



Etheridge Shire Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 14 December 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

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
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Etheridge Shire Council

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 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
Mr. David Fletcher, Director Engineering Services
Mrs Renee Bester, Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES

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

Nil

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS

Council wishes to send condolences to the family of Angeline McDonald and Hilary Geiger.

Congratulations to Emma and Dan Willis on the birth of their daughter, Margot.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 12th October

Corrections:

Nil

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 12th October 2022 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.01
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr. Barns – Update on the pilot waste transfer station at Forsayth.

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. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.02DCS
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Haase left the meeting at 9.40am and returned at 9.41am.

1

First Quarter 2022/23 Operational Plan Progress Report

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.

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.03DCS
5/0

2

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2021 to 31st October 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 31st October 2022, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.04DCS
5/0

3

Snap Send Solve

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION

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. With a review process to be undertaken 6 months after implementation.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.05DCS
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10.25am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.59am.

4

Disputed Water Consumption Charges Policy

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.

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.06DCS
5/0

5

Planning & Development in Mt Surprise

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.

RESOLUTION

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. In further, that the communities of Forsayth and Einasleigh will be taken through the same process when time permits.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.07DCS
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Haase has declared an interest for the next agenda item and has left the room without taking any further part in the conversation. Cr. Haase left the meeting at 11.06am.

6

150 Year Commemorative Wall

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

RESOLUTION

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.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.08DCS
2/4

Cr. Hughes used his casting vote. Cr. Royes and Cr. Barns voted against.

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Haase returned to the meeting at 11.20am.

Mr. Andrew McKenzie left the meeting at 11.12am and returned at 11.14am.

Cr. Hughes has a declarable interest for the next agenda item and Crs. have unanimously decided that Cr. Hughes stays to participate and vote.

7

Request for Financial Assistance

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".

RESOLUTION

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.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.09DCS
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Hughes has a prescribed interest for the next agenda item and has left the room without taking any further part in the conversation. Cr. Hughes left the meeting at 11.28am

Cr. Royes has a declarable interest for this agenda item. The remaining Councillors have agreed that Cr. Royes can participate within discussion but cannot vote on this resolution.

8

In-kind Community Assistance Applications

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

RESOLUTION

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.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.10DCS
3/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Hughes returned to the meeting at 11.47am.

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 11.48am to discuss the requests for grant of discount and waiver of interest under section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 which states that

- (1) A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.
- (2) A committee of a local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the committee be closed to the public.
- (3) However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss the grant of discount and waiver of interest.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.11

COMING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION

That Council come out of closed session at 12.07pm.

MOVED: Cr. Barns**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.12
5/0

1**Request for grant of discount on Rate Levy**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a request from the owner of rate assessments 00297-00000-000, 00355-71300-000, 00441-00000-000 & 00441-70000-000, properties located at Kidston, for the late application of discount having missed payment by the due date. The owners have not offered any extraordinary reason for missing payment by the due date but are now seeking Council's discretion in granting discount.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 130(10) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolve not to grant discount on rate assessments: -

- 00297-00000-000
- 00355-71300-000
- 00441-00000-000
- 00441-70000-000

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.13DCS
5/0

2**Request for grant of discount and waiver of interest**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the owner of rate assessment 00097-00000-000, property located at 16 First Street, Forsyth, advising that they failed to receive their rates notice and have subsequently missed discount. They are now seeking Council's discretion in granting discount and waiving interest accrued.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 130(10) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council determine to not grant discount on rate assessment 00097-00000-000, located at 16 First Street, Forsyth.

MOVED: Cr. Royes**SECONDED: Cr. Hughes**

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.14DCS
5/0

3**Request for grant of discount and waiver of interest**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the owner of rate assessment 00355-05600-000, property located at Brooklands Road, Mount Surprise, advising that they failed to receive their rates notice and have subsequently missed discount. They are now seeking Council's discretion in granting discount.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 130(10) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolve not to grant discount on rate assessment 00355-05600-000, located at Brooklands Road (previously 3 Crystal Lane), Mount Surprise.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.15DCS
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM REPORTS

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

1

Australia Day Award Special Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council invited the community to nominate individuals and/or groups who have made a significant contribution to their community and the Etheridge region for the 2023 Australia Day Awards. Nominations close on Tuesday 13th December 2022.

RESOLUTION

1. That in accordance with s264 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council constitute a Standing Committee to assess Australia Day nominations and recommend award recipients to Council; and
2. The Standing Committee be constituted by five (5) Members and a Committee Clerk (to provide administrative advice and assistance), as follows: -
 - Mayor, Cr Barry Hughes (Member and Chair)
 - Deputy Mayor, Cr Laurel Royes (Member)
 - Cr Joe Haase (Member)
 - Cr Cameron Barnes (Member)
 - Cr Tony Gallagher (Member)
 - Mr Ken Timms, or delegate (Committee Clerk)

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.16DCS
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. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.17DES
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12.30pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.08pm.

1

Road Maintenance Correspondence

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.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.18DES
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Haase left the meeting at 2.27pm and returned at 2.31pm.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1

Unearthing Etheridge – The Master Plan & Tourism Directions Paper

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.

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.19CEO
5/0

2**Public Notice of Meetings for 2023**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.

RESOLUTION

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.

Month	Date	Venue	Time
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

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.20CEO
5/0

3**Proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank**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.

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.21CEO
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for a break at 2.50pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 2.56pm

4

Purchase of Topaz for Mineral Collection

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/carats, rounding the price for this collection at \$25,000.

RESOLUTION

That Council authorise the purchase of the Topaz collection from Mr John Towning and amend the budget accordingly. The purchase is subject to an independent certified valuation being obtained to validate the purchase price.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.22CEO
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. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.23CEO
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council agrees in principle to support the development of the tourism proposal submitted by Finnegan's Rest subject to the necessary licences and approvals being put in place.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.24CEO
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr David Fletcher left the meeting at 4.49pm and returned at 4.52pm

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to approve Cr. Hughes to travel to Canberra to lobby funding for the Etheridge Agriculture Precinct as part of the RDATN Delegation.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.11.25CEO
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

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Cr Barns

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Cr Haase

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Cr Royes

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Cr Hughes

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CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 5.28pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 14th December 2022.

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MAYOR

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Business Arising

16th November 2022

#	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken	Progress
22.11.05	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. With a review process to be undertaken 6 months after implementation.	DCS	Implemented	In progress
22.11.06	That Council adopt the proposed Disputed Water Consumption Charges Policy to assist with the management of faulty waters and / or meter reads.	DCS	Implemented & displayed on website	Completed
22.11.07	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. In further, that the communities of Forsayth and Einasleigh will be taken through the same process when time permits.	DCS	Consulting Town Planner engaged. Prelim research completed. Inspection date still to be determined	In Progress
22.11.08	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.	DCS	Contractor engaged. Dates to be advised	In Progress
22.11.09	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.	DCS	Applicant advised.	Completed
22.11.10	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.	DCS	Applicants advised	Completed
22.11.13	That pursuant to section 130(10) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve not to grant discount on rate assessments: - -00297-00000-000 -00355-71300-000 -00441-00000-000 -00441-70000-000	DCS	Ratepayer advised of Council's decision.	Completed
22.11.14	That pursuant to section 130(10) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> , Council determine to not grant discount on rate assessment 00097-00000-000, located at 16 First Street, Forsayth.	DCS	Ratepayer advised of Council's decision.	Completed
22.11.15	That pursuant to section 130(10) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve not to grant discount on rate assessment 00355-05600-000, located at Brooklands Road (previously 3 Crystal Lane), Mount Surprise.	DCS	Ratepayer advised of Council's decision.	Completed

22.11.16	1. That in accordance with s264 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council constitute a Standing Committee to assess Australia Day nominations and recommend award recipients to Council; and 2. The Standing Committee be constituted by five (5) Members and a Committee Clerk (to provide administrative advice and assistance), as follows: - -Mayor, Cr Barry Hughes (Member and Chair) -Deputy Mayor, Cr Laurel Royes (Member) -Cr Joe Haase (Member) -Cr Cameron Barns (Member) -Cr Tony Gallagher (Member) -Mr Ken Timms, or delegate (Committee Clerk)	DCS	Standing Committee established per Resolution. Australia Day Award Nominations will close 13th December. A date for the Committee to convene and consider nominations is required.	Completed
22.11.18	That Council resolves to: 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	DES	Responded to both correspondants	Completed
22.11.19	That Council formally receive the Unearthing Etheridge: Tourism Directions Paper and Master Plan as presented.	CEO	Posted on the web page	Completed
22.11.20	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.	CEO	Posted on the web page	Completed
22.11.21	That Council provide a Letter of Support for the proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Act 2021 to the appropriate parties.	CEO		
22.11.22	That Council authorise the purchase of the Topaz collection from Mr John Towing and amend the budget accordingly. The purchase is subject to an independent certified valuation being obtained to validate the purchase price.	CEO	Under negotiations	In progress
22.11.24	That Council agrees in principle to support the development of the tourism proposal submitted by Finnegan's Rest subject to the necessary licences and approvals being put in place.	CEO	Applicant advised.	In progress
22.11.25	Council resolve to approve Cr. Hughes to travel to Canberra to lobby funding for the Etheridge Agriculture Precinct as part of the RDATN Delegation.	CEO	Deputation arranged	Completed

Outstanding Business

12th October 2022

#	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken	Progress
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. Please note that there is a statutory process to follow that will take some time to complete.

14th September 2022

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.	Order issued to R&R Constructions to improve stormwater drainage
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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
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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-Forsayth 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
19th January 2022				
22.01.9	That Council resolves to; 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. 2. Furthermore that council advise the community of Forsayth of the proposed changes to the waste disposal to the township. 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%. 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.	DES	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. LRCI Phase 3 funding to fund project Planning and design to commence	Planning in progress
15th September 2021				
21.9.12	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.	DES	Parks and Gardens have schedule maintenance work to be carried out over the month.	In Progress



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. Following a request from our auditors, we applied for, and were granted an extension of time until 30th November. Audit was not finalized by this date.
- Sale for Arrears of Rates: Please refer to Business Arising report for update.
- Student Hostel Management Tender: Please refer to the Meeting report circulated for the flying minute. A further verbal update will be provided at the meeting.
- Peace Park: Plaques have been ordered. We have been advised by the suppliers they are having difficulty sourcing steel.
- Georgetown Walking Network Plan: Steering Group meeting held 24th November. Shepherds are working on the next / final draft prior to workshopping with Council
- Einasleigh Town Common Yards: Awaiting report from RLO (has been away since the meeting in Einasleigh).
- 150 Year Commemorative Brick Wall: Please refer Business Arising & CDEO's Reports for update.
- Queensland Feral Pest Initiative Round 7 Funding Program: GSNRM (auspicing body), will be submitting a funding application to employ a part-time weed mapping Coordinator and GIS remote sensing mapping specialist to assist in the strategic control of invasive plants and animals in the Norman and Gilbert catchments. Specifically, the project will build upon past weed mapping and develop new innovative means to map weeds on extensive & remote cattle stations. It is intended the project will develop maps to 1Km² detail rather than the current 17Km² scale. Council has provided a letter of support to accompany the application, and if GSNRM are successful, will assist where possible.
- MoU with QHealth: I met with Leonie Edwards (Etheridge Nurse) and Samantha Bugat (DON Herberton) to discuss QHealth's service(s) to Mt Surprise, Einasleigh and The Lynd. It was a productive meeting with broad agreement for a MoU to be developed. Consequently, I have contacted the CHHHS to start this process. I'm yet to directly connect with anyone in CHHHS. The MoU will identify each party's responsibilities and clarify uncertainties over issues such as:
 - Cleaning (there is a request for Council to assume responsibility for cleaning The Lynd clinic)
 - Test & tag of electrical equipment (request for Council to do this)
 - Replacement of (clinical) equipment (QHealth appears willing to assume this responsibility – though there is an expectation Council will replace some items seeing they were in place when QHealth took over the clinics)
 - Supply of (clinical) consumables (QHealth appear willing to assume this responsibility – though there has been a request for Council to supply some items)
 - Building maintenance (expected of Council)
 - Capital improvements (expected of Council, but QHealth may offer support on request)

2 Operational Matters

- 2021/22 Annual Report: Work continues. There is a hold point until we receive our Financial Statements from QAO.
- Snap Send Solve: Councillors will note from the Business Arising update that Snap Send Solve is now live. To compliment its operation, we are running a promotional strategy through Inform, website, Facebook as a minimum. Sanp Send Solve forwards the notification to our info@etheridge.qld.gov.au account. The account is administered by Records. All emails are registered in our records management system (InfoXpert) and pushed to the responsible officer through a workflow. infoXpert has an escalate function, where incomplete tasks are notified to the responsible officer's supervisor. The recall date for Council's review of the success (or otherwise) of Snap Send Solve will be 31st May 2023.
- NexGen implementation: Council has signed an agreement with LocalBuy to install Nex Gen. Nex Gen is a procurement analytics tool. It will help with procurement compliance as well as potentially streamline procurement in general. Implementation will likely occur in Q1, 2023.

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.
- Georgetown Independent Living Facility: Preston Law are close to finalizing Council's application to QCAT to seek relief from the anti-discrimination laws to preserve the facility as aged accommodation.
- Biosecurity Plan: No further update – preliminary start on Council's Plan.
- Town Common Policy: Refer to separate report.
- 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:

- 21st/22nd November: Meeting with Genex
- 23rd November: Meeting with Leonie Edwards & Sam Bagut RE: health services MoU
- 24th November: Georgetown Walking Network Steering Group Meeting
- 25th November: Building Projects coordination meeting
- 25th November: Hostel Manager Interviews
- 26th November: Christmas Markets
- 28th November: SWAT Opening
- 29th November: Workforce drug & alcohol testing
- 6th December: Follow-up meeting with Leonie Edwards at The Lynd Medical Centre
- 14th December: Council Meeting

Next Month:

- 22nd December: Office Closure
- 9th January: Office reopens
- 18th January: Council Meeting

6 Other

- Awaiting response to application submitted to Queensland Remembers Grant Program for a new cenotaph at Mt Surprise.

Andrew McKenzie
Director of Corporate Services



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	14 th November 2022
Subject	Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 th November 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 30th November 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: 1st December 2022

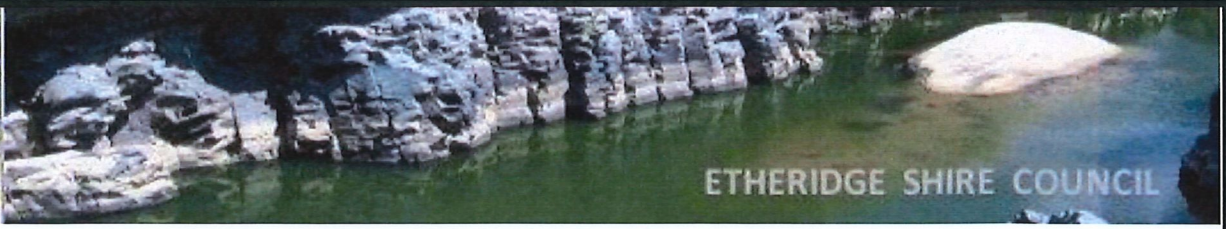
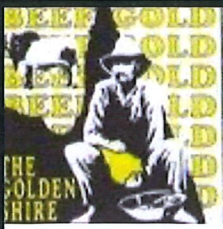
Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date:

ATTACHMENTS:

Financial Report as at 30th November 2022



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

Etheridge Shire Council

*November
Financial Reports
Council Meeting
14 December 2022*

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

Highlights of this Month's Financial Report

Reporting Period:=-

30-November-2022

Revenue

Total revenue of \$ 29.6 M. representing 40.6% of YTD Council adopted of \$ 73 M.

These statements are for 5 months of the financial year and generally would represent 42 % of the overall budget.

Expenditure

Expenditure incurred was \$ 31.8 M for the same period and representing 50.5 % of full year budgeted expenditure of \$ 63 M. compared with 42% for expected period expenditure.

Outcome

The cumulative Operating Result for the report period is a deficit of \$ -2.189 M

Etheridge Shire Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Period Ended November 30, 2022 - 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Income		
Revenue		
Recurrent revenue		
Rates, levies and charges	3	2,471,564
Fees and charges	3	123,416
Other income	3	181,344
Sales revenue	3	18,508,782
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	1,396,633
Total recurrent revenue		<u><u>22,681,739</u></u>
Expenses		
Recurrent expenses		
Employee benefits		(2,308,721)
Materials and services		(24,575,678)
Total recurrent expenses		<u><u>(26,884,400)</u></u>
Net Operating Result		<u><u>(4,202,661)</u></u>
Capital revenue		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	2,013,706
Total capital revenue		<u><u>2,013,706</u></u>
Other Expenses		
Capital Expenses	10	(4,547,472)
Total other expenses		<u><u>(4,547,472)</u></u>
Net Capital result		<u><u>(2,533,766)</u></u>
Other comprehensive income		
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>0</u></u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>(6,736,427)</u></u>

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

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

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Recurrent Revenue	22681739
Capital Revenue	<u>2013706</u>
Total Statement Revenue	24695445

Add Revenue assigned to expense reporting lines	
4110-1571 Plant Hire	4175795
1050-1951 Oncost Income	341387
1050-1964 Stores Oncost	<u>64830</u> 4582012

Add Expenses treated as Contra Revenue	
1010-2140 Rate Discount	283401
1010-2211 Rate Remission	19105
4310-2211 Water Discount	36861
4310-2230 Water Remission	1219
4330-2211 Water Discount	8625
4330-2230 Water Remission	1947
5070-2211 Cleansing Discount	17948
5090-2030 Waste Management f	680
5100-2030 Waste Management f	<u>486</u> 370272

Restated Revenue	<u>29647729</u>
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PCS Revenue & Expense Statement Total Revenue	<u>29647798</u>
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Rounding	-69
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Total Statement Expenditure	<u>26884400</u>
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Restated Expenditure	31836684
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PCS Revenue & Expense Statement Total Expenses	31836753
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Restated Revenue	29647729
Less Restated Expenditure	<u>31836684</u>

Adjusted Operating Result	<u>-2188955</u>
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PCS R&E Total Reveue	29647798
PCS R&E Total Expense	<u>31836753</u>

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Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

For the Period Ended November 30, 2022 - 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	11	8,407,617
Receivables	12	2,449,687
Inventories	13	754,578
		11,611,882
Other non-current assets		726,850
Total current assets	2	12,338,732
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	15 7	243,346,074
Property, plant and equipment-new		17,529,152
Total non-current assets	2	260,875,226
TOTAL ASSETS		273,213,958
Current Liabilities		
Payables	17	754,930
Contract Liabilities		2,472,836
Borrowings	21	8,098
Provisions	18	808,179
Total current liabilities		4,044,043
Non-current Liabilities		
Borrowings	21	29,796
Provisions	18	2,266,302
Total non-current liabilities		2,296,098
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,340,141
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		266,873,817
Community Equity		
Asset revaluation reserve	25	175,778,324
Shire Capital		39,500,666
Current Surplus		(2,188,955)
Retained surplus/(deficiency)		44,322,981
Reserves		9,460,800
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		266,873,817

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 November 30, 2022 - 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers		25,730,521
Payments to suppliers and employees		(31,479,385)
Interest received		100,512
Rental income		74,171
Non-capital grants and contributions		349,204
Net cash - operating activities	23	<u>(5,224,977)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		3,061,135
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(4,547,472)
Net cash - from investing activities		<u>(1,486,337)</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		(6,714,921)
Add cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		16,117,806
Cash and cash equivalents - closing	11	<u>8,407,617</u>

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

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Period Ended November 30, 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	175,778,324	83,823,648	9,460,800	269,062,772
Net operating surplus		0	(2,188,955)	0	(2,188,955)
Other comprehensive income for the year:					
Increase /(decrease) in asset revaluation surplus					
Available-for-sale financial assets:					
Total comprehensive income for the year		0	0	0	0
Transfers to other reserves					
Total transfers to and from reserves	25 28	0	0	0	0
Closing balance		175,778,324	81,634,693	9,460,800	266,873,817

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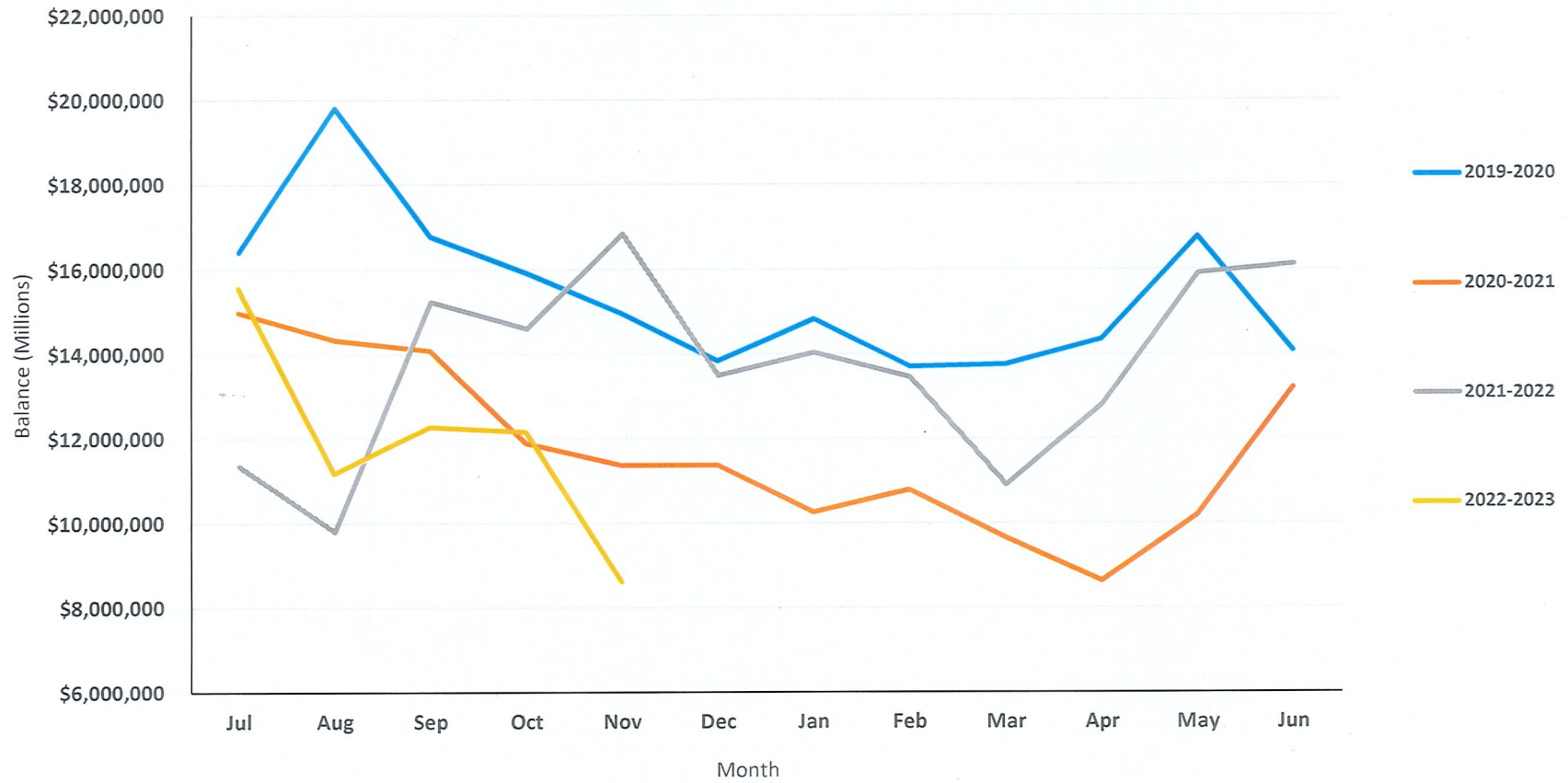
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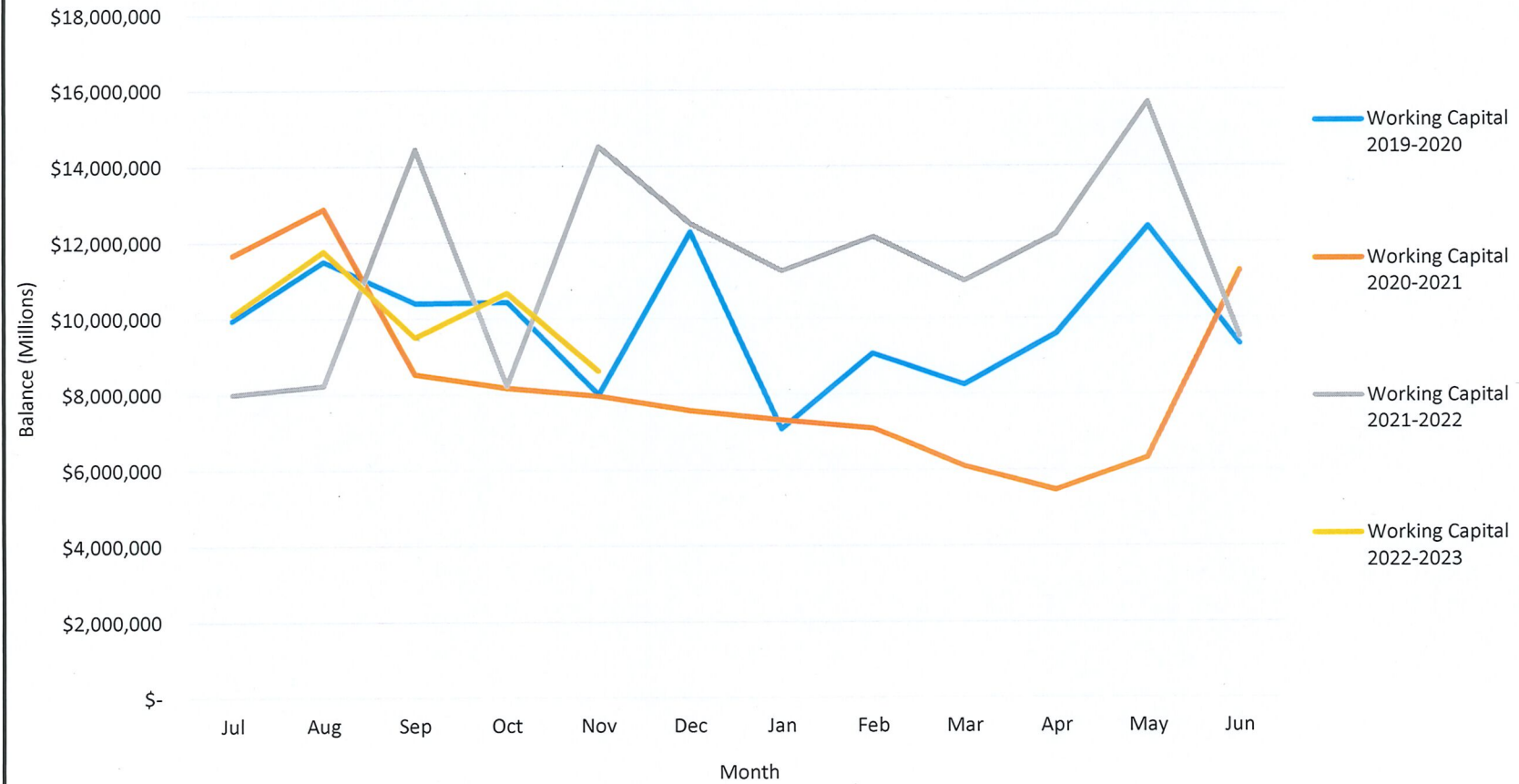
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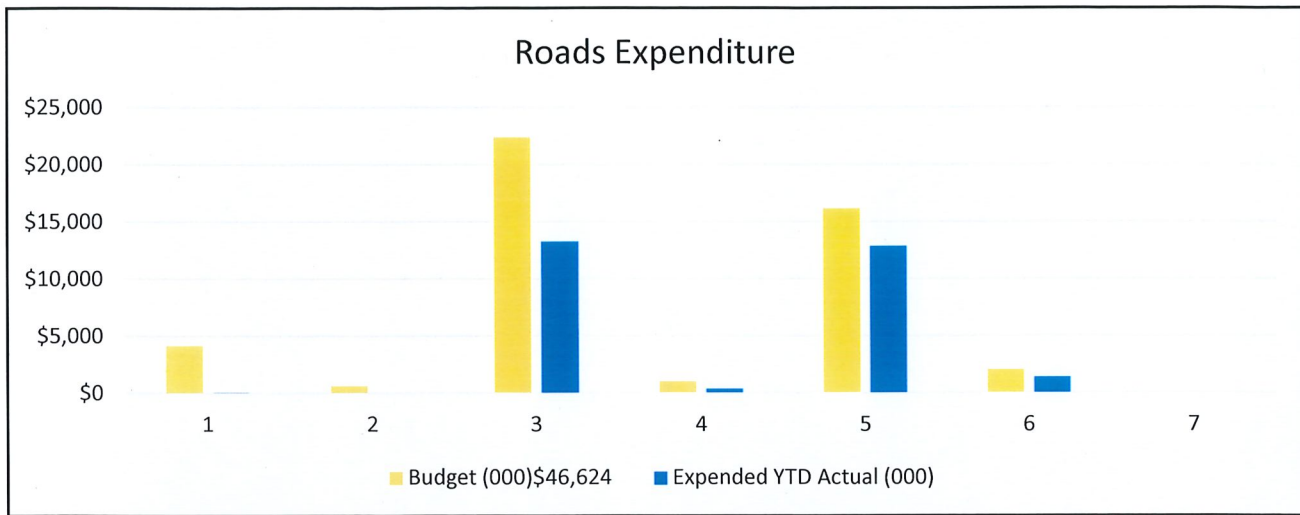
CASH AT BANK				
Operating Account		18,858		
Cash and Floats on Hand		1,500		
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS				
QTC Cash Fund		8,387,259		
	Total	\$ 8,407,617		
<p>The following items should be backed by cash and investments, plus any increases in the surplus of Debtors over Creditors.</p>				
Cash backed Current Liabilities (AL,LSL,SL,RDO)		535,834		
Restricted cash - grants received not acquitted/spent less grants receivable		9,157		
		\$ 544,991		
<p>Balance of estimated rates/other debtors - estimated creditors:</p>				
(1,788,397	-	1,035,374)	\$ 753,023	
Plus cash surplus	\$ 8,407,617	-	\$544,991	\$ 7,862,626
Working Capital	Total		\$ 8,615,649	

Etheridge Shire Council Cash Position November 2022



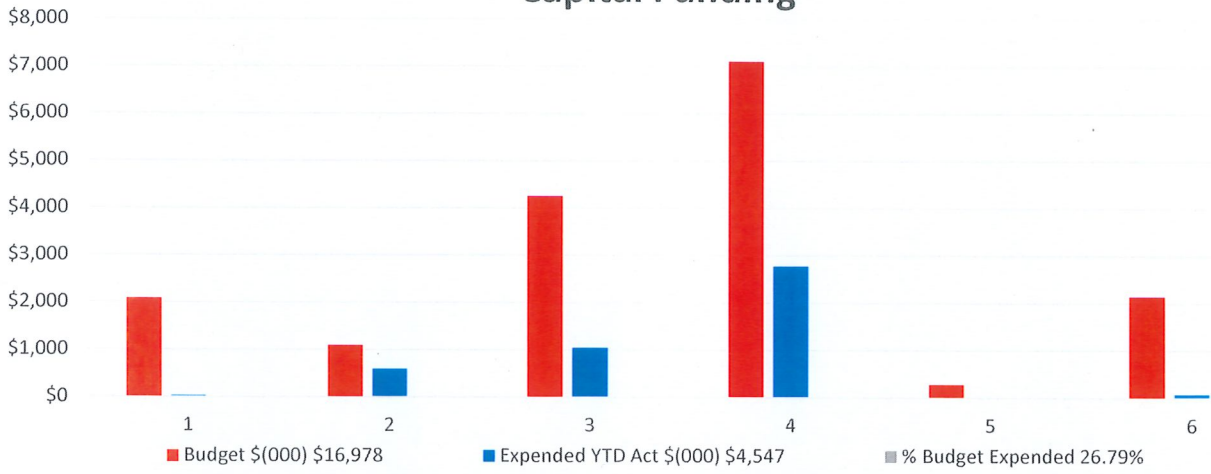
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		Budget 000's	Expended YTD Actual 000's	% of Budget Expended
	Total Road Expenditure	\$46,624	\$28,187	60%
1	Rural Roads	\$4,213	\$122	3%
2	Town Streets	\$671	\$72	11%
3	TMR Contract Works	\$22,410	\$13,260	59%
4	RMPC Works	\$1,080	\$425	39%
5	Flood Damage	\$16,170	\$12,864	80%
6	Roads Depreciation	\$2,080	\$1,443	69%
7	Other	\$0	\$0	0%

