advisory Committee decisions on the following applications and a letter be sent to the applicants advising the outcomes of, and conditions attaching to, their application. 1) Colleen Taylor – Historical Book on Einasleigh – Unsuccessful (requested \$13,915) 2) Rebekah Haase – Rural Artist Development – Successful - \$4,000 (requested \$4,000) 3) Mount Surprise School – Mount Surprise Music Video – Successful - \$5925 (requested \$5,925)	DCS	Applicants advised of Council's decision	Completed
22.10.12	That Council resolves to accept the following Expression of Interest from Georgetown Horse & Pony Club and Georgetown Rodeo Association for the sum of \$3000.00.	DES	Successful tender advised of resolution	Completed
22.10.14	That Council advise the department of resources that it agrees with the valuer recommendations that a revaluation not be undertaken of assessments within the Etheridge Shire.	CEO	Correspondence sent to the Department	Completed

Outstanding Business

14th September 2022

22.09.08	1.Note that the transpositional error contained in Resolution No. B.22.07.06 results in a significant, unintended increase in rate revenue for ratepayers falling within Rate Category 6 Rural - Large scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture, 2.Accept that the resolved rate for Rate Category 6 will impose financial hardship upon those ratepayers, and 3.In recognition of financial hardship, grant a rebate under Chapter 4, Part 10 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to all ratepayers within Rate Category 6 Rural - Large scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture, returning Rate Category 6 ratepayers to the amount they ought to have been rated (0.3668 cents in the dollar) but for the misstatement of the Category 6 rate in Resolution No. B.22.07.06.	DCS	Difference in "rate in the dollar" has been corrected and the affected assessments amended and the property owners advised.	Completed
22.09.11	That Council reconsider this matter when preparing its 23/24 Budget and that interested community members be advised of this. (Peace Park)	DCS	Noted for 23/23 budget	Completed
22.09.14	The Council receive the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on the 29th August 2022 and endorse the recommendation within.	CEO	Endorsement of minutes noted	Completed
22.09.15	That Council receive the "Etheridge Shire Council - Emissions Profile Report" as presented and further request Management seek a proposal to undertake same for the whole Shire.	CEO	Endorsement of the report noted.	Completed
22.09.17	That Council conduct further investigation into the flooding event at the Georgetown Student Hostel and depending on the outcome of the investigation any remedial works required be considered at the next Budget Review.	DCS	Reports received, quotes obtained for improvements to drainage.	In Progress
17th August 2022				
22.08.14	That Council commence activities to complete Rural Addressing as a matter of urgency.	DES	Estimates for numbering options being obtained for council's consideration	In Progress
22.08.15	That Council contact Department Transport and Main Roads highlighting the issue and recommend a solution. (Parking for the BP Roadhouse)	DES	Issue raised with TMR and they are investigating options.	In progress
15th June 2022				
22.07.22	That Council request a comprehensive report outlining the pros and cons of de-maining the Georgetown-Forsyth road to be presented at a future General Meeting.	DES	Report being prepared	In Progress
22.06.20	That the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor be delegated to consult with the 2 stakeholders and further negotiate suitable arrangements with TMR and DOR to freehold the land for the proposed Industrial Estate in Georgetown.	CEO	Consent has been received by both parties, Now pending DOR assessment and Offer to purchase	Part progressed
18th May 2022				
#	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken	Progress
22.05.06	That Council resolves to: 1. Carry out the fence line clearing and fire break clearing from the Forsyth Rural Fire Donation. 2. Advise the Forsyth All sports Club that Council will shortly be calling for applications for the 2022/23 financial year, from community organisations seeking Grants, Sponsorship and / or In-kind support from Council, and that their application would be welcomed at that time for the funding of the arena area and the expansion of the camping area. 3. Carry out the new road access off the Einasleigh Road funded from the road maintenance budget.	DES	Fire break and road to be programmed. Club notified of grant for item 2	Completed
19th January 2022				

22.01.9	<p>That Council resolves to;</p> <p>1. Construct a pilot waste transfer station at Forsayth to conform with EPA recommendation for the future of the Forsayth Landfill operation and furthermore modernise the site for sustainable environmental practices.</p> <p>2. Furthermore that council advise the community of Forsayth of the proposed changes to the waste disposal to the township.</p> <p>3. Nominate the Forsayth transfer station for funding under the Regional and Remote Recycling Modernisation Fund, with a proposed council contribution of \$100,000 or 20%.</p> <p>4. Should the funding application be unsuccessful, Council allocate \$50,000 in the 2022/23 budget for the design of transfer station to be funded in a future budget.</p>	DES	<p>Specifications and design for proposed Transfer Station are being drawn up. Funding has been applied for. Waiting for notification if EOI application has been successful. Grant unsuccessful.</p> <p>LRCI Phase 3 funding to fund project</p> <p>Planning and design to commence</p>	<p>Planning in progress</p>
21st May 2021				
21.05.12	<p>That Council: notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore</p> <p>a) approves the current event plans,</p> <p>b) to include the budget and resource considerations to a maximum of \$30,000 in the 2021/22 Budget and,</p> <p>c) As part of the 150+1 celebrations for Georgetown council will be selling commemorative brick pavers to be part of a pathway</p> <p>d) that the committee be encouraged to seek corporate sponsorship for the event</p>	DCS	Refer to CDEO Report to November 2022 Meeting	For Council's Consideration
15th September 2021				
21.9.12	<p>That Council defer the matter of Request for Maintenance on the Gilbert River Cemetery to the next General Meeting of Council due to further information being tabled at the meeting.</p>	DES	Parks and Gardens have schedule maintenance work to be carried out over the month.	<p>In Progress</p>



Etheridge Shire Council

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Briefing Report

1 Key Points of Interest

Summary of matters within the Department – presented 16th November 2022:

- Annual General Financial Statements: Final draft statements were provided to our external auditor on 12th September 2022 in accordance with the agreed audit plan. The Statements were subject to audit on 19th September. A number of audit queries are still being resolved at the time of writing this report.
- Rates Notices: Discount closing on 5th October. Reminder letters have been sent to ratepayers with outstanding rates.
- Sale for Arrears of Rates: Please refer to Business Arising report for update.
- Student Hostel Management Tender: Tenders closed on 21st October 2022. No tenders were received by the closing date. I have engaged a specialized recruitment firm to re-advertise the role.
- Peace Park: Plaques have been ordered.
- Georgetown Walking Network Plan: Shepherds have made modest progress on this project, supplying a draft report for consultation with the project steering group.
- Einasleigh Town Common Yards: As reported to Council previously, I have requested a meeting with representatives of the Einasleigh Race Club & Rodeo Association on Monday 14th November to investigate a joint upgrade of the racecourse / rodeo yards in lieu of duplicating infrastructure / investment in the Town Common Yards.
- Cattle in / around Mt Surprise: Following Council's meeting, a letter has been sent to property owners requesting removal of stock from GDR road reserve and Mt Surprise township. Further contact (phone calls & letters) has been had in the following weeks notifying of wandering stock.
- 150 Year Commemorative Brick Wall: Please refer to CDEO's report later in the agenda.

2 Operational Matters

- 2021/22 Audit: Teleconference with Auditors 20th October. A number of outstanding issues were raised, together with the Auditor's request for an extension of time (EoT) to complete the Audit. A request for an EoT was subsequently made to the Minister for Local Government.
- 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements: Still under Audit.
- 2021/22 Annual Report: Work has commenced on preparing the 21/22 Annual Report.

3 Projects

- Aged Care Advisory Committee: Scheduled meeting for 22nd Sept cancelled due to Observance of Queen's passing public holiday. The next scheduled meeting is for 17th November 2022. A combined Advisory Committee and Council meeting is scheduled for 3rd November 2022, commencing at 8.30am. A verbal update will be provided at Council's meeting.

- Regional Biosecurity Plan: SGNRM advise that the Regional Biosecurity Plan will be released very early November 2022. I have started drafting the ESC Biosecurity Plan to fall under the Regional Plan.
- Town Common Policy: Proposing consultation meeting with Einasleigh Agistees on Monday 14th November. A verbal update will be provided at the Council Meeting.
- Staff Housing: met with Cairns Architects on 18th August to discuss this project further. I have passed design brief to our relieving Project Manager.
- General Ledger re-write: Chart of Account upload template has been sent to PCS for testing & validation. Minor amendments and corrections are being made.

4 Calendar of Events

Past Month:

- 20th October: video conference with Auditors.
- 25th October: Damn You Huey LDMG exercise and meeting.
- 27th October: teleconference with ScoutTalent (Host Manager's contract)
- 3rd November: Independent Living Facility project steering committee
- 8th November: meeting with Dept Sport & Racing officers
- 8th November: meeting with DESBT officers
- 14th November: Einasleigh Town Common Stakeholders meeting
- 16th November: Council Meeting

Next Month:

- 17th November: (nominal date for) Aged Care Advisory Committee Meeting
- 14th December: Council Meeting

6 Other

- Awaiting response to application submitted to Queensland Remembers Grant Program for a new cenotaph at Mt Surprise.
- Received notification that we were unsuccessful in our application to the Resource Council's Infrastructure Fund for \$6M to develop 10 house & land packages in Georgetown. Intending to refer this to Dr Sheila Peake (Griffith University) to work up an application in anticipation of a 2023 funding round.

Andrew McKenzie
Director of Corporate Services



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	16 th November 2022
Subject	First Quarter 2022/23 Operational Plan Progress Report
Classification	Open
Author	Andrew McKenzie

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with s174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, tabled for Council's reception is the Chief Executive Officer's first quarter (1 July – 30 September 2022) progress report on implementing Council's 2022/23 Operational Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the first quarterly progress report on Council's progress toward implementing its 2022 / 23 Operational Plan.

BACKGROUND

Councils are required to annually prepare and adopt an Operational Plan as part of its suite of Financial Planning Documents. Council adopted its Operational Plan at its Budget Meeting held 20th July 2022. Section 174(3) requires Council's Chief Executive Officer, on a quarterly basis, to report upon the organisation's progress toward achieving its Operational Plan.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan

Aim: Best Practice corporate governance and organisational excellence:

Operational Plan

Strategy: Councillors take a leadership role in the community, serve as a role model and provide strategic direction for the continued growth and development of the region.

Action: Review and implement Council's strategic plans.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Officers assigned responsibility to achieve Operational Plan outcomes have contributed to this progress report.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Quarterly review of Operational Plan is a legislative requirement.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
B (Likely)	M	H	H	E	E
C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

OUTCOME

Risk score: L - unlikely (D) / insignificant consequence (1)

Report Prepared By:

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Date: 28th October 2022

Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

2022/23 Operational Plan First Quarter Review



Etheridge Shire Council

Operational Plan
2022-2023



Introduction

Welcome from Mayor

Welcome to Council's 2022/23 Operational Plan.

The Operational Plan is an important document within Council's Strategic Planning Framework. Its purpose is to identify the specific actions and outcomes Council wishes to achieve in the immediate 12 months, as part of our journey to achieving our stated Mission and Goals in our Corporate Plan.

Council has developed its 2022/23 Operational Plan in conjunction with its Annual Budget. It has also been heavily influenced by other key strategic planning documents, such as:-

- Council's Long Term Financial Plan;
- Asset Management Plans
- Regional Plans (Queensland State Government NQ Regional Plan), NWWQROC biosecurity Plan, others)

As the Operational Plan "operationalizes" Council's medium to long-term corporate strategy, it guides Council's Management and Staff in their day to day functions. To ensure Council's workforce deliver Council's desired strategy, the Chief Executive Officer is charged with the responsibility of providing a quarterly update on the Operational Plan's implementation. Each quarterly report is displayed on Council's website, as a "score-card" on our performance.

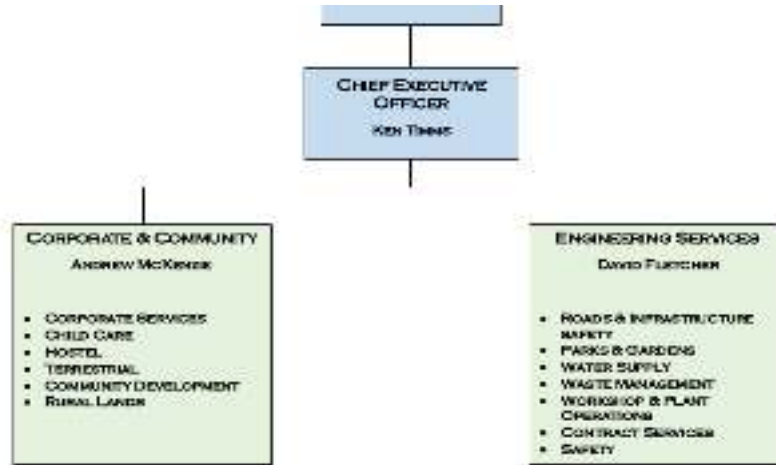
I would therefore encourage Shire ratepayers, residents and other stakeholders to take an interest in our journey toward reaching our longer-term strategic goals.

Cr Barry Hughes
Mayor



L-R Cr Barns, Mayor Hughes, Cr Royes, Cr Gallagher and Cr Haase





Corporate Aim No. 1: A Sustainable Transport Network That Meets Community Needs

Strategic Outcome: Shire Rural Roads are all Weather, Town Streets are Bitumen with Footpaths, Kerb, Channelling and Drainage

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's road assets.	DES	Develop and implement a shire roads intervention level policy	Nov-22	Policy adopted by Council and Implemented	Not commenced
	DES	Identify the current status of shire rural roads and town streets	Sep-22	Updated road register	
	DES	Implement maintenance programs on Towns Streets	Dec-22	Program implemented	Not commenced
	DES	Implement maintenance programs on Rural Roads	Jan-23	Program implemented	Not commenced
	DES	Implement maintenance programs on bridges, floodways, drainage etc	Feb-23	Program implemented	Not commenced
Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for roads, incorporating road train access and drainage.	DCS	Funded road depreciation for asset replacement	May-23	AMP updated	Depreciation is charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement capital programs on Towns Streets	Mar-23	Program implemented	Program being developed
	DES	Implement capital programs on Rural Roads	Mar-23	Program implemented	Program being developed
	DES	Implement capital programs on bridges, floodways, drainage etc	Mar-23	Program implemented	Program being developed
Lobby for adequate funding to enable the repair of the shire road network affected by natural disaster.	DES	Implement reinstatement program for NDRRA	Apr-23	Works are programmed and under budget	Works underway for 2021 event. Submission for 2022 event being finalised for submission
Work with regional groups and our communities to upgrade Local Roads of Regional Significance.	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Attendance to regional FNQROC meetings	Attendance both on location and online ongoing

Strategic Outcome: Transport and Main Roads is Committed to Developing a Network that is Fully Sealed to Road Train Route Standard

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter
Maintain relationship with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to undertake road construction and maintenance (Road Train Routes).	DES	Implement TMR programs for RMPC & NDRRA	Feb-23	Contract TMR works on track and under budget	Projects at or under time
	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives to lobby for increased commitment to Main Roads Network	Monthly	Attendance to FNQROC regional meetings	Attendance both on location and online ongoing
	DES	Create an audit of TMR infrastructure in the Shire (list of km of Gravel, single lane bitumen and narrow/ problem bridges)	Nov-22	Audit presented to Council	Not commenced
Continue to lobby to raise the national profile of the Georgetown to Forsyth, Kennedy, Gulf and Gregory Development Roads and Bridges and for additional funding for high priority widening and sealing.	DES	Implement TMR upgrade programs	Jun-23	TMR contracts awarded to Council and completed on time and within budget	Underway. Projects awarded GDR East Site A and KDR, DFRA on various roads. Ongoing meetings and inspections with TMR

Strategic Outcome: There are Multiple Public Transport Options

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's airports and airfield assets.	DES	Implement maintenance programs for airports	Mar-23	Annual maintenance program implemented	Inspections and maintenance underway as required
	DCS	Funded airport depreciation for asset replacement	May-23	AMP updated	Depreciation is charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement capital program for airports	Feb-23	Program implemented	Not commenced
Advocate for improved airfield infrastructure and services.	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Quarterly	Attendance at FNQRRG regional meetings	Attendance both on location and online ongoing
Advocate for improved rail and bus services	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Annually	Attendance at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.

Corporate Aim No. 2: A Sustainable Environment of Natural Assets, Water, Waste Water and Waste Management

Strategic Outcome: Best Practice Water and Waste Water Management

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's water and waste water assets.	DES	Implement maintenance programs for the water networks	Oct-22	Maintenance program developed and implemented	Not commenced
	DES	Implement maintenance programs for the water treatment plants	Dec-22	Maintenance program developed and implemented	Not commenced
	DES	Develop and implement a water and waste water intervention level policy	Mar-23	Policy developed and presented to Council	Not commenced
Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program to deliver good quality, reliable water and waste water supplies for all communities	DCS	Funded water depreciation for asset replacement	Dec-22	AMP updated	Depreciation is charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement Capital programs for the water networks	Mar-23	Program developed and implemented	Underway
	DES	Improvement of the Water Treatment Plants at Georgetown and Forsyth	Dec-22	Upgrade Forsyth WTP operations	Not commenced
Water Reservoirs are operating and environmentally compliant	DES	Implement maintenance programs for the water reservoirs	Mar-23	Program developed and implemented	Not commenced
	DES	Charleston Dam is completed and operational	Oct-22	Charleston Dam online and operational	Water being supplied to Georgetown and Forsyth from Charleston dam
Lobby for adequate funding to enable the repair and maintenance of shire water and waste water network affected by natural disaster or other events	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Advocated at FNQROC / NWQROC regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.

Strategic Outcome: Best Practice Waste Management

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's collection and waste management facilities throughout shire	DES	Implement waste collection programs at each town	Nov-22	Strategy presented to Council for adoption	Not commenced
	DCS	Funded depreciation for asset replacement	Mar-23	AMP updated	Depreciation is charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement waste disposal programs at each facility	Jan- 23	Strategy presented to Council for adoption	Not commenced
	DCS	Effective education program and encourage recycling, reuse and reduction of community waste	Jan-23	Successful media campaign held	Not commenced

Strategic Outcome: Best Practice Natural Environment and Pest Management

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Develop Council's Biosecurity Plan in consultation with landowners and other stakeholders to reduce the impact of existing and emerging pests.	DCS	Implement works program for biosecurity	Dec-22	Plan adopted by Council	Awaiting release of Regional Biosecurity Plan. Work commenced on local Plan.
In partnership with the community and external agencies, promote and support best practice management of the natural environment.	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Advocated at FNQROC / NWQROC regional meetings	
Minimise the potential of disease outbreaks through implementation of an integrated mosquito management program.	DCS	Implement program as required	Jan-23	Program developed and adopted by Council	To be workshopped with Council

Strategic Outcome: An Energy Efficient Shire

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Support of renewable energy. carbon reduction programs and Council's carbon footprint	CEO	Identify the current status of Council's renewable energy portfolio	Jan-23	Council Status recognised	Report presented to Council on Council's Carbon Footprint.
	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Half Yearly	Attendance at FNQWaste regional meetings	Ongoing with FNQROC WMMR meetings and regional waste reuse project

Strategic Outcome: Industry has Sustainable Environmental Practices

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Companies and industries are environmentally compliant	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Bi-Monthly	Advocated at regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.

Corporate Aim No. 3: A Diversified Economic Development Ensures a Prosperous Shire

Strategic Outcome: A Variety of Land and Housing Options for the Community

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Maintain a compliant planning scheme that supports the future development of our shire	DCS	Implement the planning scheme	Monthly	Planning applications processed	Planning Scheme implemented
	DCS	Review and update planning scheme	May-23	Plan review and presented to Council	Not commenced
Review and update the asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's housing stock	DCS	Implement maintenance program for Council housing	Mar-23	Maintenance program implemented	Planned for review Q1 2023
	DCS	Funded depreciation for asset replacement	Apr-23	AMP updated	Depreciation is charged in line with AMP
Advocating for the release of State Land for future development across the shire	CEO	Promote residential, rural residential and industrial subdivisions throughout shire as land become available and demand increases.	Monthly	Successful media campaign held	Currently offer from DOR on Industrial Land in G'town.

Strategic Outcome: A Diversified Economic Base: Rural, Tourism, Mining and Support Services

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Facilitate the development and marketing of a distinctive regional image.	CEO	Review and update shire marketing image	Feb-23	Strategy developed and adopted by Council	Currently developing a concept.
Support community development to expand and meet the growing needs of the region through infrastructure, income diversification and advocacy	CEO	Develop and implement a Tourism Plan by consulting with all relevant stakeholders	Feb-23	Plan developed and adopted by Council	Tourism Directions Paper and subsequent Master Plan presented to Council.
	CEO	Area Promotion	Monthly	Successful Media Campaign Held	Not yet commenced.
	CEO	Review the TerrEstrial VIC Business Plan, with a view to identify latent opportunities and extending the tourist experience to include interactive activities.	Apr-23	Business case developed and adopted by Council	Further work to be carried out.
Support skills development (youth, business, industry)	DCS	Develop and implement a community skills development program	Dec-22	Program implemented	Not commenced
	DCS	Review procurement policy and monitor the outcomes	Half Yearly	Outcome report presented to Council for consideration	Planned for Q4 2022
Advocate for the development of the Etheridge Agriculture Precinct and associated agricultural industries	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Monthly	Attendance at FNROQ / NWQROC regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.

Corporate Aim No. 4: Quality Social Infrastructure Makes the Shire a Desirable Place to Live

Strategic Outcome: An Active Community with a Variety of Recreational Activities

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's parks, garden and recreational facilities	DES	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for parks, garden and recreational facilities	Apr-23	Program developed and implemented	Not commenced
	DCS	Maintain the public conveniences	Monthly	Facilities meet expectations	Public conveniences maintained
	DCS	Maintain the Shire's Cemeteries.	Monthly	Facilities meet expectations	Town Cemeteries maintained. Developing service levels for other cemeteries
	DCS	Maintain Swimming Pool as a safe and attractive venue.	Monthly	Facilities meet expectations	Swimming Pool maintained.
Establishment suitable recreational activities/facilities at water reservoirs	CEO	Construct recreation facilities at Charleston Dam to encourage activity based tourism.	Apr-23	Project complete	Further developments to be undertaken.
	CEO	Continue our partnership with Department to further enhance the visitor experience on the Copperfield Dam, including construction of recreation facilities to encourage activity based tourism.	Monthly	Attendance at FNROC / NWQROC regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.
Enhance and improve the aesthetics of each town.	DES	Review and implement Georgetown beautification plan	Mar-23	Project approved and underway	Not commenced
	DES	Review beautification plans for Einasleigh, Forsyth and Mt Surprise	May-23	Plan presented to Council for consideration	Not commenced

Advocate for funding for additional sport and recreation infrastructure.	CEO	Review Council's sport and recreation long term plan	Apr-23	Status of current plan considered and reviewed	
	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Monthly	Attendance at FNROC / NWQROC regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.

Strategic Outcome: An Invigorated Community with a Variety of Multi-Aged Services

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's Health, Aged Care, Child Care facilities	DCS	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for Social facilities	May-23	Program developed and implemented	Planned to commence in Q4 2022
	CEO	Advocate to State and Federal Governments, supporting residents to address social inequity, disadvantage, livelihoods and general well-being.	Monthly	Attendance at FNQROC / NWQROC regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.
	CEO	Partner with state government agencies to improve social conditions and liveability.	Monthly	Attendance at FNQROC / NWQROC regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.
Ensure that services to the community for child care, youth hostel and aged care are provided.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient use of the 'Georgetown Hostel'	Mar-23	Current strategy review and updated	Review planned for Q1 2023
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of the childcare business, including after school care	Mar-23	Current strategy review and updated	Review planned for Q1 2023
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for youth programs for leadership, recreation, entertainment and healthy socialization	Feb-23	Current strategy review and updated	Review planned for Q1 2023
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of programs for seniors	Jan-23	Current strategy review and updated	Planning for Seniors Day event (Oct 2022). Work continues on Independent Living Facility. Liaison with Etheridge Cares via ACAC
Construct care facilities to retain citizens in the community.	DCS	Develop plans to build aged care facilities.	Nov-22	Plan presented to Council for consideration	Plans presented to ACAC & Council for consultation. Awaiting further direction.
	DCS	Develop plans to build special care facilities.	Jun-23	Overall strategy developed for Consideration	Not commenced
Advocate and facilitate the provision and improvement of central and remote health services.	CEO	Meet with government lobbying for health concerns, including a doctor to the region, aged care and respite and palliative care support.	Monthly	Attendance to regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.
Advocate and facilitate for improvements in educational services to be provided within the shire	CEO	Attend Schools and meet with representatives of the school and P&Cs	Half yearly	Attendance to meetings	Not yet commenced, however a Councillor is in regular contact with Shire Schools.
Advocate for sufficient policing and emergency service facilities	CEO	Meet with government representatives	Quarterly	Attendance to DDMG meetings	Mayor and CEO participate in quarterly meetings.