Capital Funding



		Budget \$(000)	Expended YTD Act \$(000)	% Budget Expended
	Total Capital Funding	\$16,978	\$4,547	26.79%
1	Land & land Improvements	\$2,090	\$38	1.83%
2	Buildings / Other Structures	\$1,100	\$599	54.50%
3	Plant & Equipment / Furniture & Fittings	\$4,251	\$1,043	24.53%
4	Road Infrastructure	\$7,105	\$2,773	39.03%
5	Water Infrastructure	\$286	\$18	6.19%
6	Other Structures	\$2,146	\$76	3.55%

WIP Report

		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	-1%
0410-4501-0000	Work in Progress - Land Sales - LJ & ACJ Barns (00083-00000-000)		-\$9,090.91	-\$9,090.91		
			-\$9,090.91	-\$9,090.91		
0420-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Buildings				\$1,100,000.00	54%
3080-4501-0001	Aged Care Facilities -Advisory	\$9,674.86	\$32,520.50	\$42,195.36	\$ 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					
3410-4500-0004	W4Q Cap Grant - Hard Roof Playground Shelters (Georgetown, Einasleigh & Forsayth)				\$ 35,000.00	
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					
3410-4500-0009	W4Q Cap Grant - Forsayth Sp & Rec Upgrade		\$305.00	\$305.00		
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	\$599,459.62	\$795,761.55		
0430-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Other Structures				\$2,146,000.00	4%
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		

WIP Report

		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	% budget expended
5151-4502-0000	Sports Ground Canteen Building					
5151-4503-0000	Georgetown Parks Capital - Heritage park play area upgrade		\$ 11,361.11	\$11,361.11		
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. - Supply & 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	\$ 84.00	\$9,742.31		
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		
5165-4500-0001	Kidston Cemetary - Replace fence		\$ 36,995.00	\$36,995.00		
		\$1,839,223.74	\$76,215.65	\$1,915,439.39		
0440-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Fleet Plant & Equipment				4,251,000.00	25%
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		
4150-4500-1345	Plant Purchases - BT-50 (Plant 1345)		\$75,909.09	\$75,909.09		
4150-4500-1350	Plant Purchases - BT-50 (Plant 1350)		\$75,909.09	\$75,909.09		
4150-4500-1355	Plant Purchases - BT-50 (Plant 1355)		\$75,909.09	\$75,909.09		
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		
4150-4500-8848	Plant Purchases - Satellite Kit # 4		\$1,045.00	\$1,045.00		
4150-4500-8858	Plant Purchases - Satellite Kit # 5		\$8,579.10	\$8,579.10		
4150-4500-8859	Plant Purchases - Satellite Kit # 6		\$8,579.10	\$8,579.10		
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		-\$25,000.00	-\$25,000.00		
4150-4502-6014	Plant Sales - Plant 6014 - Grader Caterpillar 140H		-\$115,000.00	-\$115,000.00		
		\$55,210.00	\$1,042,827.89	\$1,098,037.89		
0450-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Furniture & Other Equipment					
0460-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Roads Infrastructure				\$7,105,000.00	39%
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 Forsayth 22/23 Survey & Design		\$ 2,400.00	\$2,400.00		
4020-4500-0001	Capital Ip - Sealed Services - Forsayth - Einasleigh Rd Reseal		\$ 557.51	\$557.51	\$ 770,000.00	
4020-4521-0100	Road Improvements - TIDS 19/20 Infra. At Cost - Annual Contribution FNQROC					

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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	\$3,134,715.11	\$ 2,770,076.64	\$5,904,791.75		
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					
		\$3,830,499.36	\$2,773,034.15	\$6,603,533.51		
0470-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Water Infrastructure				\$285,500.00	6%
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	\$ 637.86	\$689.56		
4320-4501-0001	Capital Imp. Georgetown Water Infra - Install telemetry	\$16,521.20	\$ 16,352.00	\$32,873.20	\$ 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					

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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. Forsyth Water PPE - Replacement of meters					
4340-4500-0003	Capital Imp. Forsyth Water PPE - New Water Connection					
4340-4503-0001	Capital Imp. Forsyth Water Infrastructure - Supply & Install store Room & Slab					
4340-4503-0002	Capital Imp. Forsyth Water Infrastructure - Install Internal Work Room					
4340-4504-0001	Capital Imp - Forsyth 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 - Forsyth Water Capital Imp. Res. To WTP - Security Fencing	\$17,194.60		\$17,194.60	\$ 12,500.00	
4340-4504-0003	Capital Imp - Forsyth Water Capital Imp. Res. To WTP - Install telemetry	\$7,080.00		\$7,080.00	\$ 40,000.00	
		\$445,495.93	\$17,666.68	\$463,162.61		
4500-4500-0000	Work in Progress - Land & Other Improvements					
4500-4500-0000	Charleston Dam Project - Charleston Dam Support Design Etc	\$1,545,704.81	\$18,995.05	\$1,564,699.86		
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 Forsyth WTP- Const of Reticulation (Dam to Forsyth WTP)	\$1,146,033.82	\$ 2,964.00	\$1,148,997.82		
4500-4503-0002	Const Reticulation Dam Forsyth WTP- Mobilisation					
4500-4503-0003	Const Reticulation Dam Forsyth WTP- Design / Survey					
4500-4503-0004	Const Reticulation Dam Forsyth WTP- De-Mobilisation					
4500-4504-0001	Consts Reticulation Dam/Gtown - Const of Reticulation (Dam to Georgetown WTP)	\$3,165,269.06	\$ 13,089.06	\$3,178,358.12		
4500-4504-0002	Consts Reticulation Dam/Gtown - Mobilisation					
4500-4504-0003	Consts Reticulation Dam/Gtown - Design / Survey					
4500-4504-0004	Consts 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	\$85,373.23	\$3.43	\$85,376.66	\$ 475,000.00	
4500-4506-0002	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Fencing					
4500-4507-0001	Charleston Dam Infrastructure Cost - Charls Dam - Pump-housing Fsy water					
4500-4508-0001	Dam Water Supply & pipelines & Equipment - Dam Water Supply Item 1	\$40,519.03	\$ 8,635.16	\$49,154.19		
4500-4509-0001	Work in Progress - Water - Shed (Council Funded)		\$ 3,638.84	\$3,638.84		
		\$6,614,949.47	\$47,358.81	\$6,662,308.28		
		\$12,981,680.43	\$4,547,471.89	\$17,529,152.32	\$16,977,500.00	
	Other additions					

		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	
		30 Nov 2022	Budget	30 Nov 2022	Budget	30 Nov 2022	Budget
1000-0001	ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE&GOVERNANCE						
1010-0002	RATES AND CHARGES	3,448,811	---	0	---	2,978,063	---
1020-0002	Councillors Fees and Expenses	0	0%	0	---	(126,928)	---
1030-0002	General Administration						
1030-0003	General Administration	51,329	---	0	---	(1,318,637)	---
1031-0003	WHS Training	0	0%	0	---	(72,700)	---
1032-0003	ESC Provided Shire Office Mtce	0	0%	0	---	(16,370)	---
1033-0003	Training Dev -Confer/Seminars	0	0%	0	---	(22,085)	---
1030-0002	General Administration	51,329	---	0	---	(1,429,792)	---
1050-0002	Wages On costs	406,217	---	0	---	(268,213)	---
1000-0001	ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE&GOVERNANCE	3,906,357	---	0	---	1,153,129	---
2000-0001	IMPROV COMM INFRAST & MECH-SHIRE						
2050-0002	Television & Radio Re-Transmission	0	0%	0	---	(16,467)	---
2060-0002	Information Technology	0	0%	0	---	(83,013)	---
2000-0001	IMPROV COMM INFRAST & MECH-SHIRE	0	0%	0	---	(99,480)	---
3000-0001	DEVELOP EQUITABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCT						
3060-0002	Libraries - Georgetown	30	---	0	0%	30	---
3070-0002	Libraries - Forsayth						
3070-0003	Libraries - Forsayth	0	0%	0	---	(341)	---
3071-0003	Libraries - Forsayth ESC Mtce	0	0%	0	---	(175)	---
3070-0002	Libraries - Forsayth	0	0%	0	---	(516)	---
3080-0002	Aged Care	20,000	---	0	0%	20,000	---
3100-0002	Cultural Development						
3100-0003	Cultural Development	31,000	---	0	---	(1,865)	---
3101-0003	RADF Project	0	0%	0	---	(22,795)	---
3102-0003	Community Assistance	0	0%	0	---	(14,803)	---
3100-0002	Cultural Development	31,000	---	0	---	(39,463)	---
3130-0002	Disaster Management	19,653	---	0	---	17,298	---
3140-0002	MULTI PURPOSE SPORTS STADIUM	0	0%	0	---	(8,003)	---
3150-0002	General Expenses Georgetown	216	---	0	---	(13,060)	---

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		30 Nov 2022	Budget	30 Nov 2022	Budget	30 Nov 2022	Budget			
3160-0002	General Expenses Forsayth	0	0%	0	10,488	---	0	(10,488)	---	0
3170-0002	General Expenses - Einasleigh	0	0%	0	2,774	---	0	(2,774)	---	0
3180-0002	General Expenses - Mt Surprise	0	0%	0	12,090	---	0	(12,090)	---	0
3190-0002	General Expenses - Kidston	0	0%	0	58	---	0	(58)	---	0
3200-0002	General Exp-Cumberland Chimney	3,019	---	0	59,310	---	0	(56,291)	---	0
3210-0002	Halls & Public Facilities-Gtown	1,607	---	0	10,282	---	0	(8,674)	---	0
3220-0002	Halls & Public Facilities-Einasl	0	0%	0	1,920	---	0	(1,920)	---	0
3230-0002	Halls & Public Facilities-Mt Surp	0	0%	0	614	---	0	(614)	---	0
3240-0002	Einasleigh Medical Centre	0	0%	0	2,337	---	0	(2,337)	---	0
3250-0002	Mt Surprise Medical Centre	0	0%	0	5,517	---	0	(5,517)	---	0
3260-0002	Swimming Pool	0	0%	0	32,556	---	0	(32,556)	---	0
3280-0002	Housing - Council	50,546	---	0	71,140	---	0	(20,594)	---	0
3290-0002	Commercial Rentals									
3290-0003	Savanah House	1,625	---	0	326	---	0	1,299	---	0
3295-0003	Demountable Office	22,000	---	0	0	0%	0	22,000	---	0
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3290-0002	Commercial Rentals	23,625	---	0	326	---	0	23,299	---	0
3300-0002	Gilbert River Community Shed	0	0%	0	0	---	0	(0)	---	0
3310-0002	Lynd Junction Community Shed	0	0%	0	395	---	0	(395)	---	0
3320-0002	Georgetown Aerodrome	0	0%	0	616	---	0	(616)	---	0
3350-0002	Depot & Stores	0	0%	0	15,629	---	0	(15,629)	---	0
3400-0002	Emergency Services - SES	105,000	---	0	6,562	---	0	98,438	---	0
3411-0002	W4Q 21-24	179,260	---	0	0	0%	0	179,260	---	0
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3000-0001	DEVELOP EQUITABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCT	433,957	---	0	327,226	---	0	106,731	---	0
4000-0001	RESILIENT TRANSPORT INFRASLT &CONNECT									
4010-0002	Road Maintenance	0	0%	0	96,591	---	0	(96,591)	---	0
4011-0002	Georgetown Town Streets Maintenance	0	0%	0	52,995	---	0	(52,995)	---	0
4012-0002	Forsayth Town Streets Maintenance	0	0%	0	10,168	---	0	(10,168)	---	0
4013-0002	Einasleigh Town Streets Maintenance	0	0%	0	5,636	---	0	(5,636)	---	0
4014-0002	Mt Surprise Town Streets Maintenance	0	0%	0	4,482	---	0	(4,482)	---	0
4020-0002	Road Improvements	1,888,706	---	0	0	0%	0	1,888,706	---	0
4030-0002	Bridges & Causeways	31,307	---	0	21,766	---	0	9,541	---	0
4050-0002	Street Lighting	0	0%	0	3,837	---	0	(3,837)	---	0
4091-0002	Maintenance Aerodromes									
4091-0003	Georgetown Aerodrome	0	0%	0	12,286	---	0	(12,286)	---	0
4092-0003	Forsayth Aerodrome	0	0%	0	3,212	---	0	(3,212)	---	0
4093-0003	Einasleigh Aerodrome	0	0%	0	4,285	---	0	(4,285)	---	0
4094-0003	Mt Surprise Aerodrome	0	0%	0	2,212	---	0	(2,212)	---	0
		-----		-----			-----	-----		-----
4091-0002	Maintenance Aerodromes	0	0%	0	21,996	---	0	(21,996)	---	0
4110-0002	Plant Operations	4,230,083	---	0	0	0%	0	4,230,083	---	0
4120-0002	Plant Operations Expenses	0	0%	0	1,627,451	---	0	(1,627,451)	---	0

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		30 Nov 2022	Budget	30 Nov 2022	Budget	30 Nov 2022	Budget
4130-0002	Floating Plant & Loose Tools	0	0%	12,369	---	(12,369)	---
4140-0002	Depot & Stores						
4140-0003	Depot Operations	0	0%	16,970	---	(16,970)	---
4141-0003	Stores Operations	0	0%	15,544	---	(15,544)	---
4140-0002	Depot & Stores	0	0%	32,513	---	(32,513)	---
4160-0002	Recoverable Works						
4160-0003	TMR RMPC 2021-22	2,790,732	---	1,290,020	---	1,500,712	---
4161-0003	TMR Weed Management 2020/2	0	0%	58,175	---	(58,175)	---
4169-0003	Private Works	0	0%	102,895	---	(102,895)	---
4172-0003	CN 15770 Varation 1 KDR 2105-22050	0	0%	8,739	---	(8,739)	---
4174-0003	CN-16827 Ken Dev Rd - Ch 27.3-30.4	0	0%	742,813	---	(742,813)	---
4175-0003	A226-92C Gulf DR CN-15351 41.9-45.6	0	0%	2,655,105	---	(2,655,105)	---
4176-0003	B226-92C Gulf DR CN-15351 41.9-45.6	0	0%	3,938,446	---	(3,938,446)	---
4179-0003	CN-18620 92B GDR CH133.76-137.7	4,028,808	---	4,445,214	---	(416,405)	---
4160-0002	Recoverable Works	6,819,540	---	13,241,407	---	(6,421,867)	---
4198-0002	Recoverable Works						
4198-0003	TMR Recoverable Works	2,846,651	---	0	0%	2,846,651	---
4198-0002	Recoverable Works	2,846,651	---	0	0%	2,846,651	---
4200-0002	Flood Damage						
4200-0003	Flood Damage	8,460,955	---	537,446	---	7,923,509	---
4211-0003	Flood Warning Signs	0	0%	10,988	---	(10,988)	---
4214-0003	F/D 2021 Sub 1 Contingecy	0	0%	623,157	---	(623,157)	---
4200-0002	Flood Damage	8,460,955	---	1,171,591	---	7,289,363	---
4221-0002	Flood Damage 2020-21						
4221-0003	Zone 1 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	1,450,407	---	(1,450,407)	---
4222-0003	Zone 2 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	1,528,262	---	(1,528,262)	---
4223-0003	Zone 3.1 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	4,332,368	---	(4,332,368)	---
4224-0003	Zone 4 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	3,910,657	---	(3,910,657)	---
4225-0003	Zone 5 Flood Damage 2020-21	0	0%	152,681	---	(152,681)	---
4228-0003	Gravel Pits	0	0%	250	---	(250)	---
4229-0003	Zone 3.3 Flood Damage 2020-21	217,083	---	0	0%	217,083	---
4221-0002	Flood Damage 2020-21	217,083	---	11,374,625	---	(11,157,542)	---
4000-0001	RESILIENT TRANSPORT INFRAST &CONNECT	24,494,325	---	27,677,427	---	(3,183,102)	---
4300-0001	DEVE RELIABLE POT&IRRIG WATER SUP						
4310-0002	Water Charges - Georgetown	298,105	---	38,086	---	260,019	---

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	30 Nov 2022		Budget	30 Nov 2022		Budget	30 Nov 2022		Budget
4320-0002 Water Operations - Georgetown	0	0%	0	108,018	---	0	(108,018)	---	0
4330-0002 Water Charges - Forsayth	79,837	---	0	10,572	---	0	69,265	---	0
4340-0002 Water Operations - Forsayth	0	0%	0	129,483	---	0	(129,483)	---	0
4500-0002 Charleston Dam Project	0	0%	0	36,537	---	0	(36,537)	---	0
4300-0001 DEVE RELIABLE POT&IRRIG WATER SUP	377,942	---	0	322,696	---	0	55,246	---	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	37,353	---	0	(37,353)	---	0
5072-0003 Septic Waste Site Expenses	0	0%	0	601	---	0	(601)	---	0
5070-0002 Cleansing Charges Georgetown	129,011	---	0	55,903	---	0	73,108	---	0
5080-0002 Cleansing Charges Forsayth	13,626	---	0	3,893	---	0	9,733	---	0
5090-0002 Cleansing Charges - Einasleigh	9,944	---	0	6,169	---	0	3,775	---	0
5100-0002 Cleansing Charges - Mt Surprise	10,512	---	0	2,096	---	0	8,416	---	0
5120-0002 Building Control	6,225	---	0	0	0%	0	6,225	---	0
5151-0002 General Maintenance-Georgetown	0	0%	0	61,532	---	0	(61,532)	---	0
5152-0002 Vacant Land & Reserve Mtce- Forsayth	0	0%	0	10,733	---	0	(10,733)	---	0
5153-0002 Einasleigh	0	0%	0	9,484	---	0	(9,484)	---	0
5154-0002 Mt Surprise	0	0%	0	1,910	---	0	(1,910)	---	0
5161-0002 Georgetown Cemetery	0	0%	0	2,147	---	0	(2,147)	---	0
5162-0002 Forsayth Cemetery	30	---	0	907	---	0	(878)	---	0
5163-0002 Einasleigh Cemetery	0	0%	0	795	---	0	(795)	---	0
5164-0002 Mt Surprise Cemetery	0	0%	0	558	---	0	(558)	---	0
5165-0002 Kidston Cemetery	0	0%	0	550	---	0	(550)	---	0
5170-0002 Area Promotions	20	---	0	70,486	---	0	(70,466)	---	0
5000-0001 MAN NAT ASSET&ENVIR TOUR&ECON DEV	182,626	---	0	294,910	---	0	(112,283)	---	0
6000-0001 COMMERCIAL SERVICES									
6010-0002 Terrestrial V.I.C.									
6010-0003 Terrestrial V.I.C.	86,552	---	0	134,457	---	0	(47,905)	---	0
6011-0003 TerrEstrial ESC Provided Mtce	0	0%	0	768	---	0	(768)	---	0
6010-0002 Terrestrial V.I.C.	86,552	---	0	135,226	---	0	(48,673)	---	0
6020-0002 Childcare									
6020-0003 Childcare	117,930	---	0	132,578	---	0	(14,648)	---	0
6021-0003 Childcare-ESC Building Mtce	0	0%	0	418	---	0	(418)	---	0
6020-0002 Childcare	117,930	---	0	132,996	---	0	(15,066)	---	0

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		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	
		30 Nov 2022	Budget	30 Nov 2022	Budget	30 Nov 2022	Budget
6030-0002	Student Hostel						
6030-0003	Student Hostel	48,108	0	78,726	0	(30,618)	0
6031-0003	Hostel-ESC Provided Mtce	0	0	1,496	0	(1,496)	0
6030-0002	Student Hostel	48,108	0	80,223	0	(32,114)	0
6050-0002	Refuse Collection	0	0	13,342	0	(13,342)	0
6000-0001	COMMERCIAL SERVICES	252,590	0	361,786	0	(109,196)	0
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE		29,647,798	0	31,836,753	0	(2,188,955)	0

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CURRENT ASSETS					
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0300-0001	ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
0300-0002	CASH AND RECEIVABLES				
0300-3001	General Fund Bank Error Adj A/c	0	0	0	0
0300-3002	EOY Receipts-Debtors	0	0	0	0
0300-3003	EOY Receipts-Rates	0	0	0	0
0300-3010	Bendigo Cash at Bank	328,931	(310,073)	18,858	1,351,558
0300-3100	Cash on Hand	1,500	0	1,500	2,300
0300-3200	Short Term Investments	15,787,376	(7,400,117)	8,387,259	11,863,669
0320-3000	Receivables - Debtors	1,001,616	635,038	1,636,654	1,533,704
0320-3001	Debtors Receivable Adj A/C	(150,923)	140,000	(10,923)	(1,335,128)
0320-3100	Receivables - Rates	14,130	109,136	123,267	108,248
0320-3101	Rates Receivable Adj A/C	39,399	0	39,399	59,867
0320-3110	Receivables - Govt Subsidy	200	538	738	0
0320-3200	Grants - Contract Receivables	504,279	56,840	561,119	0
0320-3210	Contract Receivable	3,886,959	(3,886,959)	(0)	4,570,296
0320-3300	Receivables - Animals	0	0	0	0
0320-3600	Bond Receivable	0	0	0	0
0340-3000	Prepaid Expenses	99,433	0	99,433	0
0350-3000	Allowance for Impairment - Rates	0	0	0	0
0370-3000	Stores Inventories	654,520	46,965	701,485	424,605
0370-3010	Stores Inventories Impairment Provis	0	0	0	0
0370-3020	Stores Inventories Accruals	0	0	0	0
0370-3100	House & Land - Held for Resale GST	53,093	0	53,093	53,093
0370-3150	House & Land -Held for Resale Input	0	0	0	0
0390-3000	Heritage Mineral Collection	726,850	0	726,850	0
0300-0002	CASH AND RECEIVABLES TOTAL	22,947,363	(10,608,631)	12,338,732	18,632,212
0300-0001	ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	22,947,363	(10,608,631)	12,338,732	18,632,212
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	22,947,363	(10,608,631)	12,338,732	18,632,212

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		BALANCE	30 Nov 2022		BUDGET	30 Nov 2022	BUDGET
NON-CURRENT ASSETS							
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0300-0001	ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
0400-0002	NON-CURRENT ASSETS						
0400-4000	Land & Buildings - Held for Resale	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0400-4501	Work in Progress-Sale of LHFR	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0410-4000	Land & Land Improvements	1,701,500	0	0%	0	1,701,500	107% 1,596,065
0410-4100	Accum Depn-Land Improvements	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0410-4101	Depreciation-Revaluation Accum	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0410-4500	Work in Progress-Land	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0410-4501	Work in Progress-Land Sales	0	(9,091)	---%	0	(9,091)	---% 0
0420-4000	Buildings	27,897,248	(0)	---%	0	27,897,248	109% 25,604,749
0420-4100	Accum Depreciation-Buildings	(8,975,594)	0	0%	0	(8,975,594)	83% (10,852,772)
0420-4500	Work in Progress-Buildings	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0420-4501	Buildings Sales on Asset Reg	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0430-4000	Other Structures	15,633,574	0	0%	0	15,633,574	108% 14,425,582
0430-4100	Accum Depn-Other Structures	(6,054,302)	0	0%	0	(6,054,302)	123% (4,918,045)
0430-4500	Work in Progress-Other Structures	0	48,356	---%	0	48,356	---% 0
0430-4501	Work in Progress-Other Structures	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0440-4000	Fleet Plant & Equipment	12,035,969	0	0%	0	12,035,969	117% 10,262,998
0440-4100	Accum Deprec-Fleet Plant & Equip	(4,972,112)	0	0%	0	(4,972,112)	89% (5,582,522)
0440-4500	Work in Progress-Fleet Plant & Equip	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0440-4501	Plant & Equipment Sales on Asset Reg	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0450-4000	Furniture & Other Equip	1,067,302	0	0%	0	1,067,302	162% 658,805
0450-4100	Furniture & Other Equip-Accum Depn	(445,838)	0	0%	0	(445,838)	105% (422,860)
0450-4500	Work in Progress-Furniture and Other	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0450-4501	Furniture & Other Equipment Sales	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0460-4000	Roads Infrastructure	219,681,133	0	0%	0	219,681,133	111% 198,383,986
0460-4100	Roads Infrastructure - Accum Depn	(33,491,383)	0	0%	0	(33,491,383)	119% (28,180,938)
0460-4500	Work in Progress-Roads & Streets	0	2,400	---%	0	2,400	---% 0
0470-4000	Water	11,204,116	(0)	---%	0	11,204,116	93% 12,110,174
0470-4100	Water Infrastructure - Accum Depn	(4,762,178)	0	0%	0	(4,762,178)	132% (3,603,398)
0470-4500	Work in Progress-Water	0	3,639	---%	0	3,639	---% 0
0480-4000	Land improvements	12,826,640	0	0%	0	12,826,640	---% 0
0480-4100	Land improvements - Accum Depn	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0480-4500	Work in Progress - Land improvements	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0490-4000	Waste Management - at cost	0	0	0%	0	0	0
0490-4100	Waste Management - Accum Depn	0	0	0%	0	0	726,850
0400-0002	NON-CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL	243,346,074	45,304	---%	0	243,391,378	116% 210,208,674

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0300-0001	ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	243,346,074	45,304	---	0	243,391,378 116% 210,208,674
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	243,346,074	45,304	---	0	243,391,378 116% 210,208,674
	TOTAL ASSETS	266,293,437	(10,563,327)	---	0	255,730,109 112% 228,840,886
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
0300-0001	ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0500-0002	CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES					
0510-5000	Rates Refund Suspense	102	1,093	---	0	1,195 2% 59,867
0510-5100	Dishonoured Cheques Refund Suspense	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 0
0510-5200	Dishonour Fee	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 0
0510-5300	Debtors Refund Suspense	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 0
0520-5000	Accounts Payable	710,820	67,485	---	0	778,305 <999% (48,029)
0520-5100	Accounts Payable - Capital	425,837	44,587	---	0	470,424 >999% 45,289
0520-5200	Emergency Fire Service Levy	37,582	54,019	---	0	91,601 184% 49,884
0530-5000	Accrued Expenses	2,585,796	(2,531,397)	---	0	54,399 4% 1,222,336
0530-5100	Accrued Expenses - Capital	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 24,280
0540-5000	Annual Leave Payable	497,359	35,530	---	0	532,889 98% 541,093
0540-5100	Current Long Service Leave Payable	275,253	(16,884)	---	0	258,369 76% 340,349
0540-5200	Accrued Time-in-Lieu	4,085	10,474	---	0	14,559 35% 41,862
0540-5300	RDO	(4,277)	6,639	---	0	2,362 11% 20,752
0550-5000	Payroll Suspense	99	(29,006)	---	0	(28,907) <999% 99
0550-5001	Payroll Suspense-SPA GST	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 0
0550-5002	Payroll Suspense-SPA No GST	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 0
0550-5100	Withholding Tax Suspense	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 111,038
0550-5200	Advance Pay Suspense	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 0
0550-5310	Contract Liability	2,372,459	(2,293,459)	---	0	79,000 12% 651,567
0550-5320	Contract Liability Control	1,012,782	1,381,054	---	0	2,393,836 ---% 0
0560-5000	General Suspense	4,560	(247,998)	---	0	(243,438) <999% 8,548
0560-5100	GST Suspense	7,198	(375,846)	---	0	(368,648) -635% 58,030
0570-5000	Loan-Current Workshop	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 0
0580-5000	Loan-Current Forsayth Water	11,705	(3,607)	---	0	8,098 54% 15,000
0590-5000	Loan-Current Plant	0	0	0%	0	0 0% 0
0500-0002	CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES TOTAL	7,941,360	(3,897,317)	---	0	4,044,043 129% 3,141,965

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0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,941,360	(3,897,317)	---%	4,044,043	129% 3,141,965
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,941,360	(3,897,317)	---%	4,044,043	129% 3,141,965
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0600-0002 LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT					
0640-6100 Long Service Leave NC Payable	140,186	25,113	---%	165,299	210% 78,671
0640-6200 Non Current Annual Leave	0	0	0%	0	0% 0
0670-6000 Loan Non-Current - Depot Admin Blg	0	0	0%	0	0% 0
0680-6000 Loan Water-Non Current	29,796	0	0%	29,796	72% 41,377
0690-6000 Loan-Non-Current Plant	0	0	0%	0	0% 0
0691-6000 Landfill-Non Current Georgetown	1,476,175	0	0%	1,476,175	458% 322,557
0692-6000 Landfill-Non Current Forsayth	211,794	0	0%	211,794	137% 154,738
0693-6000 Landfill-Non Current Einasleigh	178,328	0	0%	178,328	154% 115,906
0694-6000 Landfill-Non Current Mt Surprise	234,706	0	0%	234,706	152% 154,738
0600-0002 LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT TOTAL	2,270,985	25,113	---%	2,296,098	265% 867,987
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	2,270,985	25,113	---%	2,296,098	265% 867,987
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,270,985	25,113	---%	2,296,098	265% 867,987
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,212,345	(3,872,205)	---%	6,340,141	158% 4,009,952
NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	256,081,092	(6,691,123)	---%	249,389,969	111% 224,830,934

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COMMUNITY EQUITY						
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0300-0001	ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0700-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES					
0700-7000	Shire Capital Account	39,500,666	0	0%	0	39,500,666
0700-7100	Current Surplus	0	(2,188,955)	-21%	10,226,500	(2,188,955)
0700-7200	Accumulated Surplus	44,322,981	0	0%	0	44,322,981
0710-7000	Asset Reval Reserve - Roads	149,195,847	0	0%	0	149,195,847
0710-7010	Asset Reval Reserve - Land	1,260,940	0	0%	0	1,260,940
0710-7030	Asset Reval Reserve - Buildings	14,756,102	0	0%	0	14,756,102
0710-7040	Asset Reval Reserve - Water	3,133,073	0	0%	0	3,133,073
0710-7050	Asset Reval Reserve -Other Structure	7,132,406	0	0%	0	7,132,406
0710-7060	Asset Reval Reserve-Plant	0	0	0%	0	0
0710-7070	Asset Reval Reserve-TERMINERAL	299,956	0	0%	0	299,956
0750-7200	Reserve Recurrent Expenditure Grants	53,502	0	0%	0	53,502
0750-7250	Capital Grants Reserve	0	0	0%	0	0
0750-7300	Plant Replacement Reserve	872,351	0	0%	0	872,351
0750-7310	Future Capital Works Reserve	7,448,875	0	0%	0	7,448,875
0750-7320	Capital Works Reserves	1,086,072	0	0%	0	1,086,072
0790-7000	Appn General Revenue for Capital	0	0	0%	0	0
0790-7010	Appn Profit/Loss on Sale NC Assets	0	0	0%	0	0
0790-7015	Appn Profit/Loss on Land Sales	0	0	0%	0	0
0790-7020	Appn Unfunded Depreciation	0	0	0%	0	0
0790-7100	Appn Constrained Works Reserve	0	0	0%	0	0
0790-7200	Appn: Reserve held Future Recur Exp	0	0	0%	0	0
0790-7250	Appn: Capital Grants	0	0	0%	0	0
0790-7300	Appn: Plant Replacement Reserve	0	0	0%	0	0
0790-7310	Appn Future Capital Works Reserve	0	0	0%	0	0
0790-7320	Appn: Capital Works Reserves	0	0	0%	0	0
0700-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES TOTAL	269,062,772	(2,188,955)	-21%	10,226,500	266,873,817
0300-0001	ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	269,062,772	(2,188,955)	-21%	10,226,500	266,873,817
	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	269,062,772	(2,188,955)	-21%	10,226,500	266,873,817