Strategic Outcome: A Culturally Aware Community

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's social infrastructure	DCS	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for Social Infrastructure	Jun-23	Program developed and implemented	Not commenced. Planned for Q1 2023
Provide libraries, as learning and information centres	DCS	Review and implement strategies for library service	Jan-23	Strategy is reviewed and implemented	Not commenced. Planned for Q4 2022
Engage with and support local arts and cultural groups.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for engaging with arts and cultural groups	Nov-22	Strategy is reviewed and implemented	Completed. RADF Committee in full operation
Build and strengthen the Shire's identity through the support and provision of a variety of events and branding our corporate image.	DCS	Support volunteers, community groups and events	Sep-22	Community assistance policy is reviewed and implemented	Community Assistance Policies have been implemented. Council to consider applications in Q4 2022
Encourage local historians to preserve and promote local history and heritage.	DCS	Support important social milestones on appropriate anniversary dates.	Dec-22	Community calendar of events is developed and supported	Calendar of Events well under development, with view to host interactive website for Groups to update

Strategic Outcome: A Variety of Modern Communication Mechanisms Available for the Whole Shire

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Improve co-operation and communication with relevant stakeholders and all levels of government in the strategic planning of future community infrastructure.	DCS	Develop and maintain a current advocacy plan for the provision of telecommunication services, telemetry and media.	Jan-23	Plan is developed and Implemented	Partly implemented. Frequent meetings held with Telstra to advocate on Council's & communities telecommunication needs.
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's communication assets.	DCS	Maintain radio re-transmission services for Mt Surprise, Forsayth and Einasleigh.	Monthly	Services are operational	Services maintained.
	DCS	Assist a commercial entity to introduce local radio services.	Jun-23	Options are considered and implemented	Negotiations continue. Update to be given to Oct 2022 Meeting

Corporate Aim No. 5: Best Practice Corporate Governance and Organisational Excellence

Strategic Outcome: Council Provides Community Leadership Through Financial Sustainability and an Open and Accountable Governance

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter
Councillors take a leadership role in the community, serve as a role model and provide strategic direction for the continued growth and development of the region.	CEO	Review and implement Council's strategic plans	Monthly	Delegations from the monthly Council meetings	Review is progressing on a needs basis.
	CEO	Attend local and regional meetings with community, government and industry representatives	Monthly	Opportunities to attend regional meeting is given	Every opportunity is taken to meet stakeholders in any location.
Pursue and nurture an environment of honesty and integrity in which elected members, managers and staff work together in a spirit of trust and teamwork.	CEO	Adopt appropriate governance structures and make appropriate delegations.	Apr-23	Organisational structure is reviewed	Planned to be undertaken over the Christmas break.
	CEO	Ensure the administration of the region is governed through open and transparent decision-making and reporting processes.	Mar-23	Meetings and legislative requirements are met	An Internal Audit Committee and Internal Audit Plan are active to ensure compliance.
	DCS	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for Corporate Assets	May-23	AMP is updated	Depreciation is charged in line with AMP
	DCS	Maintain compliance with legislation, local laws, policies	Monthly	Local Laws, policies and procedures are reviewed on a regular basis for compliance	Compliance continuously reviewed
Actively participate in the membership of regional development and other organisations in order to achieve mutual regional priorities.	CEO	Actively participate in the regional organisations and statutory supported planning instruments	Monthly	Attendance to regional meetings	Council have attended Regional Meetings an advocated on behalf of ESC.
	CEO	Build the Council's data analytic capability.	Apr-23	Statistical data is collected	Not yet commenced.

Strategic Outcome: Effective Communication Between Council and the Community Across the Community

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter
Using appropriate media, promote civil and respectful discussion and participation in relevant issues.	CEO	Branding of Shire	Monthly	Media channel are used to promote Council operations	Currently with the Mayor, Council is building a presence on social media. Other branding options are being developed.
Disseminate accurate and relevant information within the organization, the community and other relevant audiences.	CEO	Review of Council communication mechanisms	Oct-22	Current communication processes are reviewed and report to Council for consideration	Working on a balanced approach to meet all residence's needs.
Review the current practice of holding consultation meetings throughout the Shire and distribution of newsletter 'Inform' to maximise effective community engagement.	CEO	Council will embrace exceptional customer service, valuing staff and promoting ethical standards of practice, supported by clear policies and strategies;	Monthly	Item is raised at every Council meeting to ensure compliance	Issue is raised every Council Meeting to strategy is meet.

Strategic Outcome: Council Operations Support Quality Service Provision and Good Governance

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	
Ensure the transparency of Council's financial operations and performance and promote awareness within the community of Council's financial management and other strategies.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Council administration and finances sections	Nov-22	Number of issues raised	Work continues on GL re-write and internal / external financial reporting
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Council's internet and internal technology capabilities.	Dec-22	Capabilities of the system is reviewed and reported to Council	Not commenced
	DCS	Review and implement a fair and equitable rating system	Feb-23	Review is undertaken and outcomes are reported to Council for their consideration	Not commenced
Pursue opportunities for external income sources to enhance financial capacity beyond traditional methods	CEO	Review Council's strategies / operations to reduce costs to Council	Monthly	Report to Council on options of gaining additional revenue sources	Every opportunity for additional funding is raised on a monthly basis.
Ensure the efficiency of procurement and stores activity.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of the procurement and stores sections	Oct-22	Undertake a review of processes and if required implement an improvements	Procurement a focus of 21/22 Audit. Awaiting audit report to identify issues for attention
Ensure the efficiency of depot and engineering administration	CEO	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Councils depot and engineering sections	Nov-22	Review current practices and report back to Council on possible improvements	Every opportunity is taken to review procedures and processes.
	DES	Effective works program to better utilize alignments between all funding.	Dec-22	Program to be reported back to Council for consideration	Not commenced
Maintain a profitable fleet business and manage contractor hire arrangements.	DES	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Council's Plant Fleet	Oct-22	AMP for Council plant and machinery is reviewed and implemented	Not commenced
	DES	Review and implement strategies for efficient use of contractors.	Sep-22	Report is presented to Council for consideration	Not commenced
	DES	Develop a Plant Replacement and upgrade schedule and maintain the operational capacity of plant.	Sep-22	An annual plant for plant replacement is presented to Council, including a 10 year replacement Program	Not commenced

Strategic Outcome: Desirable Staffing Balance that Reflects Council and Community Expectations

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Develop, review and implement a staffing strategy to the efficiency of Council operations	CEO	Review and implement strategies to increase the capacity of Council operations	Oct-22	As apart of the organisational review.	Part of the Organisation review and amount of work being requested.
Provide accountable, professional, responsible, timely and accessible services to external and internal customers that reflect the values of the organization.	DCS	Review and implement strategies to for customer services	Dec-22	The current process for customer requests and complaints is review and any outcome is presented to Council for consideration	Commenced planning for Q4 implementation

Strategic Outcome: Council is Effective in Attracting and Retaining Qualified, Experienced and Committed Staff

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Ensure Councillors and staff are provided with relevant learning and personal development opportunities to achieve stated strategic priorities and corporate objectives.	CEO	Promote a drug free environment.	Monthly	Outcomes from testing is considered	Random testing being undertaken on a regular basis to ensure compliance.
	CEO	Review and implement strategies for an efficient training and development programs	Monthly	A training needs analysis is developed	Not yet commenced.
Implement effective HRM strategy throughout the organisation.	CEO	Review HRM practice for Council.	Dec-22	An annual review is undertaken of current practices	Not yet commenced.
Develop and implement organisation well-being programs.	CEO	Well-being program is part of a HRM review.	Dec-22	An annual review is undertaken of current practices	A program is in place and available to all personnel.
Develop and implement proactive WHS and enterprise risk strategies to reduce threats to the Council and the community.	CEO	Promote and support a safe and healthy work environment in which the importance of family and work/life balance is recognised.	Feb-23	Annual review is favourable and incidents are minimised	Federal Safety Audit has been undertaken and there has been some improvements noted.

Strategic Outcome: Council is Effective in Planning, Preparing and Responding to Natural Disasters

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>
Ensure a preparedness to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies and engage in planning activities aimed at minimising the impact of such disasters on the community.	CEO	Advocate for improved weather information infrastructure in the region (stream gauge stations, rainfall gauge stations and radar).	Nov-22	Suitable weather forecasting is place.	An additional 3 river gauges have been put in place. A Recent exercise, it is noted a further gauge is required.
Maintain a compliant, resourced disaster management plan	CEO	Review and update disaster management plan	Sep-22	Get ready is successful	Plan has been reviewed and desktop exercise undertaken.



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	16 th November 2022
Subject	Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 st October 2022
Classification	Open
Author	Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council pursuant Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report the period ending 31st October 2022, as presented.

BACKGROUND

The monthly financial report of Council provides a “Snapshot” of Council's financial performance, financial position and cash flows for the reporting period.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 5: Best practice corporate governance and organizational excellence.

Strategy No. 5.3.1: Ensure transparency of Council's financial operations and performance and promote awareness within the community of Council's financial management and other strategies.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

There are no Budget or Resource Considerations contained within this report.

CONSULTATION

NIL

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a financial report to Council's monthly meeting. The financial report is to be as close to the last day of the month of the reporting period as practicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
B (Likely)	M	H	H	E	E
C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

Risk	Person affected/ location	Risk Rating	Risk Control Measures	By who when	Notes
Failure to maintain financially sustainable.....	Council / Community	C3 – High	Council has in place various controls to monitor Councils position on month to month basis.	DCS	Council is audited annually by the QAO and Council also conducts various Internal Audits on Council
	Council / Community / Management	C3 – High	Council has in place various controls and also provides monthly reporting to Council to discuss the financial position of Council. Management will raise any concerns with Council as and when they may arise.	DCS	Council is audited annually by the QAO and Council also conducts various Internal Audits on Council

Report Prepared By:

Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

Date: 3rd November 2022

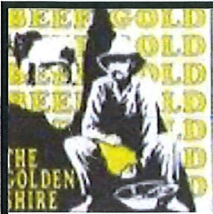
Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date:

ATTACHMENTS:

Financial Report as at 31st October 2022



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

Etheridge Shire Council

*October
Financial Reports
Council Meeting
16 November 2022*

**Mayor and Councillors
Etheridge Shire Council
Georgetown Qld 4871**

Highlights of this Month's Financial Report

Reporting Period:=

31-October-2022

Revenue

Total revenue of \$ 25.1 M. representing 34.4% of YTD Council adopted of \$ 73 M.

These statements are for 4 months of the financial year and generally would represent 34 % of the overall budget.

Expenditure

Expenditure incurred was \$ 25 M for the same period and representing 39.6 % of full year budgeted expenditure of \$ 63 M. compared with 34% for expected period expenditure.

Outcome

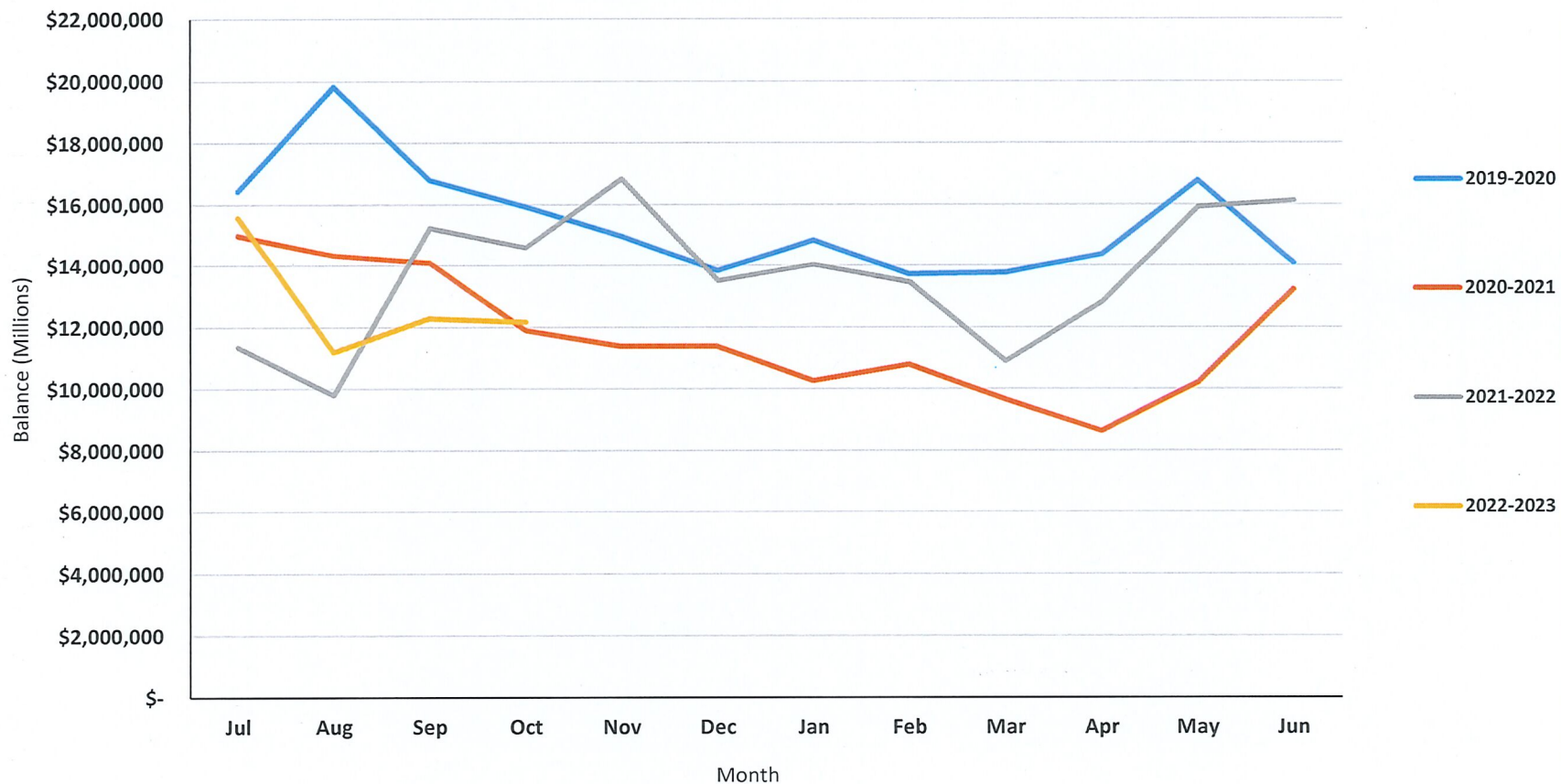
The cumulative Operating Result for the Report period is a surplus of \$ 148,000

2022-2023

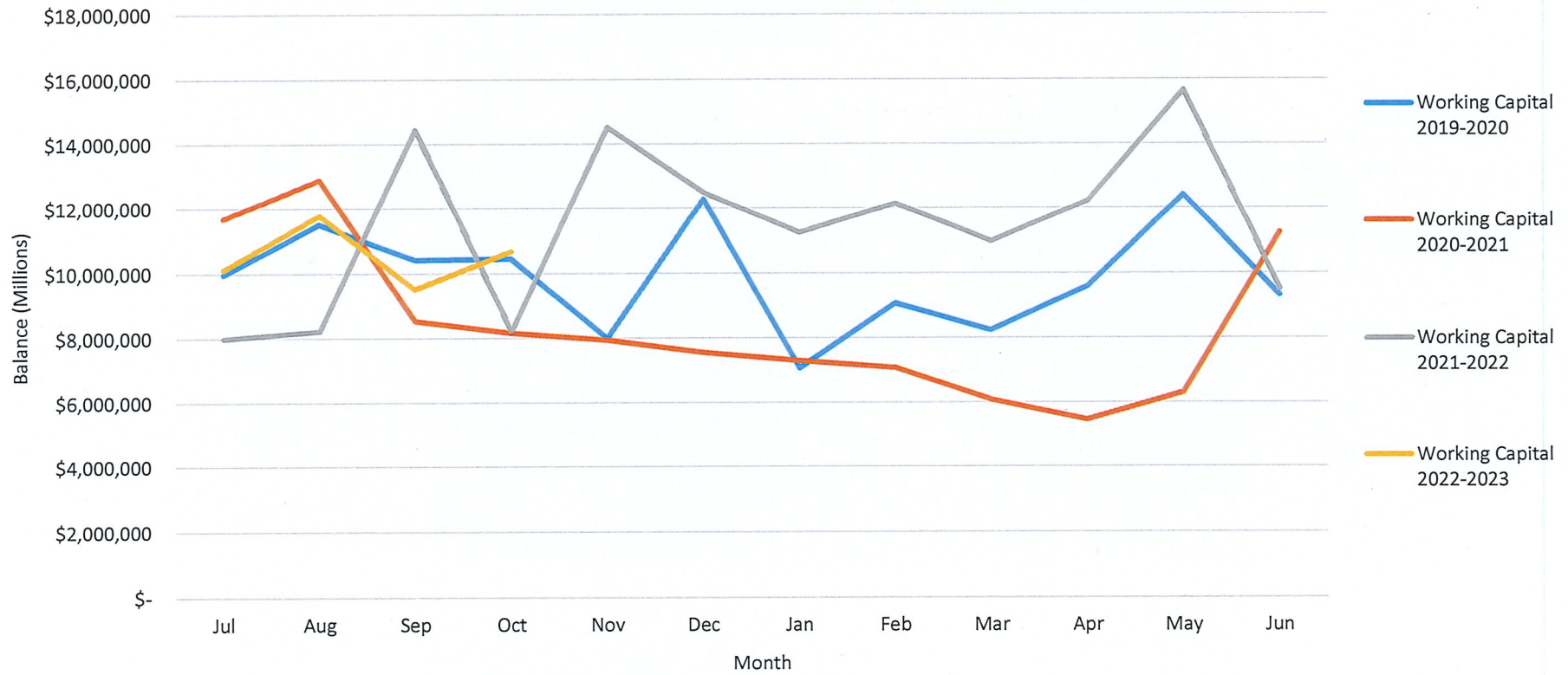
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CASH AT BANK			
	Operating Account		154,955
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS			
	QTC Cash Fund		12,004,293
	Total		\$ 12,159,248
The following items should be backed by cash and investments, plus any increases in the surplus of Debtors over Creditors.			
	Cash backed Current Liabilities (AL,LSL,SL,RDO)		\$550,404
	Restricted cash - grants received not yet spent less grants receivable		583,836
			\$ 1,134,240
Balance of estimated rates/other debtors - estimated creditors :			
	(333,352	- 680,851)	-\$ 347,499
Plus cash surplus	\$ 12,159,248	- \$1,134,240	\$ 11,025,008
Working Capital		Total	\$ 10,677,509

Etheridge Shire Council Cash Position



Etheridge Shire Council Working Capital



Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Period Ended October 31, 2022 - 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Income		
Revenue		
Recurrent revenue		
Rates, levies and charges	3	2,471,975
Fees and charges	3	99,847
Other income	3	131,877
Sales revenue	3	16,572,517
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	823,550
Total recurrent revenue		20,099,766
Expenses		
Recurrent expenses		
Employee benefits		(1,895,090)
Materials and services		(19,054,020)
Total recurrent expenses		(20,949,110)
Net Operating Result		(849,344)
Capital revenue		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	998,042
Total capital revenue		998,042
Other Expenses		
Capital Expenses	10	(4,100,373)
Total other expenses		(4,100,373)
Net Capital result		(3,102,331)
Other comprehensive income		
Total other comprehensive income for the year		0
Total comprehensive income for the year		(3,951,675)

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

Etheridge Shire Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the Period Ended October 31, 2022 - 2023

Notes	2023 Actual	Budget
Income		
Revenue		
Recurrent revenue		
Rates, levies and charges	3 2,471,975	2,492,220
Fees and charges	3 99,847	60,000
Other income	3 131,877	8,004,000
Sales revenue	3 16,572,517	25,050,000
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donation	4 823,550	29,907,000
Total recurrent revenue	<u>20,099,766</u>	<u>65,513,220</u>
Expenses		
Recurrent expenses		
Employee benefits	-1,895,090	-6,120,500
Materials and services	-19,054,020	-52,918,000
Depreciation	0	-5,908,750
Total recurrent expenses	<u>-20,949,110</u>	<u>-64,947,250</u>
Net Operating Result	<u>-849,344</u>	<u>565,970</u>
Capital revenue		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donation	4 998,042	7,481,000
Total capital revenue	<u>998,042</u>	<u>7,481,000</u>
Other Expenses		
Capital Expenses	10 -4,100,373	0
Total other expenses	<u>-4,100,373</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Capital result	<u>-3,102,331</u>	<u>7,481,000</u>
Other comprehensive income		
Total other comprehensive income for the year		
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-3,951,675</u>	<u>8,046,970</u>

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Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

For the Period Ended October 31, 2022 - 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	11	12,160,748
Receivables	12	1,032,541
Inventories	13	748,673
		13,941,961
Other non-current assets		726,850
Total current assets	2	14,668,811
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	15 7	243,346,074
Property, plant and equipment-new		17,082,054
Total non-current assets	2	260,428,127
TOTAL ASSETS		275,096,939
Current Liabilities		
Payables	17	483,114
Contract Liabilities		2,308,340
Borrowings	21	8,098
Provisions	18	794,543
Total current liabilities		3,594,096
Non-current Liabilities		
Borrowings	21	29,796
Provisions	18	2,261,576
Total non-current liabilities		2,291,372
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,885,468
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		269,211,470
Community Equity		
Asset revaluation reserve	25	175,778,324
Shire Capital		39,500,666
Current Surplus		148,698
Retained surplus/(deficiency)		44,322,981
Reserves		9,460,800
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		269,211,470

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Period Ended October 31, 2022 - 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers		22,829,227
Payments to suppliers and employees		(24,629,879)
Interest received		66,965
Rental income		60,794
Non-capital grants and contributions		299,835
Net cash - operating activities	23	<u>(1,373,059)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		1,521,757
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(4,100,373)
Net cash - from investing activities		<u>(2,578,617)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings		(3,607)
Net cash flow - financing activities		<u>(3,607)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(3,955,282)
Add cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		16,117,806
Cash and cash equivalents - closing	11	<u>12,160,748</u>

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Etheridge Shire Council
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Period Ended October 31, 2022 - 2023

	Notes	Asset revaluation reserve	Retained surplus	Reserves	Total
		Note 25		Note 28	
		2023 Actual	2023 Actual	2023 Actual	2023 Actual
Opening balance	25 28	<u>175,778,324</u>	<u>83,823,648</u>	<u>9,460,800</u>	<u>269,062,772</u>
Net operating surplus		0	148,698	0	148,698
Other comprehensive income for the year:					
Increase /(decrease) in asset revaluation surplus					
Available-for-sale financial assets:					
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Transfers to other reserves					
Total transfers to and from reserves	25 28	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing balance		<u>175,778,324</u>	<u>83,972,346</u>	<u>9,460,800</u>	<u>269,211,470</u>

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Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2023