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<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0300-0002 CASH AND RECEIVABLES	22,947,363	(10,608,631)	---	12,338,732	66%
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	22,947,363	(10,608,631)	---	12,338,732	66%
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	22,947,363	(10,608,631)	---	12,338,732	66%
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0400-0002 NON-CURRENT ASSETS	243,346,074	45,304	---	243,391,378	116%
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	243,346,074	45,304	---	243,391,378	116%
3000-0001 DEVELOP EQUITABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCT					
3080-0002 Aged Care	9,675	32,521	---	42,195	17%
3100-0002 Cultural Development	0	27,464	---	27,464	31%
3100-0003 Cultural Development	0	27,464	---	27,464	31%
3100-0002 Cultural Development TOTAL	0	27,464	---	27,464	31%
3220-0002 Halls & Public Facilities-Einasl	11,463	0	0%	11,463	79%
3260-0002 Swimming Pool	0	0	0%	0	0%
3280-0002 Housing - Council	46,446	523,861	---	570,307	95%
3310-0002 Lynd Junction Community Shed	0	0	0%	0	0%
3400-0002 Emergency Services - SES	34,432	305	---	34,737	2%
3411-0002 W4Q 21-24	105,749	12,965	---	118,714	8%
3000-0001 DEVELOP EQUITABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCT TOTAL	207,765	597,116	---	804,881	19%

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4000-0001 RESILIENT TRANSPORT INFRAST &CONNECT							
4020-0002 Road Improvements	3,402,839	2,770,634	---	0	6,173,474	166%	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							
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							
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	1,042,828	---	0	1,098,038	24%	4,638,273
4000-0001 RESILIENT TRANSPORT INFRAST &CONNECT TOTAL	3,901,762	3,813,462	---	0	7,715,224	74%	10,479,269
4300-0001 DEVE RELIABLE POT&IRRIG WATER SUP							
4320-0002 Water Operations - Georgetown	332,660	17,007	---	0	349,667	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	61,387	---	0	7,121,832	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	27,860	---	0	1,827,027	69%	2,652,000
5000-0001 MAN NAT ASSET&ENVIR TOUR&ECON DEV TOTAL	1,811,708	27,860	---	0	1,839,567	68%	2,712,000
6000-0001 COMMERCIAL SERVICES							
6010-0002 Terrestrial V.I.C.							
6010-0003 Terrestrial V.I.C.	0	2,344	---	0	2,344	0%	2,188,174

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6010-0002 Terrestrial V.I.C. TOTAL	0	2,344	---	0	2,344	0%	2,188,174
6020-0002 Childcare							
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	4,547,472	---	0	260,875,226	108%	240,857,075
TOTAL ASSETS	279,275,117	(6,061,160)	---	0	273,213,958	105%	259,489,287
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
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0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0500-0002 CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES	7,941,360	(3,897,317)	---	0	4,044,043	129%	3,141,965
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,941,360	(3,897,317)	---	0	4,044,043	129%	3,141,965
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,941,360	(3,897,317)	---	0	4,044,043	129%	3,141,965

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	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 30 Nov 2022	----- BUDGET	----- CURRENT BALANCE 30 Nov 2022	----- BUDGET
<u>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0600-0002 LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT	2,270,985	25,113	---%	0	2,296,098 265% 867,987
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	2,270,985	25,113	---%	0	2,296,098 265% 867,987
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,270,985	25,113	---%	0	2,296,098 265% 867,987
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,212,345	(3,872,205)	---%	0	6,340,141 158% 4,009,952
NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	269,062,772	(2,188,955)	---%	0	266,873,817 104% 255,479,335
<u>COMMUNITY EQUITY</u>					
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0700-0002 SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES	269,062,772	(2,188,955)	-21%	10,226,500	266,873,817 100% 265,705,835
0300-0001 ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	269,062,772	(2,188,955)	-21%	10,226,500	266,873,817 100% 265,705,835
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	269,062,772	(2,188,955)	-21%	10,226,500	266,873,817 100% 265,705,835

Etheridge Shire Council

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FUND SUMMARY	FUND	ARREARS		RATES	WATER	LEVIES			RECEIPTS	DISCOUNT	WRITE OFFS	SUBSIDY		UNALLOCATED RECEIPTS	BALANCE
		RATES	INTEREST			DR SUPP.	CR SUPP.	INTEREST				GOVERNMENT	COUNCIL		
	GENERAL	28005.99	6042.96	2301529.55		684238.24	684305.95	4009.09	1922832.93	283615.43	60.37	7767.48	19104.82		106138.85
	WATER	9319.46	2273.74	323779.10		6067.24	6067.27	476.13	270891.68	45538.15	5.22	1783.69	3165.39		14464.27
	CLEANSING	1136.90	144.86	128022.85		2556.95	2728.47	85.88	109469.01	17847.96	1.27				1900.73
	T.V.														0.00
	COMMERCIAL GARBAGE			669.27			418.06		714.68	100.39					272.26
	WATER CONSUMPTION	1826.95	215.82	53702.10				67.88	54640.03		1.20				1171.52
	WASTE MANAGEMENTT	1333.35	147.64	34405.26			717.88	1099.71	71.00	31369.75	1.22	624.17	1166.75		2413.53
	RURAL FIRE AREA 1														0.00
	Emergency Fire & Res	2557.60	524.56	120030.40		1983.38	2159.37	416.88	112760.63		35.02				10557.80
	CHARGE ON LAND					6965.98									6965.98
	Unallocated Rates Receipts													-22186.37	-22186.37
	FUND SUMMARY TOTAL	44180.25	9349.58	2962138.53		702947.73	696360.77	5126.86	2502678.71	347101.93	104.30	10175.34	23436.96	-22186.37	121698.57

NOTE: PENDING RATES RECEIPTS JOURNAL TOTAL \$670.45



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	14 December 2022
Subject	Request for Community Assistance – Grants to Community Organisations
Classification	Open
Author	Andrew McKenzie Director Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council called applications under its three (3) Community Assistance Policies, with the application period closing Monday 4 October. A number of late applications have been received. Applications under Council's Grants to Community Organisations have been received from the following organisations: -

- Etheridge Cares Inc.
- Georgetown Rodeo Assoc. Inc.
- Einasleigh Sports Club
- Georgetown State School P&C Association

RECOMMENDATION

That Council: -

1. Provide grant assistance to the organisations listed on the attached schedule subject to the following conditions: -
 - Council's grant funding must be used for the approved project, that is the project the subject of the application.
 - Council's contribution is capped at the amount provided. Any cost over runs will be the responsibility of the applicant.
 - Council's grant will be paid upon completion of the approved project.
 - The applicant must complete the approved project within 12 months from the award of the grant.
 - The applicant must provide a grant acquittal on the approved form.
 - Surplus grants funds from the approved project shall be reimbursed to Council calculated on a proportional basis accordingly to the percentage of Council's grant to the total project cost (for example: if Council's contribution is 80% of the project cost, Council is reimbursed 80% of the surplus funds).
 - The applicant provide acknowledgement of Council's assistance in all promotional material and give Council due recognition and credit for its support.
2. Amend the Grants to Community Organisations Policy by inserting the following evaluation criteria: *If the organisation has applied for other grants / assistance from other funding sources for the event or project, and if so, to whom, the amount sought and whether the application was successful.*

BACKGROUND

Council has changed the process of assisting community organisations, by inviting applications prior to the commencement of the financial year to assist in planning and budgeting.

Applications for all 3 Community Assistance programs closed on October 4. Applications received after the closing date have been accepted and included in this report.

Each application has been evaluated against the criteria outlined in the relevant Community Assistance Policy.

1. Etheridge Cares

In addition to its request for in-kind support, Etheridge Cares have applied for \$20,000 to go toward the purchase of a bus.

Etheridge Cares propose to use the bus to reduce the risk of social isolation in the more remote towns of Einasleigh, The Lynd / Conjuboy, Forsayth and Mount Surprise and provide transportation to social events and medical services.

Etheridge Cares are currently fundraising through containers for change ("Bottles 4 a bus"). Mr Ian Croker is also donating proceeds from massages (Council may recall his earlier request of Council to match his fundraising efforts).

Etheridge Cares have been unable to obtain a quote for a bus given global supply constraints. However, their assessed total budget is \$130,000.

2. Georgetown Rodeo Association

The Georgetown Rodeo Association is seeking \$8,500 toward an upgrade to their (back) yards. The Association's total project cost is estimated at \$40,000, with the balance of the project costs being funded by the Association.

The Association note that 3 separate organisations use the facility each year. Upgrading the yards will make the facility safer for stock, event participants and members of the public. Replacing the yards with steel (as proposed) will also reduce maintenance needs.

3. Einasleigh Sports Club

The Einasleigh Sports Club have applied for \$38,300.46 to go toward a \$72,000 project budget to construct a semi-permanent bar & shade structure beside the campdraft area. The bar & shade structure will compliment the annual campdraft, as well as opening the space for future events.

4. Georgetown State School P&C Association

The Georgetown State School P&C Association are seeking \$3,797 to purchase 3 x 500 litre fridges for students to store drinks and lunches. These fridges will replace existing ones, which are old and failing.

The second recommendation seeks to include a new evaluation criteria into the Grants to Community Organisations Policy. By including this criteria, it is intended that Community Organisations look toward other grant programs (such as the Gaming Machine Community Assistance Grants) to minimise the draw upon ratepayer funds. This also recognises our CDEO's assistance to community organisations to seek other funding sources.

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. A nominal allocation of \$50,000 has been budgeted for Community Assistance for 2022/23. Council has already resolved to provide in-kind support and a monetary contribution to the value of \$16,087.56. This leaves \$33,900 available for allocation to sponsorships and grants. A further amount of \$2,175 has been requested in sponsorships.

An attempt has been made to spread the available money across the applicants. The amounts appearing in the Schedule are a recommendation only – Council may adjust the allocations as it sees fit.

Council need not be limited to the budget allocation. Council may amend its budget throughout the year. Council would need to resolve to amend its budget at the next review, anticipated in January for the February meeting.

CONSULTATION

Consultation regarding the new process has happened with most 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.

Section 170(3) allows Council to amend its budget by resolution anytime during the financial year.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The applications have been assessed by Policy’s criteria and are materially compliant in terms of eligibility and approval criteria.

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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OUTCOME

Low Risk

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date:

Date: 1st December 2022

Schedule

2022/23 Grant Recipients under Council's Grants to Community Organisations Program

Organisation	Approved Project	Amount
Etheridge Cares	Bus purchase	\$10,000
Georgetown Rodeo Association Inc	Yards upgrade	\$8,500
Einasleigh Sports Club	Construct a semi-permanent bar & shade structure	\$10,000
Georgetown State School P & C Association	Purchase of 3 x 503 litre fridges	\$3,800

\$32,300



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	14 December 2022
Subject	Request for Community Assistance – Sponsorships
Classification	Open
Author	Andrew McKenzie Director Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council called applications under its three (3) Community Assistance Policies, with the application period closing Monday 4 October. A number of late applications have been received. Applications under Council's Sponsorship Policy have been received from the following organisations: -

- Mt Surprise State School
- Mt Surprise P&C Association

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide grant assistance to the organisations listed on the attached schedule subject to the following conditions: -

- Council's grant funding must be used for the approved project, that is the project the subject of the application.
- Council's contribution is capped at the amount provided. Any cost over runs will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- Council's grant will be paid upon completion of the approved project.
- The applicant must complete the approved project within 12 months from the award of the grant.
- The applicant must provide a grant acquittal on the approved form.
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- The applicant must provide acknowledgement of Council's assistance in all promotional material and give Council due recognition and credit for its support.

BACKGROUND

Council has changed the process of assisting community organisations, by inviting applications prior to the commencement of the financial year to assist in planning and budgeting.

Applications for all 3 Community Assistance programs closed on October 4. Applications received after the closing date have been accepted and included in this report.

Each application has been evaluated against the criteria outlined in the relevant Community Assistance Policy.

1. Mt Surprise State School

The state School is seeking Council's financial support to hire busses to transport students to attend the MSSS Swim Scheme.

2. Mt Surprise P&C Association

At the time of writing this report, a late request has come in from Shannon Zohl on behalf of the Mt Surprise P&C Association, which I understand is replacing an earlier request from the Mt Surprise Police OIC.

The original application sought \$2000 toward a Carols by Candlelight event in Mt Surprise on the 17th December. Ms Zohls application is for \$1275, itemised as follows:

- Hall hire - \$75 (which will be waived as in-kind assistance)
- BBQ supplies - \$150
- Musician - \$500
- Decorations - \$100
- Gifts for children - \$450

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

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An attempt has been made to spread the available money across the applicants. The amounts appearing in the Schedule are a recommendation only – Council may adjust the allocations as it sees fit.

Council need not be limited to the budget allocation. Council may amend its budget throughout the year. Council would need to resolve to amend its budget at the next review, anticipated in January for the February meeting.

CONSULTATION

Consultation regarding the new process has happened with most organisations.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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The applications have been assessed by Policy's criteria and are materially compliant in terms of eligibility and approval criteria.

RISK ASSESSMENT

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OUTCOME

Low Risk

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 1st December 2022

Date:

Schedule

2022/23 Recipients under Council's Sponsorship Program

Organisation	Approved Project	Amount
Mt Surprise State School	Transportation to the MSSS Swim Scheme	\$900
Mt Surprise P&C Association	Christmas by Candle Lights (2022)	\$1275

\$2175



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	14 th December 2022
Subject	Georgetown Student Hostel Management Contract
Classification	Closed
Author	Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tenders for the management of the Georgetown Student Hostel were invited, closing 29th October 2022. By close of the advertising period, not one tender had been received. The role was subsequently advertised on on-line job boards, attracting a number of interested parties to apply. Two serious contenders were subsequently interviewed on Friday 25th November, with the interview panel unanimously recommending the appointment of the preferred candidate.

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to section 226 of the Local Government Regulation 2022, Council accept the tender submission lodged by Mr S and Mrs J Hall for the Management of the Georgetown Student Hostel commencing 1st January 2023, and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to conclude contract negotiations.

BACKGROUND

Council's current Hostel Manager, Ms Karen Remfrey's contract expires 31st December 2022. Several discussions have ensued to see if there was a willingness to extend for a further term. Based on Ms Remfrey's response, we ended going out to the open market for tenders.

As mentioned above, no tender submissions were received during the advertising period. I subsequently engaged the services of an employment agency to assist with promoting the role. Within the first 2 weeks of the advertising campaign, 88 applicants had been received. Only 6 applicants were sufficiently qualified or experienced to warrant shortlisting. Of these 1 withdrew their application and the others failed to return the tender response forms. This left 2 candidates that had contacted Council directly:

- Conforming tender: Shaun and Jo-ann (aka China) Hall
- Non-conforming tender: Angus Baker (with Fiance to follow in February)

On Friday 25th November, an interview panel comprised of Cr Haase, Karen Remfrey, Jenny Mosch (parent rep) and myself interviewed the 2 candidates. The panel unanimously recommended Shaun & Jo-ann Hall on the basis of their overwhelming experience in running residential care facilities (Chinchilla Student hostel for the past 14 years, as well as boarding master in the Territory) as well as the life around teaching and education. Further, the Halls have the requisite qualifications and insurances in place to step straight in.

However.

1. They won't be able to start until term 2. The Halls have booked an overseas holiday from early December to mid-March. Their earliest commencement date would be 1st April 2023. I have had a preliminary discussion with Karen to see if she may be willing to stay on for the first term. I haven't finalised this discussion just yet but have another plan should Karen be unavailable – I just wish to exhaust this line of enquiry first.

2. Their tender submission is significantly higher than the current management retainer ... by approximately another 50%.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 4: Quality Social Infrastructure makes the shire a desirable place to live.

Outcome 4.2: An invigorated Community with a variety of multi-age services.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

As mentioned, the tender submission calls for a significantly higher management retainer than the current Manager is on. Without disclosing confidential information, Karen's retainer is based on a sliding scale based on the number of students enrolled at the Hostel. The Halls are proposing a flat fee, regardless of the number of children in care. To meet the additional cost, Council will need to subsidise the Hostel's operations from general rates. (I will have better data for the Council Meeting). Ideally, the extent of subsidisation will come down to Council's perceived value of retaining the Hostel for its operational cost. That is the community benefit in increased enrolments at the school, the additional resources the school is able to attract with a higher enrolment and better educational outcomes for the kids & families.

If it helps, one of the interview panellists noted that have qualified teachers (Shaun) manage the hostel and supplement scholastic teaching, more children may become enrolled at the hostel. Time will tell if enrolments increase.

CONSULTATION

Given timeframes and legal requirements (tendering) public consultation has been limited. To accommodate and alleviate parental concerns, I did seek a parent representative of the selection panel. Considerable note was taken of the parent representatives' views.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council has complied with the Regulation's requirements for entering into large size contracts.

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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OUTCOME

The perceived risk in High: Possible likelihood with Moderate consequence. Enterprise risk is mitigated through the Management Agreement (transferring risk with cross indemnities, as well a requirement for the Managers to maintain a \$20M public liability insurance policy).

Report Prepared By:**Report Authorised By:**

Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 29th November 2022

Date:



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	14 th December 2022
Subject	Membership – Gulf Savannah NRM
Classification	Open
Author	Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has re-joined membership of Gulf Savannah Natural Resource Management (GSNRM). Under GSNRM’s constitution, members are entitled to nominate a representative. The representative is entitled to cast a vote on behalf of member organisation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint <insert name> as its representative to Gulf Savannah Natural Resource Management.

BACKGROUND

Following Council’s meeting with GSNRM’s board earlier in the financial year, Council renewed its membership to the organisation. Consequently, Council is able to nominate a person to be its representative at GSNRM meetings. The representative will have the right to vote on Council’s behalf. Exercising Council’s vote at meetings falls into the role of an elected official as opposed to a staff member. It is recommended that Council nominate an interested Councillor to be its representative.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 2: A sustainable environment of natural assets, water, waste water and waste management.

Outcome 2.3: Best practice natural environment and pest management

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Costs will be absorbed into operational budgets.

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil at this stage but there will be a strong overlap between GSNRM's and Council's biosecurity planning and control activities.

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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OUTCOME

Risk is assessed as low.

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 30th November 2022

Date:



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting

14 December 2022

Subject

NQ Sports Foundation (NQSF) Advisory Forum Delegate

Classification

Open

Author

Cheryl Portch - Community Development & Events Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been invited to nominate a delegate to be included in the NQ Sports Foundation Advisory Forum.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate <an interested Councillor> as Etheridge Shire Council's delegate to the NQ Sports Foundation Advisory Forum.

BACKGROUND

The NQSF Board has decided to reinvigorate the Advisory Forum to ensure it is more relevant and delivers direct benefit to both our Council members and the Foundation. The NQSF has invited councils to nominate a delegate to attend the NQSF advisory forum. The forum will meet four times a year to discuss relevant issues and give updates on what events are happening in their region.

It is preferable, but not mandatory, that Council's representative is a Councillor.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

Outcome 4.1: An active community with a variety of recreational activities.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

N/A

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
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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

Low Risk

Report Prepared By:	Report Authorised By:
Cheryl Portch	Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 29 November 2022	Date:

ATTACHMENTS

- 1). Letter from NQ Sports Foundation



**NORTH QUEENSLAND
SPORTS FOUNDATION.**



PO Box 347

Belgian Gardens QLD 4810

PH: 0472 559 829

10/11/2022

Dear Councils and Delegates,

The NQSF Board has decided to reinvigorate the Advisory Forum to ensure it is more relevant and delivers direct benefit to both our Council members and the Foundation. To this end the Forum will be Chaired by the NQSF CEO who will either address issues coming from the Forum directly or prepare a report to the Board for consideration when required.

Each Council will be sent an email regarding the delegates they wish to be included and invited to the NQSF Advisory Forum. Councils will advise NQSF in writing of their delegates names and contact details.

Delegates may invite a Council staff member or other person to attend the Forum (and advise NQSF prior that they intend to do so) to provide expert advice on a particular subject. The Forum will meet four (4) times a year, via teams (February, May, September, December).

The updated Forum will include a “**NQSF Updates & Issues**” section (see attached example Agenda) in the meeting where NQSF will put forward to the advisory forum a brief update about our projects and events, plus any key issues that may affect our Council members. NQSF will seek feedback from the Forum on the issue presented.

The updated Forum will also include “**Council Updates**” to allow each Council to advise and update NQSF on relevant events happening in their region. It is accepted some Councils may not have anything to add at the time and can advise no updates.

I am sure you will see value in this exciting initiative.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CB", written in a cursive style.

Colin Balfour

Chief Executive Officer

North Queensland Sports Foundation

EXAMPLE Advisory Forum Agenda

ADVISORY FORUM AGENDA

ADVISORY FORUM MEETING of the NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTS FOUNDATION

Via Microsoft Teams – DATE

1 ATTENDANCE

Present –
Apologies –

2 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS FORUM MEETING

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4 NQSF UPDATES & ISSUES

5 COUNCIL UPDATES

- Townsville City Council
- Cairns Regional Council
- Mackay Regional Council
- Whitsunday Regional Council
- Isaac Regional Council
- Mount Isa City Council
- Mareeba Shire Council
- Burdekin Shire Council
- Charters Towers Regional Council
- Douglas Shire Council
- Hinchinbrook Shire Council
- Torres Strait Island Regional Council
- Cook Shire Council
- Cloncurry Shire Council
- Carpentaria Shire Council
- Flinders Shire Council
- Winton Shire Council
- Mornington Shire Council
- McKinlay Shore Council
- Etheridge Shire Council
- Richmond Shire Council
- Burke Shire Council
- Boulia Shire Council
- Croydon Shire Council



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	14 th December 2022
Subject	Town Common Policy
Classification	Open
Author	Andrew McKenzie Director Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council adopted its Town Common Policy on the 20th of July 2022. The Policy introduced a number of changes to the rules for agisting cattle on town commons. Since its introduction, Council has received a number of submissions in respect of the changes which culminated in a meeting with Einasleigh Town Common agistees on the 14th of November 2022.

In light of feedback received at the meeting, Council may wish to amend its Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council amend the Town Common Policy by: -

1. changing the eligibility criteria to agist on town commons to “Only permanent, adult town residents of the respective town (as defined in the respective town’s town common management plan) ...”
2. implementing the concept of a single, mixed herd.
3. Deleting the word “stud stock” from condition 25, third dot point.

BACKGROUND

As presented to Council’s July 2022 meeting, the application of the Town Common Policy has been deliberately expanded to cover all town commons under the trusteeship or control of Council. This means the Policy (and its provisions) apply equally across the shire. Any change to the Policy will also apply equally across the Shire.

As Einasleigh’s Town Common is the only town common actively allow agistment, the introduction of changes brought in by the new Policy has been / will be more keenly felt by current agistees. Feedback from agistees has been beneficial in assessing the merit and acceptance of the changes.

Reviewing early feedback as well as the issues raised at the meeting on the 14th of November, it is evident that the intent and application of the Policy remains sound. Only minor amendment is required to accommodate the matters raised by the 13 attendees at the agistees’ meeting: -

1. Eligibility:
 - 2 unique cases were put forward, Mark McMahon and Wendy Furber. One has a strong connection to the community, owns land but is not a resident, the other is resident, but not within the identified town area. This may be simply fixed by amending the eligibility criteria, expanding it to encompass more than town residents. Wording the criteria will be critical, as Council will not want to open the door too wide for non-residents (on all commons) to become eligible thereby increase the number of head on the town common and forcing a reduction in the current number of head agisted per applicant or placing grazing pressure on feed / carrying capacity. In this respect, I would caution expanding the eligibility criteria to property owners within the defined town area, as this would open agistment to anyone owning a vacant block.

Recommendation: That Council retain the current eligibility criteria and use the respective town's common management plan to identify the township area. This way the identified town area can be mapped to suit special circumstances without opening the flood gates to non-residents or other unforeseen outcomes. To effect this solution, Council would merely need to change the first sentence of the eligibility criteria section: "Only permanent, adult town residents of the respective town (as defined in the respective town's town common management plan) ..."

- There was discussion on using the "Special Conditions" section of the Agistment Conditions. This is not the solution for eligibility criteria. Special Conditions are used to amend, replace or compliment the 27 standard conditions. Examples include: granting a specific approval to depasture stock, in a confined area, for a limited period of time while alternate arrangements were made (as in a truck rollover). or requiring some stock to "quarantine" before being allowed onto the town common proper.

2. Number of head permitted per agistee:

As it stands the Policy limits the maximum number of head to 40 per applicant. A secondary constraint tied to the maximum number of head is that there can only be one applicant per household. Please note: this is household, not per property. The right to agist is limited to town residents – to be a residents you have to be reside in a residence, vacant lots don't have residences!. A further consideration is the purpose of the town common and the purpose it is currently being used by some residents – a hobby, a supplement to income or a primary source of income.

The issue raised is that some agistees would like the number of permitted head lifted above 40. A number of scenarios were proposed: -

- Divide the assessed carrying capacity (479 head) by the number of current agistees eligible to agist on the common. Comment: it is a fairly attractive idea but becomes problematic in times of drought (insufficient feed to sustain the carrying capacity), or if a new applicant wishes to agist. It is recommended that any change the maximum number permitted per applicant leave a buffer for seasonal & drought conditions as well the possibility of new applicants.
- Lift the maximum number to 60: this offers a reasonable compromise. Whether the limit is increased to 60 or a number in between – Council can amend the policy.

Recommendation: That Council retain the maximum number of head per agistee at 40 head.

3. Herd management:

Discussion revolved around running a mixed or herd or preserving individual herds. On a show of hands, there was one hard objection to a mixed herd, 2 in favour and 2 ambivalent. Comments expressed against a mixed herd related to preserving a distinct bloodline and maintaining herd integrity. Comments expressed in favour related to: better pasture management (rotational grazing), greater visibility of cattle & offspring and their wellbeing, ease in mustering.

To address one proposal offered as a compromise was to assign and lease paddocks on the common to those that wish to retain better control over herd integrity. In response: Council would need to publicly advertise the lease to interested parties, so there is no guarantee the land would go to the person intended as the beneficiary. Further, this would create an inconsistency to the Policy's intent, perpetuate the issues we presently have, and potentially expand the practice to other town commons. This proposal is not seen as a viable option.

Additional factors that contributed to the discussion include: the common is already fenced into distinct paddocks that have been assumed as "someone's (sole use) paddock", historic use (which will change as some agistees lose eligibility), how musters are currently conducted, fence & water infrastructure. All of these can be addressed in the Town Common Management Plan – fence realignment, installation of new / more watering points etc.

Recommendation: That Council implement the concept of a single, 'mixed' herd and direct the development of the Town Common Management Plan to progressive realign fences and identify new water infrastructure as resources become available.

4. Bulls:

The Policy proposes that Council will purchase the bulls. This was met with only 1 hard no. Most were in favour.

Council may wish to remove or change the commitment to buying “stud stock” bulls – the third dot point to condition 25.

Recommendation: That Council retain condition 25 as it stands, except for the deletion of the words “stud stock” in the third dot point.

5. Infrastructure:

- Town Common Yards: Following the meeting with representatives from the Rodeo & Race Clubs, further consideration of a joint venture has been abandoned. All effort will go toward improving the town common yards. Loukas and I have Council's / community's clear direction to proceed.
- Fence and Water Infrastructure: the Town Common Management Plan will address this once there is a decision on the points above.

Recommendation: That no changes are made to the Town Common Policy, and these matters are left to the individual Town Common Management Plans.

6. Musters:

- There was discussion around musters, the pros and cons for set, half yearly musters (individual herds vs single herd), “in between” or on-off musters, oversight of drafting & branding (theft) and means to accommodate musters outside of the half yearly, set musters. Reflecting upon the comments, I believe that the Policy provide sufficient flexibility to accommodate the issues put forward. Better planning, consultation and coordination of musters together with improved drafting facilities at the yards and (hopefully) a single herd concept will go a long way to addressing some of the concerns expressed.
- Council has an NLIS reader, there is no need for others to have them. This also compliments our requirement to manage the read on / read offs the Common's PIC.
- Another point raised was the appointment of an agent to act on the RLO's behalf should he be unavailable to attend a muster. A number of solutions are available (early consultative planning of muster dates, assignment of another employee or contractor, use of special conditions to regulate an unsupervised muster, denial of permission until RLO is available). These are operational matters, and the Policy is sufficiently flexible to cater to most scenarios.

Recommendation: That no changes are made to the Town Common Policy.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 2: A sustainable environment of natural assets, water and waste management.

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

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

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Einasleigh Town Common agistment (if at full capacity) would recover around \$40,000. At current agistment levels, revenue is closer to \$27,000.

The proposed Town Common Management Plans will develop strategic plans for the ongoing development of town common infrastructure and biosecurity control activities, which will feed directly into future year budgets.

CONSULTATION

Council and councillors have received a number of formal and informal communication from various stakeholders since the adoption of the Policy. 13 people attended the Einasleigh meeting on the 14th of November - attendance was taken.

Council consulted with the Einasleigh Race Club and Rodeo Club.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

A number of laws apply over the management of Town Commons: Land Act, Biosecurity Act, Local Government Act & Regulation, Stock Route Management Act just to name a few. All of these place significant responsibilities upon the Council as trustee to actively manage the Reserve(s).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report, following community feedback, is an opportunity to review and amend the Town Common Policy.

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: Unlikely occurrence of minor consequence.

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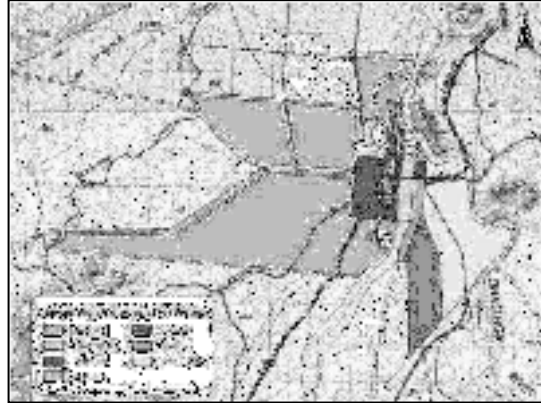
Report Authorised By:

Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 1st December 2022

Date:



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

Town Common Policy

July 2022

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL TOWN COMMON POLICY

1. Background

Etheridge Shire Council is the Trustee of reserves held for public purposes, including its townships' town commons: -

1. Georgetown Town Common (remnant parcels)
2. Forsayth Town Common
3. Einasleigh Town Common
4. Mt Surprise Town Common (remnant parcels)
5. Durham Town Common
6. Cumberland
7. Big Reef
8. Charleston

Of the Town Commons, only Einasleigh and Forsayth Commons remain under Council's direct control. The other Commons have varying areas under tenure, granted by the Department of Resources.

2. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Policy is to provide a uniform approach to managing the Shire's Town Commons, for the enjoyed use of the public.

The Policy also serves to regulate agistment on those Town Commons open for depasturage.

3. Definitions

Agistment: A written approval from Council granting a stock owner grazing use of a town common.

Cumberland Town Common: described as Lot / Plan. 24/GB100

Cumberland Water Reserve: described as Lot / Plan. 21C153517

Einasleigh Town Common: described as Lot / Plan. 21/CD4, 38/GB22, 40/GB97 PIC No. QIER0120

Etheridge Stock Routes – PIC No. QDER8000

Etheridge Shire Council: Registered Biosecurity Entity (RBE) for Georgetown Rodeo Grounds and Common, Etheridge Stock Routes, Einasleigh Common. ID details: RBE155209

Forsayth Town Common: described as Lot / Plan. 34/AP11612, 5/AP11612, 2/SP287759, 1/AP21262, 3/AP22305, 4/AP11612, 12/GB98, 1/AP22305, 10/AP22315, 149AP11612, 14/SP323729 - (South of **Georgetown to Forsayth Road** at Queenslander Creek)

Area for Charleston Dam Water Reserve: described as Lot/Plan. 14/SP323729, 15/SP287759

Georgetown Town Common: described as Lot / Plan. 54SP217473, 9/SP266610, 8/SP266610, 6/SP206970, 1/SP288858, 8/GB86, 12/GB89, 98/SP206971,994/SP258857 PIC No. QBER0128

Durham Township Town Common/Reserve: described as Lot / Plan. 19/SP296232, 21/SP296232

Household: The person's principle place of residence, and includes all family members living therein.

Livestock: a general description of animals depastured under an Agistment Approval. The term includes: cattle, horses, goats, sheep, donkeys / mules, llamas, alpacas, buffalo ... etc. The term is interchangeable with **Stock**.

Mt Surprise Town Common: described as Lot / Plan. 38/SP252513, 1/SP252513, 6/SP252513, 7/SP252513, 8/SP252513, 40/SP252513, 352/OL454, 39/SP252513, 2SP252513, 3SP252513, 4SP252513, 5/SP252513, 11SP252513, 10/SP252513, 14SP129833,

NVD: National Vendor Declaration Form

Rig(s): A male horse carrying either one or two testicles concealed in its abdomen, making it visually appear to be a gelding, while behaving like a stallion.

RLO: Council's Rural Lands Officer

Stock: refer **Livestock**

Unhandled: A horse that cannot be caught, led or tied up.

4. Policy Statement

It is Council's Policy to: -

- Retain the Cumberland, Einasleigh, Forsayth and Mount Surprise Town Commons, unfettered of tenure conferred to third parties by the Department of Resources, for the continued use and enjoyment of Shire residents;
- Acquire adjoining land to reinstate a useable town common for Georgetown, as opportunity presents;
- Council will maintain fence and water infrastructure where constructed on the commons. Further development of grazing infrastructure (such as fencing and water points) will be undertaken as funds permit and will be guided by the Town Common Management Plan (to be developed).
- Limit (only in exceptional circumstances and at Council's discretion, by resolution), fragmentation of Town Commons by conferring sole occupancy or tenancy of paddocks or land parcels to any one party.
- Allow eligible Shire residents the opportunity to agist livestock on Town Commons, subject to a valid approval issued by Council. To be clear, no animal shall be depastured on a town common without a current approval issued by Council.
- Agistment shall be permitted on the Forsayth and Einasleigh Town Commons in accordance with: -

Stock Capacity: Each Town Common has been assessed to determine its maximum stocking capacity (below). Depending upon seasonal conditions and fodder load, Council using its absolute discretion may: -

1. Reduce the stocking capacity and direct agistees to remove livestock & cattle in line with prevailing conditions.
2. Close Town Commons (or parts thereof) for rehabilitation.

Town Common Stock Capacities

Einasleigh: 479 head (cattle adult equivalents) (standard cattle units?)

Forsayth:

Mt Surprise:

Individual Agistment Stock Limitation: Each agistment applicant is limited to agisting 40 head (cattle adult equivalents)

Eligibility to agist: Only permanent, adult residents of the respective town that do not own, lease or agist upon a rural property in Queensland shall be eligible to agist on a town common. Only one applicant per household is allowed.

Application Process:

Intending Applicants are to submit an Agistment Application Form and supporting information to Council, including but not limited to: -

- Brand
- Biosecurity Entity Registration Number;
- Proof of Ownership.

Council's Rural Land Officer is delegated authority to approve / refuse applications.

No animals may be placed on a town common without a valid approval, or payment of the associated fee(s).

Upon grant of an approval, the applicant is to pay the applicable agistment fees. Fees are to be paid monthly, in advance. Any fees that remain unpaid for 60 days or longer shall result in the automatic cancellation of approval.

Any approval to agist cattle on the Common is given in the expectation that a workable and cooperative relationship will be maintained by all parties. Failure to pursue that relationship may result in the cancellation of approval.

Conditions of Agistment:

Mandatory Conditions:

1. Stock owners must observe all relevant legislative requirements at all times. This includes remaining a registered Biosecurity Entity for the duration of the period of agistment.
2. No person shall pasture or cause, permit or allow to be pastured any entire horse or rig or bull on any part of the common without the express permission of Council.
3. Bull calves are to be castrated at their first muster or removed from the Common.
4. Male foals are to be gelded as soon as medically possible or removed from the Common.
5. Stock owners are to advise the RLO in writing, at least seven (7) days in advance, of movements or variations to their stock numbers unless urgent circumstances can be proven. A copy of the way bill (NVD) must be shown to the RLO so that the proper adjustments to common records can be made.
6. Failure to give notice of stock removal will result in agistment being charged up to the date that advice of livestock removal is given, or until the approved agistment period expires.
7. Cattle entering the common are expected to be obedient to normal livestock handling management.

8. Any stock deemed to be a danger, nuisance or wild, causing management difficulties during a muster and/or in the yards will be identified and must be removed from the common at the direction of Council's RLO.
9. All cattle must be correctly NLIS identified before entering the Common and a list of the NLIS tag numbers must be provided to council with the application to agist.
10. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that all NLIS transfers on and off the Common are accurately recorded, with transfer data provided to the Rural Lands Officer for transmission to the NLIS Registry.
11. All horses agisted on the common must have permanent and readable identification markings.
12. No unhandled horses over the age of six (6) months are permitted on the Commons.
13. Stock agisted on a town common remain the responsibility of the registered owner. Council assumes no responsibility or liability for the condition or welfare of stock agisted on the common.
14. Animals with treatable veterinary issues must be treated as soon as is practical.
15. Emergency veterinary and health matters will be administered at the discretion of the RLO at the owner's expense. Non urgent matters will be reported to the owners for treatment.
16. Owners observing any problems with agisted stock are to take appropriate action immediately (if required) and inform the RLO of the incident.
17. Cattle agisted on a common are to have their horns tipped.
18. Stock owners agisting on the common are to not interfere with fencing, gates and water supply infrastructure without obtaining prior authorization from the RLO.
19. All gates are to be kept closed and locked at all times with a daisy chain lock setup with each agistees having their own lock and key. This is to prevent individuals from accessing the common without authorization.
20. Livestock agisted on the common are not to be allowed to access the unfenced portions of the common unless authorised by the RLO.
21. Straying stock are a normal occurrence between cattle properties. Owners are responsible to recover their stock. Continually offending animals are to be identified and managed accordingly. Cattle continually (i.e. more than twice) straying off the common must be removed.
22. Stock owners are to assist with Town Common Musters, either in person or by arranging a labourer. All who participate in the muster, do so at their own risk.
23. Owners are responsible for supplying supplements to their stock.
24. Stock owners are to comply with any direction given by Council's Rural Lands Officer and or Chief Executive Officer, for instance to reduce stock numbers in times of poor feed load or drought.
25. Only Council will be owners of any breeding Bulls on the Commons.
 - The number of entire male cattle on the common at any one time is to be determined by the RLO in consultation with town common users.
 - The RLO is to ensure any and all bulls are to be removed or sold from the common where they have been residing after three years of breeding.
 - Bulls shall be stud stock of a naturally quiet nature.
26. Killing of stock on the Common for own consumption is not allowed. A certified butcher must be involved in the process and stock owners are to advise the RLO in writing, at least seven (7) days in advance.
27. Stock owners agisting on the common are to ensure that all of their stock have a coloured numbered management tag bearing their name, contact number and a management number for the livestock unit

Special Conditions:

Council's RLO, or Council by resolution, may impose special conditions as required.

Town Common Musters

Council shall conduct six-monthly musters of the Commons. Agistees are to assist and cooperate in Town Common Musters. Council reserves the right to muster the common with contractors at the agistees expense.

No unauthorised musters are permitted. Any agistee wishing to conduct their own muster, must give two (2) weeks' notice to Council's RLO and other agistees on that Common.

Council's RLO is in charge of conducting musters. Agistees are to follow the RLO's directions during musters.

Cattle missing NLIS tags, including progeny born between musters must be fitted with an NLIS tag during the muster. The Owner remains responsible for accurately recording and providing NLIS data to the Rural Lands Officer for reporting to the NLIS Registry.

Council may notify the Queensland Stock & Rural Crimes Investigation Squad of Town Common Musters.

Agistment Fees:

Council shall set Agistment Fees each year, by resolution.

Fees shall be paid monthly, in advance.

Fees that remain unpaid for a period longer than 60 days will automatically trigger a cancellation of the owner's approval to agist cattle on the common.

Fees won't be charged upon progeny born between common musters. Progeny shall be counted at 6-monthly musters, with fees becoming payable from the date of muster.

Cancellation of Approval:

To remove doubt, failure to observe any condition of an approval to agist may lead to the cancellation of the approval. Depending upon the severity and frequency of the breach of condition, Council's CEO may cancel an approval by giving the owner a written notice outlining the reasons for the cancellation. At the CEO's discretion, the approval holder may be given an opportunity to respond to a proposal to cancel their approval for breach of conditions.

Upon cancellation of an approval, the owner must immediately remove all stock from the town common. Any stock remaining on the common after a period of seven (7) days from the effective date of cancellation will be deemed strays, and subject to impoundment by Council under its Local Laws.

Unauthorised Depasturage:

Animals found on a common without a valid approval shall be deemed strays, and subject to impoundment under Council's Local.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

Council

Etheridge Shire Council has legislated power for the good rule and governance of its local government area. Functionally, this grants Council decision making power over the resources under its control, in this instance, the land under Council's trusteeship and public monies for the operation and development of the town commons and the infrastructure built thereon. Council's decision making is to be guided by the local government principles and be in the current and future interests of residents of the local government area.

Chief Executive Officer

The CEO is the administrative head of the Council. Section 13 of the Local Government Act 2009 confers broad powers upon Council's CEO. One of which is to implement Council's goals and priorities, including its Policies.

Without limiting the CEO's statutory powers, the CEO under this Policy is empowered to cancel agistment approvals for breach of conditions of approval.

Rural Lands Officer

Council's Rural Lands Officer shall be responsible for the implementation of this Policy, and management of the agistment on the Towns' Commons.

Through the adoption of this Policy, Council delegates authority to the RLO to determine applications to agist on the town commons and to issue directions to agistees for the best use, enjoyment and preservation of the commons. In doing this, the RLO shall have regard to Council's Corporate Plan, Operational Plan and Town Common Management Plan.

The RLO shall maintain the Register of Agistment Approvals.

Agistees

Agistees are to comply with the conditions of their approval to agist cattle on a town common, and any direction given by the RLO.

Agistees are to respect the rights of others to use the Town Common, especially travelling stock traversing the State Stock Route Network.

Any matters of concern identified by Agistees are to be promptly reported to Council's RLO.

6. Related Documents

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Animal Care & Protection Act 2001

Stock Route Management Act 2002

Biosecurity Act 2014

Land Act 1994

Local Law No. 2 – Animal Management

Subordinate Local Law No. 2 – Animal Management

NWROC Regional Biosecurity Plan

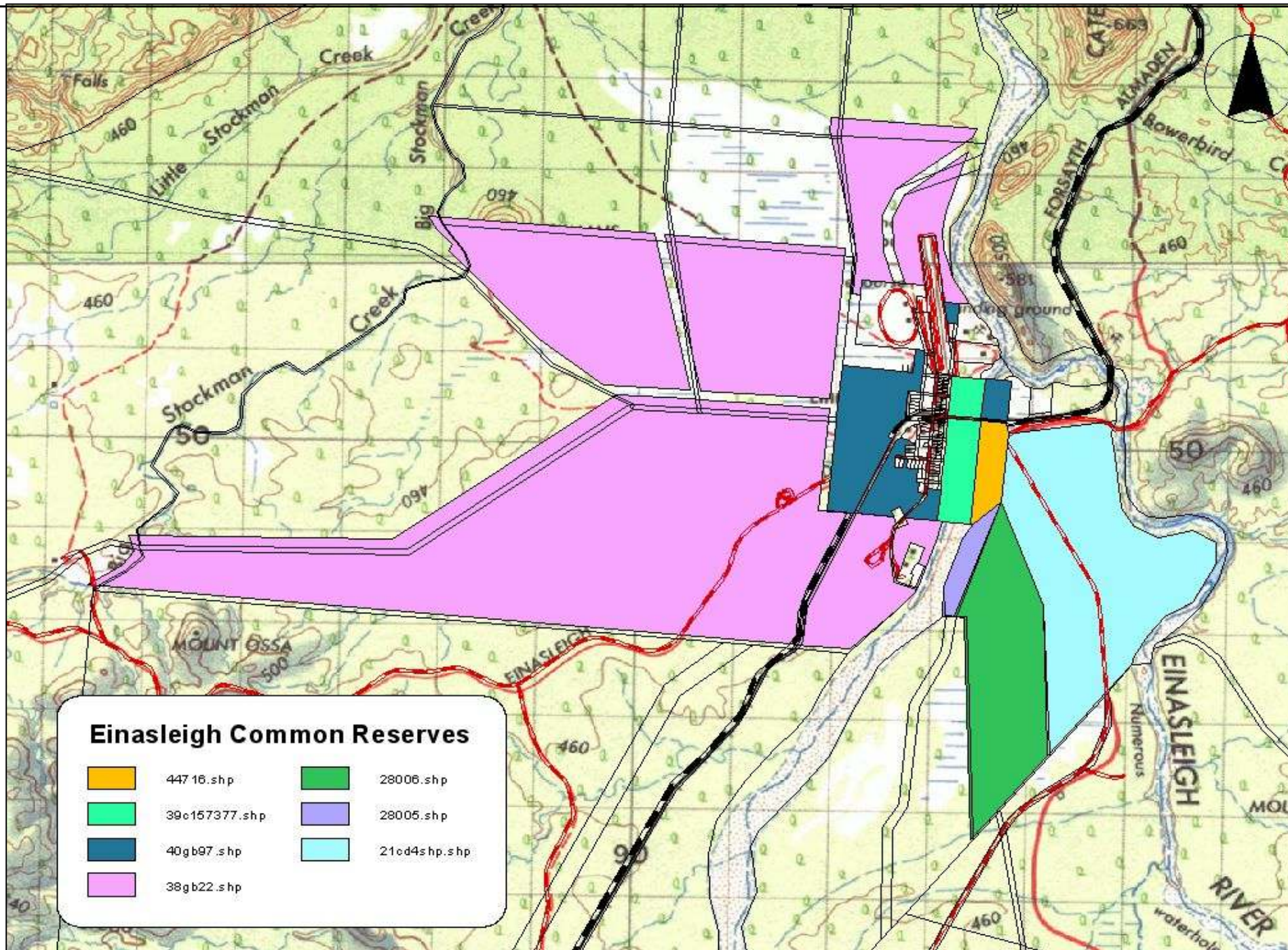
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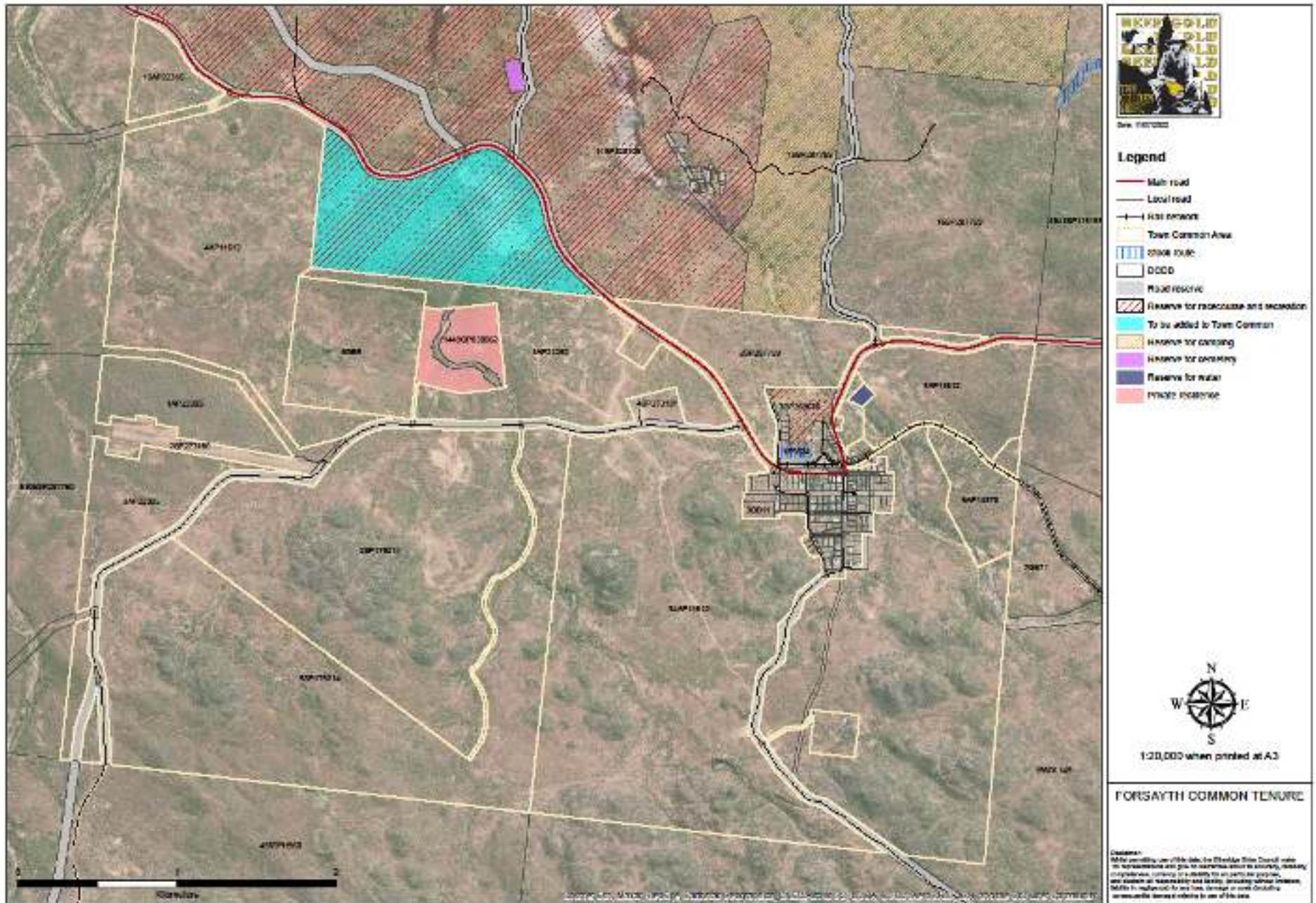
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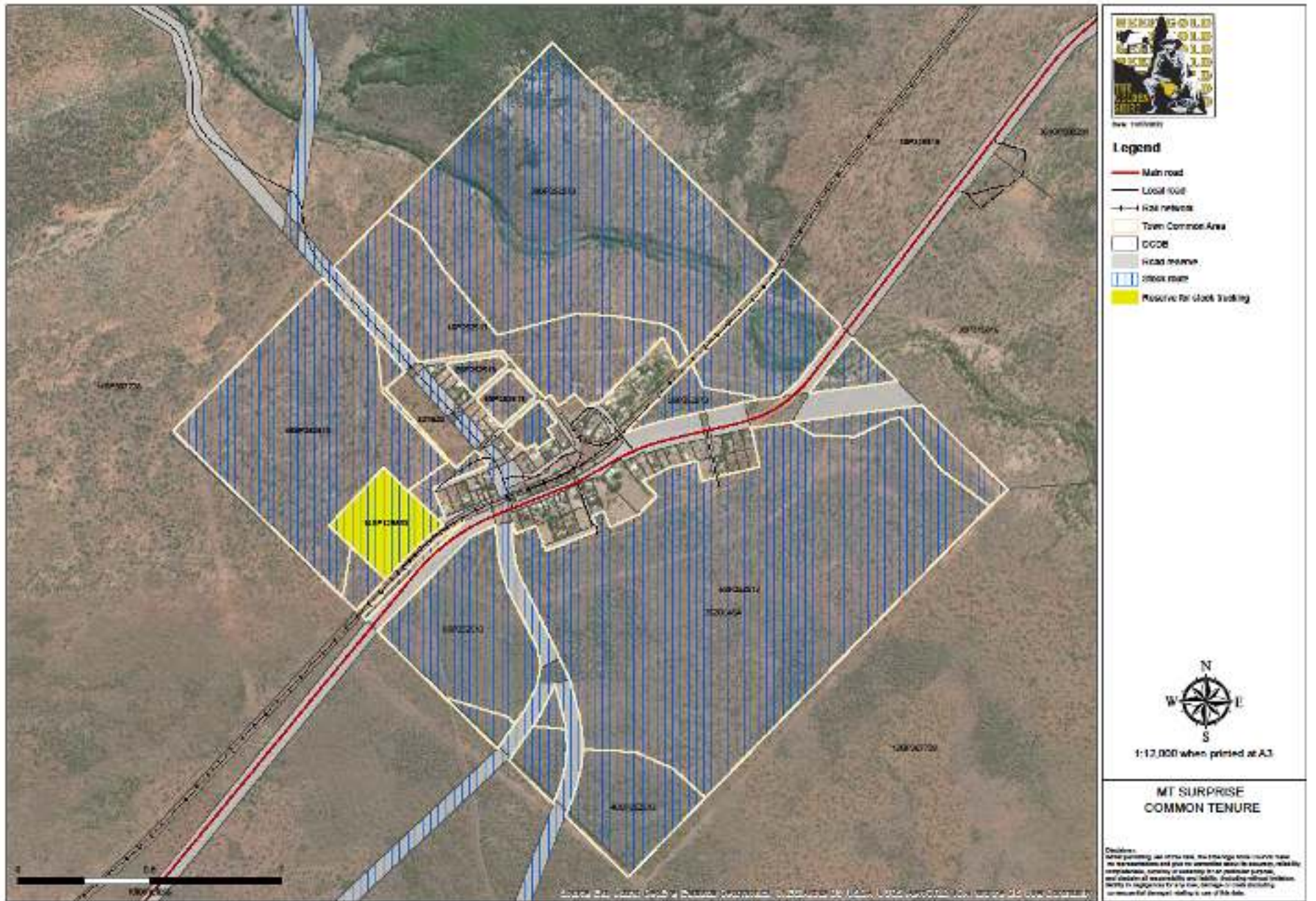
This Policy shall be reviewed every 3 years.

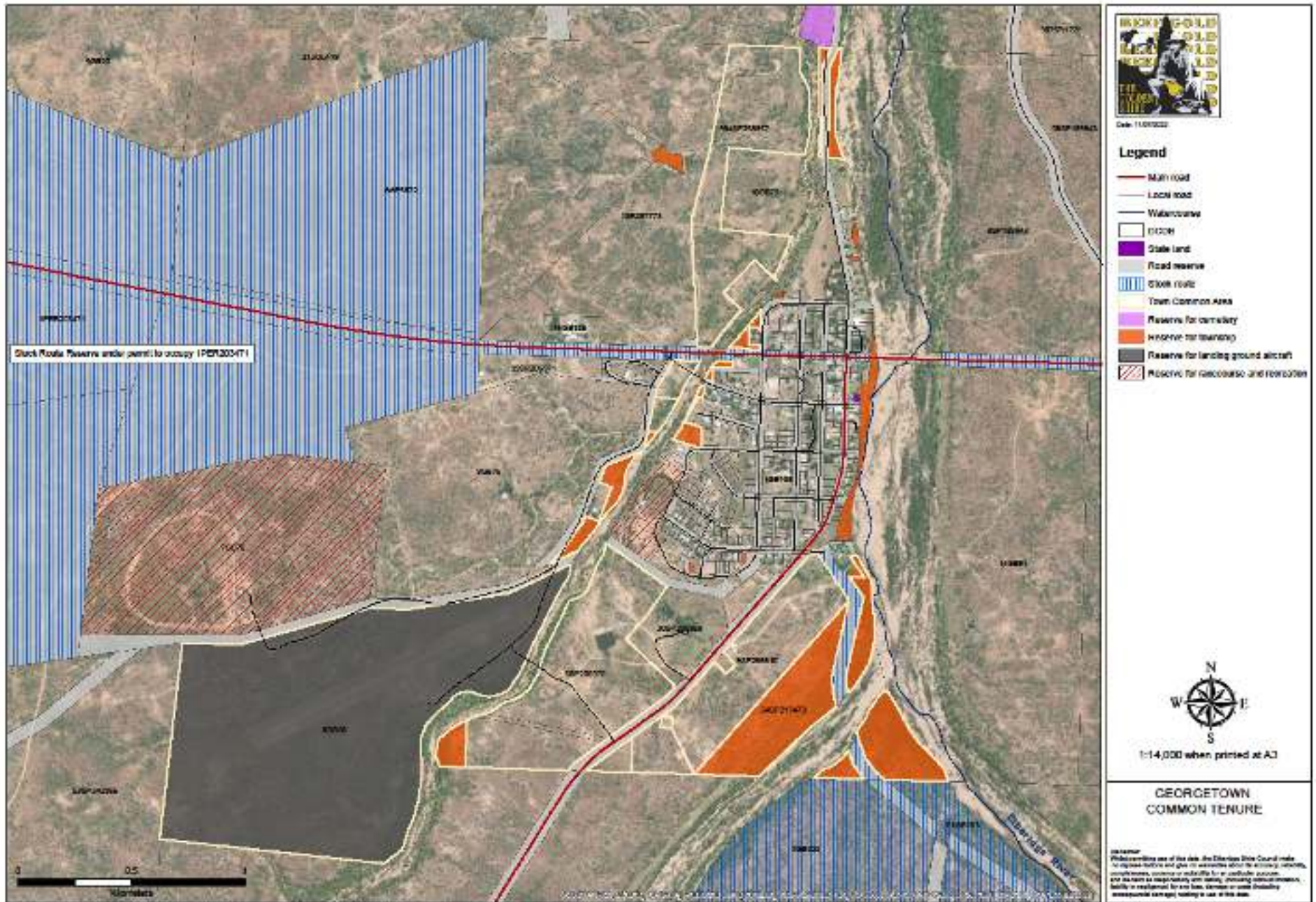
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Approval by CEO	Ken Timms	
Effective date	Review date	
Policy Author		
Director Corporate Services		
Current incumbent		
Andrew McKenzie		
Implementation Officer		
Rural Lands Officer		
Current incumbent	Contact number	Official file no.
Loukas Elgey	0428 621 272	











Etheridge Shire Council

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Briefing Report

1 Update

Welcome to my December Briefing Report. This has been a very successful year by the grace of God, with record amount of TMR works and DFRA works that have been able to be delivered, along with Charleston Dam becoming operational in supplying water to Georgetown and Forsyth.

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 rain in late November has delayed some of these works, mostly DFRA works, and to a lesser degree the TMR project. The TIDS project has continued with the placement of the base pavement layer and the drainage structures.

3 Immerging Issues

On the Kennedy Developmental Road approximately 10km south of the Oasis, there are significant pavement failures. These have been raised with TMR and are currently working with them on the management of this section of road until DFRA works and rehabilitation works are approved and priced. This has included reducing the speed limit and may include cutting the seal off in the interim.

TMR have released new event traffic management requirements, which will impact any event held that will impact on roads, traffic or public transport. This will see an increase in the requirements in the planning and signage of the affected events, without being able to avoid them.

4 Projects

Charleston Dam

The Charleston Dam Project continues to proceed smoothly.

- Fish Ladder
 - The replacement of the fish ladder design is proceeding with the survey being completed and under assessment with GHD.
- Fencing
 - The fencing is under way with both contractors progressing well
- Boat Ramp
 - A purchase order has been issued for the construction of the boat ramp slab.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR)

- GDR East Widening: Site A has continuing with the construction of the 2 sections to be sealed on 14 December, leaving the middle 700m section to be commenced in the new year.
- Gregory Dev Rd: An opening grade will be conducted following the significant rain event in late November.

Flood Repairs

- Works in Zone 2 will continue on Obrien's Creek Road as conditions allow. Work in zone 3.1 has continuing on Ortona Road. Both these zones will come very close to being completed by the Christmas break.
- Gulf Civil are continuing with works on Gilberton Road and Kidston Road.
- Keltone have are proceeding with works and will have most of the grading works completed by the Christmas break

TIDS

- North Head Road project has reached practical completion with the sealing of the project.

Regional Waste Project

- The regional waste project is continuing with regular meetings and working around the multi criteria assessment. Discussions have also been held with A Prince Consulting (APC) who are producing a regional waste plan for NWROC

5 Calendar of Events

Over the past month

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|---------|-----|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| • 21-11 | ESC | Kidston | Executive meeting with Genex |
| • 23-11 | ESC | Georgetown | EMT Meeting |
| • 25-11 | ESC | Cairns | FNQROC WMMR Meeting |
| • 29-11 | ESC | Georgetown | Engineering Services Team meeting |
| • 29-11 | ESC | Georgetown | Roads and Pits meeting |
| • 29-11 | ESC | Georgetown | Dam projects meeting |
| • 01-12 | ESC | Georgetown | Small plant management meeting |
| • 05-12 | ESC | online | NWROC RWMP meeting |
| • 06-12 | ESC | online | FNQROC WMMR Tech group Meeting |
| • 09-12 | ESC | Cairns/online | FNQROC Water Alliance meeting |
| • 09-12 | ESC | Cairns/online | Aerodrome Services tender meeting |
| • 13-12 | ESC | Georgetown | Engineering Services Team meeting |
| • 14-12 | ESC | Georgetown | Council Meeting |

Next month

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| • 17-01 | ESC | Georgetown | Engineering Services Team meeting |
| • 18-01 | ESC | Georgetown | Council Meeting |

David Fletcher
Director Engineering Services



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	14 December 2022
Subject	Gulf Developmental Road Supply and Deliver Hydro Mulching Service
Classification	Open
Author	Allan Parry Infrastructure Services Operations Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Quotes were assessed on supply time frames and price.

Erizon was the successful tenderer for this service

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to accept the quote provided by Erizon for the supply and delivery of hydro mulching service to the value of \$ 213,708.00 Excl GST

BACKGROUND

Works have been complete on GDR East and West projects and as part of this the three projects require hydro mulching to be sprayed over the disturb areas prior to the wet season. This is an environmental requirement for these projects to establish growth to all the disturbed areas.

Hydro mulching is a unique blend of chemical and mechanical bonding techniques which enables the engineered growth medium to be placed to promote seed germination. Binders and water absorbents are 100% nontoxic to enhance overall performance and project success. 100% thermally refined wood fibres produce high yield, extensive coverage, and eliminate potential weed seeds and pathogens. Micro-pore particles enhance water and nutrient retention while contributing to erosion effectiveness. Interlocking matrix fibres increase strength and durability.

There were only two quotes received from within the region one from Cairns and one from Townsville as this is a specialized service there were no other options within the region so there were only two quotes received.

One was from Erizon for the service of hydro mulching to the value of \$213,708.00 Excl GST and the other from Australian Turf Management to the value of \$245,031.60 Excl GST.

Erizon can complete the works prior to Christmas shut down whereas Australian Turf Management would not be able to do the work until mid to late January which TMR would not accept due to the likely hood of severer weather conditions.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 1 – A sustainable transport network that meets community needs.

Strategy No.	Strategy	Performance 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
1.2.1	Maintain relationship with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to undertake road construction and maintenance (Road Train Corridors).	% of works program completed

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

This report and the recommendation contained with will have no impact on the 22/23 budget.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 2009.

Environmental Act 1994

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The procurement process conducted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy

RISK ASSESSMENT

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OUTCOME

Low (E2)

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

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Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 4/12/2022

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

A. Quotes

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Prepared for:

Etheridge Shire Council
The Golden Heart of the Gulf

EnviroLoc – EnviroLoc

streetside revegetation project

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Executive Summary

Dear Vincent,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide Etheridge Shire Council with a proposed hydromulching solution for the streetside revegetation project. Our team has reviewed the project documentation and is confident that we will deliver a solution that results in project success.

In this proposal, we have addressed the following and provided a detailed breakdown of costings:

- Recommended solution
- Equipment required
- Our 'Vision Zero' safety policy
- Solutions costings for each stage

Our recommended solution and quantities are provisions based on the information provided to date.

If you have any questions regarding the proposal, please do not hesitate to make contact.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your team to deliver the best possible solution.

Kind Regards,



Erica Box | Environmental Advisor

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Hydromulching Solution



We recommend our EnviroLoc solution for Georgetown based on the documentation provided in the scope of works.

EnviroLoc - BFM

EnviroLoc Hydromulching BFM is engineered to provide superior performance in the areas of erosion control effectiveness and growth establishment. Thermally modified wood fibres form the foundation of EnviroLoc's ability to increase water retention and airflow exchange for improved seed germination.