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	REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
	31 Oct 2022	Budget		31 Oct 2022	Budget		31 Oct 2022	Budget	
1000-0001 ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE&GOVERNANCE									
1010-0002 RATES AND CHARGES	2,891,658	---	0	467,350	---	0	2,424,308	---	0
1020-0002 Councillors Fees and Expenses	0	0%	0	116,009	---	0	(116,009)	---	0
1030-0002 General Administration	14,458	---	0	1,030,458	---	0	(1,016,000)	---	0
1030-0003 General Administration	0	0%	0	25,035	---	0	(25,035)	---	0
1031-0003 WHS Training	0	0%	0	10,895	---	0	(10,895)	---	0
1032-0003 ESC Provided Shire Office Mtce	0	0%	0	19,007	---	0	(19,007)	---	0
1033-0003 Training Dev -Confer/Seminars									
1030-0002 General Administration	14,458	---	0	1,085,396	---	0	(1,070,937)	---	0
1050-0002 Wages On costs	320,239	---	0	571,331	---	0	(251,092)	---	0
1000-0001 ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE&GOVERNANCE	3,226,356	---	0	2,240,085	---	0	986,270	---	0
2000-0001 IMPROV COMM INFRAST & MECH-SHIRE									
2050-0002 Television & Radio Re-Transmission	0	0%	0	11,300	---	0	(11,300)	---	0
2060-0002 Information Technology	0	0%	0	83,013	---	0	(83,013)	---	0
2000-0001 IMPROV COMM INFRAST & MECH-SHIRE	0	0%	0	94,313	---	0	(94,313)	---	0
3000-0001 DEVELOP EQUITABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCT									
3060-0002 Libraries - Georgetown	30	---	0	0	0%	0	30	---	0
3070-0002 Libraries - Forsayth	0	0%	0	296	---	0	(296)	---	0
3070-0003 Libraries - Forsayth	0	0%	0	113	---	0	(113)	---	0
3071-0003 Libraries - Forsayth ESC Mtce									
3070-0002 Libraries - Forsayth	0	0%	0	409	---	0	(409)	---	0
3080-0002 Aged Care	20,000	---	0	0	0%	0	20,000	---	0
3100-0002 Cultural Development	31,000	---	0	15,081	---	0	15,919	---	0
3100-0003 Cultural Development	0	0%	0	16,463	---	0	(16,463)	---	0
3101-0003 RADF Project	0	0%	0	10,431	---	0	(10,431)	---	0
3102-0003 Community Assistance									
3100-0002 Cultural Development	31,000	---	0	41,976	---	0	(10,976)	---	0
3130-0002 Disaster Management	19,653	---	0	914	---	0	18,738	---	0
3140-0002 MULTI PURPOSE SPORTS STADIUM	0	0%	0	6,890	---	0	(6,890)	---	0
3150-0002 General Expenses Georgetown	216	---	0	11,929	---	0	(11,712)	---	0

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Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2023

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	REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
	31 Oct 2022	0%	Budget	31 Oct 2022	Budget	31 Oct 2022	Budget		
3160-0002 General Expenses Forsayth	0	0%	0	6,343	0	(6,343)	0		
3170-0002 General Expenses - Einasleigh	0	0%	0	2,506	0	(2,506)	0		
3180-0002 General Expenses - Mt Surprise	0	0%	0	11,933	0	(11,933)	0		
3190-0002 General Expenses - Kidston	0	0%	0	58	0	(58)	0		
3200-0002 General Exp-Cumberland Chimney	3,019	---	0	48,808	0	(45,789)	0		
3210-0002 Halls & Public Facilities-Gtown	1,429	---	0	9,078	0	(7,649)	0		
3220-0002 Halls & Public Facilities-Einasl	0	0%	0	762	0	(762)	0		
3230-0002 Halls & Public Facilities-Mt Surp	0	0%	0	614	0	(614)	0		
3240-0002 Einasleigh Medical Centre	0	0%	0	2,119	0	(2,119)	0		
3250-0002 Mt Surprise Medical Centre	0	0%	0	4,492	0	(4,492)	0		
3260-0002 Swimming Pool	0	0%	0	26,184	0	(26,184)	0		
3280-0002 Housing - Council	41,494	---	0	62,119	0	(20,625)	0		
3290-0002 Commercial Rentals									
3290-0003 Savanah House	1,300	---	0	98	0	1,202	0		
3295-0003 Demountable Office	18,000	---	0	0	0	18,000	0		
	19,300	---	0	98	0	19,202	0		
3290-0002 Commercial Rentals									
3300-0002 Gilbert River Community Shed	0	0%	0	0	0	(0)	0		
3310-0002 Lynd Junction Community Shed	0	0%	0	255	0	(255)	0		
3320-0002 Georgetown Aerodrome	0	0%	0	536	0	(536)	0		
3350-0002 Depot & Stores	0	0%	0	15,629	0	(15,629)	0		
3400-0002 Emergency Services - SES	0	0%	0	6,562	0	(6,562)	0		
3411-0002 W4Q 21-24	179,260	---	0	0	0	179,260	0		
	315,401	---	0	260,214	0	55,187	0		
3000-0001 DEVELOP EQUITABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCT									
4000-0001 RESILIENT TRANSPORT INFRASTR &CONNECT									
4010-0002 Road Maintenance	0	0%	0	37,366	0	(37,366)	0		
4011-0002 Georgetown Town Streets Maintenance	0	0%	0	32,111	0	(32,111)	0		
4012-0002 Forsayth Town Streets Maintenance	0	0%	0	8,863	0	(8,863)	0		
4013-0002 Einasleigh Town Streets Maintenance	0	0%	0	5,490	0	(5,490)	0		
4014-0002 Mt Surprise Town Streets Maintenance	0	0%	0	4,482	0	(4,482)	0		
4020-0002 Road Improvements	978,042	---	0	0	0	978,042	0		
4030-0002 Bridges & Causeways	23,926	---	0	17,202	0	6,724	0		
4050-0002 Street Lighting	0	0%	0	2,923	0	(2,923)	0		
4091-0002 Maintenance Aerodromes									
4091-0003 Georgetown Aerodrome	0	0%	0	8,598	0	(8,598)	0		
4092-0003 Forsayth Aerodrome	0	0%	0	2,125	0	(2,125)	0		
4093-0003 Einasleigh Aerodrome	0	0%	0	3,835	0	(3,835)	0		
4094-0003 Mt Surprise Aerodrome	0	0%	0	2,212	0	(2,212)	0		
	0	0%	0	16,769	0	(16,769)	0		
4091-0002 Maintenance Aerodromes									
4110-0002 Plant Operations	3,363,838	---	0	0	0	3,363,838	0		
4120-0002 Plant Operations Expenses	0	0%	0	1,193,835	0	(1,193,835)	0		

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Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2023

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	REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
	31 Oct 2022	Budget		31 Oct 2022	Budget		31 Oct 2022	Budget	
4130-0002 Floating Plant & Loose Tools	0	0%	0	10,889	---	0	(10,889)	---	0
4140-0002 Depot & Stores									
4140-0003 Depot Operations	0	0%	0	10,884	---	0	(10,884)	---	0
4141-0003 Stores Operations	0	0%	0	13,761	---	0	(13,761)	---	0
4140-0002 Depot & Stores	0	0%	0	24,645	---	0	(24,645)	---	0
4160-0002 Recoverable Works									
4160-0003 TMR RMPC 2021-22	1,216,464	---	0	722,870	---	0	493,594	---	0
4161-0003 TMR Weed Management 2020/2	0	0%	0	58,175	---	0	(58,175)	---	0
4169-0003 Private Works	0	0%	0	101,082	---	0	(101,082)	---	0
4172-0003 CN 15770 Variation 1 KDR 2105-22050	0	0%	0	8,739	---	0	(8,739)	---	0
4174-0003 CN-16827 Ken Dev Rd - Ch 27.3-30.4	0	0%	0	742,813	---	0	(742,813)	---	0
4175-0003 A226-92C Gulf DR CN-15351 41.9-45.6	0	0%	0	1,947,010	---	0	(1,947,010)	---	0
4176-0003 B226-92C Gulf DR CN-15351 41.9-45.6	0	0%	0	3,932,412	---	0	(3,932,412)	---	0
4179-0003 CN-18620 92B GDR CH133.76-137.7	3,691,036	---	0	3,079,125	---	0	611,911	---	0
4160-0002 Recoverable Works	4,907,500	---	0	10,592,227	---	0	(5,684,726)	---	0
4198-0002 Recoverable Works									
4198-0003 TMR Recoverable Works	2,846,651	---	0	0	0%	0	2,846,651	---	0
4198-0002 Recoverable Works	2,846,651	---	0	0	0%	0	2,846,651	---	0
4200-0002 Flood Damage									
4200-0003 Flood Damage	8,460,955	---	0	477,877	---	0	7,983,077	---	0
4211-0003 Flood Warning Signs	0	0%	0	10,988	---	0	(10,988)	---	0
4214-0003 F/D 2021 Sub 1 Contingecy	0	0%	0	500,493	---	0	(500,493)	---	0
4200-0002 Flood Damage	8,460,955	---	0	989,358	---	0	7,471,596	---	0
4221-0002 Flood Damage 2020-21									
4221-0003 Zone 1 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	0	877,233	---	0	(877,233)	---	0
4222-0003 Zone 2 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	0	1,218,178	---	0	(1,218,178)	---	0
4223-0003 Zone 3.1 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	0	3,495,596	---	0	(3,495,596)	---	0
4224-0003 Zone 4 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	0	2,968,606	---	0	(2,968,606)	---	0
4225-0003 Zone 5 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	0	144,122	---	0	(144,122)	---	0
4228-0003 Gravel Pits	0	0%	0	250	---	0	(250)	---	0
4229-0003 Zone 3.3 Flood Damage 2020-21	217,083	---	0	0	0%	0	217,083	---	0
4221-0002 Flood Damage 2020-21	217,083	---	0	8,703,986	---	0	(8,486,903)	---	0
4000-0001 RESILIENT TRANSPORT INFRAST &CONNECT	20,797,996	---	0	21,640,146	---	0	(842,151)	---	0
4300-0001 DEVE RELIABLE POT&IRRIG WATER SUP									
4310-0002 Water Charges - Georgetown	298,077	---	0	37,790	---	0	260,286	---	0

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Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2023

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	REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
	31 Oct 2022		Budget	31 Oct 2022	Budget	31 Oct 2022	Budget		
4320-0002 Water Operations - Georgetown	0	0%	0	75,518	---	0	(75,518)	---	0
4330-0002 Water Charges - Forsayth	79,471	---	0	10,471	---	0	69,000	---	0
4340-0002 Water Operations - Forsayth	0	0%	0	101,687	---	0	(101,687)	---	0
4500-0002 Charleston Dam Project	0	0%	0	19,651	---	0	(19,651)	---	0
4300-0001 DEVE RELIABLE POT&IRRIG WATER SUP	377,547	---	0	245,117	---	0	132,431	---	0
5000-0001 MAN NAT ASSET&ENVIR TOUR&ECON DEV									
5010-0002 Environment Health	(315)	---	0	5,637	---	0	(5,952)	---	0
5070-0002 Cleansing Charges Georgetown									
5071-0003 Georgetown Refuse Tip Expenses	0	0%	0	30,746	---	0	(30,746)	---	0
5072-0003 Septic Waste Site Expenses	0	0%	0	601	---	0	(601)	---	0
5070-0002 Cleansing Charges Georgetown	128,754	---	0	49,167	---	0	79,587	---	0
5080-0002 Cleansing Charges Forsayth	13,622	---	0	3,615	---	0	10,007	---	0
5090-0002 Cleansing Charges - Einasleigh	9,943	---	0	5,817	---	0	4,125	---	0
5100-0002 Cleansing Charges - Mt Surprise	10,511	---	0	2,096	---	0	8,414	---	0
5151-0002 General Maintenance-Georgetown	0	0%	0	51,772	---	0	(51,772)	---	0
5152-0002 Vacant Land & Reserve Mtce- Forsayth	0	0%	0	6,145	---	0	(6,145)	---	0
5153-0002 Einasleigh	0	0%	0	7,805	---	0	(7,805)	---	0
5154-0002 Mt Surprise	0	0%	0	1,872	---	0	(1,872)	---	0
5161-0002 Georgetown Cemetery	0	0%	0	797	---	0	(797)	---	0
5162-0002 Forsayth Cemetery	0	0%	0	907	---	0	(907)	---	0
5163-0002 Einasleigh Cemetery	0	0%	0	795	---	0	(795)	---	0
5164-0002 Mt Surprise Cemetery	0	0%	0	558	---	0	(558)	---	0
5170-0002 Area Promotions	20	---	0	61,581	---	0	(61,561)	---	0
5000-0001 MAN NAT ASSET&ENVIR TOUR&ECON DEV	173,840	---	0	207,479	---	0	(33,638)	---	0
6000-0001 COMMERCIAL SERVICES									
6010-0002 Terrestrial V.I.C.									
6010-0003 Terrestrial V.I.C.	83,401	---	0	118,089	---	0	(34,688)	---	0
6011-0003 TerrEstrial ESC Provided Mtce	0	0%	0	340	---	0	(340)	---	0
6010-0002 Terrestrial V.I.C.	83,401	---	0	118,428	---	0	(35,027)	---	0
6020-0002 Childcare									
6020-0003 Childcare	104,637	---	0	102,060	---	0	2,577	---	0
6021-0003 Childcare-ESC Building Mtce	0	0%	0	288	---	0	(288)	---	0
6020-0002 Childcare	104,637	---	0	102,348	---	0	2,288	---	0

(Accounts: 1000-0000-0000 to 6050-2400-0000. All report groups. 34% of year elapsed. To Level 3. Excludes committed costs)

Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2023

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		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	
		31 Oct 2022	Budget	31 Oct 2022	Budget	31 Oct 2022	Budget
6030-0002	Student Hostel						
6030-0003	Student Hostel	30,989	0	42,073	0	(11,084)	0
6031-0003	Hostel-ESC Provided Mtce	0	0	728	0	(728)	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
6030-0002	Student Hostel	30,989	0	42,801	0	(11,812)	0
6050-0002	Refuse Collection	0	0	10,538	0	(10,538)	0
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6000-0001	COMMERCIAL SERVICES	219,027	0	274,115	0	(55,089)	0
		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE		25,110,167	0	24,961,469	0	148,698	0

Reconciliation of Statement of Cash Flows to PCS Revenue & Expense Statement

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Recurrent Revenue	20099766
Capital Revenue	<u>998042</u>
Total Statement Revenue	21097808

Add Revenue assigned to expense reporting lines

4110-1571 Plant Hire	3322739	
1050-1951 Oncost Income	269039	
1050-1964 Stores Oncost	<u>51200</u>	3642978

Add Expenses treated as Contra Revenue

1010-2140 Rate Discount	283003	
1010-2211 Rate Remission	19105	
4310-2211 Water Discount	36572	
4310-2230 Water Remission	1219	
4330-2211 Water Discount	8524	
4330-2230 Water Remission	1947	
5070-2211 Cleansing Discount	17820	
5090-2030 Waste Management f	680	
5100-2030 Waste Management f	<u>486</u>	369356

Restated Revenue	<u>25110142</u>
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PCS Revenue & Expense Statement Total Revenue	<u>25110167</u>
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Cumulative rounding	-25
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Total Statement Expenditure	<u>20949110</u>
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Add Revenue assigned to expense reporting lines

4110-1571 Plant Hire	3322739	
1050-1951 Oncost Income	269039	
1050-1964 Stores Oncost	<u>51200</u>	3642978

Add Expenses treated as Contra Revenue

1010-2140 Rate Discount	283003	
1010-2211 Rate Remission	19105	
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Restated Expenditure	24961444
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PCS Revenue & Expense Statement Total Expenses	24961469
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Cumulative rounding	-25
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Restated Revenue	25110142
Less Restated Expenditure	<u>24961444</u>

Adjusted Operating Result	<u>148698</u>
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PCS R&E Total Revenue	25110167
PCS R&E Total Expense	<u>24961469</u>

148698

	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Oct 2022		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Oct 2022		BUDGET
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>							
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0300-0002 CASH AND RECEIVABLES	22,947,363	(8,278,552)	---	0	14,668,811	79%	18,632,212
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	22,947,363	(8,278,552)	---	0	14,668,811	79%	18,632,212
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	22,947,363	(8,278,552)	---	0	14,668,811	79%	18,632,212
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>							
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0400-0002 NON-CURRENT ASSETS	243,346,074	(3,052)	---	0	243,343,022	116%	210,208,674
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	243,346,074	(3,052)	---	0	243,343,022	116%	210,208,674
3000-0001 DEVELOP EQUITABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCT							
3080-0002 Aged Care	9,675	12,741	---	0	22,415	9%	250,000
3100-0002 Cultural Development							
3100-0003 Cultural Development	0	27,464	---	0	27,464	31%	90,000
3100-0002 Cultural Development TOTAL	0	27,464	---	0	27,464	31%	90,000
3220-0002 Halls & Public Facilities-Einasl	11,463	0	0%	0	11,463	79%	14,600
3260-0002 Swimming Pool	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	33,150
3280-0002 Housing - Council	46,446	523,861	---	0	570,307	95%	600,000
3310-0002 Lynd Junction Community Shed	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	50,000
3400-0002 Emergency Services - SES	34,432	0	0%	0	34,432	2%	1,695,000
3411-0002 W4Q 21-24	105,749	12,965	---	0	118,714	8%	1,517,000
3000-0001 DEVELOP EQUITABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCT TOTAL	207,765	577,031	---	0	784,796	18%	4,249,750

	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Oct 2022	%	BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Oct 2022	%	BUDGET
4000-0001 RESILIENT TRANSPORT INFRAST &CONNECT							
4020-0002 Road Improvements	3,402,839	2,620,426	---	0	6,023,265	162%	3,712,400
4040-0002 Drainage Construction Works	427,660	0	0%	0	427,660	56%	758,556
4061-0002 Town Street Improvements	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	581,060
4064-0002 Town Street Improvements	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	250,000
4070-0002 Parks & Gardens	4,980	0	0%	0	4,980	100%	4,980
4091-0002 Maintenance Aerodromes	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	504,000
4091-0003 Georgetown Aerodrome	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	504,000
4091-0002 Maintenance Aerodromes TOTAL	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	504,000
4140-0002 Depot & Stores	11,073	0	0%	0	11,073	37%	30,000
4140-0003 Depot Operations	11,073	0	0%	0	11,073	37%	30,000
4140-0002 Depot & Stores TOTAL	11,073	0	0%	0	11,073	37%	30,000
4150-0002 Plant Purchases	55,210	815,101	---	0	870,311	19%	4,638,273
4000-0001 RESILIENT TRANSPORT INFRAST &CONNECT TOTAL	3,901,762	3,435,526	---	0	7,337,288	70%	10,479,269
4300-0001 DEVE RELIABLE POT&IRRIG WATER SUP							
4320-0002 Water Operations - Georgetown	332,660	16,369	---	0	349,029	87%	403,000
4340-0002 Water Operations - Forsayth	112,836	660	---	0	113,496	68%	166,900
4500-0002 Charleston Dam Project	6,614,949	43,720	---	0	6,658,669	39%	17,181,610
4501-0002 21-22 Opening Budget Adjs	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	(6,782,302)
4300-0001 DEVE RELIABLE POT&IRRIG WATER SUP TOTAL	7,060,445	60,749	---	0	7,121,194	65%	10,969,208
5000-0001 MAN NAT ASSET&ENVIR TOUR&ECON DEV							
5030-0002 Pest Management	12,540	0	0%	0	12,540	21%	60,000
5152-0002 Vacant Land & Reserve Mtce- Forsayth	1,799,168	27,776	---	0	1,826,943	69%	2,652,000
5000-0001 MAN NAT ASSET&ENVIR TOUR&ECON DEV TOTAL	1,811,708	27,776	---	0	1,839,483	68%	2,712,000
6000-0001 COMMERCIAL SERVICES							
6010-0002 Terrestrial V.I.C.	0	2,344	---	0	2,344	0%	2,188,174
6010-0003 Terrestrial V.I.C.	0	2,344	---	0	2,344	0%	2,188,174

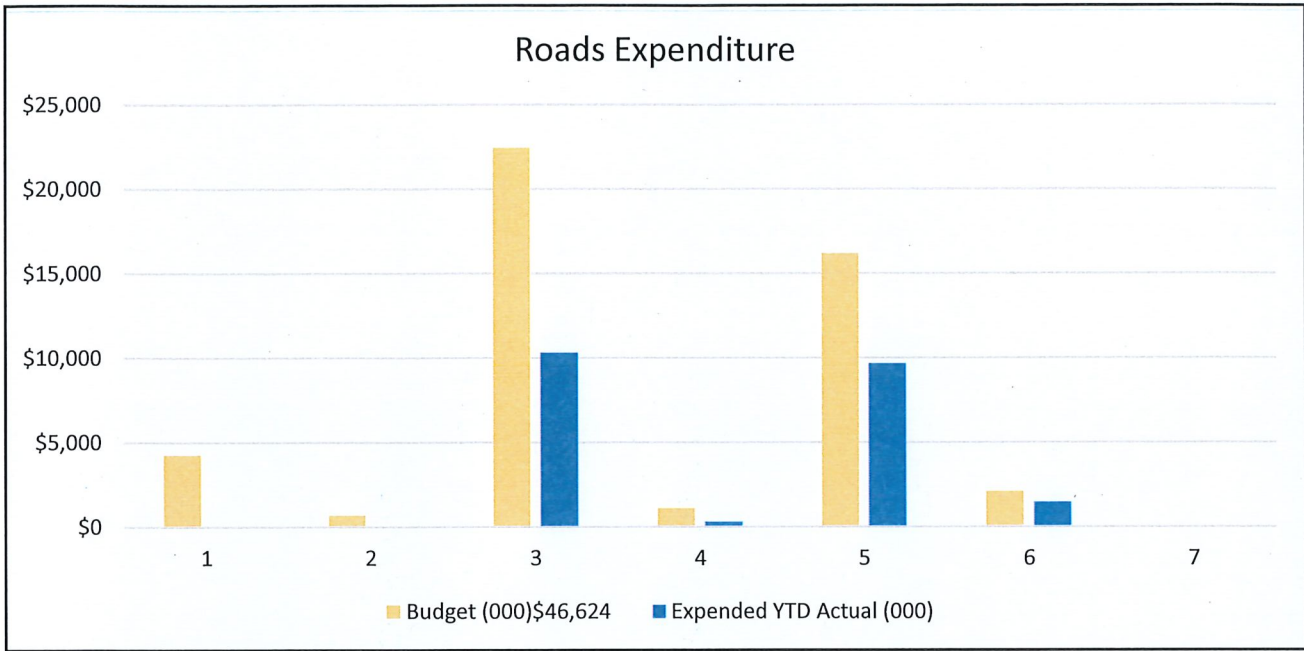
	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE		BUDGET
		31 Oct 2022			31 Oct 2022		
6010-0002 Terrestrial V.I.C. TOTAL	0	2,344	---	0	2,344	0%	2,188,174
6020-0002 Childcare	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	50,000
6020-0003 Childcare	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	50,000
6020-0002 Childcare TOTAL	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	50,000
6000-0001 COMMERCIAL SERVICES TOTAL	0	2,344	---	0	2,344	0%	2,238,174
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	256,327,754	4,100,373	---	0	260,428,127	108%	240,857,075
TOTAL ASSETS	279,275,117	(4,178,179)	---	0	275,096,938	106%	259,489,287
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0500-0002 CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES	7,941,360	(4,347,264)	---	0	3,594,096	114%	3,141,965
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,941,360	(4,347,264)	---	0	3,594,096	114%	3,141,965
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,941,360	(4,347,264)	---	0	3,594,096	114%	3,141,965

	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Oct 2022	BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Oct 2022	BUDGET
<u>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0600-0002 LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT	2,270,985	20,387	0	2,291,372	867,987
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	2,270,985	20,387	0	2,291,372	867,987
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,270,985	20,387	0	2,291,372	867,987
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,212,345	(4,326,877)	0	5,885,468	4,009,952
NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	269,062,772	148,698	0	269,211,470	255,479,335
<u>COMMUNITY EQUITY</u>					
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0700-0002 SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES	269,062,772	148,698	10,226,500	269,211,470	265,705,835
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	269,062,772	148,698	10,226,500	269,211,470	265,705,835
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	269,062,772	148,698	10,226,500	269,211,470	265,705,835