The wood fibres are engineered to withstand challenging environmental conditions where high levels of water velocity resistance will be required. The ability for these fibres to hold 20-times their own weight in water will also provide greater moisture retention around the seed where evaporation rates are high, unlike alternative mulches that are hydrophobic.

The application process is also key to the success of this solution. The initial hydraulic application of seed is essential in maximising the native seed to soil contact and subsequent germination result. A secondary pass of the EnviroLoc wood fibre mulch will then be hydraulically applied over the top of the seed for additional erosion protection.

3D Fibre Matrix Technology

The unique blend of chemical and mechanical bonding techniques enables the engineered growth medium in place to promote seed germination. The following benefits support the engineered for

The diagram is a circular cross-section showing a soil profile. At the bottom is a layer of brown soil. Above it is a green, fibrous matrix that resembles a mesh or sponge. Within this matrix, there are several brown, spherical seeds and blue, spherical water droplets. Four yellow lines with arrowheads point from the text on the right to specific features in the diagram: the top line points to a seed, the second line points to the green fibre matrix, the third line points to a water droplet, and the bottom line points to the interlocking structure of the fibres.

- Binders and water absorbents are 100% non-toxic to enhance overall performance and project success.
- 100% thermally refined wood fibres produce high yield, extensive coverage, and eliminate potential weed seeds and pathogens.
- Micro-pore particles enhance water and nutrient retention while contributing to erosion effectiveness.
- Interlocking matrix fibres increase strength and durability.

HydroRig Equipment

streetside revegetation project will require Erizon's mine-compliant HydroRig(s). Each HydroRig can hold up to 15,000 litres and contains built-in agitators to keep the mix uniform and homogeneous. Dual cannons provide the capability to apply the solution to two areas simultaneously, allowing for fast and efficient operations.

The HydroRigs feature a hydraulic hose with an additional spraying capability of up to 100m.

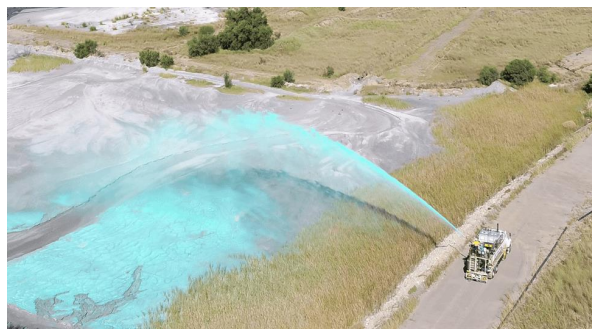
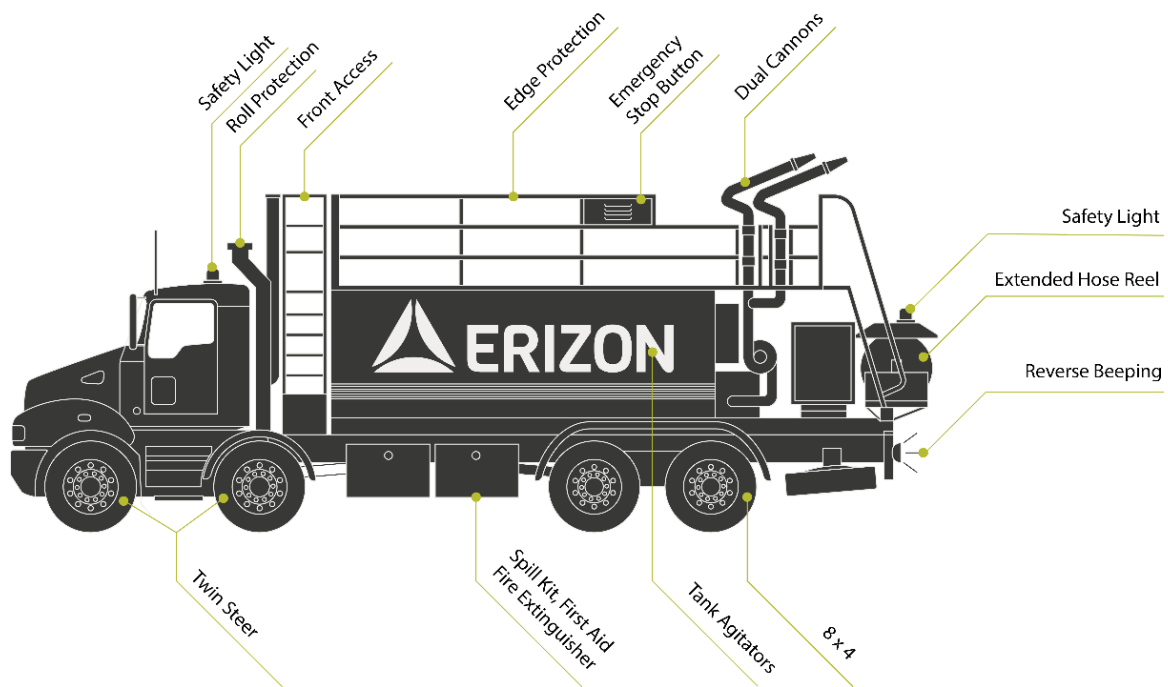
8x4 wheel drive makes this machine unbeatable on challenging terrain and steep slopes, providing fast and effective coverage of large areas.

Key Benefits:

- Ability to treat large areas consistently
- Ability to mix site-specific slurries
- Ability to reach areas with limited road access
- Dual cannons for even application

Key safety features:

- 8x4 wheel drive for navigating rough terrain with ease
- Mine-specification roll protection
- Harness points
- Front and rear access



Vision Zero - Health and Safety

Our mission is to ensure that our team, including clients, visitors, and contractors, are protected at all times. This target is reached with our health and safety policy, Vision Zero, designed to create a workplace culture where safety is our number one priority, and 'zero' is the only acceptable number for accidents or fatalities in the workplace. Vision Zero is achieved through on safe operational systems, procedures, and personnel actions.

Risk Management

The framework of Vision Zero enables our team to identify, assess and control threats in the workplace. Risk assessments are conducted in partnership with our clients, considering site-specific hazards, knowledge of equipment, and operations.

Project Hazard Prevention

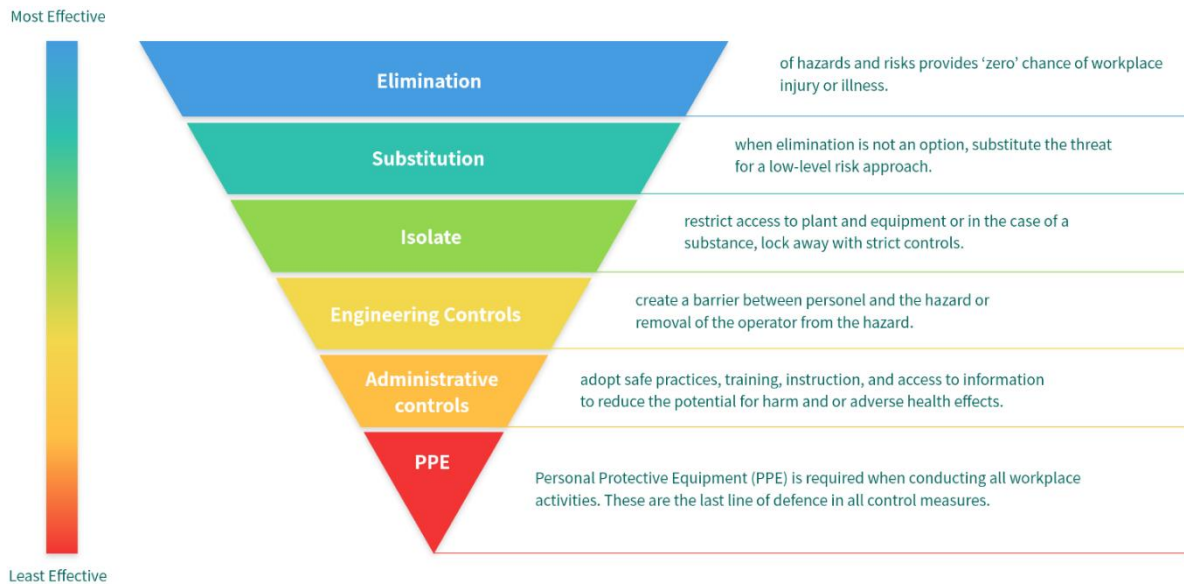
Before commencing works, Erizon will develop safety and environmental management plans to ensure that any hazards are identified, and mitigation strategies are implemented where required. The pre-work examination will consider the following:

- A full risk assessment created and reviewed with Etheridge Shire Council
- A JSEA of the project site
- A pre-site PERA of our mine compliant plant and equipment
- An investigation into the site stability and safe access points
- An investigation into traffic management and restricted work area requirements
- Environmental conditions that may influence on application effectiveness
- A PERMP is produced based on the above criteria



Zero-in on Safety - Hierarchy of Control Measures

Upon awarding the contract, Erizon will undertake a full review and assessment of all project-specific processes and requirements. The following Hierarchy of Control Measures is used in conjunction with our JSEA. This assessment ensures that the right site criteria and processes will support our safety policy.



Project Team Meetings

Project site and pre-start toolbox meetings are conducted with Erizon and Etheridge Shire Council personnel throughout the duration of the project to ensure that all site information, safety updates and requirements are communicated effectively.

Training, Competency, Fitness for Work

All Erizon personnel conducting works during the project are experienced and present relevant qualifications and licenses. We understand that every site is different, and conditions may vary; therefore, our team is ready to obtain any additional personal safety, induction and or site security requirements.

Consistent training protocol and service exercises are maintained to ensure that the correct safety methods and certifications are aligned with the AS/NZS 4801:2001 – Safety Management System. Additionally, our safety and environmental systems are regularly audited by our clients in high-risk industries to ensure that we are compliant with their WHSEQ requirements.

Costings

Description	UOM	Estimated Qty	Price per UOM	TOTAL (ex GST)
Mobilisation / Demobilisation				\$53,222
Plant & Equipment and Crew	Each	1	\$39,422	\$39,422
Freight of Product to Site	Pallet	46	\$300	\$13,800
Project Management & Planning				\$0
JSEA & PERA				
Inspection Test Plan				Included
Insurances				
Quality Assurance				\$0
Soil Testing & Analysis (if required)	Each	1	\$500	\$500
Quality Plan (if required)	Each	1	\$750	\$750
Supply and Apply Solution				\$160,487
EnviroLoc BFM (hydromulch), includes:	m2	63,678	\$1.05	\$66,862
- Wood Fibre Mulch @ 2.5t/ha				
- EcoBond Binder				
- DAP Fertilizer @ 100kg/ha (* refer to assumptions)				
- SoilBoost Probiotic @ 5L/ha				
- Organic Soil Conditioner 10L/ha				
- <i>Native Seed Blend as specified @ 15kg/ha</i>	kg	96	\$453.54	\$43,540
EnviroLoc BFM (hydromulch), includes:	m2	47,700	\$1.05	\$50,085
- Wood Fibre Mulch @ 2.5t/ha				
- EcoBond Binder				
- DAP Fertilizer @ 100kg/ha (* refer to assumptions)				
- SoilBoost Probiotic @ 5L/ha				
- Organic Soil Conditioner 10L/ha				
- <i>Grassland Mix - Perennial Species @ 150kg/ha</i>	kg	716	Included in mulch rate above	
TOTAL ESTIMATE				\$213,708

Terms & Conditions

Assumptions

All prices/rates above are based on the following:

- Exclude GST and are valid for 30 days from the date of submitting this document
- Payment Terms: Funds for the full invoiced amount (without offset) are to be received by Erizon within 30 Days from the End of the Month in which the invoice is dated (for the works undertaken).
- This proposal is based on 1 (one) mobilisation. A variation will be charged for delays not caused by Erizon that result in requiring additional mobilisation(s) to complete the job.
- Seed: Includes use of specified blends.

- Fertiliser/Amendments: Includes Erizon's standard mix only. Recommended, or requested, supply of a different/specified fertiliser/amendments to be quoted separately.
- Clear access roads to the areas to be treated
- Application areas prepared and soils suitable for vegetation establishment

Exclusions

The following are assumed to be provided by Etheridge Shire Council

- Waterpoint at laydown area (pressure >500/minute) or a water cart with an operator
- Telehandler/All-terrain lifting device
- Waste disposal
- Site storage facilities for equipment and stock
- Site amenities and facilities
- Traffic management (if required)

If Etheridge Shire Council requires any of these excludes to be sourced by Erizon, a variation will apply to the prices/rates listed above.

Standard Conditions of the Tender

Erizon Pty Ltd ABN 90 168 000 191 tenders are provided following our Standard Insurances, Care of Works, and Indemnities, and these conditions shall prevail until any variation to these conditions are agreed in writing by Erizon Pty Ltd.

Erizon has assumed the utmost of good faith in the preparation of the tender documents and has concluded that all information available to you, which would affect our tendered price, has been included in the tender documentation.

This project shall be undertaken under Erizon's Business Management Plan that is aligned to ISO 9001 Quality Accreditation, Environmental Certification to ISO 14001, and Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems AS/NZS 4801.

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We thank you for the opportunity to quote this work. Should you require any further information, please contact the personnel listed on the summary page.

Appendix 1: OH&S Management System Certificate



CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that:
Erizon Pty Ltd

ABN 90 168 000 191

7 Senna Road Wingfield SA 5013 AUSTRALIA

operates an

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

which complies with the requirements of

AS/NZS 4801:2001

for the following scope

Management of activities related to Hydro-seeding, hydro mulching, dust suppression, revegetation and rehabilitation.

Certificate No: HSM41224

Issued: 2 December 2020

Originally Certified: 22 March 2018

Expires: 27 June 2023

Current Certification: 30 November 2020

Heather Mahon
Global Head of Technical Services
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Appendix 2: Environmental Management System Certificate



CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that:
Erizon Pty Ltd
 ABN 90 168 000 191

7 Senna Road Wingfield SA 5013 AUSTRALIA

operates an
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

which complies with the requirements of
ISO 14001:2015

for the following scope
 Management of activities related to Hydro-seeding, hydro mulching, dust suppression, revegetation and rehabilitation.

Certificate No: EMS41272

Issued: 2 December 2020	Originally Certified: 22 March 2018
Expires: 27 June 2023	Current Certification: 30 November 2020



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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that:
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 ABN 90 168 000 191

7 Senna Road Wingfield SA 5013 AUSTRALIA

operates a
QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
 which complies with the requirements of
ISO 9001:2015
 for the following scope

Management of activities related to Hydro-seeding, hydro mulching, dust suppression, revegetation and rehabilitation.

Certificate No: QMS43095

Issued: 2 December 2020	Originally Certified: 22 March 2018
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SAI GLOBAL

Etheridge Shire Council

QUOTE DATE: 19 Nov 2022
 QUOTE NUMBER: QU-0065
 EXPIRY DATE: 18 Dec 2022
 REFERENCE:

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	AMOUNT \$
7 x 20 kg Bails of VE Gro-Matt (Green)	1.00	\$222,756.00		\$222,756.00
2kg Jap Millet				
.25kg Coated Green Couch				
.25kg Coated Keppel Bluegrass				
.25kg Coated Sabi Grass				
To be mixed and applied to 500 m2 lots				
Project 92c				
A: 36072 m2				
B: 27606 m2				
Project 92b				
47700 m2				
At a cost of \$2 ex gst per square meter				

Subtotal	\$222,756.00
Total 10% GST	\$22,275.60
Amount Due	\$245,031.60

Quotation Information:

- Above information is not an invoice and only an estimate of services described above. This estimate is non-contractual. Quote valid for 30 days from date of issue.
- Should we identify any issues that affect the scope or price of this work, we will inform you immediately and obtain approval of a variation before proceeding.



ERIZON QUOTATION OF HYDROSEEDING FOR THREE PROJECT IN GULF DEVELOPMENTAL ROAD

92C Section B	50854.02P	Installation of broadcast seeding [native seed mix]	m^2	36072	\$2.21	\$79,719.12
92C Section A (Partial)	50854.01P	Installation of broadcast seeding [native seed mix]	m^2	27606	\$2.21	\$61,008.48
92B	50854.01	Installation of broadcast seeding [Grassland Mix - Perennial Species]	m^2	47700	\$1.53	\$72,981.00



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	14 December 2022
Subject	Gravel Screening Plant Flood Damage Works
Classification	Open
Author	Allan Parry Infrastructure Services Operations Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Quotes were assessed on supply time frames, establishment cost and price.

Terry Developments Pty Ltd was the successful quote for this service due to being in the local area and being able to be called upon when needed without establishment cost to supply this specialized equipment.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to accept the quote provided by Terry Developments Pty Ltd for the supply of Screening plant and associated equipment to the value of \$582,087.00 Excl GST

BACKGROUND

Flood damage works for the 21-event commenced early this year which required gravel to be supplied to several of Councils roads in Zone three. Council had only five registered gravel pits in this area, Council was able to win a lot of this material required for this flood damage from the TIDS project that was on Cobbold Gorge Road at the time it was thought this material could be carted straight onto the roads, but the material was won out of the two cuttings on the Cobbold Gorge Road TIDS project it became very rocky as the cuttings were deepened and would require screening.

Quotes were sourced for this specialised equipment and the operation of it but only one was received in writing from a local supplier Terry Family Developments Pty Ltd the other quote was requested from Bolwarra Enterprises Pty Ltd who are local quarry but declined to provide a quote due to the work they already had from Council with gravel and aggregate supply to the TIDS and TMR projects within the shire.

Initially it was thought that this screening process would only be required for two to three shifts which would be well under the thresh hold for the procurement requirements. The initial engagement was based on this.

Then as the works progressed it was required on several other occasions which put this over the procurement threshold.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 1 – A sustainable transport network that meets community needs.

Strategy No.	Strategy	Performance Measure
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1.1.1	An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement, and enhancement of council's road assets.	Asset management strategy adopted
1.2.1	Maintain relationship with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to undertake road construction and maintenance (Road Train Corridors).	% of works program completed

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

This report and the recommendation contained with will have no impact on the 22/23 budget.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 2009.

Environmental Act 1994

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The procurement process conducted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy

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 (E2)

Report Prepared By:	Report Authorised By:
Allan Parry Infrastructure Services Operations Manager	Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 6/12/2022	Date:

ATTACHMENTS

A. Quote

Allan (Jack) Parry

From: Simon Terry <tfd.simon@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 13 January 2022 7:27 AM
To: Allan (Jack) Parry
Subject: Re: Screener

Hi Jack

Please find quotation for hire of screening plant and loader as requested.

Quotation is based on providing all plant to nominated sites within the Etheridge Shire. TFD will also supply operators for both machines and also supply camp, fuel and mobilisation.

I have priced the Komatsu loader separately on a hourly rate in the event it needs to work solely to stockpile or prepare sites.

Price : Screener (Based on 180 hrs/month)
\$55300 + gst/month

Komatsu WA380 Loader with rippers.
\$155 / hr +gst

Thank you for the opportunity and please contact me at anytime if you require further information.

Kind Regards

Simon Terry
0400898409

On Tue, 11 Jan 2022, 7:41 am Allan (Jack) Parry, <Allan.Parry@etheridge.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Simon,

Can you provide a price to supply everything ie; loader, staff to run and float and such to shift from job to job.

Any queries please let me know thanks.

Regards,

Jack.

From: Simon Terry <tfd.simon@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 10 December 2021 11:37 AM
To: Allan (Jack) Parry <Allan.Parry@etheridge.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Screener

Hi Jack

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the hire of the mobile screener.

We currently have a Sandvik QA 330 twin deck screening plant with a capability of producing up to 300 m³ / hour of product depending on the type material available and the product required.

We have a variety of apertures in the mesh range so we can tailor make to suit your requirements.

As you would be aware this is a mobile plant with many operational features. We would provide full training to a designated screening crew as part of the Hire Package.

Mobilization would be at the Hirer's cost .This plant is approximately 22 ton and needs to go onto at least a tri-axle float with outriggers.

Servicing and repairs would be carried out on a regular basis by TFD based on the hour meter. Damage to the machine because of misuse or possible error will be covered by the Hirer. This would include but not limited to product belts , hydraulic hoses,Engine and hydraulic rams . Fuel to be provided by the Hirer.

Monthly Hire Rate : \$ 26100 + GST Based on 180 Hours/ Month . Any Hours over this will be charged at \$125/ Hour +GST

Thank you for the opportunity and please contact me if you require any further information or assistance.

Kind Regards

Simon Terry

0400898409



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	14 December 2022
Subject	2022 DFRA Collection
Classification	Open
Author	David Fletcher – Director Engineering Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the declaration of the February 2022 rain event, a quote was sort from Shepherd Services for the collection and submission to QRA of asset damage.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to accept the quoted unit rates provided by Shepherd Services for the collection and submission of the 2022 DFRA event.

BACKGROUND

With the damage sustained on Council's road network during the February 2022 rain event, Council applied for disaster declaration from QRA which was forth coming. From this, Shepherd Services being pre-approved through local buy (LB 279) were approached as to ascertain their capability to carry out the collection, assessment and submission of all the damage across council's public assets. As they had the capability along with the knowledge of the local network and conditions, easy access to pre-damage images, and onsite presence, they were requested to carry out this work. To date, submissions have been made to QRA for their assessment and approval.

The project management services for the delivery of the 2022 DFRA event are being sourced through a separate tender arrangement.

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OUTCOME

Low (E2)

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

David Fletcher – Director Engineering Services

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 6/12/2022

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

A. Quote

Quote No. 2665

David Fletcher
Etheridge Shire Council
PO Box 12
GEORGETOWN
Qld 4871
Australia



Shepherd Services Pty Ltd
ABN 55 611 140 946
GPO Box 422 Brisbane Q 4001
info@shepherdservices.com.au
Phone (07) 49112716

Quoted By: Stephen Hegedus

Quote

QUOTE DATE	QUOTE TOTAL	APPROVED DATE
23-09-22	123,313.89	31-10-22

Unit Rates - Feb 2022 REPA Etheridge

This following unit rates are submitted for Feb 2022 Flood Event - Flood Damage Data Pick up and QRA Submission

Estimated hours have been provided with Actual hours to be charged

	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Schedule of Unit Rates			
Civil Inspector Data Capture, Project Delivery and Compliance.>10 Years Experience.	445:00	145.00	64,525.00
Senior Project Manager Experienced in major flood projects from \$1M - \$330M >10 Years Experience.	25:30	172.20	4,391.10
Technical Support Specialists Data Management, MARS specialist, submission building and In-Field Processing. Contracts and Compliance Specialist, GIS Analysis.	29:35	183.75	5,435.94
Travel Time Discounted Travel Time that is restricted to travel within NQ no charge for travel outside of NQ.	107:00	84.00	8,988.00
Administration Support General Administration Support	14:00	78.75	1,102.50
Project Management Required Project Management costs relating to Quality Assurance and Safety	0:00	138.00	0.00
Flights flights charged at cost for mobillastion and demobilisation	1:00	5936.00	5,936.00
Motel Accommodation at Cost	1:00	3775.00	3,775.00

Vehicle Expenses Daily charge of \$150/day including fuel for the first 300km	53:00	250.00	13,250.00
Vehicle Kilometer Charge Vehicle kilometer charge for km above the 300km daily allowance only	0:00	0.78	0.00
Meal and Incidentals Allowances Daily per person allowance of \$100 per day, discounted and capped at \$500/week/person	47:00	100.00	4,700.00

Subtotal	112,103.54
Tax 10.00%	11,210.35
Total AUD\$	123,313.89

Terms: Net 14 Days payment Terms



Etheridge Shire Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Department of
**Regional Development,
Manufacturing and Water**

17 November 2022

Mr Ken Timms
Chief Executive Officer
Etheridge Shire Council
PO Box 12
GEORGETOWN QLD 4871

Email: ken.timms@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Timms

Re: Wet Season Preparedness for Property Dams

The 2022-23 wet weather season has officially commenced. Forecasts by the Bureau of Meteorology predict a high chance of above-average rainfall for most of the eastern half of the Australian mainland, with the highest probability of rainfall occurring in November. While the rain is certainly welcome, there may be situations where property dams fill faster than expected. This can lead to an increased risk of failure by overtopping, particularly for dams with smaller spillways or bywashes. Failures may also occur when dams fill rapidly after a prolonged dry period.

There may be significant risks associated with the failure of small, privately-owned property dams. Many have variable construction histories and may not be maintained to appropriate standards. There are several thousand scattered throughout rural areas and relevant authorities may not be aware of the dam or its potential failure consequences. The dam safety team continues to receive regular correspondence from the public about small dams and there have been notable examples of incidents at interstate dams recently in the media.

This letter is a reminder to be prepared for the unexpected and to stay safe this wet season.

Queensland dam safety regulations are in place to ensure dams that could pose a risk to people if they fail are appropriately managed and maintained. Under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (Act)*, the Queensland Government is responsible for regulating water dams that would put two or more people at risk if they failed. These dams are called 'referable' dams and are identified through an engineering consequence assessment, known as a [failure impact assessment](#). Any size of water dam can become referable if there are people at risk, regardless of its height or storage capacity

Some local governments have begun including provisions in their planning scheme to ensure small, unregulated dams are constructed appropriately by suitably experienced contractors and professional engineers. Local governments are encouraged to review their planning codes and speak to us about including provisions for property dam constructions. We are also happy to provide general advice and guidance on dam safety for dams in your local government area.

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Brisbane QLD 4000
GPO Box 2247 Brisbane
Queensland 4001 Australia
Telephone +61 428 657 936
Website www.rdmw.qld.gov.au
ABN 51 242 471 577

I have attached a small dam safety pocketbook that provides information on dam safety regulations and general dam maintenance in Queensland. An [electronic version](#) of this booklet can also be found on the Business Queensland website by searching for 'dam safety management'.

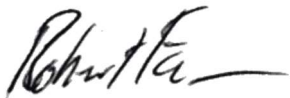
For emergencies regarding a dam failing where lives may be in immediate danger, call emergency services immediately on 000. Where possible and safe to do so, try to warn any people in the surrounding area who may be impacted.

For general dam safety concerns and questions, email us at damsafety@rdmw.qld.gov.au with the following information:

- description of the issue
- location or address
- nearby watercourses
- approximate height of the wall and volume of the dam
- distance to the nearest property
- available photos that will help to illustrate the issue to us.

It is also recommended that Local Governments establish contact with a suitably qualified registered professional engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) to provide advice if a property dam incident occurs. The board of professional engineers have a directory of RPEQs on their website at www.bpeq.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Rob Fowden
Principal Engineer
Dam Safety
Water Operations and Systems

Enc: Small dam safety "pocketbook."
CC: info@etheridge.qld.gov.au;

SMALL DAM SAFETY



Information for Queensland
small dam owners

November 2020



Queensland
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SMALL DAMS IN QUEENSLAND

There are thousands of small water dams throughout Queensland. Many of these dams are on private properties and play a vital role in providing water for farming, livestock and natural resource industries. Communities throughout Queensland also rely on small dams for their town water supply.

Small dams are often simple earth structures. Depending on the surrounding land, they may be configured as gully dams, hillside storages or ring tanks (turkey's nests).

They can also be highly variable structures in terms of the:

- condition of the embankment and spillway (or bywash)
- size of the spillway to adequately pass inflows from rainfall
- construction materials used to build the dam
- experience of the contractor who built the dam
- age of the dam and the standards it was built to at the time.

THIS POCKETBOOK PROVIDES A SIMPLE CHECKLIST TO ASSIST YOU TO MANAGE YOUR DAM EFFECTIVELY. IT ALSO OUTLINES DAM SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES AND REGULATIONS THAT APPLY FOR SMALL DAMS IN QUEENSLAND.

SMALL DAM SAFETY

As a dam owner, you are responsible for the consequences of dam failure. Failure or unexpected releases of water from small dams can potentially impact life, property and the environment and you may not be able to obtain an income from any stored water.

You are responsible for appropriately operating, inspecting and maintaining your dams at all times even during times of drought when there is no yield. If you neglect your dam, substantial repair work may be required before you can reliably use it again.

Awareness of the impact of dams is increasing. If a dam safety incident occurs, emergency services may need to evacuate downstream residents and engage engineers at short notice to assess the situation. Such incidents can result in attention from the community and media as well as unexpected expense.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS POCKETBOOK:

- a small dam is considered to be one less than 10 metres in height and storing less than 1,500 megalitres
- the term ‘dam safety’ refers to the risk of failure or uncontrolled releases from a dam, rather than risks associated with drowning by falling into a dam.

QUEENSLAND DAM SAFETY REGULATIONS

Under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (Act), the Queensland Government is responsible for the regulation of water dams that would put two or more people at risk if they failed. These dams are called ‘referable’ dams and the people at risk are called ‘population at risk’.

Queensland dam safety regulations are in place to ensure that dams that could pose a risk to people if they failed are appropriately managed and maintained.

Any size of water dam can become a referable dam if there are people at risk, regardless of its height or storage capacity. However, there are exclusions that include:

- dams containing hazardous waste
- weirs that do not have variable flow control structures on the crest of the weir
- large fabricated water tanks.



HOW ARE REFERABLE DAMS IDENTIFIED?

A dam becomes referable if shown to have two or more people at risk if it were to fail. This is usually done through a failure impact assessment, but we can deem dams as referable in some situations.

A failure impact assessment is an engineering calculation to identify any buildings that will be flooded by over 300 mm of water released through a dam failure.

Our *guideline for failure impact assessment of water dams* outlines the methods to undertake this assessment. A suitably qualified and experienced Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) must certify failure impact assessments before submission.

For more information, read the guideline for failure impact assessment of water dams on www.qld.gov.au, search 'dam failure impact assessment'.

IDENTIFYING LARGER REFERABLE DAMS

If your dam is going to exceed the following criteria then, according to the Act, you must conduct a failure impact assessment at your own expense:

- more than 10 metres high, with a storage capacity of more than 1500 megalitres or

- more than 10 metres high, with a storage capacity of more than 750 megalitres and a catchment area that is more than three times its maximum surface area at full supply level.

For most small dams full supply level is usually the level when the water is at the spillway base level, but the dam is not spilling.

IDENTIFYING SMALL REFERABLE DAMS

If a dam is not going to exceed the height and size criteria described in the Act, but could still put two or more people at risk if it were to fail, then it may become referable. We have two options in this instance:

1

Issue a notice requiring a failure impact assessment

We issue a notice for you to undertake a failure impact assessment if we believe it will show the dam to be referable. You must arrange for an RPEQ certified assessment of your dam at your own expense. The assessment must be submitted to us for review and acceptance within the specified timeframe.

Two above removes the need for you to self-fund the assessment. We will generally only use this option for small, privately-owned dams where there are low numbers of people at risk.

2

Issue a referable dam notice

We perform an internal assessment of the dam and issue a referable dam notice. The dam then becomes referable, unless you contest the notice by lodging your own RPEQ certified failure impact assessment to demonstrate otherwise.

IF YOU OWN A DAM LESS THAN THE HEIGHT AND SIZE CRITERIA, YOU SHOULD CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS THAT PEOPLE MAY BE AT RISK IF IT WERE TO FAIL.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A DAM IS ASSESSED?

FAILURE IMPACT RATINGS

Once we have made a decision, the dam will be given one of the following failure impact ratings, according to the number of people at risk:

- **no failure impact rating:** less than 2 people at risk
- **category 1 failure impact rating:** 2 to 100 people at risk
- **category 2 failure impact rating:** more than 100 people at risk.

Only dams given a category 1 or category 2 failure impact rating will be considered referable dams.

FUTURE FAILURE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Requirements for future failure impact assessments will be included in our acceptance letter and notice. This accounts for future changes to the dam or surrounding area, for example, new developments. Note that a failure impact assessment may be required in future even if the dam is not referable now.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A DAM BECOMES REFERABLE?

- We send you a letter and notice informing you that the dam is referable.
- We provide you with a set of dam safety conditions that will form the basis for the dam's management program. These conditions may include requirements for inspections, repairs, upgrades and recordkeeping.
- We provide guidance on preparing your emergency action plan, including a timeframe for completion. You must have an emergency action plan that outlines the steps to follow and people to contact if a dam emergency occurred. The plan must be shared with relevant local government and district groups and submitted to the regulator for approval. Approval is for a period of up to five years and plans must be periodically reviewed and renewed.
- We can assist you in developing and implementing a dam safety management program and emergency action plans if your dam ever becomes referable.