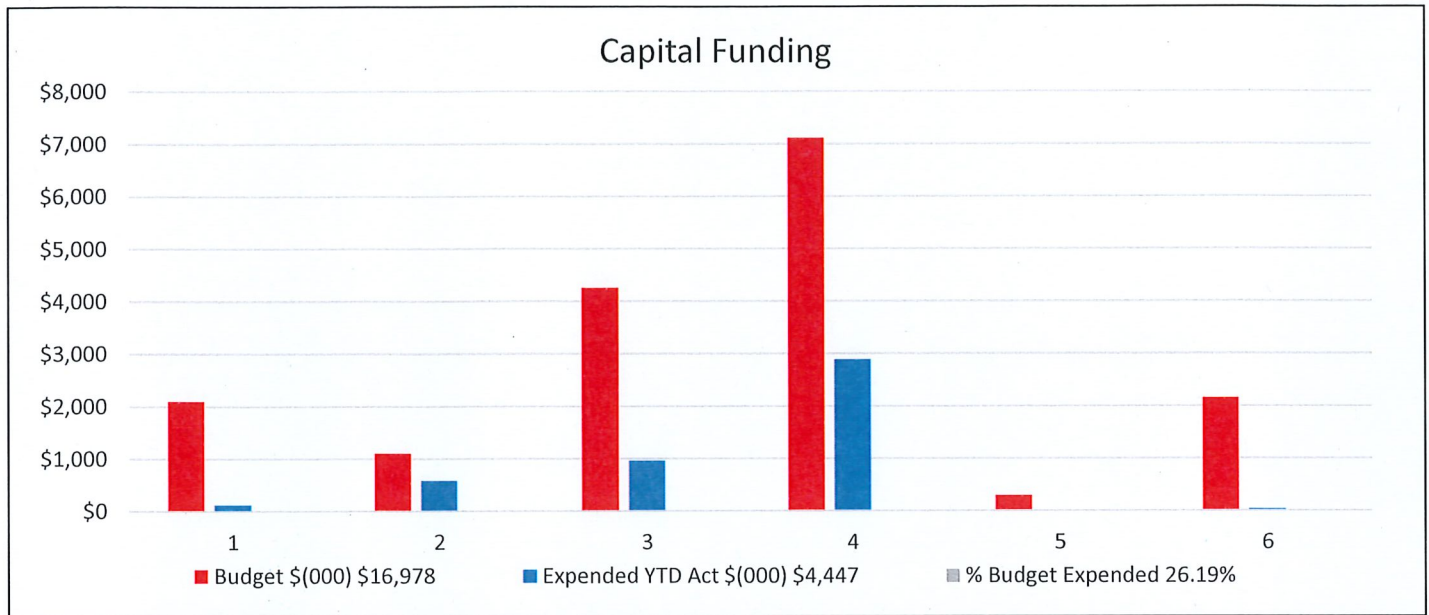
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-----THIS YEAR-----				-----ARREARS-----						INTEREST	UNALLOC	REC	TOTAL
1st LEVY	2nd LEVY	SUPP. LEVIES	WATER LEVIES	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	4 YEARS	5 YEARS	5+ YEARS				
265882.48	0.00	7063.10	0.00	19576.34	5635.64	3462.61	2527.80	2089.37	893.30	11767.96	19335.65	299562.95	



	Budget 000's	Expended YTD Actual 000's	% of Budget Expended
Total Road Expenditure	\$46,624	\$21,776	47%
1 Rural Roads	\$4,213	\$50	1%
2 Town Streets	\$671	\$37	6%
3 TMR Contract Works	\$22,410	\$10,301	46%
4 RMPC Works	\$1,080	\$280	26%
5 Flood Damage	\$16,170	\$9,664	60%
6 Roads Depreciation	\$2,080	\$1,443	69%
7 Other	\$0	\$0	0%



		Budget \$(000)	Expended YTD Act \$(000)	% Budget Expended
	Total Capital Funding	\$16,978	\$4,447	26.19%
1	Land & land Improvements	\$2,090	\$121	5.78%
2	Buildings / Other Structures	\$1,100	\$579	52.67%
3	Plant & Equipment / Furniture & Fittings	\$4,251	\$955	22.47%
4	Road Infrastructure	\$7,105	\$2,884	40.59%
5	Water Infrastructure	\$286	\$1	0.24%
6	Other Structures	\$2,146	\$28	1.29%

		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	% budget expended
0410-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Land			-	\$2,090,000.00	0%
0410-4501-0000	Work in Progress - Land Sales - LJ & ACJ Barns (00083-00000-000)		-\$9,090.91	-\$9,090.91		
0460-4500-0000	Work In Progress - Roads & Streets - First Street Forsayth Survey & Design					
0470-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Water			-\$9,090.91		
0420-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Buildings				\$1,100,000.00	53%
3080-4501-0001	Aged Care Facilities -Advisory	\$9,674.86	\$12,740.50	\$22,415.36	\$ 590,000.00	
3100-4500-0001	Mobile Coolroom					
3100-4501-0001	Morgue Freezer		\$27,464.00	\$27,464.00		
3100-4502-0001	Einasleigh QR Shed Removal					
3140-2268-0001	Sport Centre - Car Park Lands & drainage - Design					
3280-4502-0001	Staff Housing - Purchase of Land	\$46,446.23	\$523,861.12	\$570,307.35	\$ 1,150,000.00	
3410-4500-0002	W4Q Cap Grant - Information Sign - Lynd Community Building	\$5,776.12		\$5,776.12	\$ 50,000.00	
3410-4500-0003	W4Q Cap Grant - Beautification of Einasleigh Carpark				\$ 35,000.00	
3410-4500-0004	W4Q Cap Grant - Hard Roof Playground Shelters (Georgetown, Einasleigh & Forsayth)					
3410-4500-0005	W4Q Cap Grant - Fencing (Mt Surprise Cemetery & Mt Surprise Park)					
3410-4500-0006	W4Q Cap Grant - Shelter Shed & Seating @ Elizabeth Crk Mt Surprise					
3410-4500-0007	W4Q Cap Grant - Speed Warning Signs x 5 @ Georgetown and Forsayth	\$28,655.76		\$28,655.76		
3410-4500-0008	W4Q Cap Grant - Concrete Walkway from Forsayth Museum to town entrance					
3410-4500-0010	W4Q Cap Grant - Bike Park - Mt Surprise					
3411-4500-0002	W4Q 21/24 Capital Works - Georgetown Sports Centre				\$ 300,000.00	
3411-4500-0005	W4Q 21/24 Capital Works - Rural Addressing					
3411-4500-0006	W4Q 21/24 Capital Works - Forsayth Cemetery Fencing	\$27,908.96	\$12,965.00	\$40,873.96		
3412-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Terrestrial - Damage-bk steps/install wheel					
3610-4500-0001	Rec. & Res 21-23 Cap Works: Solar energy - Council Buildings	\$77,840.00		\$77,840.00		
6010-4502-0001	Infrastructure at Cost Building Our Regions Grant Terrestrial Upgrade - Upgrade to Complex		\$2,344.00	\$2,344.00		
6010-4502-0002	Infrastructure at Cost Building Our Regions Grant Terrestrial Upgrade - Internal Fitout (Displays etc)					
6010-4502-0003	Infrastructure at Cost Building Our Regions Grant Terrestrial Upgrade - New carpet in collection area					
6010-4502-0004	Infrastructure at Cost Building Our Regions Grant Terrestrial Upgrade - Landscaping					
6020-4502-0001	Cap Imp. Child Care Centre - Shade Structure					
		\$196,301.93		\$775,676.55		
0430-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Other Structures				\$2,146,000.00	1%
3220-4501-0001	Einasleigh Infrastructure - Halls & Public Facilities - Water Tank Upgrade	\$11,463.27		\$11,463.27		
4091-4501-0001	Capital Imp. Georgetown Aerodrome - Reseal of Airstrip runway				\$ 240,000.00	
4091-4501-0002	Capital Imp. Georgetown Aerodrome - Linemarking					
4077-4501-0001	W4Q Georgetown Infrastructure Projects at Costs - Shade and Seating Structures	\$4,980.00		\$4,980.00		
4140-4504-0000	Wash Down Bay Shade Structure - Shade for plant adjacent wash down bay	\$11,072.73		\$11,072.73	\$ 750,000.00	
5030-4500-0001	Cap Imp. Einasleigh Common - Upgrade Eins Common Stock Yrds	\$12,540.00		\$12,540.00		
5151-4502-0000	Sports Ground Canteen Building					

		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	% budget expended
5152-4502-0001	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Supply & Install Restroom	\$331,095.25		\$331,095.25		
5152-4502-0002	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Supply & Install Picnic Shelters	\$86,009.66	\$ 22,663.02	\$108,672.68		
5152-4502-0003	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Supply & Install View Platform					
5152-4502-0004	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Supply & Install BBQ's (Wood Fired)	\$33,754.84		\$33,754.84		
5152-4502-0005	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Suppy & Install Boat Ramp	\$98,676.72	\$ 5.72	\$98,682.44	\$ 100,000.00	
5152-4502-0006	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Parking & Internal Roads	\$1,109,957.58		\$1,109,957.58		
5152-4502-0007	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Playground & Activity Area	\$45,201.39	\$ 979.09	\$46,180.48		
5152-4502-0008	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Supply & Install Walkways	\$9,658.31		\$9,658.31		
5152-4502-0009	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Landscaping (Trees/Shrubs)	\$84,813.99	\$ 3,876.83	\$88,690.82		
5152-4502-0010	WIP Charleston Dam Rec. - Supply & Install Entrance Monument & Various Signage		\$ 250.88	\$250.88		
		\$1,839,223.74		\$1,866,999.28		
0440-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Fleet Plant & Equipment				4,251,000.00	22%
3350-4502-0001	Depot & Stores - Capital improvements - Depot - installation of generator					
4150-4500-0103	Plant Purchases - Genelite 66kVA Generator #1 (Plant 8843)	\$27,605.00		\$27,605.00		
4150-4500-0104	Plant Purchases - Genelite 66kVA Generator #1 (Plant 8844)	\$27,605.00		\$27,605.00		
4150-4500-1325	Plant Purchases - Prado		\$65,136.89	\$65,136.89		
4150-4500-2620	Plant Purchases - Prime Mover (Plant 2620)		\$222,075.00	\$222,075.00		
4150-4500-5060	Plant Purchases - Skid Steer Loader (Plant 5060)		\$147,691.20	\$147,691.20		
4150-4500-6080	Plant Purchases -2022 CAT Grader (Plant 6080)		\$504,721.60	\$504,721.60		
4150-4500-8858	Plant Purchases - Satellite Kit # 5		\$9,101.60	\$9,101.60		
4150-4500-8859	Plant Purchases - Satellite Kit # 6		\$9,101.60	\$9,101.60		
4150-4502-0000	Plant Sales - 2011 Zero Turn Mower		-\$2,727.27	-\$2,727.27		
4150-4502-5027	Plant Sales - Plant 5027 - Loader Skid Steer Bobcat S205H					
4150-4502-6014	Plant Sales - Plant 6014 - Grader Caterpillar 140H					
		\$55,210.00		\$1,010,310.62		
0450-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Furniture & Other Equipment					
0460-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Roads Infrastructure				\$7,105,000.00	41%
3411-4500-0001	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Georgetown - Streetscaping				\$ 900,000.00	
3411-4500-0003	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Einasleigh - Drainage improvement				\$ 1,000,000.00	
3610-4500-0002	Recovery & Resilience Grant - North Head Rd - Install drainage & bitumen seal					
3610-4500-0003	Recovery & Resilience Grant - Georgetown Street scaping					
4012-4500-0001	Work In progress -Roads & Streets - First Street Forsyth 22/23 Survey & Design		\$ 2,400.00	\$2,400.00		
4020-4500-0001	Capital Ip - Sealed Services - Forsyth - Einasleigh Rd Reseal		\$ 557.51	\$557.51	\$ 770,000.00	
4020-4521-0100	Road Improvements - TIDS 19/20 Infra. At Cost - Annual Contribution FNQROC					
4020-4525-0001	Road Improvements - Dst Seals - Oak Park Rd (Oak Park Station) Ch 23.84 to Ch 24.64					
4020-4526-0001	Road Improvements - Dust Seals - Oak Park Rd (Bagstowe Station) Ch 55.4 to Ch 55.7					
4020-4527-0001	Local Road & Community Infr. Program - Greenhills Road - 5 x Concrete causeways					
4020-4527-0002	Local Road & Community Infr. Program - Perryvale Road - 3 x Concrete causeways					
4020-4528-0002	Road Improvements - R2R 21/22 Infr. @ cost - North Head Road project	\$268,124.24		\$268,124.24		
4020-4529-0001	Road Improvements - R2R 21/22 Infr. @ cost - North Head Road project	\$2,836,560.11	\$ 2,881,039.09	\$5,717,599.20		

		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	% budget expended
4040-4512-0000						
4040-1009-0000	Drainage Construction Works - LRCIP - LRIG Paddys Road	\$91,773.71		\$91,773.71		
4040-1051-0000	Drainage Construction Works - LRCIP - LRIG Vanlee Road					
4040-1057-0000	Drainage Construction Works - LRCIP - LRIG North Heads Road	\$536.70		\$536.70		
4040-1059-0000	Drainage Construction Works - LRCIP - LRI Grant Agate Creek	\$4,172.19		\$4,172.19		
4040-2028-0000	Drainage Construction Works - LRCIP - LRIG O'Briens Creek Road					
4040-3009-0000	Drainage Construction Works - LRCIP - LRIG Gilberton Road	\$331,177.41		\$331,177.41		
4061-4504-0001	Town Streets Imp. Capital Imp. Street Reseals Georgetown - Cumberland St, Low St to High St				\$ 190,000.00	
4061-4504-0002	Town Streets Imp. Capital Imp. Street Reseals Georgetown - Normanton St, High St to Causeway					
4061-4504-0003	Town Streets Imp. Capital Imp. Street Reseals Georgetown - South St, High St to Haldane St					
4061-4504-0004	Town Streets Imp. Capital Imp. Street Reseals Georgetown - Low St, St George St to Cumberland St					
4061-4504-0005	Town Streets Imp. Capital Imp. Street Reseals Georgetown - High St, Short St to Cumberland St, South St to Crampton Rd					
4061-4504-0006	Town Streets Imp. Capital Imp. Street Reseals Georgetown - Haldane St, North St to End					
4061-4504-0007	Town Streets Imp. Capital Imp. Street Reseals Georgetown - Haldane Lane					
4064-4504-0008	Town Streets Imp. Capital Imp. Street Reseals Georgetown - South St, High St to Haldane St					
4064-4504-0009	Town Streets Imp. Capital Imp. Street Reseals Georgetown - Collins St					
4062-4500-0001	Capital Imp - Street Reseals Forsayth - First St				\$ 500,000.00	
4062-4500-0002	Capital Imp - Street Reseals Forsayth - Second St					
4062-4500-0003	Capital Imp - Street Reseals Forsayth - Eighth St					
4063-4500-0001	Capital Imp. Street Reseals Einasleigh - Forsayth Rd					
4120-2337	Contractor services - not capital					
		\$3,532,344.36		\$6,416,340.96		
0470-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Water Infrastructure				\$285,500.00	0%
3411-4500-0004	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Forsayth/Georgetown - Water Telemetry					
4320-4500-0002	Capital Imp. Georgetown Water Plant & Equipment at cost - Replacement of Meters	\$6,101.54		\$6,101.54		
4320-4500-0004	Capital Imp. Georgetown Water Plant & Equipment at cost - New Water Connections	\$51.70		\$51.70		
4320-4501-0001	Capital Imp. Georgetown Water Infra - Install telemetry	\$16,521.20		\$16,521.20	\$ 40,000.00	
4320-4501-0002	Capital Imp. Georgetown Water Infra - Valve replacement					
4320-4501-0003	Capital Imp. Georgetown Water Infra - Raw Water reservoir & Main to Treatment Plant	\$277,440.25	\$17.12	\$277,457.37		
4320-4501-0004	Capital Imp. Georgetown Water Infra - Replace water main to racecourse	\$32,544.90		\$32,544.90		
4320-4506-0002	Infrastructure at cost Georgetown Water - Install Valves & Hydrants					
4320-4507-0001	Water Supply Gtown - Infrastructure at cost - Replace water main (St George St & South St)	\$3,597.99		\$3,597.99		
4340-4500-0002	Capital Imp. Forsayth Water PPE - Replacement of meters					
4340-4500-0003	Capital Imp. Forsayth Water PPE - New Water Connection					
4340-4503-0001	Capital Imp. Forsayth Water Infrastructure - Supply & Install store Room & Slab					
4340-4503-0002	Capital Imp. Forsayth Water Infrastructure - Install Internal Work Room					
4340-4504-0001	Capital Imp - Forsayth Water Capital Imp. Res. To WTP - Connection of New Reservoir to WTP	\$84,963.75	\$ 659.70	\$85,623.45		
4340-4504-0002	Capital Imp - Forsayth Water Capital Imp. Res. To WTP - Security Fencing	\$17,194.60		\$17,194.60	\$ 12,500.00	
4340-4504-0003	Capital Imp - Forsayth Water Capital Imp. Res. To WTP - Install telemetry	\$7,080.00		\$7,080.00	\$ 40,000.00	
		\$445,495.93		\$446,172.75		
4500-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Land & Other Improvements					
4500-4500-0000	Charleston Dam Project - Charleston Dam Support Design Etc					

		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	% budget expended
4500-4500-0003	Charleston Dam Project - Project Engineer On-Site Inspection		\$18,995.05	\$18,995.05		
4500-4501-0001	Construction of Fish Ladder & Spillways - Construction of Fish Ladder				\$ 40,000.00	
4500-4502-0001	Construction of Dam Wall & Pipes - Constr of Dam Wall & Pipes					
4500-4502-0002	Construction of Dam Wall & Pipes - Remedial works on top of dam wall (Replace gravel)					
4500-4502-0003	Construction of Dam Wall & Pipes - Install power to reservoir & pumps					
4500-4503-0001	Const Reticulation Dam Forsayth WTP- Const of Reticulation (Dam to Forsayth WTP)	\$1,146,033.82	\$ 2,964.00	\$1,148,997.82		
4500-4503-0002	Const Reticulation Dam Forsayth WTP- Mobilisation					
4500-4503-0003	Const Reticulation Dam Forsayth WTP- Design / Survey					
4500-4503-0004	Const Reticulation Dam Forsayth WTP- De-Mobilisation					
4500-4504-0001	Conts Reticulation Dam/Gtown - Const of Reticulation (Dam to Georgetown WTP)	\$3,165,269.06	\$ 13,089.06	\$3,178,358.12		
4500-4504-0002	Conts Reticulation Dam/Gtown - Mobilisation					
4500-4504-0003	Conts Reticulation Dam/Gtown - Design / Survey					
4500-4504-0004	Conts Reticulation Dam/Gtown - De-Mobilisation					
4500-4505-0001	Charleston Dam Infrastructure Cost - Floating Inlet	\$632,049.52	\$33.27	\$632,082.79		
4500-4506-0001	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Charleston Dam Rec Survey Des	\$42,231.23	\$43,145.43	\$85,376.66	\$ 475,000.00	
4500-4506-0002	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Fencing					
4500-4507-0001	Charleston Dam Infrastructure Cost - Charis Dam - Pump-housing Fsy water					
4500-4508-0001	Dam Water Supply & pipelines & Equipment - Dam Water Supply Item 1	\$1,179.03	\$ 47,975.16	\$49,154.19		
4500-4509-0001	Work in Progress - Water - Shed (Council Funded)		\$ 3,638.84	\$3,638.84		
		\$6,532,467.47		\$6,658,669.44		
		\$12,601,043.43	\$4,567,674.10	\$17,168,717.53	\$16,977,500.00	
	Other additions					
	Renewals					
	Cash Flow Payments					

Etheridge Shire Council

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FUND SUMMARY	FUND	ARREARS		LEVIES				INTEREST	RECEIPTS	DISCOUNT	WRITE OFFS	SUBSIDY		UNALLOCATED RECEIPTS	BALANCE
		RATES	INTEREST	RATES	WATER	DR SUPP.	CR SUPP.					GOVERNMENT	COUNCIL		
	GENERAL	28005.99	6042.96	2301529.55		8014.06	8034.06	2816.67	1784055.42	283003.21	24.40	7767.48	19104.82		244419.84
	WATER	9319.46	2273.74	323779.10		5366.04	5716.67	361.37	262374.40	45095.96	0.12	1783.69	3165.39		22963.48
	CLEANSING	1136.90	144.86	128022.85		2087.31	2087.30	61.83	104351.60	17719.22					7295.63
	T.V.			669.27					568.88	100.39					0.00
	COMMERCIAL GARBAGE			53702.10				55.49	52815.51						2984.85
	WATER CONSUMPTION	1826.95	215.82	34405.26				51.67	29861.44			624.17	1166.75		3903.73
	WASTE MANAGEMENT	1333.35	147.64			523.50	905.33								0.00
	RURAL FIRE AREA 1														36984.97
	Emergency Fire & Res	2557.60	524.56	120030.40		1326.18	1670.17	277.09	86057.82		2.87				346.10
	CHARGE ON LAND					346.10									-19335.65
	Unallocated Rates Receipts														-19335.65
	FUND SUMMARY TOTAL	44180.25	9349.58	2962138.53		17663.19	18413.53	3624.12	2320085.07	345918.78	27.39	10175.34	23436.96		299562.95

Etheridge Shire Council

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THIS YEAR		ARREARS					INTEREST	UNALLOC	REC	TOTAL		
1st LEVY	2nd LEVY	SUPP. LEVIES	WATER LEVIES	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	4 YEARS	5 YEARS	5+ YEARS			
247267.70	0.00	3844.15	0.00	19576.34	5435.64	3462.61	2527.80	2089.37	893.30	12336.91	20666.21	276767.61



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	November 2022
Subject	Snap Send Solve
Classification	Open
Author	Jason Karsten, IT Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following a request from Council to investigate Snap, Send Solve, the following report has been prepared for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to implement the normal version Snap, Send Solve as a further avenue for residents and members of the public to lodge customer requests and report faults.

BACKGROUND

What is Snap, Send Solve?

Snap Send Solve is the free app that simplifies the reporting of community issues across Australia.



The implementation of this app is free, anyone can download the app from Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. The app is smart enough to know who to send the report to e.g. Council or Telstra.

If people were to use the app now, all requests will be sent to info@etheridge.qld.gov.au. Once Council receives the request, with the normal version, Council will need to contact the Snapper via email or phone number to give an update. Unless Council goes with the enterprise package, Council won't be able to provide updates back to the Snapper through the app.

In the report detail that is sent to Council via the app contains a weblink, so this can be opened on the device of your choice.

There are two option ... normal and enterprise.

With the normal version you get:

The basics

- Incident type**
The incident type selected by the user is provided.
- Location**
Street address, Longitude and Latitude coordinates, map view and what3words location provided.
- Photo**
Any photos uploaded by the user are sent with the report.
- Notes**
Any additional notes a user provides are sent with the report.
- Real time reports**
Reports are received in Councils inbox in real time.
- Marketing Materials**
Generic marketing materials are provided for use.

Web links to be provided free of charge

With you Enterprise version you get everything in the normal package with the addition of:

Our Enterprise offering

- Additional Questions & Mandatory Fields**
Customise the information you receive from Snap Send Solve reports and control what information is optional and mandatory.
- Data and User Feedback**
Receive detailed data reports alongside confidential feedback from users.
- Triage Feature**
Easily reassign reports that are not relevant to your Council.
- Call Feature**
Set Call, Recommended and After Hours Call features.
- Information Screen**
Provide important information to your residents before they send a report.
- So much more!**
Visit www.snapsendsolve.com/Features/ for more.

Snap Send Solve Corporation also have a web reporting module that we can be install onto Council’s website so people can upload reports from there. A live viewable example of this module can be viewed at <https://www.burke.qld.gov.au/our-services/report-an-issue-or-problem>.

It is recommended that we add a report page like Bundaberg Regional Council (<https://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/snap-send-solve>) and view the number of visits to this page per month to see if it is viable whether we get this module depending on the web traffic to this page.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Aim 1 - A sustainable transport network that meets community needs

Corporate Plan Aim 2 - A sustainable Environment of natural assets, water, waste water and waste management

Corporate Plan Aim 4 - Quality social infrastructure makes the shire a desirable place to live

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

For the Normal version, Snap Send Solve is free.

For the Enterprise version, Snap Send Solve will cost:

\$4000 per annum with a once off payment of \$995 for the initial setup.

\$2250 per annum for the web reporting module

CONSULTATION

Not applicable

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
B (Likely)	M	H	H	E	E
C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

OUTCOME

Risk assessment is Low. Having members of the public report faults is a risk mitigation strategy.

Report Prepared By:	Report Authorised By:
Jason Karsten, IT Officer	Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	Date:



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	16 th November 2022
Subject:	Disputed Water Consumption Charges Policy
Classification:	Open
Author:	Renee Bester – Rates Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Etheridge Shire Council (ESC) is committed to the reading and replacement of water meters in a correct and timely manner, with consideration for maintenance required by ratepayers. ESC will show due diligence in the application of water meter reading processes and the selection of various actions in the occurrence that a meter is faulty or showing an incorrect reading.

The purpose of this policy is to set out Council's principles in respect of faulty water meters and to provide a consistent and ethical approach to ensure water meter reads, where possible, are correct. If unobtainable, ESC will implement a policy that is fair and equitable in the occurrence of a disputed excessive water consumption charge.

This policy applies to all owners of properties within Etheridge Shire Council that are connected or capable of being connected to a defined water connection area/service.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the proposed Disputed Water Consumption Charges Policy to assist with the management of faulty waters and / or meter reads.

BACKGROUND

Etheridge Shire Council will replace water meters as required where found to be faulty. When replaced, the existing water meter will be read and recorded within the Rates Management system for processing of biannual consumption. In the instance that the excessive water meter read is confirmed by the Town Manager, the read will then be deemed incorrect. ESC will then use an averaging process to determine the final water meter read.

ESC will average the last three biannual water meter read to calculate an average consumption. The average consumption is then added to the last water meter read to determine the final water meter read.

A property owner is entitled to query their water consumption bill. Upon receipt of an enquiry or challenge, ESC will conduct another meter reading. If it is found that the initial meter reading was incorrect, Council will either:-

1. For amount over \$50, issue a revised water bill for the correct charge to the date of the 2nd water meter read; or
2. For amounts under \$50, adjust the account for the difference in the consumption charge which will be taken up in the next billing period.

Whilst the July 2022 meter reads were undertaken, a number of water meters showed a faulty read. Consecutive attempts to re-read the meter showed that the read was in fact incorrect. Therefore, the Rates Officer required a standard procedure to calculate a fair and equitable meter read to enter for water consumption against each applicable assessment.

[LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN](#)

Corporate Aim No. 5 – Best Practice Corporate Governance and organisational excellence.

Outcome 5.1: Council provides community leadership through financial sustainability and an open and accountable governance structure.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
B (Likely)	M	H	H	E	E
C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

The Risk is assessed as L – Low: The Likelihood is D (Unlikely), with an insignificant consequences.

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Renee Bester, Rates Officer

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 06/09/2022

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

Disputed Water Consumption Charges Policy



DISPUTED WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES POLICY

1. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The Etheridge Shire Council (ESC) is committed to the reading and replacement of water meters in a correct and timely manner, with consideration for maintenance required by ratepayers.

ESC will show due diligence in the application of water meter reading processes and the selection of various actions in the occurrence that a meter is faulty or showing an incorrect reading

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy applies to all owners of properties within Etheridge Shire Council that are connected or capable of being connected to a defined water connection area/service.

3. DEFINITIONS

ESC – Etheridge Shire Council

Rates and Charges - Rates and charges includes water consumption raised in accordance with Revenue Statement and Resolution of Rates and Charges adopted by ESC each year.

4. POLICY PROVISIONS

4.0 Water Meter Replacement & Read

ESC will replace water meters as required where found to be faulty. When replaced, the existing water meter will be read and recorded within the Rates Management System. In the instance that a water meter read is confirmed as faulty by the Town Manager, the read will then be deemed incorrect. ESC will then use an averaging process over the last three (3) biannual water reads to calculate an average amount of water consumed for the period. The average consumption is then added to the last water meter read to determine the final water meter read.

4.1 Incorrect Meter Reading

A property owner is entitled to query their water consumption bill. Upon receipt of an enquiry or challenge, ESC will conduct another meter reading. If it is found that the initial meter reading was incorrect, Council will either:-

1. For amount over \$50, issue a revised water bill for the correct charge to the date of the 2nd water meter read; or
2. For amounts under \$50, adjust the account for the difference in the consumption charge which will be taken up in the next billing period.

5. AUTHORITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Local Government Act 2009
- Local Government Regulation 2012

6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION

- Nil

7. APPROVAL TABLE

Approved by Council	Meeting number and date	
	Resolution number	
Approval by CEO	Ken Timms	
Effective date	Review date	
1 st January 2023	1 st January 2024	
Policy Author		
Chief Executive Officer		
Current incumbent		
Ken Timms		
Implementation Officer		
Rates Officer		
Current incumbent	Contact number	Official file no.
Renee Bester	0740 799 090	ESC



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	16 th November 2022
Subject	Planning & Development in Mt Surprise
Classification	Open
Author	Andrew McKenzie

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from residents in Mt Surprise, expressing concern over planning and development matters and seeking Council's intervention to reduce impacts upon the township's amenity.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council undertake a town planning compliance study of Mt Surprise to identify land uses incompatible with Council's Planning Scheme and any non-compliant building works.

BACKGROUND

Comments expressed by the correspondents add to the various issues communicated to Council over recent times by a number of people. As the majority of the issues stem from planning, development and land uses, it is suggested that the best response is to commission Council's Town Planner to undertake a town planning compliance study in Mt Surprise, just as she did for Georgetown earlier this year. Upon receipt of the report, Council can tailor communications specifically to the property owners identified as operating outside the Town Plan.

Council may wish to expand this study to include Forsayth and Einasleigh as well.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 3: A diversified economic development ensures a prosperous shire.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

The consultant's fees can be absorbed into existing budget allocations.

CONSULTATION

Lan Use issues have been raised by community members over time.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Land uses and building works must be in accordance with various legislation (Planning Act, Building Act, Environment Protection Act etc) and Council's Planning Scheme.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Compliance with Council's Planning Scheme

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
B (Likely)	M	H	H	E	E
C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

OUTCOME

Risk is assessed as Low to Moderate.

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 3rd November 2022

Date:



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	16 November 2022
Subject	150-year Commemorative Wall
Classification	Open
Author	Andrew McKenzie – Director Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Further to Council's previous consideration of this project, quotations have been invited from local contractors to build the 150yr brick wall in Green's Park as follows: -

- 1) Klinten Kuskoph (R&RConstuctions) - \$41,792.52
- 2) Steven Ryan (Bowie) - \$38,500

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to proceed with this project by engaging Steven Ryan to construct same and amend the budget at the next review to cover the additional construction costs.

BACKGROUND

As part of the 150-year celebrations, Council decided that a memorial wall with named pavers be constructed. Initially the project was to be a path and then was changed to a memorial wall at Green's Park. 110 named pavers were sold to the community and have been ordered, due to arrive at the end of October. Quotes to construct the wall have been sourced locally and in the wider community with only two local replies.

As noted above, the cost to construct the concrete wall in Green's Park, puts the project significantly over budget. Council is requested to either: -

- Change the scope of the project; or
- Re-allocate funding toward this project at the next budget review.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Aim No. 4 – Quality social infrastructure makes the shire a desirable place to live

Outcome 4.3 - A Culturally Aware Community

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Council received \$75,000 funding from Qld Health Localised Health Initiatives. The grant was to be applied to: -

1. Funny Mummies: \$17,500 (\$1,940 remains unspent)
2. 150yrs Commemoration: \$35,000 (\$16,448 remains unspent)
3. Leather workshops in all 4 communities: \$22,000 (\$22,000 remains unspent)

Council has allowed \$25,000 in this years Budget to complete the 150-year Commemorative Wall. Please note, this includes the \$16,450 of unspent grant money).

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Council garden crew, Director of Engineering, Cr Gallagher and building contractors.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Any constructed wall will need to be built to the Australian Safety Standard. Council will need to comply with its funding agreement.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

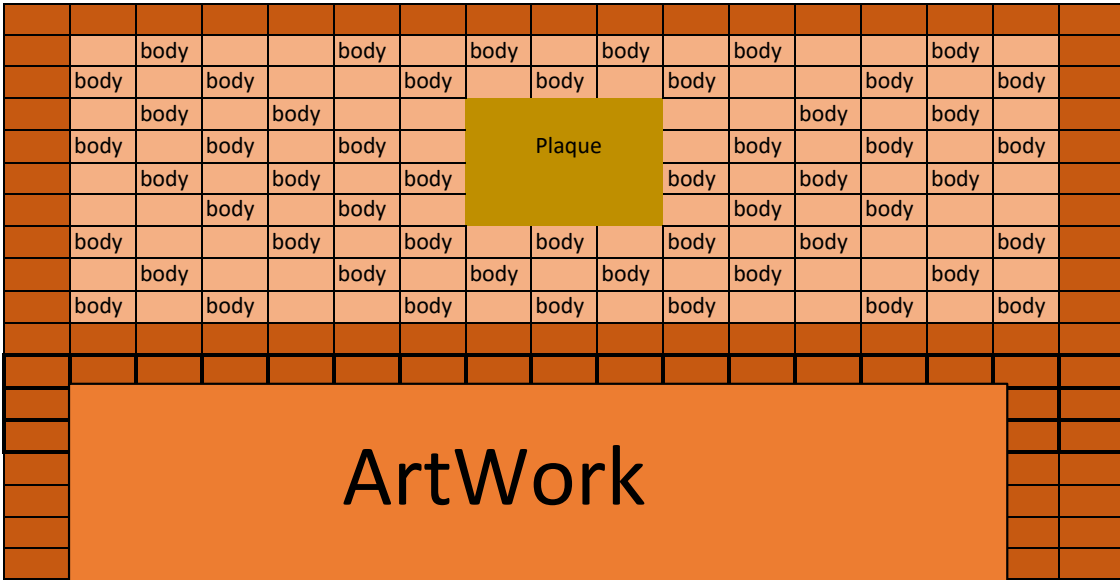
RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
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C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

OUTCOME

Corporate Risk is assessed as Low.

Report Prepared By:	Report Authorised By:
Cheryl Portch	Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 5 October 2022	Date:



53 named bricks

Bricks dimensions 230mm x 76mm x 110mm

17bricks	length	
407	4.07 m	with grout

18 bricks	height	
215	2.15m	with grout

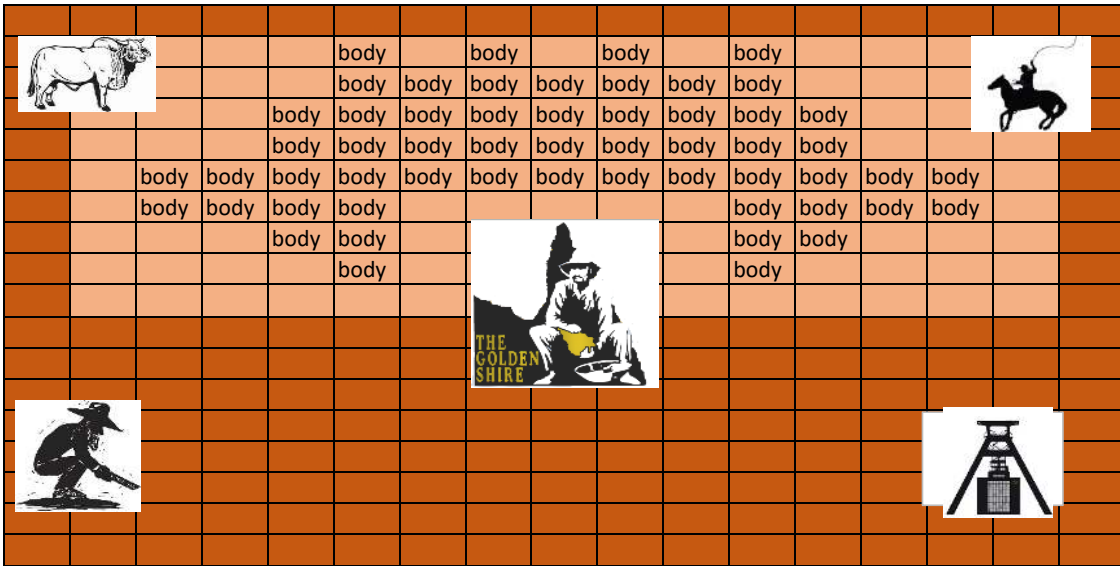
x2	Width	
152	15.2cm	with grout

612	bricks per wall
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1224	bricks needed
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109	Named	\$16.40 each	\$1,787.60
1115	unnamed	\$ 3.00 each	\$ 3,345.00

TOTAL \$5,132.60 approx costs



59 named bricks

15.2cm deep (ie 2 bricks wide)

119cm with grout

95cm with grout



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	16 th November 2022
Subject	Request for Financial Assistance
Classification	Open
Author	Andrew McKenzie – Director Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following Council's adoption of the RADF Advisory Committee recommendation, Council has received an application from Mrs Colleen Taylor for financial assistance for \$10,000 to go toward the cost of researching and publishing a local historical book titled "Unearthing Einasleigh & District Bygone Days".

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide a one-off \$10,000 contribution to Mrs C Taylor toward the cost of researching and publishing 'Unearthing Einasleigh & District Bygone Days', as it is capturing and preserving valuable local history provided that Mrs Taylor: -

1. Acknowledge Council's contribution in the book's introduction and in all promotional opportunities; and
2. Provide Council with 5 copies of the publication (free of charge) for public display.

BACKGROUND

Council first considered this request in April 2022, resolving to advise Mrs Taylor to apply under its recently revised Community Assistance Policies upon their implementation on 1st July 2022.

Concurrently, Mrs Taylor also sought funding under Council's RADF program, but was unsuccessful for the reasons outlined at Council's October 2022 meeting. Following Council's discussion at the October meeting, it is suggested that the simplest means of considering support for Mrs Taylor's project is to remove it from the Community Assistance Grant application pool and assess it on its individual merit. For this reason and acknowledging Council's broad support for capturing and preserving local history, it is recommended that Council provide financial assistance.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Aim No.4: Quality social infrastructure makes the shire a desirable place to live

Outcome 4.3: A culturally aware community

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Costs will be covered by the Community Assistant budget.

CONSULTATION

Council has engaged in considerable consultation with Mrs Taylor since the initial request in April.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
B (Likely)	M	H	H	E	E
C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

OUTCOME

Low Risk

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 11th November 2022

Date:



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	16 th November 2022
Subject	Request for Community Assistance
Classification	Open
Author	Cheryl Portch - Community Development & Events Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following Council's adoption of the 3 Community Assistance Grant Programs (In-kind, Sponsorship and Grants), applications for 2022/23 were invited from the public, closing Monday 4 October.

Applications have been assessed against the selection criteria

RECOMMENDATION

1. That in accordance with the In-kind Support Policy, Council provide in-kind support to the organisations listed in the attached schedule on the condition the recipient organisations suitably acknowledge Council's support of their event.
2. That Council advise Etheridge Cares that it is unable to provide in-kind assistance until they have acquired their community bus and to reapply once they have acquired the bus.

BACKGROUND

Back in February 2022 Council adopted 3 Policies (In-kind Support Policy, Sponsorship Policy and Grants to Community Organisations Policy) through which it would provide assistance to community organisations. The Policies came into effect 1st July 2022.

In preparation for the 22/23 Financial Year, Council called applications from community organisations seeking support under the Policies. Applications formally closed on 4th October, but late applications have been (and will continue to be) accepted as community organisations adjust to the new arrangements.

As of 4th October, only 3 applications for in-kind assistance have been received.

Community Assistance applications for 2022/2023 closed on October 4. Despite having notified organisations repeatedly, we have only received seven responses. Applications received after the closing date have been accepted and included in this report.

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Einasleigh Rodeo Assoc.	In kind support to supply garbage truck & water truck with drivers and skip bins	\$ 5932.56 (est.)
Georgetown Cricket Club	Waiver of Gregg Bethel Oval Hire Fee	\$155.00
Etheridge Cares	Maintenance and upkeep of community bus (this is in conjunction with a second application for a \$20,000 grant toward the cost of the said community bus)	\$12,000

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Aim No.4: Quality social infrastructure makes the shire a desirable place to live

Outcome 4.3: A culturally aware community

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Costs will be covered by the Community Assistant budget.

CONSULTATION

Consultation regarding the new process has happened with community organisations.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council's Community Assistance Policies are compliant with s195 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (the Reg), and Council's proposed decision is in accordance with s194 of the Reg.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

New policy is in place however it may need amending as we work through the process.

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
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E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

OUTCOME

Low Risk

Report Prepared By:

Cheryl Portch, Community Development and Events
Officer
Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date:

Date: 2nd November 2022

Schedule of Approved In-kind Support to community Organisations

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Einisleigh Rodeo Assoc.	In kind support to supply garbage truck & water truck (with drivers) and skip bins	\$ 5932.56 (est.)
Georgetown Cricket Club	Waiver of Gregg Bethel Oval Hire Fee	\$155.00



Etheridge Shire Council

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Briefing Report

1 Update

Welcome to my November Briefing Report. This last month has been a productive, with several projects continuing with the GDR East site A proceeding ahead of schedule. KDR project has been completed, North Head Road TIDS and DFRA works.

2 Operational Plan Matters

Maintenance work has continued throughout the region, with flood damage works continue in zone 2, zone 3.1, zone 1 and zone 4/5. The TIDS project has continued with the placement of the base pavement layer and the drainage structures.

TMR's FNQ Regional Director during his recent visit was very complimentary of the quality of works Council is delivering both maintenance and capital projects and this has given him and his team confidence that council is able to deliver to a high quality projects of a similar scope that we are presently delivering.

QFES have asked for nominations for assessors under the fire and Emergency Services Act. We have not been able to nominate anyone due to not having the required experience and knowledge required.

Council has been successful in its HVSP application for the wash-down facility in Georgetown.

3 Immerging Issues

Blue green algae has been detected in Charleston Dam. Testing is in place to ensure that there is no contamination of potable water in Forsyth and Georgetown. It has identified an issue with the Georgetown treatment plant, that it hasn't been designed to fully deal with this contamination as the Forsyth plant has. The main difference is the use of a PAC filter (powder activated carbon) and a clarifier. This is a seasonal issue with blue green algae, being at the end of the dry season. Part of the current management of this issue is the regular testing of water at the dam and both towns, and the reduction of the amount of dam water being used at the Georgetown facility, being 30%. Discussion are underway with other professionals to explore other steps that can be taken short term and long term to effectively treat the dam water when algae blooms occur and being able to deliver safe water to the community. Additionally funding grants are being explored to fund an upgrade to the Georgetown plant.

4 Projects

Charleston Dam

The Charleston Dam Project continues to proceed smoothly.

- Fish Ladder
 - The replacement of the fish ladder design is proceeding with negotiations with GHD to provide this service.
- Fencing
 - The fence alignment is being finalized, with contractors being selected for the construction

Transport and Main Roads (TMR)

- GDR East Widening: Site A has continuing with the construction of the side track in preparation of the commencement of the replacement of the drainage structures.
- GDR West Widening: Practical completion has been achieved with a couple concrete headwalls to be installed.

- Gregory Dev Rd: Resheeting and DFRA works are underway and being supplemented with RMPC to grade the remaining sections of road between Oasis and Einasleigh
- Forsayth Rd: Resheeting and DFRA works are underway on the unsealed sections of the road.

Flood Repairs

- Works in Zone 2 will continue on Obrien’s Creek Road as conditions allow. Work in zone 3.1 has continuing on Agate Creek Road and onto Ortona Road
- Gulf Civil are continuing with works on Gilberton Road and Kidston Road.
- Keltone have commenced with works on Strathmore Road and moving to Paddys Road.
- The betterment projects being submitted under the 2022 event are as follows:
 - Elizabeth Creek on Obrien’s Creek Road
 - Glenmore causeway on Oak Park Road
 - Gilberton Road floodway near Rycon Road intersection
 - Townley Creek crossing on Cobbold Gorge Road
 - Bog Creek on Cobbold Gorge Road
 - Sawpit Creek upgrade
 - Beverly Hills Road, a floodway ch 4.72km

TIDS

- North Head Road project has continued with the pavement continuing and the drainage structures continuing with sealing mid-November.

Rural Addressing

- The project is ready to continue with the selection of the numbering posts. Following are three options available and in use around the state. Option 1 and 3 are a similar cost being around \$2000 for the quantity of posts and numbers we require. Option 2 is the dearest, however, the largest cost of this program will be installation of the numbering posts and road name signs.



Option 1



Option 2



Option 3



Regional Waste Project

- The regional waste project is continuing with regular progress meetings and an investment logic mapping session in late October. The mapping provides a framework for ARUP to assess the problems and opportunities through benefits being sought to responses to business changes.

Over the past month

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|---------|-----|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| • 18-10 | ESC | Georgetown | Engineering Services Team meeting |
| • 21-10 | ESC | Georgetown | EMT Meeting |
| • 25-10 | ESC | Georgetown | LDMG Exercise |
| • 26-10 | ESC | Cairns | FNQROC WMMR Meeting |
| • 27-10 | ESC | Etheridge Shire | Road run with TMR representatives |
| • 28-10 | ESC | Georgetown | Meeting with TMR representatives |
| • 01-11 | ESC | Georgetown | Roads and Transport meeting |
| • 03-11 | ESC | Georgetown | Fish ladder meeting |
| • 11-11 | ESC | Cairns | FNQROC RRTG Meeting |
| • 14-11 | ESC | Cairns | FNQROC WMMR Meeting |
| • 15-11 | ESC | Georgetown | Engineering Services Team meeting |
| • 16-11 | ESC | Georgetown | Council Meeting |

Next month

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|---------|-----|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| • 18-11 | ESC | Cairns / Online | FNQROC Water Alliance Meeting |
| • 29-11 | ESC | Georgetown | Engineering Services Team meeting |
| • 01-12 | ESC | Georgetown | Monthly TMR meeting |
| • 13-11 | ESC | Georgetown | Engineering Services Team meeting |
| • 14-12 | ESC | Georgetown | Council Meeting |

David Fletcher
Director Engineering Services



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	1 November 2022
Subject	Road Maintenance Correspondence
Classification	Open
Author	David Fletcher Director Engineering Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from Gilberton Station and Ballynure Station concerning road conditions and the ongoing DFRA works in zone 4.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

1. Respond to the report and its contents to both correspondents acknowledging receipt of their letters and advising that the items raised will be considered and assessed.

BACKGROUND

Council has received letters one from Gilberton Station and the other from Ballynure Station both are attached. Following are responses to some of the comments and accusations made in the letters.

1. Following are the amounts of maintenance money spent on the roads noted in the letters that apparently haven't had any works carried out on them. The DFRA amount is the amounts approved by QRA for restoration works on these roads. To this it should be noted that when the council crew were carrying out DFRA works at the southern end of the Gilberton Road and other roads off it, that access was denied with locked gates being encountered on the Gilberton Station Road.

Road Name	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	DFRA
Gilberton Road	\$39,120	\$42,796	\$11,235	\$796,531.96
Gilberton Ortona Station Road	\$23,602	\$1,796		\$43,147.13
Ballynure Road	\$10,131			\$97,331.51

2. The section of the Kennedy Developmental Road approximately 30km south of the Oasis, is being investigated by TMR following concerns raised with them by council officers, including a joint inspection planned for early November. The pavement failures in this location are very extensive and indicative of a deeper issue rather than a normal pavement failure.
3. With the potential for sealing the Gregory Developmental Road (Oasis – Einasleigh), this is a state controlled road and funding relies on applications of various projects to address specific issues on this type of road and competes with the other districts of TMR for available funding. The potential funding of the Forsayth Road also faces similar issues. There are however ways of addressing this with council's part being to provide lower level accident information, particular maintenance problems encountered that will assist TMR in putting forward the best applications possible for upgrades on their network within our shire. This also extends to the funding of the sealing project on the Cobbold Gorge Road. This is a TIDS project, which is a completely different funding

source, administered through the regional road group and TMR. In this program, projects are assessed and ranked against set criteria which then determines when they will be funded.