SUPPORT FOR SMALL DAM OWNERS

The following ensures that regulations for small dams remain simple, practical and affordable:

- If your dam is deemed referable, you don't need to engage RPEQs for initial failure impact assessments.
- We can apply safety conditions that are appropriate for dams with low failure impacts to simplify the process and reduce compliance costs.
- We can suggest ways to reduce the impacts of dam failure.
- We have developed an emergency action plan template specifically for dams with lower failure impacts, which you can complete yourself or we can assist if necessary.

PURCHASING A PROPERTY WITH A DAM

When there is a change in ownership of a referable dam, the former dam owner must provide us with details of the new owner within **ten business days** and ensure all dam safety documentation has been provided to the new owner.

Owners of dams that are not referable are not required to notify us when there is a change of ownership. Please contact us if you are unsure if a dam on a property you are purchasing is referable or if you are concerned that your dam has a population at risk.

APPROVALS FOR NEW DAM OR DAM UPGRADE

DAM SAFETY APPROVALS

Under the *Planning Act 2016* and State Development Assessment Provisions (State code 20: Referable dams), a development permit is required to construct or modify a dam if:

- works result in a dam that exceeds the height and size criteria (as outlined previously)
- it meets the height and size criteria, and if upgraded, the storage capacity will increase by more than 10 per cent
- the accepted failure impact assessment for the dam states it has or will have, a category 1 or 2 failure impact rating. The assessment must be submitted to us for acceptance before applying for the development permit.

Contact us if you intend to construct a dam that is below the height and size criteria but may put people at risk if it failed.

OTHER APPROVALS

Dam safety is only one of the aspects that may trigger the need for a development application under the *Planning Act 2016*.

The following list is not complete; however, other works, which may occur during the construction of a small dam and require approval could include:

- taking or interfering with water (water in a watercourse, lake or spring)
- waterway barrier works
- removal of quarry materials from watercourses or lakes
- clearing native vegetation.

The State Assessment and Referral Agency is the central point of lodgement and assessment for Queensland development applications. Further information is available at www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au by searching 'State Development Assessment Provisions'.

You should also contact your:

- local Queensland Government office to check if any water licences are required for taking and interfering with surface water (water in a watercourse, lake or spring), groundwater or overland flow water—depending on the water plan and *Water Act 2000* requirements in the subject area.
- local council to ask about any local planning scheme requirements that may apply.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN CONSTRUCTING OR UPGRADING

Even if no approvals are required for the construction, you should consider the impacts that your new dam may have on downstream properties—both when it is operating, and if it were to fail.

Dams are a common source of dispute between neighbours. To reduce the chance of a complaint, consider who the dam may affect before construction starts and consult with any nearby people who may be impacted by the construction, or by redirected flow from the dam.

A poorly constructed dam can cause you ongoing expense and may not reliably store water. Design and construction works should be done by a contractor with previous experience with dams.

Where possible, consult with a suitably qualified and experienced RPEQ as part of the process. This is a requirement for construction work on referable dams. Using the services of an RPEQ protects your interests by ensuring a competent professional has supervised the work. A register of RPEQs is available at www.bpeq.qld.gov.au.



HOW DO SMALL DAMS FAIL?

DAMS CAN FAIL IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. THE TWO MOST COMMON TYPES OF FAILURES FOR SMALL EARTHEN DAMS ARE KNOWN AS ‘OVERTOPPING FAILURES’ AND ‘SUNNY DAY’ FAILURES.

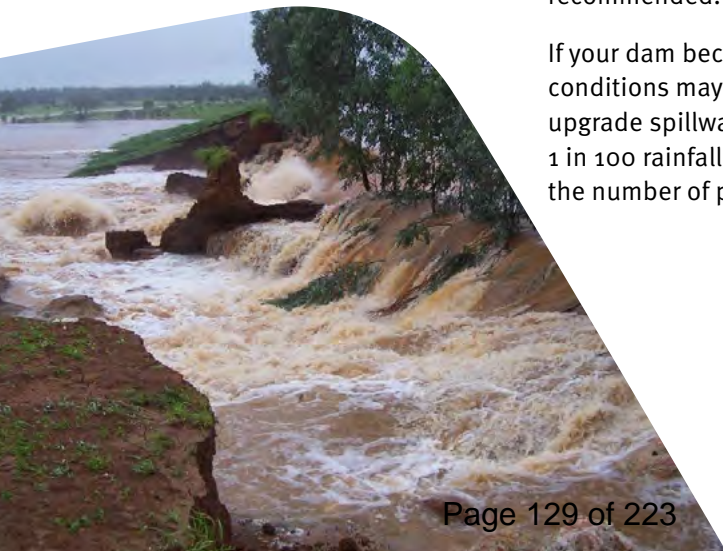
OVERTOPPING FAILURE

Dams may overtop during flood events, failure of pumps to turn off, or from the failure of an upstream dam. Many small dams are made of earth or rock, which can rapidly erode and fail if overtopped. This can happen when the flow capacity of the spillway (or bywash) is exceeded and reservoir water levels rise. Dams can also fail when spillways erode during high flows. This can additionally lead to erosion of the downstream dam wall.

The risk of overtopping can be reduced by making sure the spillway or bywash is sized to pass at least a 1 in 100 year rainfall event (or, more correctly, a one per cent annual exceedance probability event). Even offstream ring tank or turkey’s nest storages should have a small spillway sized to pass either the pump capacity, should it fail to shut off, or a 1 in 100 rainfall event.

Spillways should be kept free of debris to ensure they can pass water to their full capacity—regular inspection of the crest checking for low areas due to settlement is recommended.

If your dam becomes referable, conditions may be placed to upgrade spillways in excess of a 1 in 100 rainfall event, depending on the number of people at risk.



SUNNY DAY OR PIPING FAILURE

Sunny day or piping failures can occur at any time without warning or a wet weather event. They can be caused by water finding its way through existing voids in the dam wall, which can lead to internal material being washed out. Eventually, the wall may partially or fully collapse.



Sunny day failures often occur during periods when the dam is rapidly filled, such as a first rainfall event after a dry period. Small dams may be built from soil types that crack under dry conditions. There can be a temptation to overfill dams following periods of drought. The risk of failure may be higher when the dam is refilled under these conditions.

The risk of sunny day failure can be reduced by regularly inspecting your dam and keeping an eye out for potential defects such as seepage, sinkholes, trees or animal burrows.

These internal voids can occur:

- during the construction phase due to poor material selection or lack of compaction
- tree roots growing into the wall, or animals burrowing.



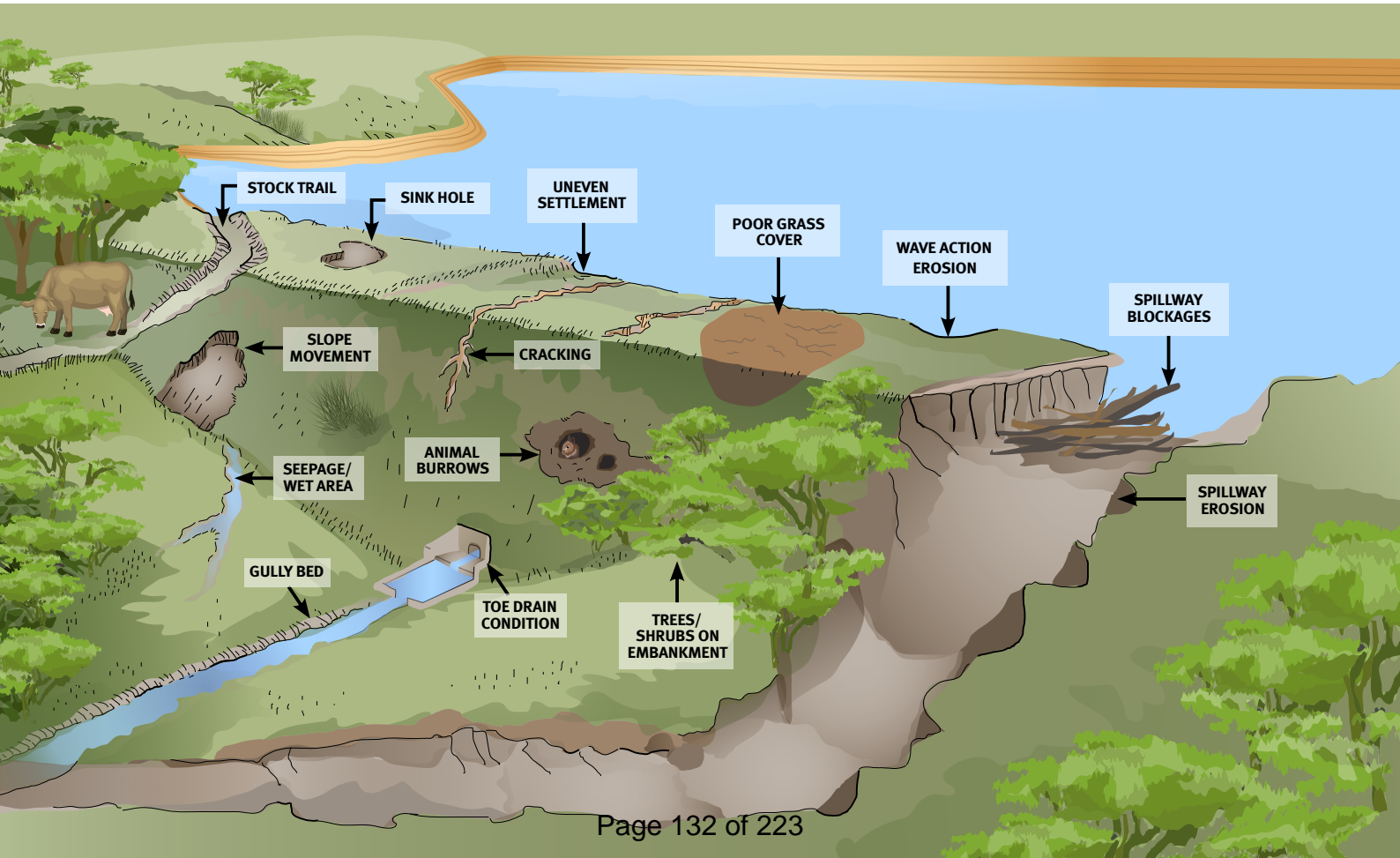
BASIC DAM INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Small dams need regular inspections and maintenance to keep them functioning well. Referable dams have dam safety conditions, which require dam owners to do regular inspections. It is suggested that most small dams should be inspected at least monthly.

The following picture summarises common issues that can occur in small earthen dams, which could lead to eventual failure if left unresolved. Please also see the safety checklist on the back page of this pocketbook.

IF YOU SEE ANYTHING YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT, CONSIDER ENGAGING AN RPEQ TO DISCUSS AND INSPECT YOUR DAM.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR WHEN INSPECTING YOUR DAM





SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR SMALL DAM OWNERS

HERE IS A SUMMARY OF THINGS YOU SHOULD REGULARLY CONSIDER WITH YOUR DAM.

DAM FAILURE OR UNEXPECTED WATER RELEASE

- Who lives downstream of your dam and could they be at risk?
- Do you know them and have their contact details so you can warn them?
- If your dam is referable, is your emergency action plan (EAP) up-to-date? (search 'EAP' at www.dnrme.qld.gov.au to find all current EAPs).
- Are there any preparations you can do to avoid or minimise downstream consequences?

DAM OVERTOPPING

- What is the safe operating level of your dam?
- If your dam was to overtop, how and where would that occur?
- Does the dam have a bywash or spillway that is large enough to pass flood flows?
- Is the spillway clear of debris and vegetation? Can it pass inflows to its full capacity?
- Is your dam and spillway adequately protected so that the material will not erode during rainfall events?
- If your dam is a ring tank, what measures are in place to keep your dam at a safe operating level during pumping?

SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE

- Have you recently inspected your dam and can you see any of the defects presented in the illustration?
- Are there any large plants or animal burrows on the embankment that could introduce a failure pathway?
- Are there any settling or erosion issues that need to be addressed?
- Are there any marsh areas, or vegetation patches, which could indicate seepage issues?
- If you are unsure, have you considered specialist advice?
Consider engaging an RPEQ to discuss and inspect your dam.

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR DAM?

For emergencies regarding a dam failing where lives may be in immediate danger, call emergency services immediately on **000**. Where possible and safe to do so, try to warn any neighbours who may be impacted.

For general dam safety concerns and questions, email us at damsafety@rdmw.qld.gov.au with the following information:

- description of the issue
- location or address
- nearby watercourses
- approximate height of the wall and volume of the dam
- distance to the nearest property
- available photos that will help to illustrate the issue to us.

Further information on dam safety is available at www.qld.gov.au search 'dam safety regulations'.









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Department of
**State Development, Infrastructure,
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16 November 2022

Mr Ken Timms
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Timms

I am writing to provide an update about the establishment of a new Local Government Sustainability Framework for Queensland councils.

As you would be aware, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) released a discussion paper about the new sustainability framework in October 2021. The new framework will ensure the department is best placed to support councils and respond to sustainability challenges into the future.

While feedback received from the councils and other stakeholders during the consultation process confirmed support for the introduction of a new sustainability framework, it also identified several key areas, including the approach to grouping councils, that needed further consideration.

I am pleased to advise that this review work is now complete and the draft Financial Management Guideline (the guideline) and supporting sector update are now available for review and both enclosed.

As a result of stakeholder feedback, the guideline includes an updated approach to grouping councils and a range of updates to the measures and targets. These include:

- the approach to grouping councils by population has now been revised to a two-factor approach, which combines a council's population with its remoteness
- the number of council groupings to increase from six (as proposed in the discussion paper) to eight, to better reflect variations in sustainability challenges faced by councils of different size and circumstance
- the number of financial sustainability measures have been expanded from three to nine to include additional measures of financial capacity, operating performance, liquidity, asset management, and debt servicing capacity
- three of the measures proposed will be used for contextual purposes only, to help understand the operating environment and financial capacity of each council.
- councils will be required to report on the single year result and five year rolling average result of the measures proposed with targets only applying to the five year rolling average result.

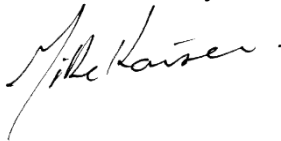
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As previously advised, implementation of the Local Government Sustainability Framework is expected from 1 July 2023. Officers from the department's Local Government Division will be providing regular updates to councils over the coming months as we work to finalise the framework and prepare for implementation.

Additionally, please note that Ms Nikki Boyd MP, Assistant Minister for Local Government, has written to your council's Mayor advising of the draft guideline for the new financial measures of the framework.

I have asked Ms Jae Lancaster, Acting Deputy Director-General, Local Government Division in the department to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Ms Lancaster on telephone (07) 3243 1610 or by email at jae.lancaster@dsgilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Kaiser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Mike Kaiser
Director-General

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Local government **sustainability framework**

Draft Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2022

November 2022

Overview

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning is working on establishing a new Local Government Sustainability Framework for Queensland.

This sector update presents the draft Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2022 ('the Guideline') and provides an update on the proposed council groupings, measures and targets.

The Sustainability Framework – Background

Establishing a new framework to monitor council sustainability will support better long term planning from the State, provide a more informed basis for council decision making and support improved outcomes for local communities.

The department released a discussion paper to the sector on 7 October 2021 closing on 30 November 2021 seeking feedback on the new approach to monitoring local government sustainability and in particular the following key areas:

- › **Elements of the framework** – operating environment, financial performance, asset management, governance and compliance.
- › **Grouping of councils** – based on population, to enable a tailored approach for considering sustainability.
- › **Financial and asset sustainability ratios and benchmarks** – that councils will be required to report on.



Results of the consultation process

There was broad support from stakeholders on the proposed sustainability framework, however a number of councils raised concerns about the approach to grouping councils as well as some proposed financial and asset sustainability measures and target benchmarks.

For more information on the outcomes of consultation refer to the March 2022 sector update on the department's website.

There was a number of recommendations the department committed to investigating further:

Area	Recommendations to be further considered
Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Consider adding environment and community/social elements to the framework.› Develop guidance indicators for the governance and compliance elements of the framework.
Groupings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Investigate alternative categories to population for grouping of councils.
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Investigate including the additional measures of council-controlled revenue and population growth.› Remove debt per capita and asset consumption ratio.› Remove asset class reporting for asset sustainability ratio.› Review transition timing for asset renewal ratio for all councils including support requirements.
Benchmarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Review all benchmarks for all measures, especially the negative operating surplus ratio.
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Extend timing of implementation to 2023-24 financial year.› Develop implementation documents, guidance and support.

The outcomes of consultation have informed the draft Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2022 which is to be used in the calculation of the relevant financial sustainability measures discussed in *Section 169(5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Section 160(5) of the City of Brisbane Regulation 2012.*

The Sustainability Framework – Elements

Consultation feedback

Consider adding environment and community/social elements to the framework

Review outcome

- › No changes to the 5 elements.
- › Further consideration will be given to the inclusion of additional elements as part of ongoing framework monitoring.

Consultation feedback

Develop guidance indicators for the governance and compliance elements of the framework

Review outcome

- › Engagement with the sector on implementation, guidance and readiness of the framework will occur in November 2022.
- › Includes indicators for the governance and compliance elements of the framework as well as the risk matrix for the measures.
- › The indicators for the governance and compliance elements will not be audited.

The Elements of Sustainability

The new framework considers the broad range of elements impacting on council sustainability and has identified five elements which provide a more holistic approach to sustainability.



Operating environment



Finances



Assets



Governance



Compliance

The Sustainability Framework – Groupings

Consultation feedback

Investigate alternative categories to population for grouping of councils

Review outcome

- › A multi-factor approach will be used for grouping councils under the framework based on a council's remoteness and population.
- › Remoteness will be determined through the Australian Bureau of Statistics according to a number of factors including distance to services and population.
- › Under this methodology, 5 classes of remoteness will be used and include:
 - › major cities
 - › inner regional
 - › outer regional
 - › remote
 - › very remote.
- › In addition to the 5 remoteness area categories an Indigenous category has been included. This is because of the Indigenous councils' operating model and their inability to fund depreciation.
- › The new way to group councils (i.e., remoteness area and population), will allow for 8 Tiers to exist under the sustainability framework which provides for more differentiation in categories, particularly for small and very small councils.

Groupings of Councils

A multifactor approach will be used for the grouping of councils which will be based on remoteness area factor and population bands.

Tier	Remoteness area factor	Population band	No. of councils
1	Major cities	1,000,000 +	1
2	Major Cities Inner Regional Outer Regional	100,000-999,999	11
3	Major Cities Inner Regional	40,000-99,999	7
4	Inner Regional Outer Regional	20,000-39,999	11
5	Outer Regional Remote	10,000-19999	9
6	Remote Very Remote	2000-9999	7
7	Very Remote	0-1999	15
8	Indigenous	<10,000	16

The Sustainability Framework – The List of Council Groupings

1	4	6	8
Brisbane City Council	Livingstone Shire Council South Burnett Regional Council Southern Downs Regional Council Whitsunday Regional Council Western Downs Regional Council Somerset Regional Council Cassowary Coast Regional Council Central Highlands Regional Council Mareeba Shire Council Tableland Regional Council Isaac Regional Council	Balonne Shire Council Cloncurry Shire Council Cook Shire Council Longreach Regional Council Murweh Shire Council Torres Shire Council Barcardine Regional Council	Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Torres Strait Island Regional Council Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Morningson Shire Council Aurukun Shire Council Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
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The Sustainability Framework – Measures

Consultation feedback

Investigate including the additional measures of council-controlled revenue and population growth

Remove debt per capita and asset consumption ratio

Remove asset class reporting for asset sustainability ratio

Review transition timing for asset renewal ratio for all councils including support requirements

Financial and Asset Management Measures

Review outcome

- › 3 new measures have been added for contextual purposes only to the suite of financial ratios and will not be audited. These additional measures will help understand the operating environment and financial capacity of a council:
 - › Council-controlled revenue ratio (CCR)
 - › Population growth ratio (PGR)
 - › Asset renewal ratio (ARR).
- › The debt per capita ratio will be removed and councils' debt servicing ability will be monitored through the leverage ratio.
- › To support measuring asset management for councils, the asset consumption ratio (ACR) will be retained as a measure for all council groupings.
- › Due to the support required for some councils to improve the quality and reliability of their asset data and asset management planning, asset class reporting will be removed for all council groups.
- › Reporting requirements for all council grouping for all measures will be required to be as both a single-year result and a five-year average (with the exception of the ARR).

The Financial and Asset Management Measures of Sustainability

	Measure	Type	Rationale
1	Operating Surplus Ratio	Operating Performance	Holistic overview of council operating performance
2	Operating Cash Ratio	Operating Performance	Cash operating performance (less depreciation and other non-cash items)
3	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Liquidity	Unconstrained liquidity available to council
4	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Asset Management	Capital renewals program performance
5	Asset Consumption Ratio	Asset Management	Extent of which assets are being consumed
6	Leverage Ratio	Debt Servicing Capacity	Ability to repay existing debt
	Contextual purposes only		
7	Council Controlled Revenue Ratio	Financial Capacity	Capacity to generate revenue internally
8	Population Growth Ratio	Financial Capacity	Population growth/decline pressures on council
9	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	Asset Management	Asset replacement program performance

Tier	ARFR Transition Timeframe (financial year)
1	2023-24
2	2023-24
3	2024-25
4	2025-26
5	2026-27
6	2026-27
7	2027-28
8	2027-28

The Sustainability Framework – Targets

Consultation feedback

Review all benchmarks for all measures, especially the negative operating surplus ratio (OSR)

Review outcome

Targets will only be applicable for the five-year average result.

Operating Surplus Ratio (OSR)

- › OSR targets have been updated for each of the council groupings and the maximum target band has been removed.
- › The OSR is useful in providing additional information on a council's circumstances and will remain for some council groupings.
- › Negative targets for the OSR have been retained for the Tier 5 councils only. This acknowledges the reduced ability of smaller councils to generate own source revenue and the high reliance of these councils on external capital funding.
- › There will be no targets for the Tier 6, 7 and 8 councils for the OSR. These councils have very limited rating ability and a very low population base. This measure will be used for contextual purposes only.

Operating Cash Ratio (OCR)

- › The targets for the OCR will remain as > 0 as a negative ratio would be an indication that the council is not working effectively.
- › For councils who rely on grants to fund capital expenditure, the impact of accounting rules on where and how grant funding is reported and the recognition of the reduction in the value of the asset over time (i.e. depreciation) will not impact the results of this ratio.

Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio (UCECR)

- › The maximum target bounds for the UCECR have now been removed for all council groupings to avoid disincentivising councils from maintaining appropriate levels of liquidity for their individual circumstances.
- › The Tier 4 to 8 council groupings are required to have a target of > 4 months of cash holdings because of their limited ability to generate their own source revenue, lower ability to service any borrowings and higher grant reliance.

Asset Sustainability Ratio (ASR)

- › Consideration has been given for growing council areas with a larger need to invest in new infrastructure and as a result the targets for the Tier 1 to 4 council groups have been reduced from > 90%.

Asset Consumption Ratio (ACR)

- › There have been no changes to the ACR targets for any council groups.

Leverage Ratio (LR)

- › The LR is now presented as a target range for all councils.
- › Adding a range will allow this ratio to work with the OCR to ensure that councils who report a negative OCR will not pass this measure.

Contextual Ratios

- › The Council Controlled Revenue Ratio (CCR), Population Growth Ratio (PGR) and Asset Renewal Ratio (ARR) will be used for contextual purposes only with no targets for any council groupings.

The Sustainability Framework – Targets

Audited Measures – Targets*							Contextual Measures – Targets		
Tier	Operating Surplus Ratio	Operating Cash Ratio	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Asset Consumption Ratio	Leverage Ratio	Council Controlled Revenue Ratio	Population Growth Ratio	Asset Sustainability Ratio
1	> 0%	> 0%	> 2 months	> 50%	> 60%	0-5 times	Contextual	Contextual	Contextual
2	> 0%	> 0%	> 3 months	> 60%	> 60%	0-4 times	Contextual	Contextual	Contextual
3	> 0%	> 0%	> 3 months	> 80%	> 60%	0-3 times	Contextual	Contextual	Contextual
4	> 0%	> 0%	> 4 months	> 80%	> 60%	0-3 times	Contextual	Contextual	Contextual
5	> -2%	> 0%	> 4 months	> 90%	> 60%	0-3 times	Contextual	Contextual	Contextual
6	Contextual	> 0%	> 4 months	> 90%	> 60%	0-3 times	Contextual	Contextual	Contextual
7	Contextual	> 0%	> 4 months	> 90%	> 60%	0-3 times	Contextual	Contextual	Contextual
8	Contextual	> 0%	> 4 months	> 90%	> 60%	0-3 times	Contextual	Contextual	Contextual

*Applicable for the five-year average result.

The Sustainability Framework – Implementation

Consultation feedback

Extend timing of implementation to 2023-24 financial year

Develop implementation documents, guidance and support

Review outcome

- › The delayed implementation of the new financial and asset management measures has been approved for the 2023-24 financial year (i.e., budget cycle and financial statements).
- › This delay will allow councils time to prepare for changes, especially with the introduction of the ARR as a financial sustainability measure due to the more rigorous asset planning systems required to produce it.

Next steps

November 2022

- › The draft Guideline will be released to the sector.
- › Release of overarching Sustainability Framework for Queensland Local Governments to the local government sector, which will provide guidance on how the sustainability of the other elements of the framework (operating environment, governance and compliance) will be measured.
- › Release the assessment matrix that will support auditing of measures under the final Sustainability Guideline, for the finance and asset management elements of the framework.

December 2022 to June 2023

- › During this period through to implementation in July 2023, the department will continue to engage with the sector on readiness.
- › Councils have identified there is a strong need to improve their asset management capacity.
- › The department is scoping a project to improve asset management across the sector in line with the transition timeline for the sustainability framework.
- › An asset management survey will be released to all councils, estimated in late 2022.

Asset Management Uplift Project



Financial Management (Sustainability)

Draft Guideline

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The Draft Guideline

This draft Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline (the Guideline) has been developed following consultation with local governments and other stakeholders on the *Local Government Sustainability Framework discussion paper*.

The draft Guideline is provided to the sector for engagement and awareness. It is anticipated that the final Guideline will be made prior to 1 July 2023 and will supersede the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2013. Once made, the final Guideline is to be used in the calculation of the relevant financial sustainability measures detailed in the Local Government Regulation 2012 and City of Brisbane Regulation 2012.

The final Guideline will apply to all Queensland local governments for calculating the relevant financial sustainability measures specified in Section 169 (5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Section 160 (5) of the City of Brisbane Regulation 2012.

Local Governments will be required to calculate and publish the relevant financial sustainability measures on both a council and consolidated basis (where applicable).

Updates from 2013 Guideline

As it has been nine years since the previous Guideline was released, the Department has undertaken a significant review of its sustainability monitoring and reporting framework, including consultation with key stakeholders and the local government sector. The Department has considered this feedback in conjunction with analysis undertaken by key stakeholders in the development of the new Guideline.

Key changes in the 2022 Guideline include:

- » Grouping of similar councils for sustainability monitoring and reporting purposes to better reflect the varied drivers and circumstances of the sector
- » Removal of the Net Financial Liabilities Ratio due to consistent feedback about its limited usefulness to stakeholders, especially for councils with no debt
- » Expanding the number of relevant financial sustainability measures from three to nine to include additional measures of financial capacity, operating performance, liquidity, asset management, and debt servicing capacity. Three ratios will be for contextual purposes only.
- » Revision of targets for each measure based on each council's allocated grouping, including a small number of contextual measures with no targets that are not required to be audited each year.

This draft Guideline has been developed in consultation with councils and key stakeholders.

Sustainability Groupings

Queensland has one of the most diverse local government sectors in Australia, covering a large geographic area. Across the State, individual councils face a unique set of financial, service delivery and community need circumstances and are impacted by a wide range of social and economic drivers.

In recognition of this diversity, the Department has allocated each council to a category for sustainability reporting and monitoring purposes. These categories are based on the remoteness of the local government area as reported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and population, with a separate category for Indigenous councils in recognition of their unique legislative and financial circumstances. Grouping councils allows for the establishment of fit-for-purpose targets for each monitoring measure.

As councils' populations change over time, councils may move between groups and potentially be subject to differing targets. The department will advise councils of these population figures, and this will assist councils to determine their groupings for each year.

The summary of sustainability reporting groups is set out in **Table 1**, and a more detailed list of which local governments are contained within each Tier is in **Appendix A**.

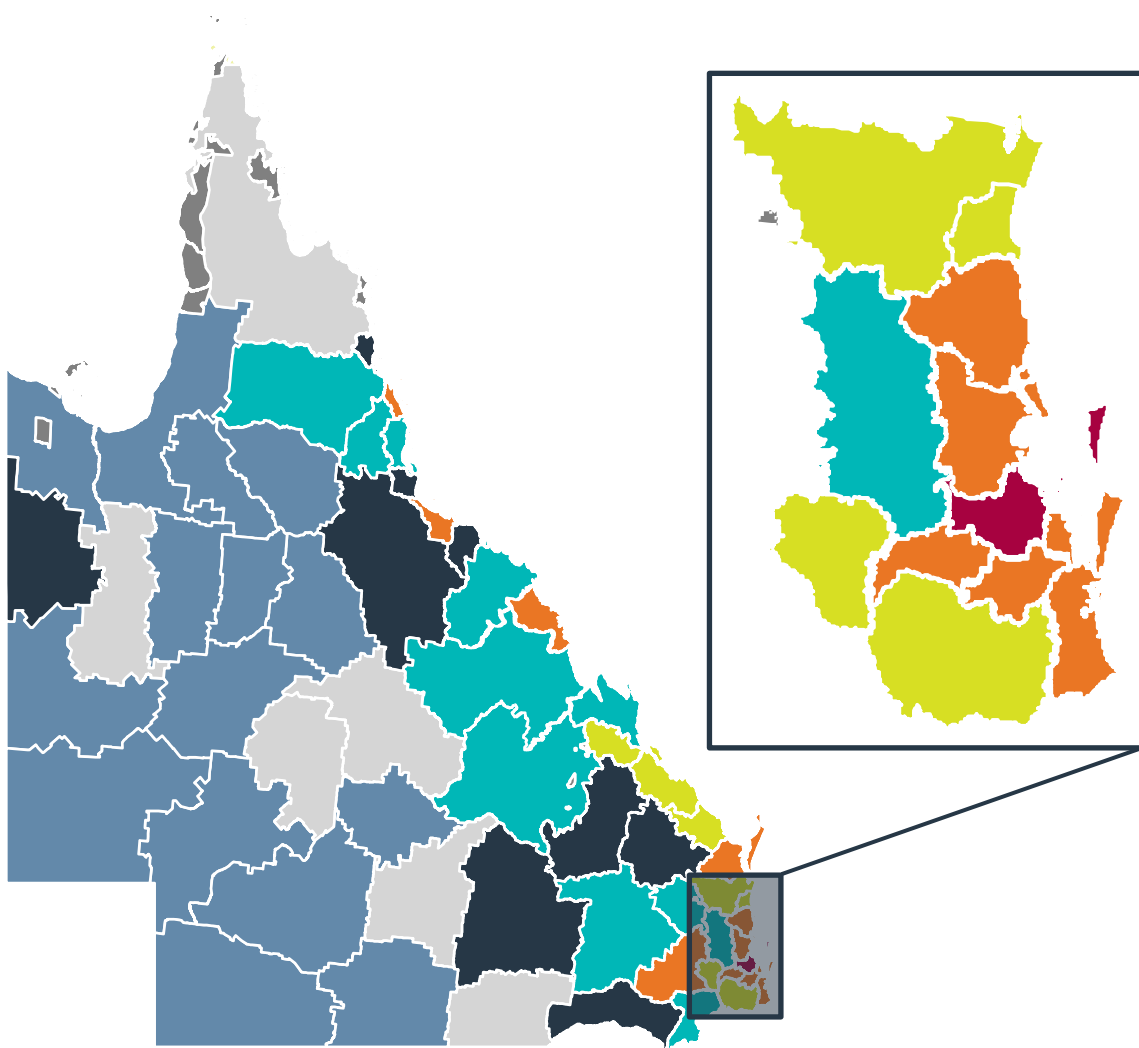


Table 1: Sustainability reporting groupings of councils

Tier	Remoteness Area Factor ¹	Population Band ²	No. of Councils	
1	Major Cities	1,000,000+	1	
2	Major Cities Inner Regional Outer Regional	100,000-999,999	11	
3	Major Cities Inner Regional	40,000-99,999	7	
4	Inner Regional Outer Regional	20,000-39,999	11	
5	Outer Regional Remote	10,000-19,999	9	
6	Remote Very Remote	2,000-9,999	7	
7	Very Remote	0-1,999	15	
8	Indigenous	<10,000	16	

¹ Remoteness Area Factor classified as more than 50% of the LGA's population residing in that area.