4. The ripping of the pavement is an essential part of the heavy formation grading works, which is as follows
 - a. Ripping the pavement material
 - b. Addition of water and where required top up resheet material
 - c. Place and compact
 - d. Trim and finish, including cleaning out table drains and diversion drains
5. The funding levels of the DFRA works around the various zones is shown below in the table. It should be noted that zone 4 has the highest value of approved works.

Zone	Project Funding Amount
1	\$6,769,125.30
2	\$6,730,769.47
3.1	\$7,592,004.62
3.2	\$1,578,437.29
4	\$10,446,420.02
5	\$3,182,269.05
6	\$211,628.10
Total	\$36,510,653.85

6. The scope and restoration standards of the various activities within the DFRA framework are set by QRA. These standards are enforced by the inspectors, with any substandard work having to be reworked at the contractors or council expense. It is the best interest of both Council and Shepherds to ensure that all work is completed at the required standard or better, as this will ensure a smoother close out process with QRA and the release of the final 10% of the funding from the QRA.
7. Due to the large scope of works approved in the DFRA program, and the limited time we have to complete all of those works, all of the crews undertaking DFRA works have been only doing the approved works and leaving the sections in between. The exception to this is unless there is a safety issue that needs to be addressed. In some locations, we have sent in a different crew to complete general maintenance works after the DFRA works have been completed. This is assessed on an as needs basis. Going forward with future DFRA events the addition of council maintenance funding will be considered and carried out as required. This also includes the reinstatement of opening grades as required which would be consisting of a grader moving along cleaning debris etc from floodway's to allow safe access along the road.
8. A major hurdle that has been worked through is with Council's gravel pits and the reduction in the quantity, many pits not having any usable material within their endorsed area, DAF keeping a very close eye on us to ensure we are complying to the license requirements of both the limit of 5,000 tonne per annum and remaining within the endorsed area. The issues that have gone into the equation have been the location, quantity and quality of material available, and the locations where and the quantities required on the road network. As a result, there have been several locations where gravel has had to be carted significant distances so as to make the best use of the material available. We have also made use of the excess excavation material from the TIDS project, which has been able to be used on the Cobbold Gorge / Agate Creek area, and relieved all the pressure on the pits in the area and the quantity of material required. Carting gravel long distances is not ideal, but the solutions we have employed are the best with the constraints we presently have. The greatest being removing the risk of council being fined for excessive gravel removal from a pit or removing material from outside an endorsed area, with these fines stepping into a 6 figure amount.
9. Water has been sourced from both watercourses and dams. In general, most landholders have been very helpful providing water for these works to both council crews and the contractors. Water is always sourced as close as possible to the sites it will be used.
10. Under the 2022 flood event, Council is submitting a number of sites for resilience funding. These are:
 - a. Elizabeth Creek on O'Brien's Creek Road
 - b. Glenmore causeway on Oak Park Road
 - c. Gilberton Road floodway near Rycon Road intersection
 - d. Townley Creek crossing on Cobbold Gorge Road
 - e. Bog hole crossing on Mosquito Creek on Cobbold Gorge Road
 - f. Sawpit Creek upgrade
 - g. Beverly Hills Road, a floodway in similar condition to Sawpit Creek

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Objective No. 1 – *Developing a resilient transport infrastructure and connectivity to support current and future industry.*

Strategy No.	Strategy	Measure
1.1.1	An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of council's road assets	Asset management strategy adopted

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
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OUTCOME

Low (D2)

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

David Fletcher Director Engineering Services

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 02/08/2022

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

Correspondence from Gilberton Station

Correspondence from Ballynure Station



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	19 th November 2022
Subject	Unearthing Etheridge: The Master Plan & Tourism Directions Paper.
Classification	Open
Author	Ken Timms

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The [“Unearthing Etheridge- The Master Plan”](#) and [Tourism Directions Paper](#) is a 10-year strategic planning document for Etheridge Shire which aims to position the Shire as a unique destination for domestic and international visitors seeking memorable experiences in the Australian Outback. In collaboration with Etheridge Shire Council, Griffith University researchers co-designed a process of community consultation to understand residents’ aspirations for tourism development in the region.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council formally receive the Unearthing Etheridge: Tourism Directions Paper and Master Plan as presented.

BACKGROUND

Griffith University have been working alongside the Etheridge Shire Council for the development of Tourism Master Plan for the Etheridge Shire. Community consultations with residents of the Shire took place between December 2021 to April 2022. The Directions Paper presents the Community Consultation finding alongside a destination for competitiveness analysis. Following, a proposed agreement was made with Council to facilitate in the development of a subsequent Tourism Master Plan for teg Etheridge Shire. This Master Plan is a 10-year strategic planning document for Etheridge Shire which aims to position the Shire as a unique destination for domestic and international visitors seeking memorable experiences in the Australian Outback.

The documents are living and will evolve over time and may change depending on funding / progress of project identified in the Master Plan.

On adoption of these 2 reports, same will promoted and become available on Councils web site.

Further Griffith University should be acknowledged for the great work in developing these documents.

The reports can be accessed via the following links.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No.3 A diversified economic development ensures a prosperous shire

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
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Nil at this time

Report Prepared By:

Ken Timms

Date: 31st October 2022

Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 2nd November 2022



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	16 November 2022
Subject	Public Notice of Meetings for 2023
Classification	Open
Author	Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At least once in each year, Council must publish a notice of the days and times when its ordinary meetings will be held and furthermore Council must publish this notice on the local government's website, and in other ways the local government considers appropriate in accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Adopts the following meeting dates as presented for 2023 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and furthermore Council will publish the notice of meeting dates on Council's website, in the inform newsletter and on display in the Council office.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
January	Wednesday, 18 th January 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
February	Wednesday, 15 th February 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
March	Wednesday, 15 th March 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
April	Wednesday, 19 th April 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
May	Wednesday, 17 th May 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
June	Wednesday, 21 st June 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
July	Wednesday, 19 th July 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
August	Wednesday, 16 th August 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
September	Wednesday, 20 th September 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
October	Wednesday, 11 th October 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
November	Wednesday, 15 th November 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
December	Wednesday, 13 th December 2023	Georgetown	9:00am

BACKGROUND

Section 254B Public notice of meetings of the Local Government Regulation states that:

- (1) A local government must, at least once in each year, publish a notice of the days and times when—
 - (a) its ordinary meetings will be held; and
 - (b) the ordinary meetings of its standing committees will be held.

(2) The notice mentioned in subsection (1) must be published on the local government’s website, and in other ways the local government considers appropriate.

(3) A local government must display in a conspicuous place in its public office a notice of the days and times when—
(a) its meetings will be held; and
(b) meetings of its committees will be held.

(4) A local government must, as soon as practicable, notify any change to the days and times mentioned in subsection (1) or (3) in the same way as the days and times were previously notified.

Over the past 12 months Council has conducted its Ordinary Meetings of Council on the third Wednesday of each month commencing at 9.00am.

Management is recommending for the 2023 calendar year that all Ordinary Meetings of Council are to be conducted within its designated public office being Georgetown.

Table No.2 – Proposed Meeting Dates for 2022

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January	Wednesday, 18 th January 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
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Please note that the October General Meeting date will be held on the second week in October in consideration to the Annual LGAQ Conference and the December General Meeting date will be held on the second week in December in consideration to Christmas closures.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

This matter links for Corporate Aim No.5 – Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

CONSULTATION

N/A

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section 254B Public notice of meetings of the Local Government Regulation states that:

- (4) A local government must, at least once in each year, publish a notice of the days and times when—
 - (c) its ordinary meetings will be held; and
 - (d) the ordinary meetings of its standing committees will be held.

(5) The notice mentioned in subsection (1) must be published on the local government’s website, and in other ways the local government considers appropriate.

(6) A local government must display in a conspicuous place in its public office a notice of the days and times when—

- (c) its meetings will be held; and
- (d) meetings of its committees will be held.

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
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OUTCOME

Report Prepared By:	Report Authorised By:
Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer	Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Date:09/11/2022	Date:09/11/2022



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	16 th November 2022
Subject	Proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank
Classification	Open
Author	Ken Timms

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received correspondence with an enclosed proposal and flyer of a proposed "The Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Act 2021" which is to be tabled by Bob Katter in Federal Parliament. The Act would be a permanent solution to secure long term viability of Licence Post Offices and provide Banking Services to remote communities. The correspondence requested that Council pass a resolution in support of the new proposed establishment and forward the Letter of Support to Federal Representatives, Queensland State Representatives and to all Queensland Senators of all parties.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide a Letter of Support for the proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Act 2021 to the appropriate parties.

BACKGROUND

The proposal of a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank would provide all financial products and banking services including short and long-term loans and including long-term financing of infrastructure projects to support business, economic growth and increased productivity, especially in Regional Australia. The Post Offices would no longer simply be agents facilitating deposits and withdrawals for the big four banks.

This is also highlighted by the recent closure of the Bendigo Bank Agency in Georgetown. Although the local Post Office somewhat is trying to fulfil this service, it is limited. For example, during times of events and fund raisers, there comes a time of limited cash being in circulation. Supporting this cause may alleviate this issue.

Overall the lack of banking services is a burden on this Council and the communities within.

This is an opportune time to consider other opportunities that Council may feel relevant to address this situation.

- Other Banks - Branch
- Other possible Bank In-store Agencies
- Etc.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 3: Support community development to expand and meet the growing needs of the region through infrastructure, income diversification and advocacy.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

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E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

Nil at this time

Report Prepared By:

Ken Timms

Date: 31st October 2022

Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 10th November 2022

ATTACHMENTS: Correspondence and Flyer of Proposal for a New Bank

28 August 2022: Etheridge Shire Council

Dear Mayor Hughes,

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL FOR A NEW BANK?

Enclosed please find a flyer about the proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank. The flyer fleshes out some details of the keypoints about this proposed new Bank.

Herewith too, a summary of the 4 key points (a half-minute read):

1. The Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Act 2021, (to be tabled by Bob Katter in Federal Parliament) would be a permanent solution to secure the long term viability of the LPOs (Licensed Post Offices). It would be good for the LPOs to be free of having to negotiate payment contracts for services rendered to the big four banks. (Since Christine Holgate left, those contracts are not as good a deal as they should be for the LPOs.) This new entity would provide all financial products and banking services, including short and long-term loans and including long-term financing of infrastructure projects to support business, economic growth and increased productivity, especially in Regional Australia. The Post Offices would no longer simply be agents facilitating deposits and withdrawals for the big four banks.
2. The government-backed Postal Savings Bank would fill the vacuum being left by the never-ending bank closures all over the country.
3. There are seven main reasons to establish a public post office bank.
4. Are you able to pass a Council resolution in support of the establishment of a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank? If so, please forward that resolution to your federal representative, to your Qld State Representative/s and to all Queensland Senators of all parties.

Regards,

Hazel Kleinau



hazel.kleinau@bigpond.com

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
GEORGETOWN
05 SEP 2022
RECEIVED

Australia needs a public post office bank!



Australia Post already has the branches nation-wide to serve all Australians, and has already been delivering banking services (for the private banks) for many years now. Australia Post is ready! (Image: artist's impression)



June 2022

The policy of establishing a post office "people's bank", which was the centrepiece of the Citizens Party's 2022 federal election campaign, is now a familiar idea to many Australians. The proposal did not start with the Citizens Party, however, but is an idea that has grown in support over more than a decade.

2022 On 26 April, one month out from the 2022 Federal Election, the Licensed Post Office Group (LPOG), which represents the interests of Australia's almost 3,000 small business post office licensees, issued a statement titled *Protecting the future of community post offices*, which details the actions and commitments the LPOG is seeking from the federal government and Australia

Post Board. The final point of those actions is the call to **"Establish a Postal Bank to service SMEs and help sustain the network and fund infrastructure."**

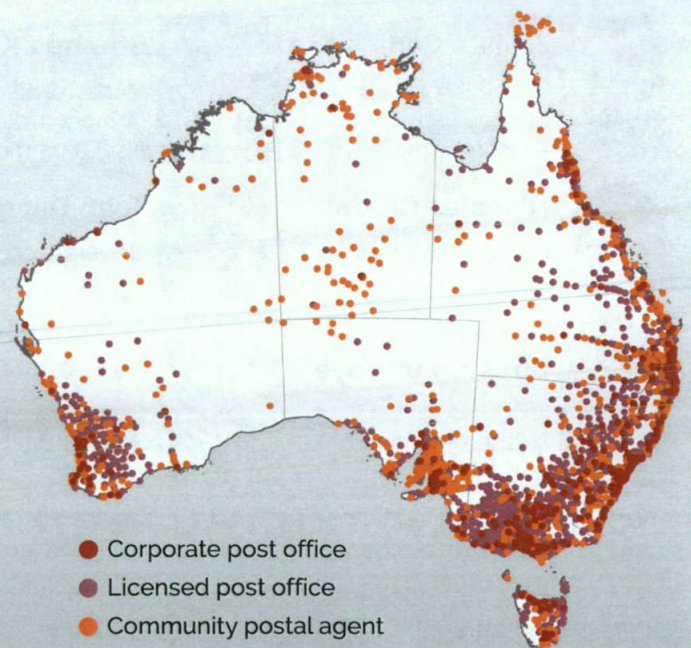
This call for action is the latest in a long line of suggestions, endorsements and reports over the last decade encouraging the federal government to look at a public banking option for the people of Australia. (See timeline over page).



Seven benefits of a public post office bank

- 1 Guarantee financial services for ALL
- 2 Guarantee ALL deposits
- 3 Financial viability for Australia Post and Licensed Post Offices (LPOs)
- 4 Ensure cash availability and cash payments
- 5 Lend to local small businesses and invest in local areas
- 6 Invest surplus deposits in national economic development
- 7 Lift banking conduct standards

Utilise network of Australia Post offices



With 4,320 post offices making up the Australia Post network, the capacity to provide a face-to-face public banking service around the nation is already in place and communities that are losing their bank branches will not have to worry anymore.

Seven benefits of a public post office bank

1 Guarantee financial services for ALL

Reliable branch services—Compared with the private banks which regularly close branches and remove ATMs to maximise their profits, all while taking advantage of post offices to provide retail banking services to their customers—post offices are permanently accessible to all Australians.

Australia Post is mandated by the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989* to provide mail service that is "reasonably accessible to all people in Australia on an equitable basis".

No discrimination—As a public institution, the postal bank would not be allowed to discriminate against particular businesses or individuals, which means no lawful customer would ever be "de-banked".

2 Guarantee ALL deposits

Fully secure savings—As it would be owned by the government, deposits in the bank would be fully government-guaranteed (not just up to the \$250,000 limit that the government's Financial Claims Scheme covers in the private banks).



That means the post office bank would not default on deposits, nor would your deposits be in danger of "bail-in".

3 Financial viability for Australia Post and Licensed Post Offices (LPOs)

Agents for the public post office bank—Post offices would be agents for the public post office bank just as they are now for private banks, but on more beneficial, customised terms for the post offices as the new bank is designed for the Australia Post branch network.

This model would be very similar to the way post offices were the first branches of the original Commonwealth Bank when it started in 1912, but it would be permanent. The model would ensure banking services to all communities, and the ongoing economic viability of Australia Post's branch network.

4 Ensure cash availability and cash payments

Maintain a cash payments system—Australia's banks continue to shut down branches and rip out ATMs, which has the effect of phasing out cash and trapping people inside the banking system.

A June 2019 Reserve Bank of Australia paper on cash accessibility noted that "Australia Post's Bank@Post service is the only in-person banking facility within a reasonable distance for many Australians living in regional or remote areas".

Timeline of prominent calls for, and to investigate a public bank option

2009

On 8 July, six prominent economists of diverse ideological persuasions published an open letter in *The Age* newspaper calling for a new Financial System Inquiry.



Joshua Gans

University of Melbourne Business School economics professor



Stephen King

Monash University Prof. of Economics & former ACCC commissioner



Nicholas Gruen

Lateral Economics CEO



John Quiggin

University of QLD Prof. of Economics



Christopher Joye

Former Goldman Sachs & Reserve Bank of Australia economist



Sam Wylie

Melbourne Business School Associate Professor

Among their recommendations for what a Financial System Inquiry should consider, these six economists posed the following question:

"Should citizens who feel unsure and unqualified to shop wisely in our financial markets be able to access basic savings, payments, and wealth management products that have been vouchsafed by governments as being safe and professionally managed (e.g., why can't Australians invest with the Future Fund)? In this regard, **is there a role for a publicly-owned entity, akin to KiwiBank in New Zealand**, to offer essential services in Australia's finance sector that leverage off unique government infrastructure (e.g., Australia Post, the tax system, and the government bond market)?" (Emphasis added.)

2014

The Communications Workers Union (CWU), a division of the Communications Electrical and Plumbing Union (CEPU) which represents Australia Post workers, made a submission to the Commission of Audit, established by the Tony Abbott government to identify services and assets of the Commonwealth government that could be cut from the budget or privatised. Its targets included Australia Post.

The CWU submission included the following proposal:

"Australia Post's retail network should be given more freedom to leverage off of the trusted icon status, especially in rural and regional areas and **move into new services such as banking and financial services, insurance services** and communication services.

"This would enable 'one stop shopping' for communities and help fill the vacuums that have been created by the banks and other service withdrawals from regional and rural Australia. Additionally, both individuals and businesses in metropolitan areas would benefit from an added competitor to the big four banks and the obvious reduced cost of banking that would ensue." (Emphasis added.)



5 Lend to local small businesses and invest in local areas

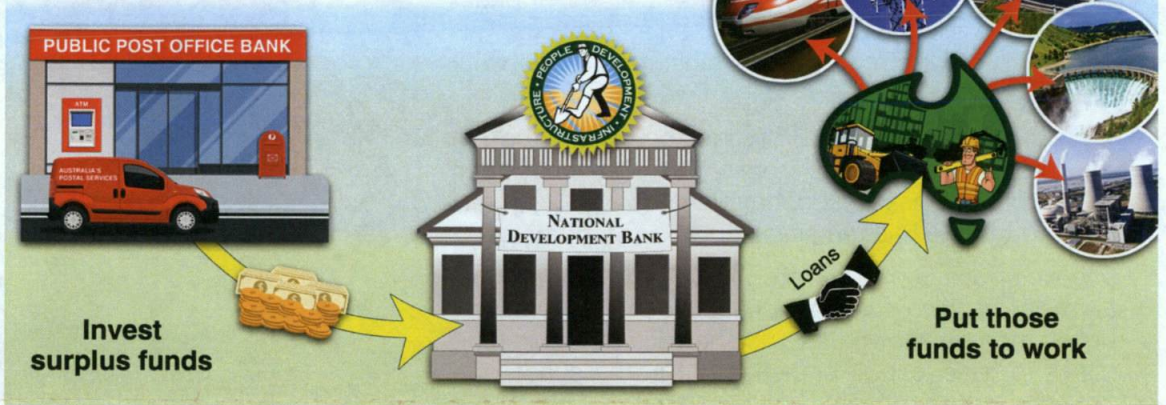
Community investment—The postal bank would make loans to individuals and businesses in the community, assessed on their merits based on good lending standards.

Loans would not be assessed on whether they maximise the bank's profit, which is the culture that has motivated private banks to chase reckless mortgage lending. The postal bank would not engage in derivatives trading or other forms of speculation.

6 Invest surplus deposits in national economic development

Operate in tandem with a national development bank—The post office bank could invest any surplus funds in a national development and infrastructure bank—this investment would also be fully government guaranteed.

A national development and infrastructure bank could then put those funds to work in the development of infrastructure and industries that Australia needs for productive economic growth and prosperity.



Australians who deposit their savings in the national post office bank would therefore know that not only are their savings safe, but they are being used for the economic development of Australia.

7 Lift banking conduct standards

Address the broken regulatory system—Australia has weak and ineffective regulators because that is what the banks want, and it has earned Australia a shameful reputation as a paradise for white collar criminals.

A public banking alternative would force the private banks to compete on all fronts and lift their game, thereby helping to raise banking standards.

If the private banks persist with ripping off and exploiting customers to maximise their profits, more and more Australians will turn to the public banking option which, while it would make modest profits, would exist primarily to provide a service.

2015

Paul Kofman and Carsten Murawski from the Department of Finance at the University of Melbourne proposed a public bank in response to the 2014 Financial System Inquiry chaired by former Commonwealth Bank CEO David Murray.



In an article in *The Australian Economic Review*, published by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, entitled, "Does Australia Need a New Banking Model?", they wrote:

"We suggest a third solution: **the establishment of a public-sector institution that provides core financial services**, such as payment services, savings accounts, mortgages and other basic forms of credit, to retail customers and small- and medium-sized enterprises. We think of it as a utility that ensures cost-effective provision of basic banking services to all Australians.

"The institution would be independent but backed by the Commonwealth Government and funded by (government) equity, deposits and public debt. It would be governed by an independent board, be transparent and accountable to the public."

2020

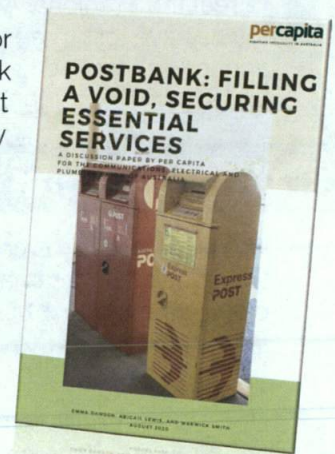
On 31 July, the Labor Party-affiliated think tank Per Capita published an excellent report on a postal bank, commissioned by the CEPU. Entitled *PostBank: Filling a Void, Securing Essential Services*, the Executive Summary stated:

"This discussion paper **makes the case for the creation of a public bank in Australia by providing Australia Post with an Authorised Deposit-taking Institution (ADI) licence, and moving in time to establishing PostBank as a full national savings and loan bank.**"

The report states, "A government-owned bank offers many benefits to Australians, including improving services for currently 'underbanked' customers, especially in rural and regional areas; improving standards across the financial services industry; and providing stability to Australia's economy in times of volatility in international financial markets."



In November 2020, the Citizens Party put forward its proposal for a **Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank**, accompanied by draft legislation. Since then, the Citizens Party has received direct feedback from senior politicians in the Labor Party, Liberal Party, National Party, the Greens, Katter's Australian Party, and One Nation, that they support a postal bank.



State of banking in Australia—the national picture

Research conducted by independent journalist Dale Webster of *The Regional* shows that **regional Australia has lost 62% of its banks since 1975**. This is a loss of 1,738 banks in 1,003 regional towns, cities and coastal communities in just over 45 years. Just 1,064 remain open (May 2022).



ANZ now has the smallest regional bank network in Australia with just 191 of its original 615 branches outside metropolitan cities still open, a cut of 69%.



Westpac has the second smallest regional footprint but has slashed 70.5% of non-metropolitan branches leaving it with 228 from its original 777.



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National Australia Bank has 311 regional branches still open but has closed (or cut services to a point where the facility is no longer classified a bank branch) at 449 locations. This is a cut of 59% of its original regional network of 760.



Commonwealth Bank is the only one of the "big four" that still has more regional branches open than it has closed, but only just, with 334 of its original 650 remaining open, a 49% reduction.

The worst-affected towns are the ones which have lost all major banking services. Until 2020, it was relatively uncommon for a town that once had all of the "big four" banks to have lost all branches but in the space of a year, that number has grown from 5 to 14, signalling a disturbing gathering of pace in corporate banking's retreat from regional Australia. Another 58 now bankless towns have lost three "big four" banks, 173 have lost two and towns that had just one of the "big four" banks make up the remainder (495).

The national picture stands as follows:

133 towns that once had one or more major banks now only have a franchise and/or mutual bank;

32 towns that once had one or more major banks now have only a minor corporate bank and, in a few cases, a community-funded option;

575 towns that once had one or more major banks have no form of bank at all;

136 of the towns that have no banks at all have lost two or more big four banks.

There are 146 communities in regional Australia that only have one bank—of these, 92 have no minor banks to fall back on.



Closure of over 1,730 bank branches across Australia from 1975 to present day. As of May 2022, just over 1,060 remain open. Source: <https://www.theregional.com.au>

What you can do

The Citizens Party is calling on all concerned Australians to get involved in a nationwide grassroots campaign to push a public post office bank on to the parliamentary agenda.

The election of the Anthony Albanese Labor government, along with a host of new crossbenchers in the House and Senate, is a fresh opportunity to get Parliament to address pressing banking issues that were blocked or suppressed by the Morrison government.



Citizens Party members on a tour of regional QLD informing businesses and the public about a public post office bank.

The starting point of the campaign is to:

1 **Inform all local communities around Australia of the public post office bank** which is the solution to many of the banking and financial problems confronting Australia now.

Contact the Citizens Party on 1800 636 432 for more copies of this colour flyer that you can distribute through your town or suburb, especially to the local LPO and small businesses which use its services.

2 **Contact your elected representatives**, both federal and state MPs and Senators to tell them to support a public post office bank.

3 **Sign and share** the Citizens Party's petition for an Australia Post people's bank—if you haven't already—info.citizensparty.org.au/auspost-bank-petition



Citizens taking Responsibility

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Authorised by Craig Isherwood, Citizens Party, 595 Sydney Road Coburg VIC 3058



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	19 th November 2022
Subject	Purchase of Topaz for Mineral Collection
Classification	Open
Author	Ken Timms

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer has been approached by Mr John Towning who asked if Council would be interested in purchasing a selection of Topaz from his collection. The Topaz stones in question were found at O'Brien's Creek and McDonalds Creek in the Etheridge Shire in the 1970's. The collection has a total of 456 carats, and Mr Towning is asking \$55.00/carat, rounding the price for this collection at \$25,000.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the purchase of the Topaz collection for \$25,000 from Mr John Towning and amend the budget accordingly.

BACKGROUND

The Topaz Collection in question has a selection of a "Big Blue" Topaz stone, and a collection of smaller stones all which were found within the Etheridge Shire.

This would be an opportunity to add to the Ted Elliot Mineral Collection. The Collection is a major draw card for the TerrEstrial Centre, Georgetown and the Shire. Council does not often get the opportunity to revamp or add to Ted Elliot Collection and with suitable marketing, Council may entice not only new and but previous visitors to the display and our Shire.

This opportunity was not envisaged when the 22/23 Budget was adopted hence no allocation for the purchase. However, if desired the budget could be amended during the next scheduled review of the 22/23 Budget to allow same.

During conversations with Mr Towning, this offer is only on the table until Wednesday 16th, whereupon he will offer it to the open market.

The actual value of Topaz is in question and the point of writing this report, I have Griffith investigating same.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 3, Outcome 3.2 A diversified economic base: rural, tourism, mining and support services

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Out of budget, budget have to be reviewed which is planned in the New Year. The amount is not insurmountable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
B (Likely)	M	H	H	E	E
C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

Owner ship, quality/value and transfer. 2C

Report Prepared By:

Ken Timms

Date: 31st October 2022

Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 10th November 2022

ATTACHMENTS: Letter and photos of the Topaz Collection

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Mr Ken Timms CEO
Etheridge Shire Council
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Dear Sir,

I recently spoke to you about selling my "big blue" topaz with another collection of smaller topaz. The total weight of the topaz is 456 carats at \$55.00 a carat rounded off to \$25,000.00.

I have enclosed are some photos of the stones and one of the largest stone in its rough state.

I await your reply. The stones were found at O'Briens and McDonalds Creeks in the 1970's.

Yours sincerely,



John Towning

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GEORGETOWN

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LARGE FACETED TOPAZ 218 CTS
SMALL FACETED TOPAZ 18.6 CTS



LARGE UNFACETED TOPAZ 585 CTS
WITH OTHER TOPAZ

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(No. 1417) Feb. 1, 1966

STATS ON BIG BLUE

ALL STONES WERE FOUND IN O'BRIENS AND
MCDONALD CRK WEIGHT 218 CT

LENGTH 44.4 MM.

WIDTH 34 MM.

HEIGHT 24 MM.

ALL THE BEST EH!

Facet Talk | January - February 2013

857 Carat Blue Topaz found at Mount Surprise!

This faceted sky blue topaz is 218 carat and was cut from a natural blue topaz crystal found at Mount Surprise by a Guild member a few years ago. The fossicker (who shall remain unnamed) happened to walk into a lapidary shop to show the owner. I had just pulled into the shop while driving south from North Queensland. He said he spent 5 days trying to polish the table with 100000 diamond on typemetal. When he thought he was almost finished scratches would reappear! In desperation he sent the stone overseas to have it completed. A smaller 18.6 carat stone was cut from the rough as well. The stone is flawless and this photograph does not do it justice. The stone of this size and colour is very rare - a true collector's gem.

John Broadfoot, Phone 0429 692 904.





Etheridge Shire Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and
Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics
and Paralympics Sport and Engagement

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Your ref: TED0148

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Mr Ken Timms
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Timms

Thank you for submitting an application under the Tourism Experience Development (TED) Fund that closed on 26 August 2022. The program is part of a suite of initiatives as part of the Action Plan for Tourism Recovery to rebuild visitor confidence, drive demand for Queensland destinations and meet the changing preferences of consumers through enhanced tourism products.

The program provides funding to develop new and enhanced tourism products and experiences that increase overnight visitor numbers and expenditure, and deliver regional economic community impacts and sustainability benefits.

I am pleased to advise that the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (DTIS) has approved Etheridge Shire Council to receive up to \$130 200 (GST exclusive) towards the Unearth Etheridge: Stimulating Regional Tourism through Creative Arts and Storytelling project under the TED Fund.

Please note that you will receive further correspondence from DTIS regarding your organisation's approved funding and the terms and conditions for the funding.

Congratulations on your successful application and I wish you all the best with your project.

Should you require any further information, please contact Mr Peter Evans, Director - Growing Tourism, Tourism Division, DTIS via email at growingti@dtis.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP
Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and
Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics
and Paralympics Sport and Engagement

14 October 2022



Our ref: DGBN22/374

20 October 2022

Department of
**State Development, Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning**

Mr Ken Timms
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Timms

Thank you for applying for funding under Round 2 of the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (the Fund).

The Fund is a voluntary partnership between the Queensland Government and coal and mineral resources companies, through the Queensland Resources Council, that seeks to supplement existing resources industry investment in community infrastructure.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) received 82 applications seeking over \$174 million in total funding.

All applications were competitively assessed by the department and considered by the Advisory Committee. In this instance, the following has not been successful in gaining funding:

- Remediating Housing Crisis – Georgetown.

I understand significant time and effort goes into preparing funding applications of this kind. Please contact the department if you would like to receive feedback, which may help inform the preparation of future funding submissions.

I have asked Peter Weekes, Project Manager, Grants and Program Management in the department to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Mr Weekes on (07) 3452 7701 or by email at rcif@dasilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Minutes of the 156th FNQROC Board Meeting

Meeting No	156
Meeting Name	FNQROC Board Meeting
Date	6 October 2022
Time	10.00am – 1.00pm
Venue	Cobbold Gorge Conference Centre, Etheridge Shire

REPRESENTATIVES

CHAIR

Cr Terry James, Dep Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
Cr Mark Nolan, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Rod Marti, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

CEO'S

Ms Mica Martin, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
Mr Andrew Graffen, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Mr Brian Joiner, CEO	Cook Shire Council
Ms Rachel Brophy, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
Mr Ken Timms, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
Mr Steve Linnane, CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Gary Rinehart, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
Mr Richard Wright, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

OBSERVERS

Cr Cameron Barnes	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Joe Haase	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Kim Gaynor, Dep Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
Mr Robert Ferguson	LGAQ
Mr Anthony Ottoway	QTC
Mr Paul Gillies	QTC
Ms Diana Lollato	QTC

INVITED GUESTS

Senator James McGrath	Queensland Senator
Pat Schostakowski	Senator's Advisor, Office of Senator McGrath
Mr Andy Elshaw	ARUP
Ms Melanie Kempton	ARUP
Ms Kelsea Biggs	ARUP
Ms Kylee Petersen A/RD	DTMR

FNQROC STAFF

Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
Mr Travis Sydes	Natural Asset Management & Sustainability Coordinator
Ms Amanda Hancock	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms Paula Power	Executive Support Officer

APOLOGIES

Cr Bob Manning	Cairns Regional Council
Mr Gary Uhlmann	Croydon Shire Council
Cr Mary Brown	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Cr Ramon Jayo, Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Mr Kelvin Tytherleigh, CEO	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Cr Jason Woibo	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Steve Linnane, CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
Cr Bradley Creek, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Steve Wilton, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Mark Girard	QTC

3026 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The meeting commenced at 9.45am.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the Ewamian, Tagalaka and Gugu Badhun People, the Traditional custodians of the land that form Etheridge Shire Council and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3027 BOARD PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Anthony Ottoway, Director, Paul Gillies, Senior Associate, Diana Lollato, Executive Director, Local Government, Client Advisory Division, Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC)

QTC provided an update on the current economic environment and provided an overview of the Operational Water Capability initiative. New data from Infrastructure Australia should be available in coming weeks.

Overview

A four-step approach will be used to understand capability issues and consider options to address:

Step 1 – Understanding 'on-the-ground' capability issues.

Step 2 – Workshop to socialise findings and key themes.

Step 3 – Options analysis.

Step 4 – Implementation of agreed solutions.

A detailed workplan will be developed and endorsed by the RWCSG, with key milestones outlined below:

Key milestones	Due Date	Owner
Endorsement to proceed	6 October 2022	FNQROC CEO/QTC
Completion of survey and individual council workshops	28 February 2023	RWCSC
Selection of Initiatives to progress to options analysis	15 March 2023	FNQROC CEO/QTC
HOLD POINT FNQROC endorsement of initiatives to progress to options analysis	6 April 2023	FNQROC CEO/QTC
Selection of solutions of implementation	30 June 2023	FNQ Regional Water Alliance
HOLD POINT FNQROC endorsement of solutions to progress to implementation	3 August 2023	FNQROC CEO/QTC
Implementation	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

The Chair asked for feedback/questions from the floor

- **Cr Hughes** - How do rural councils fit in with that structure? Want to be on the front foot for future developments and sewerage. Happy to nominate person from Etheridge Shire Council to attend Water Alliance Meetings. Ms Irvine advised that this would be for the whole region, the subcommittee volunteered to do the initial grunt work of pulling details together. It was recognised at the meeting that council staff resources are limited and we didn't want to put too much onus on them which is why we asked for volunteers. We do have a spread represented across the region.
- **Cr Scott** – Congratulated QTC on working with FNQROC. The need to be looking at what is and isn't working. Regional and remote councils need infrastructure funding to attract businesses. Large number of councils not financially viable and want subsidies back. Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan and the Planning Scheme are important and need to be factored in.
- **Cr Kerr** – Need to have a process or plan to take to State Government. Implementation and change are the hard pieces, and the dollars hold that up. How we can fund will be important.
- **Cr Andrews** – Water catchment and global warming. Could be close to swamp water 20-30 years down the track. Wanted to know if this would be picked up in the options.

Moved: Cr Mark Nolan
Second: Cr Rod Marti

That FNQROC endorse the progression of the Alliance to seek to understand capability challenges, and to identify options to address these.

CARRIED

3.2 Mr Andy Elshaw, Water Engineer, Melanie Kempton, Senior Resource and Waste Management Consultant and Kelsea Biggs, Graduate Engineer. ARUP.

Melanie Kempton updated the Board on the Regional Resource Recovery Plan. The presentation will be circulated with the minutes.

3.3 Senator James McGrath, Queensland Senator, Shadow Assistant Minister to the Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Assistant Minister for Finance

Cr Kerr thanked Senator McGrath for making the time to meet the FNQROC Board during his Regional Tour.

Cr Hughes welcomed Senator McGrath to Etheridge Shire and acknowledged it was a great opportunity to have him come along to a ROC meeting.

Senator McGrath gave a brief introduction and opened the floor for questions.

Key areas of discussion:

- **Cr Hughes** – GenX-, currently 2 years into production and is in start-up phase. Increased traffic volumes on the roads to the GenX project. There has yet to be any interest from State government or main roads.
- **Cr Scott** – RDA project - Lakeland Dam. Capacity to put in water security and new town. This is a massive opportunity for work. Business case released - \$800,000 and \$20 million to do Business Case. Need private investment to fund it. Would like State government support.
- **Cr Scott** – Aged Care – Proposal for Cooktown to service Southwest Cape.
- **Cr Pickering** – Building Better Regions Fund good program. Mountain Bike Trail keeps getting knocked back.
- **Cr Kerr** – Councils are taking on more activities and these have an impact on budgets. LGAQ Campaign for 1% of taxation revenue (FAGS)– issue is there is a bipartisan approach to this?
- **Cr Kerr** – Tourist Road in Daintree in disrepair. Up to council to fund, seek State government funding.

3.4 Mr Robert Ferguson, Lead Public Health and Waste (LGAQ)

Mr Ferguson provided an overview of LGAQ recent activities and highlighted key areas.

- LGAQ Waste Management highlight
- Endorsed policy statement and 2 surveys underway. Economic opportunities. 5 councils completed survey. Hasn't been reviewed since 2002.
- Annual conference 2 weeks away. 137 motions going through
- Housing Summit – now planned for 20 October 2022. Make sure representation from FNQROC.
- National Delegation to Canberra – Report was out on 3 September 2022. Recommendations and findings used to guide discussions at state level. Good connections.
- Cost shifting to Local government. Community liveability. Attract and keep people.

- Climate risk and resilience
- Animal management – agreed to look at a review. Taskforce and working group met in August 2022. 16 councils involved in this work. Well represented including First Nations input as well. Unique challenges going forward.
- Works for Queensland – back to \$100 mill per year. Still advocating.
- Universal Centres – panel discussion across Queensland to roll them out.
- Olympics and Paralympics.
- Office of independent Assessor – final report may be tabled next week. Invitations to have conversation. Timeframe – 6 months to review. Investigations, dismissals, complaints etc.

3027 ACTION: D Irvine to contact State Government re representation at the Housing Summit 20 October 2022.

3.5 Introduction to Kylee Petersen A/RD DTMR

Mayor Kerr introduced Ms Kylee Petersen and thanked TMR for the work we saw on the Gulf Developmental Road coming here.

- Meetings with Federal government at operational level.
- Maintenance and capital works. More pressure on the State to keep those things running.
- ROSI locked in.
- Road safety – works out in rural and remote areas. Safety is number one priority. Benefits outweigh in regional and remote areas.
- Flow of communication with federal government when budget comes out.
- Capital projects - costs through the roof.

3027 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The draft minutes of the 155th FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Board meeting of 3 August 2022.

Moved: Cr Peter Scott
Second: Cr Barry Hughes

That the FNQROC Board move that the minutes of the 155th Board Meeting held on 3 August 2022 be confirmed and adopted.

CARRIED

3028 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Action items from Thursday 3 August 2022 FNQROC Board Meeting.

Wednesday 3 August 2022

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
2989a	T Sydes and M O'Loughlin to provide a resource requirement, KPI's and understanding of State Buy for a Climate Resilience Alliance and report back to the Board – can by via flying minute.	T Sydes M O'Loughlin	Complete
2994b	Collaborative water service delivery to be put on the next agenda for further discussion.	FNQROC	Complete
3002	D Irvine to light a fire to get a Western Councils meeting going again. CONVERSATION FROM HERE.	D Irvine	Ongoing

3029 ADVOCACY

6.1 Advocacy update from FNQROC Council members.

6.2 FNQROC Advocacy Update

Delegation report from August Federal delegation has been sent and is available on our website.

3030 STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL PLAN

7.1 FNQ Regional Plan update

The Economic component of the stakeholder meetings seem to be quite fast and may be missing key stakeholders. Virtual Economic Development workshop taking place on Thursday 13 October 2022. To try and garner additional participants and to get broader reach, an FNQROC e-Newsletter and LinkedIn notification was sent two weeks ago to subscribers advising people of the meeting.

Issues with boundary of FNQ Regional Plan. Regional Economic Strategy, Regional Infrastructure Plan boundaries are the RDA TN boundary and statutory Regional Plan will be derived from this as a start.

The FNQROC position is the regional plan should include Etheridge and Cook Shire Councils. The regional plan can't be gazetted until the boundary is resolved. The issue identified to date is there are land tenure issues in Cook Shire Council which would hold up the delivery of the FNQ Regional Plan.

The board expressed their united support of Cook Shire Council to be included, at the very least inclusive of Cooktown and Lakeland.

Move: Cr Barry Hughes
Second: Cr Michael Kerr

That FNQROC delegate negotiation of the boundary of the FNQ Regional Plan to D Irvine and Cr Scott.

CARRIED

3031 DISCUSSION TOPICS

Nil

3032 CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

3033 FNQROC POLICY REVIEW

Nil

3034 FNQROC REPORTS AND MOU'S

11.1 B87 - FNQROC Climate Resilience Alliance Coordinator Proposal

The FNQROC Board considered and discussed report B87.

Option 4 indicates local governments priority for this portfolio and assists with the gaining of additional funding. All direct funding from FNQOC can be funded from reserves in our account.

The Chair asked for feedback/questions from the floor

- **Cr Hughes** – Can the position be regionalised? Option to reside anywhere in the FNQROC region? Ms Irvine advised that with any FNQROC position the location is selected by the most appropriate candidate and it can be anywhere in the region. As an example, T Sydes works from Tablelands Regional Council. To dictate where they have to work will limit the already limited pool of candidates.
- **T Sydes** – Working directly with TNQ right across the region. Not a desktop location but connect at the coal face. Could be delivered as sit weeks in councils and hub and with other stakeholders.
- **LGAQ** – Closer to 2 years aligns to the state election.

Move: Cr Mark Nolan
Second: Cr Rod Marti

That FNQROC supports:

- a. the establishment of an FNQROC Climate Resilient Technical Committee,*
- b. Co-investment with the Tropical North Queensland Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub (\$106,500 in funding and FNQROC contribution of \$53,250 + in kind + discretionary funding as the Executive Officer sees fit, (this funding to come from FNQROC Reserves) and*
- c. The Executive Officer to negotiate the contract.*

CARRIED

3035 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet

MOVED: Cr Peter Scott
SECOND: Cr Barry Hughes

That the profit and Loss and Balance Sheet Reports for the period 1 July 2022 to 27 September 2022 be adopted and accepted.

CARRIED

3036 ATTENDANCE & MINUTES OF MEETING

Meetings Attended by Executive Officer – as noted.

3037 LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION – CR PETER SCOTT

If any issues, please raise with Cr Peter Scott to take to LGAQ Policy Executive.

Housing is the biggest topic currently. Each council has planning scheme, defines zoning, lot size for approval, building height and building application impact. Looking for flexibility in planning schemes and seeking to get Minister approval.

Economies of scale and number of tenants for rental return. Changing zoning can take up to 2-3 years within Ministers' rules for minor amendments. Asking that schedule 1 of Minister's Guidelines be changed for minor amendments. Queensland is the only state in Australia that doesn't have to abide by those rules. Recommendation considering critical housing shortages – timely authority to amend their own planning schemes. Forwarded to LGAQ – through the housing summit.

3037 ACTION: Mr Rob Ferguson to provide an update on State Government Financial Assistance (SGFA) to indigenous councils.

3038 MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

NAMAC Meeting No.51 – 18 August 2022

Noted

RRTG Technical Committee No.123 – 16 September 2022

Noted

HEATWAVES ... Keeping Our Cool Workshop #1 – 30 September 2022

Noted

FNQROC Water Alliance Meeting – 13 September 2022

Noted

3039 MINUTES OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FNQROC Regional Resource Recovery Plan – 11 August 2022

Noted

FNQROC 2022/23 Sewer Relining Meeting No.1 – 18 August 2022

Noted

FNQROC Regional Plan Sub-Meeting, FNQROC Planners/CEOs/Economic Development Officers – 18 August 2022

Noted

FNQROC Regional Collection & Disposal of Ferrous Metal – 1 September 2022

For noting

FNQROC – Reseals & Linemarking, Meeting NO.1 (Prestart) – 14 September 2022

For noting

FNQROC Regional Collection & Disposal of Ferrous Metal, Non-Ferrous Metal, ULABs & EOL Vehicle Processing - Tender Evaluation Workshop – 16 September 2022

For noting

FNQ Regional Supply & Delivery of Water Chemicals – Tender Evaluation Workshop – 20 September 2022

Noted

FNQROC Regional Removal & Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids - Contract Meeting (Prestart) – 30 September 2022

For noting

3040 WESTERN COUNCILS MEETING

Nil

3041 GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 Cassowary Coast Regional Council – Community Scorecard

A. Graffen provided an overview of Cassowary Coast Regional Council Community Scorecard. The scorecard highlighted challenges and issues. It gave the council an overall performance score. Good opportunity to take the information gathered and move forward positively and improve score in future years providing a benchmark. They received over 500 responses from the community.

This has allowed council to produce an Action Plan. Process to adjust structure to meet priorities ie; Aged Care, Youth, Health and Welfare.

Survey cost \$19,000 with an additional \$5 per paper survey returned. There was also an opportunity to take the survey online.

The presentation will be circulated with the minutes.

18.2 Boards, Panel and Advisory Committee Nominations

Looking for potential nominees to build a ready reserve. D. Irvine sent email to all FNQROC members seeking 3 representatives from the FNQROC region for future use Advisory Boards. Cr Angela Toppin advised she was interested.

3041a Action: Councils to identify any elected members with an interest to be called upon for adhoc advice to LGAQ. Mayor Peter Scott, just needs their name and interest areas.

18.3 Referendum Engagement Group

Cr Andrews – The Australian Government has committed to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full. A referendum will be held in this term of Parliament to enshrine an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice in the Australian Constitution. Voice to parliament - Uluru Statement from the heart is an invitation to people to walk on the journey. LGAQ has endorsed the statement. 70 people engaged around the nation. Cr Andrews is one of the representatives.

Cr Andrews will provide an update at the meeting on 1 December 2022. Uluru Statement from the heart can be found [here](#).

Indigenous Tourism Plan through TTNQ. Through the Chair would like to invite Mark Olsen to future FNQROC meeting in 2023.

3041b Action: All member councils to read (if not already) the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' which will be raised at the next Board meeting on 1 December 2022.

3041c Action: Invite Mark Olsen, TTNQ to FNQROC meeting in 2023 to discuss the Indigenous Tourism Plan.

18.4 Christmas FNQROC Board Dinner

It was agreed that the FNQROC Board dinner would be held on Wednesday 30 November 2022 prior to the last FNQROC Board Meeting for the year.

3042 NEXT MEETING

The Chair advised that the next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 1 December 2022 at Civic Reception Room, Cairns Regional Council.**

The Chair thanked members for their contribution. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **1.16pm.**

AGREED ACTION ITEMS

Thursday 6 October 2022

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
3027	D Irvine to contact State Government re representation at the Housing Summit 20 October	FNQROC	Invitation came to ROC Chairs
3037	Mr Rob Ferguson to provide an update on State Government Financial Assistance (SGFA) to indigenous councils.	LGAQ	
3041a	Councils to identify any elected members with an interest to be called upon for adhoc advice to LGAQ. Mayor Peter Scott, just needs their name and interest areas.	Member Councils	
3041b	All member councils to read (if not already) the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' which will be raised at the next Board meeting on 1 December 2022.	Member Councils	
3041c	Indigenous Tourism Plan – Invite Mark Olsen, TTNQ to present at future board meeting in 2023.	FNQROC	

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Cr Michael Kerr, FNQROC Chair

FNQROC Board Meeting Dates for 2023

Date	Venue
Thursday 02 February 2023	CAIRNS
Thursday 06 April 2023	Cassowary Coast Regional Council (tbc)
Thursday 01 June 2023	CAIRNS
Thursday 03 August 2023	Hope Vale (tbc)
Thursday 05 October 2023	CAIRNS
Thursday 07 December 2023	CAIRNS

Minutes of the FNQROC Annual General Meeting

Meeting No	30
Meeting Name	FNQROC Board Meeting
Date	6 October 2022
Time	9.30am – 10.00am
Venue	Cobbold Gorge Conference Centre, Etheridge Shire

REPRESENTATIVES

CHAIR

Cr Terry James, Dep Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
Cr Mark Nolan, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Rod Marti, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

CEO'S

Ms Mica Martin, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
Mr Andrew Graffen, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Mr Brian Joiner, CEO	Cook Shire Council
Ms Rachel Brophy, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
Mr Ken Timms, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
Mr Gary Rinehart, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
Mr Richard Wright, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

OBSERVERS

Cr Cameron Barnes	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Joe Haase	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Kim Gaynor, Dep Mayor	Croydon Shire Council

FNQROC STAFF

Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
Mr Travis Sydes	Natural Asset Management & Sustainability Coordinator

Ms Amanda Hancock

Ms Paula Power

Regional Strategic Infrastructure
Coordinator

Executive Support Officer

APOLOGIES

Cr Bob Manning
Mr Gary Uihmann
Cr Ramon Jayo
Mr Kelvin Tytherleigh, CEO
Cr Mary Brown
Cr Jason Woibo
Mr Steve Linnane, CEO
Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor
Mr Peter Franks, CEO
Cr Bradley Creek, Mayor
Mr Steve Wilton, CEO

Cairns Regional Council
Croydon Shire Council
Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Mareeba Shire Council
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1017 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the Ewamian, Tagalaka and Gugu Badhun People, the traditional custodians of the lands that form part of Etheridge Shire and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

1018 APOLOGIES

Apologies as noted above.