² Population figures as per the Australian Bureau of Statistics most recent estimates.

Sustainability Measures

The following are the financial sustainability measures for the Queensland local government sector, to be calculated and published by every council as part of their annual statutory financial reporting process. Depending on the individual council's circumstances, they will be required to report a minimum of eight and maximum of nine ratios.

#	Type	Measure	Rationale
1	Financial Capacity	Council Controlled Revenue Ratio [^]	Capacity to generate revenue internally
2	Financial Capacity	Population Growth Ratio ^{*^}	Population growth/decline pressures on council
3	Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Holistic overview of council operating performance
4	Operating Performance	Operating Cash Ratio	Cash operating performance (less depreciation and other non-cash items)
5	Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Unconstrained liquidity available to council
6	Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Capital renewals program performance
7	Asset Management	Asset Consumption Ratio	Extent to which assets are being consumed
8	Asset Management	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio ^{**^}	Asset replacement program performance
9	Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	Ability to repay existing debt

**Data source - ABS category number 3235.0 (Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia) This ratio is calculated for the previous financial year i.e., FY2022-23 will report FY21-22 population growth. The Department will advise the councils of the figures to use for this ratio.*

***The transition periods for the Asset Renewal Ratio for council groupings can be found in the Asset Renewal Funding Ratio section.*

^ The Council-Controlled Revenue Ratio, Population Growth Ratio, and Asset Renewal Funding Ratio are contextual measures, which are published but not audited.

To normalise the impacts of one-off events, all ratios **except** for the asset renewal funding ratio are reported on a historical rolling five-year average basis, as well as a single-year result. This will provide more context about the long-term trend of these ratios.

The Queensland Audit Office (QAO) will audit measures **3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9** (for those councils which report it, explained below), regardless of their grouping. These measures highlight the core council financial sustainability areas of operating performance, liquidity, asset management and debt servicing capacity.

Councils with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) debt or other loans as at the reporting date are required to report on measure **9** (the Leverage Ratio), which is also audited by the QAO as noted above.

- Councils that repay the entirety of their debt balances within the reporting period are also not required to report this measure for that financial year however will still need to calculate and publish the five-year average.
- Councils which have held no QTC debt or other loans during the preceding five financial years are not required to report this measure.

Measures **1, 2, and 8** are contextual measures to be reported by all councils regardless of their grouping and will be used for contextual purposes only. These measures will provide further information about a council's financial capacity and asset management, however, are not required to be audited.







The Asset Renewal Funding Ratio (ARFR) will be implemented over a phased transition period to recognise the differing circumstances and capacities of councils with their asset management. Tier 1 and 2 councils will be expected to report the ARFR from the 2023-24 financial year, while Tier 3 to 8 councils will gradually transition to reporting this measure over time (see ARFR section below outlines transition timeframes).

During the transition period, the department will work with councils to improve their asset management capability to enable them to report on this ratio in time.







Appendices B and C contains suggested reporting formats for councils to use when publishing their current- and long-term financial sustainability statements. Councils may also report any additional measures they feel provide additional information to stakeholders about their financial sustainability.

More information about each individual measure, including its calculation, interpretation, and target bands for each respective sustainability grouping, can be found on the following pages.







1. Council Controlled Revenue Ratio

<p>Type</p> 	<p>Financial Capacity</p>
<p>Overview</p> 	<p>Council-controlled revenue is an indicator of a council’s financial flexibility, ability to influence its operating income, and capacity to respond to unexpected financial shocks.</p>
<p>Interpretation</p> 	<p>A higher council-controlled revenue ratio indicates a stronger ability to generate operating revenue without relying on external sources. Councils with a high ratio generally have a healthy rate base and are better able to respond to unexpected financial obligations such as natural disaster recovery.</p> <p>A lower council-controlled revenue ratio indicates that a council has limited capacity to influence its operating revenue and that it is more reliant on external (and usually less reliable) sources of income such as operational grant funding, sales and recoverable works contracts, and rental income.</p>
<p>Calculation</p> 	$\frac{\text{Net Rates, Levies and Charges add Fees and Charges}}{\text{Total Operating Revenue}}$ <p>See Definitions below for more information about the inputs for this measure.</p>
<p>Targets</p> 	<p>As council-controlled revenue is a contextual measure, there are no targets specified for this ratio.</p>
<p>Reporting</p> 	<p>This measure is required to be calculated and published by all councils.</p> <p>This measure is to be reported as both a single-year result and a five-year average result.</p> <p>To support the user’s interpretation of the council’s result for this measure councils are required to provide a narrative identifying key drivers and contributing factors (that may or may not be beyond a council’s control).</p> <p>See Appendices B and C for example reporting formats.</p>







2. Population Growth Ratio

<p>Type</p> 	<p>Financial Capacity</p>
<p>Overview</p> 	<p>Population growth is a key driver of a council’s operating income, service needs, and infrastructure requirements into the future.</p>
<p>Interpretation</p> 	<p>A growing council population indicates a greater capacity to generate its own source revenue through rates as well as statutory charges. Population growth also puts additional pressure on councils to invest in new community infrastructure to support service needs.</p> <p>Conversely, a council with a shrinking population base will have increasingly limited opportunities to generate operating revenue through its rateable property base, and over time will need to adjust its capital and operating spending decisions to reflect the reducing utilisation of its infrastructure and community assets.</p>
<p>Calculation</p> 	$\frac{\text{Prior year estimated population}}{\text{Previous year estimated population}} - 1$ <p>The Department will advise the councils of the figures to use for this ratio. See Definitions below for more information about the inputs for this measure.</p>
<p>Targets</p> 	<p>As population growth is a contextual measure, there are no targets specified for this measure.</p>
<p>Reporting</p> 	<p>This measure is required to be calculated and published by all councils.</p> <p>This measure is to be reported as both a single-year result and a five-year average result.</p> <p>To support the user’s interpretation of the council’s result for this measure councils are required to provide a narrative identifying key drivers and contributing factors (that may or may not be beyond a council’s control).</p> <p>See Appendices B and C for example reporting formats.</p>







3. Operating Surplus Ratio

<p>Type</p> 	<p>Operating Performance</p>																				
<p>Overview</p> 	<p>The operating surplus ratio is an indicator of the extent to which operating revenues generated cover operational expenses. Any operating surplus would be available for capital funding or other purposes.</p>																				
<p>Interpretation</p> 	<p>An operating surplus ratio above 0% is an indication that council is managing its finances within its existing funding envelope and generating surplus funds for capital funding or other purposes.</p> <p>An operating surplus ratio below 0% is an indication that a council's operating expenses exceed its revenue. An operating deficit in any one year is not a cause for concern if, over the long term, a council achieves a balanced operating result or small surplus. Operating deficits over the long term affect a council's ability to internally fund its capital requirements and other initiatives as and when they fall due, potentially requiring external funding support.</p>																				
<p>Calculation</p> 	$\frac{\text{Operating Result}}{\text{Total Operating Revenue}}$ <p>See Definitions below for more information about the inputs for this measure.</p>																				
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4. Operating Cash Ratio

<p>Type</p> 	<p>Operating Performance</p>																				
<p>Overview</p> 	<p>The operating cash ratio is a measure of a council’s ability to cover its core operational expenses and generate a cash surplus excluding depreciation, amortisation, and finance costs.</p>																				
<p>Interpretation</p> 	<p>A positive operating cash ratio indicates that a council is generating surplus cash from its core operations, which indicates that council has the ability to self-fund its capital expenditure requirements.</p> <p>A negative operating cash ratio is a significant indicator of financial sustainability challenges and potential future liquidity issues as, all other things being equal, a negative result means that a council’s cash position is declining and revenues are not offsetting the cost of core operational requirements.</p>																				
<p>Calculation</p> 	$\frac{\text{Operating Result} + \text{Depreciation and Amortisation} + \text{Finance Costs}}{\text{Total Operating Revenue}}$ <p>See Definitions below for more information about the inputs for this measure.</p>																				
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5. Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio

<p>Type</p> 	<p>Liquidity</p>																				
<p>Overview</p> 	<p>The unrestricted cash expense cover ratio is an indicator of the unconstrained liquidity available to a council to meet ongoing and emergent financial demands, which is a key component to solvency. It represents the number of months a council can continue operating based on current monthly expenses.</p>																				
<p>Interpretation</p> 	<p>A higher unrestricted cash expense cover ratio indicates that a council has sufficient free cash available to contribute to the cost of future planned and unplanned expenditures such as infrastructure investment or disaster recovery. An excessively high ratio may be indicative of cash hoarding, poor cash management, or large upcoming capital investment requirements.</p> <p>A low ratio suggests limited unconstrained liquidity available to council to use for capital investment or in an emergency. For councils with efficient cash management practices and strong borrowing capacity, this is not a concern. Where a council also has a negative operating cash ratio, a very low or negative unrestricted cash expense cover ratio is an indicator of potential solvency concerns.</p>																				
<p>Calculation</p> 	$\frac{\text{(Total Cash and Equivalents add Current Investments add Available Ongoing QTC Working Capital Facility Limit less Externally Restricted Cash)}}{\text{(Total Operating Expenditure less Depreciation and Amortisation less Finance Costs)}} \times 12$ <p>See Definitions below for more information about the inputs for this measure.</p>																				
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6. Asset Sustainability Ratio

<p>Type</p> 	<p>Asset Management</p>																				
<p>Overview</p> 	<p>The asset sustainability ratio approximates the extent to which the infrastructure assets (see Definitions) managed by a council are being replaced as they reach the end of their useful lives.</p>																				
<p>Interpretation</p> 	<p>An asset sustainability ratio close to 100% suggests that a council is spending enough on the renewal of its assets to compensate for the deterioration in its asset base as loosely proxied by its reported depreciation, with outcomes too far below this level being potentially indicative of underspending against capital replacement requirements.</p> <p>However, as this measure uses depreciation in lieu of more rigorous asset planning data, it does not account for councils with large investments in new capital assets such as those with strongly growing population bases. In these instances, a lower asset sustainability ratio is not of concern provided a council is meeting the capital needs of its current and future community.</p>																				
<p>Calculation</p> 	$\frac{\text{Capital Expenditure on Replacement of Infrastructure Assets (Renewals)}}{\text{Depreciation Expenditure on Infrastructure Assets}}$ <p>See Definitions below for more information about the inputs for this measure.</p>																				
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7. Asset Consumption Ratio

<p>Type</p> 	<p>Asset Management</p>																				
<p>Overview</p> 	<p>The asset consumption ratio approximates the extent to which council’s infrastructure assets (see Definitions) have been consumed compared to what it would cost to build a new asset with the same benefit to the community.</p>																				
<p>Interpretation</p> 	<p>The minimum target of 60 per cent indicates that a council’s assets are being broadly consumed in line with their estimated useful lives.</p> <p>Councils with lower than target ratio will need to invest more in those assets (in terms of replacement or maintenance) to ensure they are maintained at a standard that will meet the needs of their communities. On the other hand, if the ratio is much higher than the target ratio, councils may need to revisit their asset management plans to assess their current service levels or whether their estimates of the assets’ useful lives are appropriate.</p>																				
<p>Calculation</p> 	$\frac{\text{Written Down Replacement Cost of Depreciable Infrastructure Assets}}{\text{Current Replacement Cost of Depreciable Infrastructure Assets}}$ <p>See Definitions below for more information about the inputs for this measure.</p>																				
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8. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

<p>Type</p> 	<p>Asset Management</p>																				
<p>Overview</p> 	<p>The asset renewal funding ratio measures the ability of a council to fund its projected asset renewal/replacements in the future.</p>																				
<p>Interpretation</p> 	<p>Ideally, the asset renewal funding ratio should be as close to 100% as possible, as this indicates that a council is appropriately funding and delivering the entirety of its required capital program as outlined by its asset management plans.</p> <p>A ratio that is too far in excess of 100% indicates capital spending above and beyond what is proposed by a council’s asset management plans. A ratio that is too far below 100% may indicate an underfunded capital program and therefore a potentially increasing infrastructure backlog and asset failures. Either scenario suggests a mismatch between a council’s capital requirements and forecast capital program, whether due to poor planning and/or limited resources or skills to deliver the assets required by the community.</p>																				
<p>Calculation</p> 	$\frac{\text{Total of Planned Capital Expenditure on Asset Renewals over 10 years}}{\text{Total of Required Capital Expenditure on Asset Renewals over 10 years}}$ <p>See Definitions below for more information about the inputs for this measure.</p>																				
<p>Targets</p> 	<p>As the asset renewal ratio is a contextual measure, there are no targets specified for this ratio.</p>																				
<p>Reporting</p> 	<p>This measure is required to be calculated and published by all councils on a single year basis. The transition period for this measure for each local government group are as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Group</th> <th>Transition Timeframe</th> <th>Group</th> <th>Transition Timeframe</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tier 1</td> <td>Commencing 2023-24</td> <td>Tier 5</td> <td>Commencing 2026-27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tier 2</td> <td>Commencing 2023-24</td> <td>Tier 6</td> <td>Commencing 2026-27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tier 3</td> <td>Commencing 2024-25</td> <td>Tier 7</td> <td>Commencing 2027-28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tier 4</td> <td>Commencing 2025-26</td> <td>Tier 8</td> <td>Commencing 2027-28</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>To support the user’s interpretation of the council’s result for this measure councils are required to provide a narrative identifying key drivers and contributing factors (that may or may not be beyond a council’s control).</p> <p>See Appendices B and C for example reporting formats.</p>	Group	Transition Timeframe	Group	Transition Timeframe	Tier 1	Commencing 2023-24	Tier 5	Commencing 2026-27	Tier 2	Commencing 2023-24	Tier 6	Commencing 2026-27	Tier 3	Commencing 2024-25	Tier 7	Commencing 2027-28	Tier 4	Commencing 2025-26	Tier 8	Commencing 2027-28
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9. Leverage Ratio

<p>Type</p> 	<p>Debt Servicing Capacity</p>																				
<p>Overview</p> 	<p>The leverage ratio is an indicator of a council’s ability to repay its existing debt. It measures the relative size of the council’s debt to its operating performance.</p>																				
<p>Interpretation</p> 	<p>A higher leverage ratio indicates an increasingly limited capacity to support additional borrowings due to already high debt levels and/or decreasing operational performance, while a lower ratio indicates the opposite.</p> <p>Note: Council borrowings are assessed and approved through a separate process coordinated jointly by the Department and Queensland Treasury Corporation, which takes multiple factors and metrics into consideration.</p> <p>A lower leverage ratio is not itself a guarantee that further debt will be approved for a council, while councils with higher leverage ratios are not necessarily precluded from having additional borrowings approved due to other mitigating circumstances.</p>																				
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Definitions

All inputs for each measure should be taken directly from the council's audited general purpose financial statements and associated notes. A summary of measure inputs and their associated definitions can be found in the table below:

Term	Definition
Available Ongoing QTC Working Capital Facility Limit	The unused balance of an approved ongoing Queensland Treasury Corporation Working Capital Facility (WCF) as at the reporting date. For example, If the total limit of WCF is \$10 million and the council has drawn down \$2 million, the available limit is \$8 million.
Book Value of Debt	The book value of the council's debt (QTC or other loans) as at the reporting date (i.e., 30 June).
Capital Expenditure on Replacement of Assets (Renewals)	Expenditure on an existing asset to return the service potential or the life of the asset up to that it had originally.
Current Investments	An investment that has a maturity of 12 months or less (such as term deposits or other interest-earning investment/deposits), or an investment that council intends to convert into cash within 12 months from the time the investment was made.
Current Replacement Cost	The amount of money required to replace an existing asset with an equally valued or similar asset at the current market price.
Depreciation and Amortisation	The systematic allocation of the depreciable amount (gross value less estimated residual value) of an asset over its useful life. Depreciation should be calculated in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards on infrastructure assets.
Externally Restricted Cash	A local government's cash that is subject to restrictions or conditions by a third party which govern the use of these funds for general purposes. This does not include internal reserves of a council which can be accessed by a council resolution.
Fees and Charges	All statutory fees and charges levied by a local government including sales, contract and recoverable revenue and rent revenue
Finance Costs	Finance costs only includes interest charged on a local government's existing Queensland Treasury Corporation's debt balances and any other council loans. Any other items included in this line item of your financial statements should be excluded.
Infrastructure Assets	Those significant, long-life assets that provide ratepayers with access to social and economic facilities and services. Examples include water and sewerage treatment plants, roads, bridges, drainage, buildings, airports, and other community assets (does not include right of use assets).
Net Rates, Levies and Charges	Rates, levies and annual charges levied by a local government less discounts and concessions.
Operating Result	Total operating revenue less operating expenditure
Planned Capital Expenditure on Asset Renewals	The total of all capital expenditures on renewals in the forecast period included in the 10-year financial model.

Previous Year Estimated Population	The estimated population for the year previous to Prior Years Estimated Population (see below) for a local government area.
Prior Year Estimated Population	The prior year's estimated population (relative to the reporting date) for a local government area i.e., for FY2022-23 this will be the FY2021-22 population figure.
Required Capital Expenditure on Asset Renewals	The total of all required capital expenditures on renewals in the forecast period as indicated in the asset management plans or asset forecasts.
Total Cash and Equivalents	A local government's cash and cash equivalents which are short-term or are at call in nature. Council should refer to Australian Accounting Standards 107 for guidance on what should be included in cash and cash equivalents.
Total Operating Expenditure	All council expenses minus capital items such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » losses on disposal of assets, and » impairment losses » depreciation on right for use assets » other capital expenditure items as identified by the council
Total Operating Revenue	All council income minus capital items such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » capital grants, subsidies, contributions, and donations » gains on disposal of assets » other capital revenue items as identified by the council
Written Down Replacement Cost	An asset's current replacement cost less accumulated depreciation.

Appendix A: Sustainability Groupings of Councils

Tier 1			
Brisbane City Council			
Tier 2			
Cairns Regional Council	Ipswich City Council	Moreton Bay Regional Council	Toowoomba Regional Council
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Logan City Council	Redland City Council	Townsville City Council
Gold Coast City Council	Mackay Regional Council	Sunshine Coast Regional Council	
Tier 3			
Bundaberg Regional Council	Gympie Regional Council	Noosa Shire Council	Scenic Rim Regional Council
Gladstone Regional Council	Lockyer Valley Regional Council	Rockhampton Regional Council	
Tier 4			
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Livingstone Shire Council	South Burnett Regional Council	Western Downs Regional Council
Central Highlands Regional Council	Mareeba Shire Council	Southern Downs Regional Council	Whitsunday Regional Council
Isaac Regional Council	Somerset Regional Council	Tableland Regional Council	
Tier 5			
Banana Shire Council	Douglas Shire Council	Hinchinbrook Shire Council	Mount Isa City Council
Burdekin Shire Council	Goondiwindi Regional Council	Maranoa Regional Council	North Burnett Regional Council
Charters Towers Regional Council			

Tier 6

Balonne Shire Council	Cloncurry Shire Council	Longreach Regional Council	Torres Shire Council
Barcaldine Regional Council	Cook Shire Council	Murweh Shire Council	

Tier 7

Barcoo Shire Council	Burke Shire Council	Etheridge Shire Council	Quilpie Shire Council
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Carpentaria Shire Council	Flinders Shire Council	Richmond Shire Council
Boulia Shire Council	Croydon Shire Council	McKinlay Shire Council	Winton Shire Council
Bulloo Shire Council	Diamantina Shire Council	Paroo Shire Council	

Tier 8

Aurukun Shire Council	Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	Mornington Shire Council	Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Appendix B: Example Current-Year Sustainability Statement Format

Type	Measure	Target (Tier X)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Council Narrative
			Council		Consolidated		
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue*	N/A	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	
	Population Growth*	N/A	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Greater than X% (or N/A)	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than XX%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than XX%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	
	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio*	N/A	XX.X%	N/A	XX.X%	N/A	
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio**	o to X times (or N/A)	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	

* The **Council-Controlled Revenue**, **Population Growth**, and **Asset Renewal Funding Ratio** measures are reported for contextual purposes only and are not audited by the QAO.

** The **Leverage Ratio** is not required to be reported if a council has not held any QTC or other debt within the last five financial years.

Appendix C: Example Long-Term Sustainability Statement Format

Council (and Consolidated if applicable)

Type	Measure	Target (Tier X)	Actuals										
			as at 30 June 20XX	30 June 20XX	30 June 20XX	30 June 20XX	30 June 20XX	30 June 20XX	30 June 20XX	30 June 20XX	30 June 20XX	30 June 20XX	
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue*	N/A	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%
	Population Growth*	N/A	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%	X.X%
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Greater than X% (or N/A)	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months	X.X months
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than XX%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than XX%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%
	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio*	N/A	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%	XX.X%
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio**	o to X times (or N/A)	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times	X.X times

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LGAQ Events 2023

Key Events	Location	Dates
LGW Workplace Health & Safety Conference	Brisbane Showgrounds	14-16 February
Qld Climate Resilience Councils Alliance Symposium	TBC	2 March
Local Government Heritage Conference	Brolga Theatre, Maryborough	22-23 March
LGx	State Library of Qld – The Edge Auditorium & Innovation Lab	16-17 May
Qld Disaster Management Conference	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre	20-22 June
Bush Councils Convention	Goondiwindi	25-27 July
LGAQ Annual Conference	Gladstone Convention Centre	16 – 18 October

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Finalist

The Local Government Association of Queensland, in conjunction with Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ), congratulate

Etheridge Shire Council

for being recognised as a finalist in the 2022 Queensland: It's Time to Shine competition.



Alison Smith, LGAQ CEO

19 October 2022

DATE



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Dear Councils and Delegates,

The NQSF Board has decided to reinvigorate the Advisory Forum to ensure it is more relevant and delivers direct benefit to both our Council members and the Foundation. To this end the Forum will be Chaired by the NQSF CEO who will either address issues coming from the Forum directly or prepare a report to the Board for consideration when required.

Each Council will be sent an email regarding the delegates they wish to be included and invited to the NQSF Advisory Forum. Councils will advise NQSF in writing of their delegates names and contact details.

Delegates may invite a Council staff member or other person to attend the Forum (and advise NQSF prior that they intend to do so) to provide expert advice on a particular subject. The Forum will meet four (4) times a year, via teams (February, May, September, December).

The updated Forum will include a “**NQSF Updates & Issues**” section (see attached example Agenda) in the meeting where NQSF will put forward to the advisory forum a brief update about our projects and events, plus any key issues that may affect our Council members. NQSF will seek feedback from the Forum on the issue presented.

The updated Forum will also include “**Council Updates**” to allow each Council to advise and update NQSF on relevant events happening in their region. It is accepted some Councils may not have anything to add at the time and can advise no updates.

I am sure you will see value in this exciting initiative.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CB", written in a cursive style.

Colin Balfour

Chief Executive Officer

North Queensland Sports Foundation

EXAMPLE Advisory Forum Agenda

ADVISORY FORUM AGENDA

ADVISORY FORUM MEETING of the NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTS FOUNDATION

Via Microsoft Teams – DATE

1 ATTENDANCE

Present –
Apologies –

2 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS FORUM MEETING

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4 NQSF UPDATES & ISSUES

5 COUNCIL UPDATES

- Townsville City Council
- Cairns Regional Council
- Mackay Regional Council
- Whitsunday Regional Council
- Isaac Regional Council
- Mount Isa City Council
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- Flinders Shire Council
- Winton Shire Council
- Mornington Shire Council
- McKinlay Shore Council
- Etheridge Shire Council
- Richmond Shire Council
- Burke Shire Council
- Boulia Shire Council
- Croydon Shire Council



North Queensland Sports Foundation – Advisory Forum Invite List

Please list representatives for Council/Shire/Region to be included in the North Queensland Sports Foundation Advisory Forum.

Name	Position	Email Address

Council Authorisation:

Name _____

Position _____

Email _____

Signed _____ on behalf of _____ Council/ Shire

On this day _____

**Please return completed form to either:
Email: admin@nqsports.com.au**

Event Traffic Management Process

Are you holding a special event in Queensland that will impact on roads, traffic or public transport?

Yes

No

Contact [Queensland Police Service \(QPS\)](#) to confirm it is classified as a special event and what needs to be considered to manage any impacts.

Read the [Events in Queensland Guideline](#) to understand how to work with the Queensland Government and local government authorities to successfully plan and manage your event.

A [Traffic Management Designer \(TMD\)](#) will need to prepare a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and Traffic Guidance Scheme/s (TGS).

These must be developed in accordance with [TMR's Event Traffic Management Design Guidelines](#).

Is your TMD part of a [Registered Traffic Management Company \(TMC\)](#)?

Yes

No

Your TMD will submit any required applications for road closure permits for your event.

Engage a TMC to submit applications for any required road closure permits for your event including:

[TMR permit](#)

[QPS permit](#)

Local Council permit

Does your TGS identify Event Traffic Marshals (ETMs) will be needed?

Yes

No

Engage ETMs in accordance with the [TMR's Event Traffic Marshal Approved Procedure](#).

Hold your event. Your registered TMC will be responsible for implementing the TMP and TGS in accordance with the permit conditions.



New Event Traffic Management requirements

Frequently asked questions

From 1 December 2022, all Event Traffic Management in Queensland must comply with the new Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) standards including any associated Traffic Management Plans (TMP) and Traffic Guidance Schemes (TGS).

These new standards have been adopted to improve the safety for traffic controllers, road workers and members of the community travelling around, past and through work sites.

Why are there new Event Traffic Management requirements?

In December 2019 Austroads released the new *Australian Standard AS1742.3 Traffic Control for works on roads* and the *Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM)*.

Together, these national documents detail the standards for temporary traffic management devices and best practice guidance at roadwork sites.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) aligned their technical guidance with these documents through the *Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)* and *Queensland Guide Temporary Traffic Management (QGTMM)*.

Importantly, these standards apply to traffic management associated with both roadwork sites and events.

What do these changes mean for events and event organisers?

The adoption of the new TTM standards means all event TMP and TGS will need to be reviewed and, in some cases, amended to reflect the new standards.

However, if event traffic control is carried out exclusively by Queensland Police Service (QPS), those arrangements will not be impacted. QPS can control traffic and direct road users under the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* and can do so without the need for a TMP, TGS or support from traffic control companies.

Is TMR supporting event organisers understand these new requirements?

To assist organisers with the transition to the new requirements TMR provided an additional twelve-month optional adoption period for events. However, this optional adoption period ceased on 1 December 2022 and the new standards became compulsory.

TMR is committed to supporting the local community, sporting groups and event organisers by making it easier for them to hold events. A new flowchart has been developed that outlines the process and provides relevant links. Organisers can download the latest version from the [Traffic Management at Special Events](#) webpage.

Other guidance materials about event and traffic management to support organisers in managing their next event can be found on the [Temporary Traffic Management](#) (TTM) webpage.



Why is traffic management needed for special events?

Traffic management activities associated with local community, sporting and special interest group events often require roads to be temporarily closed to allow the event to proceed. In these cases, the flow of traffic or the movement of pedestrians and cyclists in the vicinity of the event needs to be managed.

Special events are usually held in local communities, on low-speed roads, and where there are significantly fewer vehicles being impacted. Event organisers have an obligation to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to minimise potential risks for event attendees, volunteers and workers. They are also required to manage the impact of the special event on road users not taking part in the event. Importantly, TTM standards apply to both roadwork sites and traffic management associated with events.

Will this change also affect requirements for Local Road Authorities?

Local governments have a responsibility to comply with relevant legislative requirements including those related to workplace and public safety.

The MUTCD is specifically named in the Transport Operations (Road Use Management Act) 1995 (TORUM). This means that, from 1 December 2022, all road authorities in Queensland must adhere to the requirements legislated in TORUM in relation to MUTCD and related TTM standards.

Where can I find the new Event Traffic Management Design Guideline?

The [Event Traffic Management Design Guideline](#) (ETMDG) has been updated to reflect the new TTM requirements that apply from 1 December 2022. The ETMDG now references the new standards and specifications in the Queensland MUTCD Part 3 and QGTTM documents.

Where can I get further information?

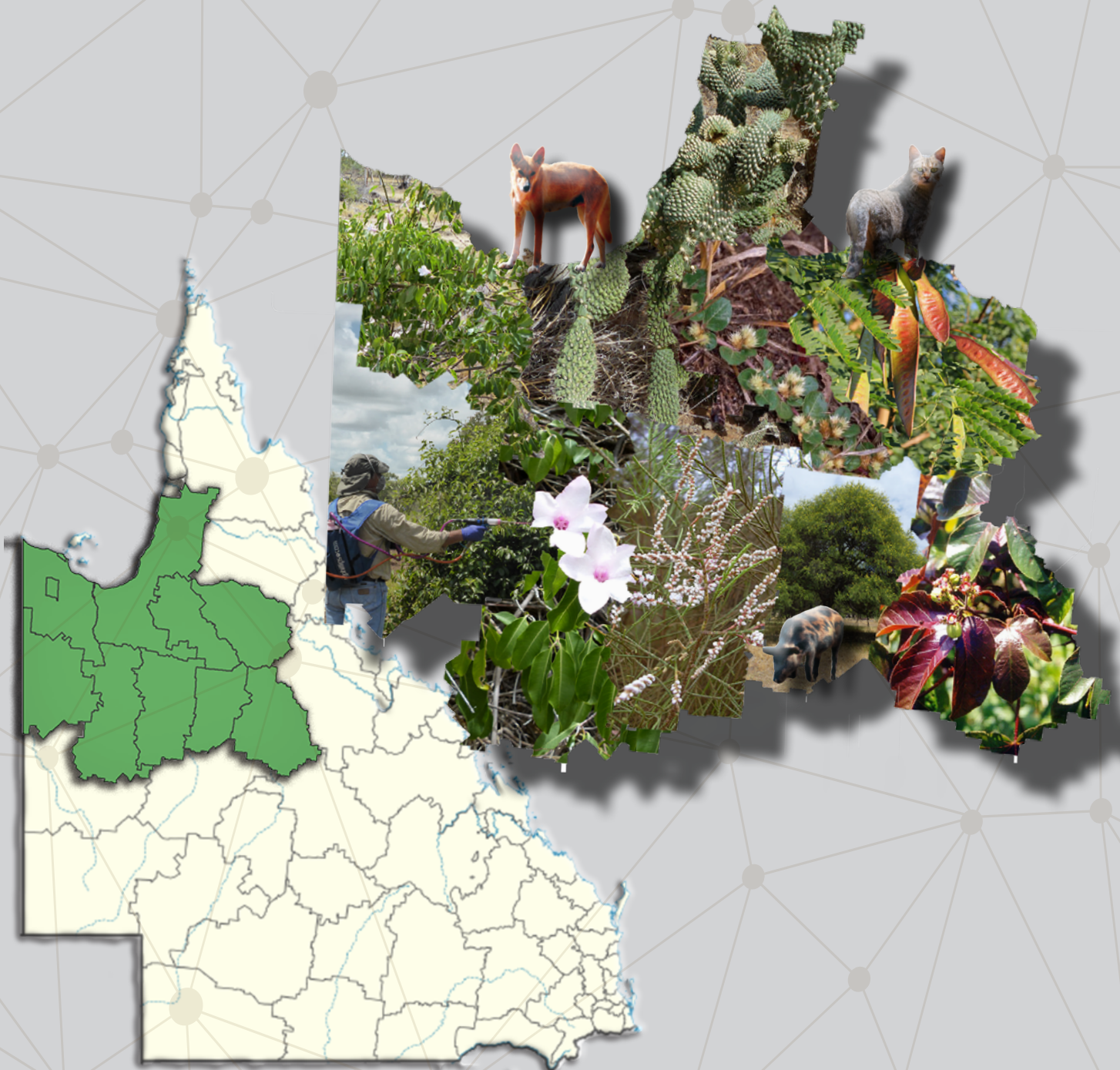
TMR has a number of technical standards and webpages to find more information about traffic management. Click on the below links to find out more about:

- TMR's [Traffic Management for special events](#) webpage, and download a copy of TMR's Event traffic management flow chart
- [Queensland Guide Temporary Traffic Management \(QGTTM\)](#)
- [Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices \(MUTCD\)](#)
- [Queensland's TTM guidelines](#)
- National TTM standards including the AGTTM visit the [Austroads](#) webpage

Alternatively, you can email the Traffic Engineering team via email at TrafficEngineering.Support@tmr.qld.gov.au.