1019 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Cr Peter Scott

SECOND: Cr Rod Marti

That the minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting held on 7 October 2021 be confirmed"

CARRIED

1020 FNQROC ANNUAL REPORT

MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering

SECOND: Cr Barry Hughes

"That the FNQROC Annual Report 2021-22 be adopted as tabled".

CARRIED

1021 FNQROC AUDITED FINANCIALS

MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes
SECOND: Cr Peter Scott

"That the Audited Financials for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 be adopted"

CARRIED

1022 ELECTION OF CHAIR

D Irvine declared all positions vacant and called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor - Douglas Shire Council

Nominated by: Cr Terry James

Second: Cr Mark Nolan

Cr Kerr accepted the nomination for Chair.

There being no further nominations Cr Kerr was declared elected as Chair of FNQROC.

CARRIED

1023 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Cr Kerr called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor - Mareeba Shire Council

Nominated by: Cr Barry Hughes

Second: Cr Mark Nolan

Cr Toppin accepted the nomination for Deputy Chair.

"There being no further nominations Cr Toppin was declared elected as Deputy Chair of FNQROC"

CARRIED

1024 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARIAT AND TREASURER

MOVED: Cr Mark Nolan

SECOND: Cr Michael Kerr

"That the Executive Officer be appointed as the Secretariat and Treasurer"

CARRIED

1025 ELECTION OF AUDITOR

QAO has approved to appoint our own auditor however it can't be Halpin Partners as they have been engaged for 5 years which is the maximum they allow.

MOVED: Cr Mark Nolan

SECOND: Cr Michael Kerr

It is recommended that subject to appropriate costs and acceptance by QAO 'Jessups' be appointed auditor for the 2022/23 financial year".

CARRIED

1026 PAYMENT OF HONORARIUM TO CHAIR

Cr Peter Scott called for motion.

MOVED: Cr Peter Scott

SECOND: Cr Rod Marti

"That a payment of \$6,000 be made to the Chair for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (2022/23 Budget)".

CARRIED

1027 CONCLUSION

Cr Kerr thanked the FNQROC Team for their efforts over the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.40am.

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Cr Michael Kerr, FNQROC Chair



Department of
Agriculture and Fisheries

Our ref: CTS 14881/22

5/10/2022

Councillor Barry Hughes
Mayor
Etheridge Shire Council

Mr Ken Timms
Chief Executive Officer
Etheridge Shire Council
info@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Dear Councillor Hughes

Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program – Round 2

I am writing to formally invite Etheridge Shire Council to be a partner in the Regional Drought Resilience Planning (RDRP) program in Queensland. This program is jointly funded through the Queensland Government and the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund.

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has partnered with the Rural Economies Centre of Excellence (RECoE), comprised of four Queensland research institutions, to deliver the RDRP.

The purpose of the program is to help regions plan to survive and thrive into the future in the face of drought. RECoE will lead consultation, working with regional communities, to develop Regional Drought Resilience Plans to prepare for and manage future drought risks. While a regional organisation for your area will be our lead partner, your Local Government Area (LGA) will be key to the success of the regional drought resilience planning process.

The planning will also align with the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience and its implementation plan, Resilient Queensland, led by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority – who continues to support this program as a key stakeholder.

As part of the Far North Hinterland to Gulf region, your LGA is invited to be involved in the consultation and development of a Regional Drought Resilience Plan by 30 June 2024.

1 William Street Brisbane
GPO Box 46 Brisbane
Queensland 4001 Australia
Business Centre 13 25 23
Website www.daf.qld.gov.au
ABN 66 934 348 189

These plans are community-led and owned through partnerships of Local Governments, regional organisations, communities and industry. The plans are to identify actions to prepare for future droughts, with a sharp focus on the agricultural sector and allied industries.

The RDRP Program will support development of the plans by providing access to evidence and data, independent expert feedback, as well as the opportunity to learn from the pilot year and collaborate with regions in this second round.

Next steps

A representative from RECoE will be in contact to provide details on the opportunity to be involved in the RDRP Program. A letter will also be sent to the Chair of the relevant Regional Organisations of Councils as a key representative of your region.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Vern Rudwick, Director, Drought Policy and Response on 0472 863 899 or by email at vern.rudwick@daf.qld.gov.au or Associate Professor Ben Lyons, Director, RECoE on 0428 230 031 or via email at ben.lyons@usq.edu.au.

Information on the Queensland Regional Drought Resilience Program can be found at www.ruraleconomies.org.au and information on the Future Drought Fund can be found at www.agriculture.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Robert Gee
Director-General
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT
GROUP

HELD AT ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 2.01PM

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING

HELD AT GEORGETOWN

ON TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 2.01PM

ATTENDANCE

Present: -

Mayor Cr Barry Hughes / LDMG Chair
Laurell Royes, Deputy Mayor, Etheridge Shire Council
Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer, Local Disaster Coordinator
Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services, Etheridge Shire Council
David Fletcher, Director of Engineering, Etheridge Shire Council
Bill Stanley, Queensland Police Service, District Disaster Executive Officer
Murray Hayton, Queensland Fire Emergency Services Emergency Management Coordinator
Jake Beal, Mount Surprise Officer in Charge
Drew Finlay, Georgetown Officer in Charge
Laurie Baron, Rural Fire Brigade
Serena Mullholland, Director of Nursing, Georgetown Primary Health Clinic
Indra Mullholland, Georgetown Primary Health Clinic
Ian Carroll, Forsayth Officer in Charge
Julie Dance, SES

Mayor Cr Hughes opened the meeting at 2.01pm and welcomed all in attendance.

LDMG Chair passed a vote of thanks to Warren Bridson for facilitating the “Dam you Huey” Exercise.

The following 3 Outcomes were Achieved;

- Charleston Dam Emergency Action Plan
- Flood Evacuation Plan
- Disaster Resupply Plan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the history, cultural practice and traditions, of their people.”

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

LDMG Meeting Minutes – 1st June 2022

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the LDMG Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 1st June 2022 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Laurell Royes

SECONDED: David Fletcher

VERBAL UPDATES

David Fletcher, Director Engineering Services, Etheridge Shire Council

- Provided an update on River & Rain Gauges within the district. Advised that 3 new gauges have been placed at crossings across the shire which live feed to TMR. Furthermore advised that Council were unsuccessful in obtaining an additional 3 due to funding.
- Advised of gauges being installed at the Charleston Dam that will provide a live feed of the Dam level to BOM.

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer, Etheridge Shire Council

- Advised of a recent meeting held in regards to Major Fire Risk areas identified in Mount Surprise and Forsyth townships, during this meeting a Bushfire Risk Management Plan was adopted.
- Distributed copies of the Human and Social Recovery Plan and requested feedback.
- Expressed importance of keeping the LDMG contact list up to date to allow for ease of contact in cases of emergency.

Laurie Baron, Rural Fire Brigade

- Expressed concern for solar area at Charleston Dam, believes the poly pipe surrounding the Solar Panels pose a fire risk.

Bill Stanley, Queensland Police Service, District Disaster Executive Officer

Provided the following Weather Outlook for the District;

- Above average rainfalls are expected for the coming month of November, December and January with the forecast of the La Nina.
- If above average rain falls as predicated we may be looking at higher chances of flooding leading into Cyclone Season.
- Forecasted higher than regular cyclone season, with an expected 11 Cyclones to form.
- A heat-wave is currently impacting the district and will continue to until the end of October.
- Possible inland trough forecasted for rainfall in early November.

AGENCY UPDATES

Julie Dance, SES

- Advised of a single vehicle rollover on the Abingdon Road this month and expressed concerns about mapping issues when locating remote emergencies emerging from the Cairns Office as the Ambulance and QPS both got sent to a different locations in this instance. Drew Finlay, Georgetown Officer in Charge advised that when he took GPS shots of the crash scene the coordinates showed up correctly on his map. Ian Carroll, Forsyth Officer in Charge expressed that there are ongoing mapping issues within several agencies and expressed urgency of having this matter rectified. Bill Stanley, QPS has advised that the matter will be raised at an upcoming DDMG Meeting.

Bill Stanley, Queensland Police Service, District Disaster Executive Officer

- Discussed the recent appointment of Inspector Jason Smith as the new District Disaster Coordinator.
- The Bureau of Meteorology have recently established a Townsville Office and are eager to engage with LDMG's, Councils and other agencies to provide advice and assistance where required.
- Discussed the possibility of a Weather Radar being made accessible within the district. Currently in discussions with Mayor Trevor Pickering of Croydon Shire who is playing a key role in coordinating this project.

Murray Hayton, Queensland Fire Emergency Services Emergency Management Coordinator

- Submitted a report for all to read at their leisure as the agency prepares for the upcoming weather events through training exercises and courses. Advised that QFES are eager to provide similar training to rural agencies.

Luke Parnell and Roy Mortensen- DES

- Advised that their agency have recently issued Cyclone Procedures as they prepare for coming Cyclone season
- Notified that as of 1st November both Rungula and Undara National Parks will be closed to the public until approximately March 2023.

Laurie Baron- Rural Fire Brigade

- Advised that the Rural Fire Brigade have recently undertaken Hazard Reduction Burns and completed Fire Breaks in preparations for the Fire Season.

Drew Finlay, Queensland Police Service (Georgetown)

- Raised the issue of the district not having a permanent Paramedic and Ambulance Service within the area, Mount Garnet being the closest permanent Queensland Ambulance Service.

Jake Beal, Queensland Police Service (Mount Surprise)

NIL

CONCLUSION

Mayor Cr Hughes closed the meeting at 2.40pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Supporting small businesses to trade outdoors

As part of the *Queensland Outdoor Activation Action Plan*, the Queensland Government will develop a toolkit for councils to encourage and maximise outdoor trade. The toolkit will include ideas, examples and avenues for support—highlighting opportunities for outdoor trade activation and providing guidance on how to navigate the regulatory environment and support available.

The Queensland Government will also raise awareness of outdoor trading information and support for businesses, using government and business communication channels to raise awareness of business information and support available for businesses wanting to expand their operations outdoors.

We know many councils are already very keen to encourage outdoor trade and are progressing lots of creative initiatives that are creating vibrant public spaces and helping small businesses trade outdoors.

The below initiatives, supports and contacts may assist local governments and small businesses as they seek to make the most of Queensland's great outdoors.

For local governments

Connect with [Local Government](#) Division, in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) or [Instagram](#).

The [2021–24 Works for Queensland Program](#) supports regional councils to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects.

The [Small Business Friendly Councils](#) program aims to reduce barriers between large organisations and small businesses and to enhance the operating environment for small businesses.

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation can be contacted at 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or for licence and permit enquiries by email at OLGRlicensing@justice.qld.gov.au or for liquor compliance enquiries by email at liquorcompliance@justice.qld.gov.au.

[Works with Small Business: Good practice guidance when working with small businesses to minimise business disruption and support jobs when undertaking capital works projects](#) helps Queensland and local government agencies and small businesses to work collaboratively to come up with innovative solutions and disruption mitigation strategies.

Review information on [activities and structures in the road corridor](#) from the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Review information about [sun and shade](#), including planning community spaces and developing a shade policy.

Review [smoking laws](#) in Queensland.

Review information about [environmental nuisance](#) issues.

If you have an idea for activating and maximising use of outdoor spaces at your local TAFE campus, please contact Infrastructure Strategy and Delivery in the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) by email at info@desbt.qld.gov.au.

Contact the DESBT Customer Centre on 1300 654 687 to get in touch with your local regional DESBT office.

Review the [Queensland Fire and Emergency Services](#) website, which includes information on preparing for natural disasters and building compliance and planning.

Read the [Fire Safety Management Tool for Owner/Occupiers](#).

Review the [Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008](#).

For small businesses

Save time and effort when starting and running your business by using the [Business Launchpad](#), a digital tool that makes it easier to discover licences, permits and regulatory information tailored to your business needs.

Access information on starting and running a small business on the [Business Queensland](#) website.

Access volunteer business experts who provide insights, options and suggestions relating to challenges and opportunities through the [Mentoring for Growth](#) program.

Contact the [Queensland Small Business Commissioner](#) on 1300 312 344 for general enquires and advocacy, or follow the Queensland Small Business Commissioner's Office on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [Linkedin](#).

Visit the [Food Pantry](#), the Queensland portal for food safety for both businesses and consumers.

Review [Get Ready Queensland](#) – Is Your Business at Risk of Natural Disaster?

Review [Business Queensland – Natural Disaster Preparation for Small Businesses](#).

Additional supports:

- [Small Business Connect Newsletter](#) to remain updated with small business supports as they are announced.
- [QSBC newsletter](#) identifies emerging trends, issues, and support relevant to Queensland small businesses.
- [Small business wellness coaches](#) which are available to help small business owners with unique and personal business challenges, needs and opportunities in a free one-on-one, supportive environment.

About Powerlink

Powerlink is a Government Owned Corporation that owns, develops, operates and maintains the transmission network in Queensland.

We connect Queenslanders to a world-class energy future, providing electricity to more than five million Queenslanders and 238,000 businesses. We are also responsible for connecting large-scale renewable energy developments, including wind and solar, and providing electricity to large industrial customers in the rail, mining and LNG sectors.

About the Kidston Clean Energy Hub

Genex Power Limited is developing the Kidston Clean Energy Hub, which comprises the Kidston Pumped Storage Hydro Project in combination with wind and solar, approximately 270 kilometres north-west of Townsville. This facility will connect to the Queensland grid via a new 275kV electricity transmission line and switching stations, collectively referred to as the Genex Kidston Connection Project (for more information visit www.genexpower.com.au). Powerlink has been engaged by Genex to deliver this project.

Acknowledgement

Powerlink acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands and waters of Queensland and in particular, the lands on which we operate. We pay our respect to their Ancestors, Elders and knowledge holders and recognise their deep history and ongoing connection to Country.

Key points

- Following recent completion of planning approvals, activities to prepare for construction of the 275kV electricity transmission line and associated switching stations to connect the Kidston Clean Energy Hub to the grid have commenced. This includes establishing access tracks where necessary, weed management on the easement, pegging transmission tower locations and selective vegetation removal.
- Federal environmental approvals were received in October 2022 for the project under the Commonwealth's *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*. This marks completion of a detailed technical assessment of the project and public consultation process administered by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.
- Ministerial Infrastructure Designation under the *Planning Act 2016 (Qld)* was received in July 2022, following the Queensland Government Planning Minister's assessment of Powerlink's Ministerial Infrastructure Designation Assessment Report which was released for public comment in November 2021.
- Our team has also been progressing Cultural Heritage survey works with Traditional Owners and is continuing to work with Native Title Holders to negotiate voluntary Indigenous Land Use Agreements for the project.
- On achieving EPBC approval, site preparation works including establishing access tracks and vegetation management commenced at the Guybal Munjan™ Switching Station¹ site located in Mount Fox and the Aurumfield Switching Station at Kidston, which Powerlink has now been engaged by Genex to build as part of the project.
- Following preliminary site works, transmission tower foundation works are expected to commence in January 2023, followed by tower construction and assembly starting March 2023 (weather dependent).
- To date, Powerlink has partnered with more than 20 local suppliers based in Ingham, Charters Towers, Townsville and Cairns to complete nearly \$14 million in contracts for services including earth moving, crane hire and vegetation management works. We encourage interested local businesses to contact UGL about future sub-contracting opportunities via our website: www.powerlink.com.au/genex.
- Powerlink would like to thank landholders, the local community and other stakeholders for their time, involvement and valuable contributions as the project has progressed over a number of years. We are committed to keeping you updated as we progress our construction activities.

¹ The name Guybal Munjan is the Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property of the Gugu Badhun Aboriginal Corporation (GBAC) and is an unregistered trade mark owned by the GBAC. Powerlink is continuing to work with GBAC in relation to a formal agreement for the respectful use of the name.





Meeting with local businesses and Council representatives in Charters Towers to discuss potential contracting opportunities.

Construction process

Construction of the Genex Kidston Connection Project will be conducted in phases. Site preparation and preliminary construction works for the transmission line in Kidston and Guybal Munjan™ Switching Station in Mount Fox started in October 2022, and consists of site establishment, clearing works and vegetation management.

Site establishment works for Aurumfield Switching Station in Kidston are expected to start in March 2023.

It is estimated that construction works on the Genex Kidston Connection Project will be completed by April 2024 (weather dependent).

Phase 1 – Vegetation management, weed control, access track installation and tower pegging

Where necessary, access tracks will be constructed and gates installed in existing fences. Weed control measures will be undertaken on easements and access tracks. Surveyors have commenced final pegging of transmission tower locations, marking the site with painted stakes. Vegetation will be removed or trimmed from around the tower sites as needed to allow adequate room to safely excavate foundations, and construct and assemble the towers.

Expected timing: October 2022 to July 2023

Phase 2 – Earthworks and preparing tower foundations

Tower foundations will be installed using an excavator and/or a boring machine. Excavated material will generally be spread around the tower site. Concrete trucks will require access to all tower sites to bring in the concrete required for each foundation.

Expected timing: January 2023 to August 2023

Phase 3 – Assembly and installing towers

Steel for the towers will be supplied to each location in bundles and assembled into tower sections on-site. These sections are then lifted by an all-terrain crane to form the completed tower.

Expected timing: February 2023 to November 2023

Phase 4 – Stringing transmission line wires

Initially, a helicopter will be used to string a draw wire through rollers attached to the tower arms. Using a helicopter helps to minimise the impact on land uses, the environment and traffic. Winches are then used to pull the aluminium conductors (wires) through the rollers. Once the conductors are drawn through, work crews will use insulators and special fittings to clamp the conductors onto each tower.

Expected timing: May 2023 to January 2024

Phase 5 – Inspection and completion of construction

When construction activities have been completed, the work area will be rehabilitated. A final quality and environmental inspection of the transmission line will also be undertaken, prior to the line being commissioned. We will also ensure all work sites have been left in good condition and that all site management, environmental and access conditions have been met.

Expected timing: Completion of transmission line construction in April 2024

Environmental management

All works will be carried out in accordance with the project's Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to ensure that any potential impacts on surrounding properties, the environment and the local community are minimised. Specific control measures to minimise noise, dust, vibration, and traffic impacts will be in place. At all times, we aim to conduct our activities with as little disruption as possible to landholders and the wider community.

The EMP outlines the strategies and actions Powerlink will take to manage any environmental issues that may arise during construction.

Key planning approval and project information, including the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation Environmental Assessment Report, and EPBC and EMP documents are available on our website www.powerlink.com.au/genex.

Working hours

Our construction crews will typically complete on-ground works between **6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday to Saturday**. Should we need to undertake any activities outside the normal work hours, we will notify impacted landholders in advance.

Property access

Powerlink is committed to providing landholders with as much notice as possible prior to accessing their property. We will always endeavour to work around landholders' farming activities and business operations.

We will keep landholders informed of planned construction activities and discuss timing of works on individual properties. All property access is in accordance with Powerlink's Land Access Protocol (LAP) and the conditions agreed with the landholder.

Multiple visits by construction crews will be required to each property over an extended period of time to facilitate the different phases of construction. Please direct any queries related to property access to Powerlink's Landholder Relations team (details at the back of the newsletter).

Biosecurity

We recognise the effective prevention and management of identified weeds, pathogens and pests is important to landholders. This is highlighted in our LAP. Stringent measures have been put in place to manage and mitigate biosecurity risks, including:

- vehicle wash down procedures for vehicles accessing properties and construction areas
- identifying the origin of high risk construction machinery or equipment
- implementing weed monitoring during construction and operation to identify any new incidences of weeds.

We appreciate the ongoing cooperation from landholders in working with us to identify relevant biosecurity matters. We remain committed to continuing to identify and manage any future potential biosecurity risks on a property-specific basis as construction progresses.

Fast facts

TOWER HEIGHT
AVERAGE **60M**



249 TRANSMISSION
TOWERS



5,500 TONNES OF
GALVANISED STEEL



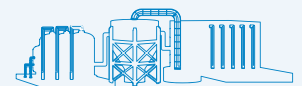
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SINGLE CIRCUIT LINE



186KM

OF TRANSMISSION LINE



250M KIDSTON PUMPED
STORAGE HYDRO

INSULATORS **35,000** | CONDUCTORS **1,200KM**



KEY TOWNSHIPS | MOUNT FOX | GREENVALE | CONJUBOY | KIDSTON

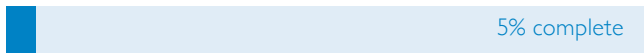
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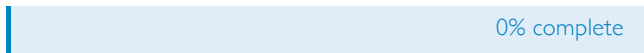
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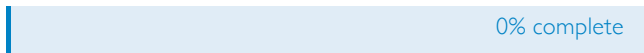
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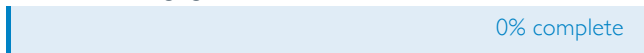
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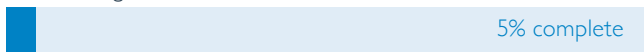


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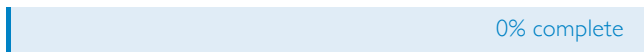


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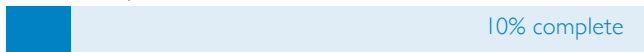
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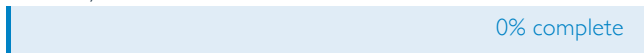
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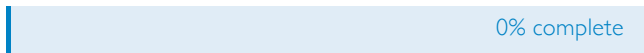
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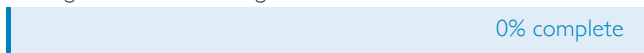
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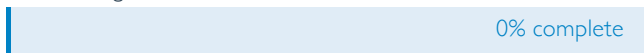


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Aurumfield Switching Station

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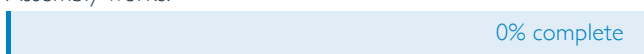
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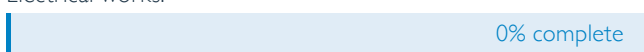
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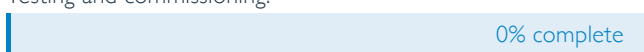
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Testing and commissioning:



Partnering with the local community

Powerlink is committed to building genuine relationships with landholders, the community and other stakeholders in areas traversed by existing or future transmission infrastructure.

We recently provided funding to support the Greenvale State School P&C install a new undercover area for students and the Greenvale Campdraft Association's 2022 campdraft event, and supported the 2022 Maraka Festival in Ingham.

We also sponsored the Melbourne Cup Day 'Fashion of the Fields' community function in Greenvale and are providing assistance to replace toilet facilities at the Greenvale Rural Transaction Building. We are also supporting the Greenvale Horse Sports Club in November and the Charters Towers Isolated Children's Parents' Association 'Fit for Rural Futures' sports camp, plus assisting Greenvale Country Club with upgrade works to their club house.

We will also be holding local community BBQs in Mount Fox and Greenvale during December to welcome landholders, the local community and other stakeholders to meet with members of our project team and learn more about upcoming construction work for the Genex Kidston Connection Project. We will provide details of these BBQs closer to the time and look forward to meeting with you as we head into the festive season and this new phase of our project.



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