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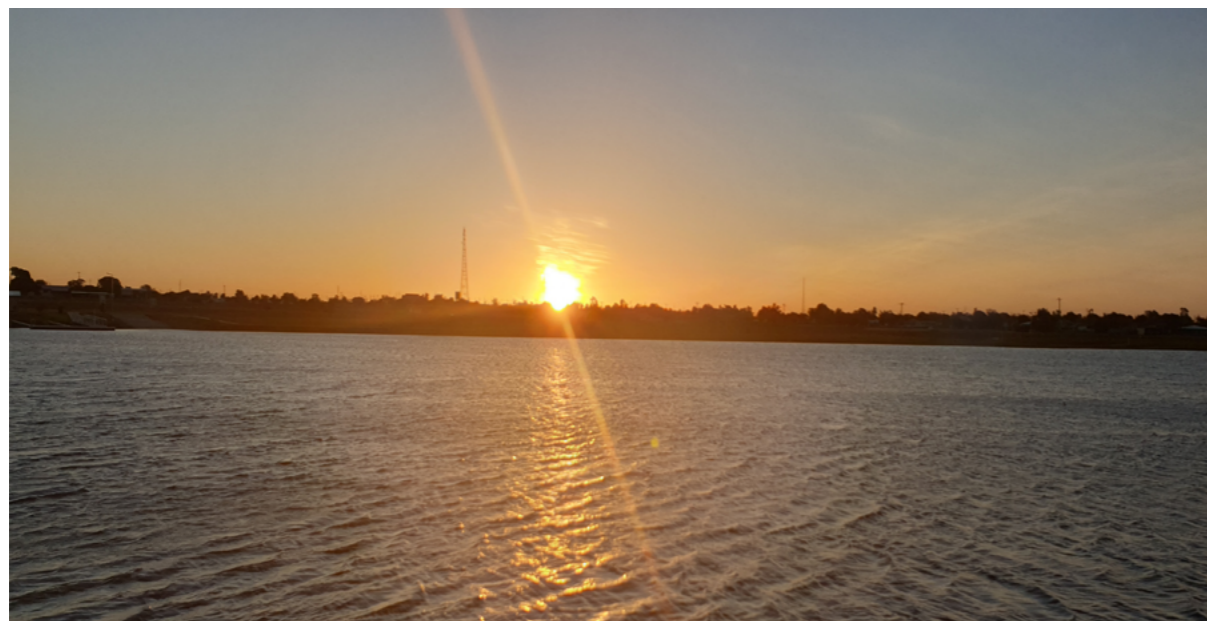
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We also recognise that this plan relates to the country of the many Aboriginal communities of the region. We formally acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Region and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

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1. Executive Summary

The North West Queensland Regional Biosecurity Plan (the plan), was agreed to be developed by the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC) to establish a catchment approach to the management of invasive biosecurity matter. The plan sets out the strategic direction of all stakeholders in a cooperative and collaborative way so that all efforts are directed towards the same agreed priorities.

The General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) is the principle obligation under the Act and requires a person to take action to minimise biosecurity risks. The management of invasive biosecurity matter is a shared responsibility of all land managers, industry, the community, and all levels of government. While primary responsibility rests with the land manager, collective action which engages all stakeholders is best practice, particularly for mobile species.

This plan delivers achievable objectives to ensure all landholders in the region actively undertake invasive biosecurity matter control, have agreed risk management strategies in place to ensure reduced movements of invasive biosecurity matter from their properties, which is supported by encouragement and incentives. Stakeholders will invest resources in a collaborative approach to ensure both shire and regional community priorities are addressed.

The Biosecurity Act 2014 (the Act) sets out a framework for the management of invasive biosecurity matter across Queensland. Section 53 of the Act mandates that Local Governments (LGs) must have a biosecurity plan for invasive biosecurity matter for its LG area. Section 55 allows for LGs to act concurrently for biosecurity planning, this plan sets priorities at the LG level, as well as the broader stakeholder level, of the combined nine (9) LGs of the NWQROC and Croydon shire Council, to meet their statutory requirement. Each LG has legislative power to ensure prohibited and restricted biosecurity matter are managed in their LG area. This document is supported by the broader North West Queensland Regional Weed and Pest Animal Strategy 2020-2024.

The development and implementation of this plan is based on the management principals of integration: public awareness, commitment, consultation and partnership, planning, prevention and early intervention, best practice, and improvement.

A copy of the act can be accessed at: <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2014-007>

or

[Biosecurity Act 2014 | Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland](#)



2. Area Covered by the Plan

■ The NWQROC region is situated in the north west corner of Queensland with the Northern Territory and northern coastline forming part of its border. The NWQROC consists of the LG areas of Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Etheridge, Flinders, McKinlay, Mount Isa and Richmond.

Although Croydon is not a NWQROC member council, they sought to be a participant in the plan which was welcomed by the members of NWQROC, as they share catchments with member LG's and their inclusion in the plan was desirable for all parties.

The NWQROC services an area covering 18% of Queensland or 350,000km² with approximately 29, 000 people calling our region their home.

North West Queensland is a remote region with unique natural resource values and significant Natural Resource Management (NRM) challenges. While the landscapes are largely intact, natural resource condition has been degraded by weeds, pest animals, fire, erosion, drought, flood and overgrazing.

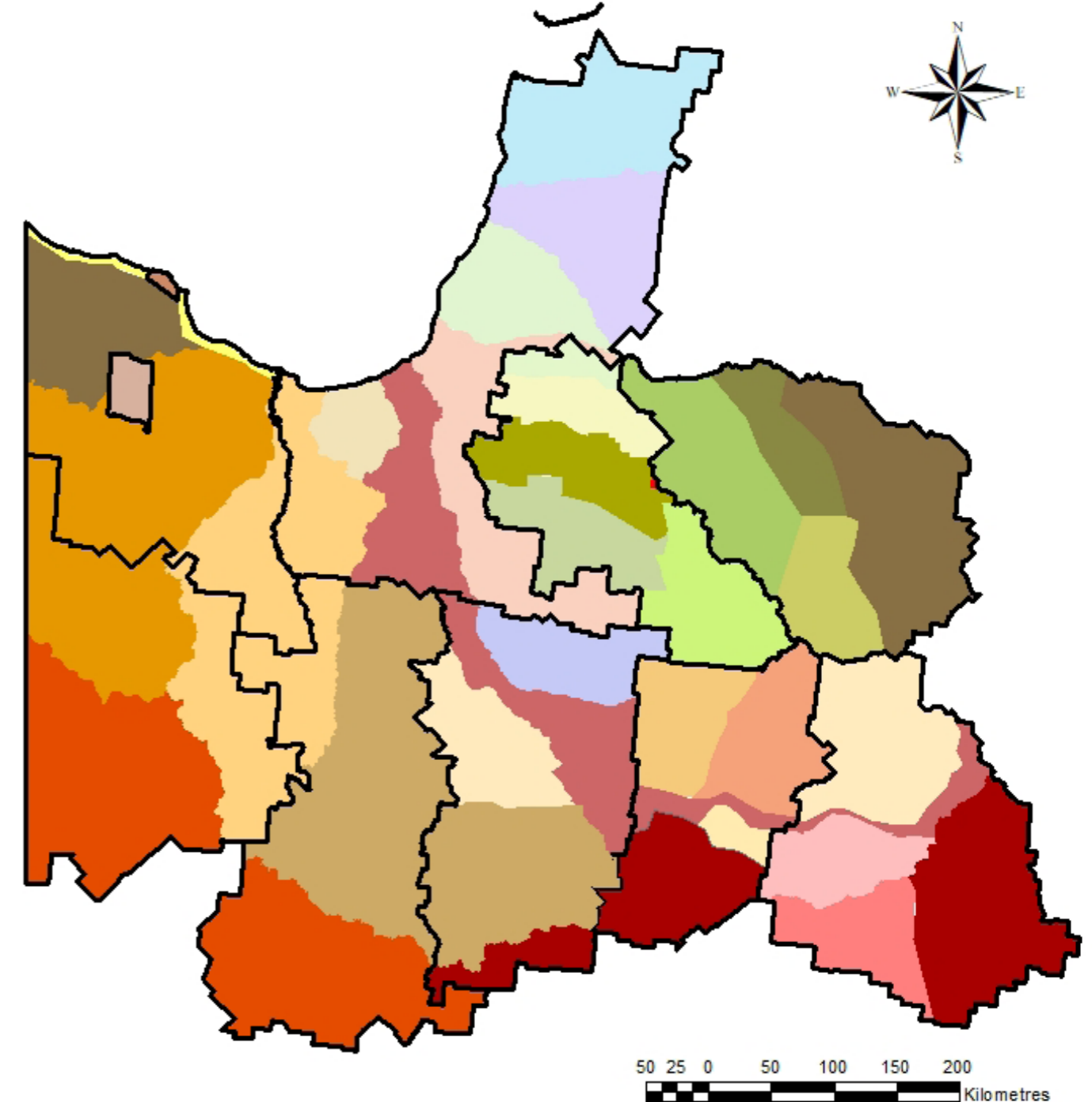
These issues need to be addressed to maintain and restore natural resource condition, and to provide the environment and natural resource-based enterprises with resilience to face further challenges, including climate change.

For these reasons, invasive species biosecurity awareness and management are important natural resource and regional economic issues. Pest management is vitally important environmentally, economically, socially and culturally, for the conservation of the region's natural resources, grazing and mining industries, and community and cultural values.

To ensure consistency with the Act (s48), the plan covers all the lands within the NWQROC participating LG areas regardless of tenure.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AND THEIR CATCHMENTS



LEGEND

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Burke Shire ■ Coastal ■ Leichhardt ■ Nicholson ■ Settlement ■ Carpentaria Shire ■ Mitchell ■ Staaten ■ Gilbert ■ Norman ■ Flinders ■ Morning Inlet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Leichhardt ■ Cloncurry Shire ■ Cloncurry River ■ Georgina ■ Leichhardt ■ Croydon Shire ■ Belmore ■ Carron ■ Littleton National Park ■ Lower Norman ■ Upper Norman ■ Walker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Doomadgee Aboriginal Council ■ Doomadgee ■ Old Doomadgee ■ Etheridge Shire ■ Einasleigh River ■ Etheridge River ■ Gilbert River ■ Gilbert River Headwaters ■ Flinders Shire ■ Porcupine ■ Flinders ■ Desert Waters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Walker Group ■ Rockwood_Landsborough ■ McKinlay Shire ■ Norman ■ Flinders_Saxby ■ Lower Cloncurry ■ Eyre_Diamantina ■ Mount Isa City Council ■ Georgina ■ Leichhardt ■ Nicholson ■ Richmond Shire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Alick_Rupert ■ O'Connell Catchment ■ Expressman_Saxby ■ Flinders Catchment ■ Woolgar Group
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3. Plan Compilation

- This plan supports each participating LG in meeting their statutory requirements per the act, and encourages LG's and their stakeholders to partake in catchment and regional planning. In developing this plan, consideration has been given to the integrated planning framework from the national level, to the individual owner level, as shown on page 19.

3.1 Purpose of the Plan

The plan provides guidance on how to reduce biosecurity risks associated with invasive plants and animals by:

- Identifying and documenting regional pest priorities.
- Identifying actions for early pest detection and intervention.
- Promoting and supporting stronger governance and leadership.
- Developing strong partnerships, strategic alignment and identifying opportunities for collaboration and alignment of effort.
- Facilitating resource allocation and prioritisation to achieve more efficient and effective utilisation of finite regional resources.
- Building knowledge, encouraging participation, and enhancing capacity of land managers.
- Identifying tools for monitoring and evaluation of progress, and assessing the success of the investment to ensure that lessons learnt are used to improve future plans; and
- Provides a framework and options for possible regulatory actions by LG.

The plan delivers or describes:

- The basis for coordination among delivery and regulatory organisations to ensure combined efforts are aimed at the highest biosecurity risks to the region.
- Priorities for knowledge and/or skills development among partner organisations.
- The basis for collaboration and mutual support between partners.
- Effective governance and coordination arrangements.
- Strategic alignment in management priorities and procedures to reduce biosecurity risks.

3.2 Vision

To foster collaboration and resource sharing between LG and stakeholders, and effectively advocate on agreed shire and regional positions and priorities.



3.3 Scope

The plan includes the management of invasive plants and animals (referred to as invasive biosecurity matter in the Act, plus any locally significant species) that are:

	Within Scope of local government biosecurity plans (Invasive Biosecurity Matter)	Outside of scope of local government Biosecurity Plans
Prohibited Matter	Schedule 1 Part 3 – Invasive Plants Part 4 – Invasive Animals	Schedule 1 Part 1 – Aquatic diseases, parasites and viruses Part 2 – Animal diseases, parasites and viruses Part 5 – Marine animals and plants Part 6 – Noxious fish Part 7 – Prohibited matter affecting plants Part 8 – Tramp ants
Restricted Matter	Schedule 2 Part 2 – Restricted matter – invasive biosecurity matter	Schedule 2 Part 1 – Restricted matter – other than invasive biosecurity matter
Local Laws	Species specifically targeted as a threat under individual councils' local laws.	

Out of scope items are covered by the Act, and as such, their exclusion from this plan does not negate the General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) which applies to all persons. Although these items are managed by different agencies, local stakeholders may be well placed to provide valuable information and surveillance, and their assistance may be required for effective management.

A 'nil tenure' approach is taken in the plan, which means that people work together, across public and private land, to manage invasive biosecurity matter. This gives a better result than individual, uncoordinated efforts. The responsibility, actions and costs of biosecurity management are shared by all (shared responsibility). All land and waterways within the boundaries of the LG are included.



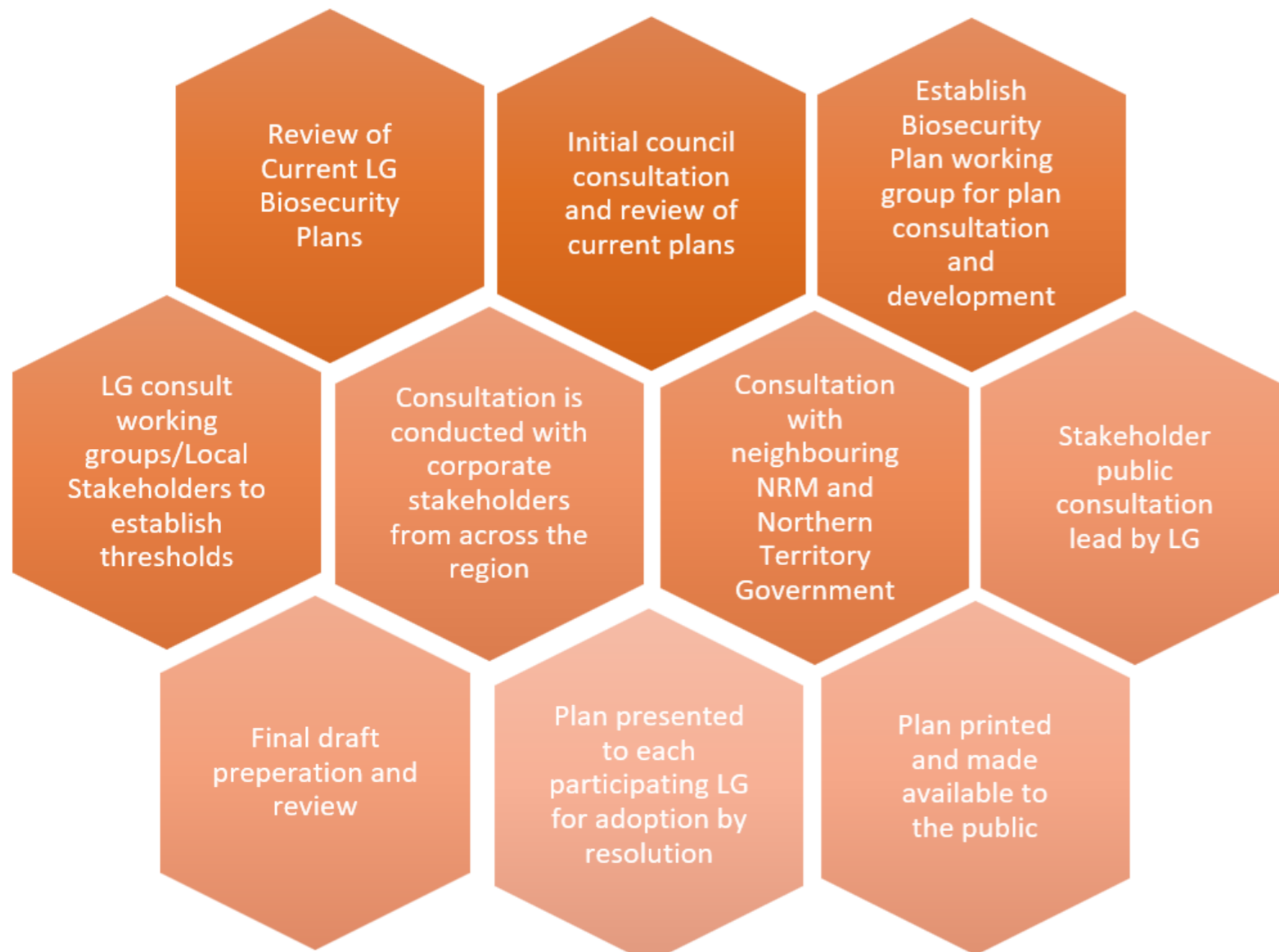
3.4 Plan Development, Implementation and Review

All stakeholders (including but not limited to: government agencies, industry groups, community groups and private landholders), have been invited to participate and contribute in the development of the plan by inclusion in stakeholder group meetings or the public submission/review process.

Although the plan is being developed concurrently, each LG will take ownership of the plan and their section of the plan by adoption through council. The plan is a five (5) year plan (2022-2027), that commences from the date of adoption by each participating council. The five (5) years will commence from the adoption date of the last LG.

Any amendments to the plan will require resubmission to council for approval, and replace the old plan on endorsement of the new plan. The plan will be reviewed annually by the RTAG to assess currency and accuracy.

Following adoption of the plan, LG's will have the freedom to work with any stakeholder in delivering the objectives of the plan and applying for funding. This plan meets the statutory requirements of the Act and fosters a collaborative approach to invasive biosecurity management.



4. Importance of Biosecurity Management

- The region supports significant biodiversity: water resource, community and residential, and agriculture and industry assets. A risk-based system underpinned by science that protects the regions people, environment, and economy from biosecurity threats of today and tomorrow is essential to long term sustainability. Understanding the importance of our assets provides a strong foundation to focus our collective efforts and supports a wide range of partnerships.

4.1 Biodiversity Assets

The variety of plants, animals, micro-organisms, and ecosystems that form a living environment, is constantly evolving. The key threats to native species are loss, degradation, and fragmentation of habitat; invasive species; and altered fire regimes. Invasive biosecurity matter can increase the impact of these key threats, making their management essential for the conservation of our endangered, threatened, and vulnerable species.

4.2 Water Resource Assets

Water is the source of life and protecting our water assets is essential to our community's sustainability and longevity. The region supports many water assets that encompass coastal, marine and freshwater systems, including coastlines, both ephemeral and permanent water courses, wetlands, lakes, springs and aquifers. Water quality is negatively impacted by invasive biosecurity matter and its management should be considered in any water resource management.

The region relies on our water resource assets to supply drinking water, provide for agriculture and industry development, support healthy ecosystems and nationally significant wetlands, and recreation and social amenity.

4.3 Community and Residential Assets

A unique natural landscape, world class fossil deposits, national parks and cultural heritage sites makes the region an attractive investment opportunity. Community and residential assets contribute significantly to the livability of the region. Often significant investment has been made to support the establishment of these assets. Ensuring invasive biosecurity matter is adequately managed helps ensure that the value of these assets is not negatively impacted.

4.4 Agricultural and Industry Assets

As highlighted in the 'North West Queensland Economic diversification strategy 2019' Resources (mining and mineral processing) contributes 67% of the region's economy, and an estimated \$215 million in royalties shared across Queensland (QLD). The gross value of agricultural production (beef cattle production, cropping and commercial fishing) in outback QLD is \$2.4 billion with 88% total value of agricultural production being produced on 82% land area. Tourism (predominantly drive tourism), with a strong focus on the outback experience contributes \$584.8 million spent from domestic overnight visitors and creates 2,000 jobs in outback QLD. Business and industry (small business/supply chain and emerging industry sectors) consists of 2,399 businesses, 31.5% of which are agricultural, forestry and fishing businesses with 96.8% employing less than 20 employees. These are the economic asset of our region, protecting it by managing invasive biosecurity matter is vital for sustainability.



5. Regional Governance and Coordination

- Ensuring that the ten (10) participating LGs and their stakeholders have a structure for coordination and communication is imperative to the success of the plan. We must learn from the past experiences, to respond faster and more comprehensively and to make the best use of the knowledge and resources we have. Clear process that facilitates information sharing and data collection ensures that LG annual work planning and budgeting is sufficient to address the



5.1 Regional Technical Advisory Group

The Regional Technical Advisory Group (RTAG) facilitates communication and feedback: makes recommendations, provides advice, and supports the GCPTF and NWQROC. The group provides oversight and facilitates a regional approach to pest and weed management in the region.

Membership of the group consists of two (2) NWQROC representatives, one (1) Gulf Savannah representative, one (1) DAF Biosecurity Queensland officer, two (2) SGNRM representatives with SGNRM also facilitating and providing a secretariat.

Four (4) meetings are held annually, with more scheduled on an as needed basis. The RTAG provides oversight and strategic direction on the implementation of the North West Queensland Regional Weed and Pest Animal Strategy 2020-2024 and the development and implementation of region wide actions stemming from the Regional Biosecurity Plan.

Stakeholder representatives may be invited to attend the RTAG meeting by group members on an as needed basis to provide updates and advice to the group.

Recommendations from the RTAG will be presented to either GCPTF or NWQROC, updates of the groups progress will be reported to both groups.

5.2 Gulf Catchments Pest Taskforce

The purpose of the Gulf Catchments Pest Task Force (GCPTF) is to enhance pest plant and animal control within North West Queensland and the Gulf region and reduce their current and potential impacts.

It provides a forum of leadership and participation by major stakeholders in pest plant and animal management. It facilitates networking, information sharing, feedback, advice, integration and support to members and the broader groups they represent on pest management issues and responses of relevance at the LG and regional levels. The group assists to identify, prioritise and address invasive biosecurity issues within the region. It also provides opportunity for addressing operational issues of LG's Rural Lands Officers or Rangers, as well as providing a platform for capacity building to support their roles and responsibilities within LG.

Operational issues and recommendations are presented to the RTAG for consideration. Issues are considered and addressed by the RTAG where possible. If issues need to be addressed by LG's, recommendations and supporting information is presented to the NWQROC.

5.3 Local Government Work Planning

Following the delivery of the NWQROC Regional Biosecurity Plan, each participating LG will be required to develop an annual work plan, working toward the agreed outcomes of the plan.

Each LG will report against their workplan at the GCPTF meeting to demonstrate contribution towards the regionally agreed outcomes.

Work planning needs to be developed in collaboration with portfolio councillors, to ensure that invasive biosecurity budgets are adequate to deliver the agreed work plan. Work plans will need to be delivered prior to the LG budgeting period to ensure inclusion in the budget for approval. The workplans will be discussed at the GCPTF meeting at the April/May meeting to ensure collaboration and efficiencies can be identified and capitalised on as well as potential funding projects identified, and application made for appropriate funding.

5.4 Data Sharing Arrangements

A key action towards building stronger biosecurity system is to evolve how we work together. Regional data sharing arrangements are necessary, and a consistent, standardised, data capture system that facilitate sharing between agencies is vital to support well informed decision making at LG area and regional levels. Regional data sharing will enable the establishment of regional infestation maps; treatment areas; efficiencies in resourcing; and targeted control ensuring value for money; protect and capitalise on past investment.

This would also provide a data supported platform to quantify regional targets, recognize and celebrate success' and provide for legacy monitoring.



6. Guiding Principles

■ This plan embodies the six fundamental principles that underpin effective management of invasive biosecurity matter. They provide a common basis for all of QLD.

These principles are most effective when they are used by all partners in the biosecurity system to guide planning an investment, and when they are incorporated into strategies, plans and actions across all management levels (Queensland Invasive Plants and Animals' Strategy 2019-2024).



Prevention and Early Intervention

Prevention and early intervention is generally the most cost-effective management strategy. It is usually impossible to eradicate an established invasive species—impacts and/or management costs for these species often become perpetual.

Government generally has a greater involvement in the earlier stages of prevention and eradication than in later stages of management. However, everybody has a role in preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species.

An invasive species may present different levels of risk and hazard in different regions and productive systems. We need to determine these levels before deciding on priorities for prevention and management.

Preventing the spread of current invasive species will greatly reduce the risk of further negative impacts.



Monitoring and Assessment

We need reliable data from monitoring to ensure that invasive species are managed holistically and for the long term. This data will inform progress and investment.

To control invasive species, we need a balance between prevention, surveillance, and preparedness.

An increasing amount of information is available on the distribution, abundance and impacts of invasive species. However, this data could be better organised and analysed through existing and new technologies, leading to improved decision-making.



Awareness and Education

Effective management of an invasive species relies on broad stakeholder knowledge of the problem and the management issues. However, people are often not aware of the impacts that invasive species have on the environment or primary production, or that their own actions may be contributing to a problem.

In fact, many such problems are increased through lack of community knowledge. For example, people may not realise that they assist the spread of invasive species if they allow domestic dogs to breed with wild dogs, release domestic deer or unintentionally move seeds of invasive plants (via contaminated soil or equipment).

The level of knowledge on invasive species is increasing, but more targeted public education and a higher public profile are needed. Different stakeholders need different information and support to raise their awareness of problems and increase their willingness to help with management.

Overall community awareness may improve when stakeholders have accessible, science-based information on invasive species, their characteristics, their impacts and control actions. When people have this knowledge, they may also be enabled to take ownership of the issue with increased confidence and be more likely to act.



Effective Management Systems

It is widely accepted that, for invasive species, integrated management systems are the most effective. That is, best practice for effective control often involves multiple control methods, and successful long-term management relies on cooperation with neighbours and the coordination of control activities. Therefore, to ensure the best possible outcomes, we will call upon all stakeholders to advocate and adopt best practice for all management activities.

Legislation on the management of invasive species is backed by suitable enforcement measures, but enforcement is best used as a targeted catchment based measure integrated with education, planning and incentives for control.



Strategic Planning and Management framework

Through strategic planning, we can prioritise actions and ensure that resources are used for maximum effect.

However, a strategic approach can only achieve common goals and priorities if there is effective communication and cooperation between all parties within the system. Biosecurity planning offers a 'partnership' mechanism to achieve this level of coordination and efficiency and the regulatory bottom line.

The Biosecurity Act facilitates a risk-based approach to the management of invasive species; this approach promotes the efficient use of resources.



Commitment to Roles and Responsibilities

To successfully control invasive species in the long term, we need clearly defined and accepted roles and responsibilities.

When planning and implementing management programs, stakeholders should recognise each other's capacity to deliver the desired outcomes. The broad scope and nature of problems demands a long-term commitment by all stakeholders, they need to recognise the effort, time and cost required for effective management.

LG planning is crucial to the success of invasive species management and provides an opportunity to foster community commitment to roles and responsibilities. NRM groups facilitate planning and management at a regional level, while state government agencies have a responsibility to manage invasive species on lands and water bodies under their control. Community and LG planning must include all stakeholders (such as managers of state land) early in the process.

7. Biosecurity Responsibilities

■ Biosecurity is about ensuring there is a system in place that is resilient, while at the same time being flexible to meet a diverse range of needs. We are faced with an expanding number of future threats, while at the same time having to manage pests and diseases that are already here. Understanding our biosecurity responsibilities is critical to biosecurity management as a whole.

7.1 The Biosecurity Act

The Biosecurity Act 2014 (the Act) aims to protect QLD from the impacts of invasive plants and animals, animal and plant diseases, and biological, chemical and physical contaminants. It promotes proactive management of biosecurity risks using timely and effective biosecurity responses to protect human health, the economy, the environment and social amenity.

The Act is built around the following concepts:

- Shared responsibility - everyone (governments, industries and individuals) who deals with something that may pose a biosecurity risk to Queensland has an obligation to manage the risk effectively.
- Risk-based decision making - the Act requires that the response to a biosecurity risk is reasonable and practical and risk-based decision making is used to ensure that the response is proportionate to the level of risk. This allows flexibility in the application of the legislation and balances the interests of the community with those of the individual.
- The precautionary principle - allows action to be taken to manage biosecurity incursions where serious or irreversible damage is possible but the scientific knowledge is incomplete. It considers that on-balance, the cost of not taking action to minimise a risk is more significant than the cost of taking early and definitive action which subsequently proves to be unnecessary.

These principles are designed to provide a responsive and equitable system for the management of biosecurity risks in QLD.

7.2 Invasive Biosecurity Matter

The plan deals with the management of biosecurity risks associated with invasive plants and animals (invasive biosecurity matter). For LGs this includes:

1. Prohibited Matter - invasive plants and animals listed in Schedule 1 of the Act
2. Restricted Matter - invasive plants and animals listed in Schedule 2 of the Act

The significant obligations that are relevant to this work are the general biosecurity obligation (GBO), prohibited matter obligations and restricted matter obligations.

7.3 General Biosecurity Obligations (GBO)

The General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) is the principle obligation under the Act and requires a person to take action to minimise biosecurity risks.

To fulfill their GBO, a person must:

1. Meet the prescribed requirements of any of the other 5 significant obligations that are relevant (see prohibited and restricted matter details below), and
2. Undertake any other actions that are required in the circumstances to minimise the biosecurity risk. This may include active management of priority invasive plants and animals risk (outcome-based elements).

The second aspect of the GBO provides the flexibility required to ensure all risks can be effectively and efficiently managed. In practical terms this is achieved by an individual taking reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise the biosecurity risk.

Prohibited matter obligations

Prohibited matter is biosecurity matter that is not currently established in the State, but if it entered, could have serious impacts. Prohibited biosecurity matter must not be dealt with without a permit, the risks it poses must not be exacerbated, and if found, it must be reported to an inspector as soon as practical (and within 24 hours). This can be achieved by reporting the prohibited matter to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23.

Restricted matter obligations

Restricted matter is biosecurity matter that is already having a social, environmental, or economic impact in the State and must be managed when it is found. Restricted matter is assigned category numbers from 1-7 based on its characteristics and the risks it poses.

Unless restricted matter is held under permit, it must be dealt with according to the category(s) it has been assigned.

Further information on categories can be found in Appendix 2. Prohibited and restricted matter lists can be found in Appendix 3.

8. Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities

■ Ensuring stakeholders understand and meet their GBO, greatly reduces the risk of new introductions and further spread of existing invasive species. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities leads to greater cooperation between government, industry and the community.

8.1 Role of Local Government

The role of LG in relation to the Act includes:

1. An administrative function- enforced through authorised officers.

LG officers authorised under the Act have functions and powers to ensure invasive biosecurity matter found within the LGs area of operation is managed in compliance with the Plan under authority provided by the Act.

The plan and associated operational and compliance plans guide the way LGs will do this by providing direction on the priorities for the region and how the LGs will encourage and/or enforce compliance.

2. The actions the LG and its officers must take to meet their general biosecurity obligation.

Like any other person or organisation, LGs and their employees have an obligation to report notifiable incidents, minimise the risks associated with any biosecurity matter they are dealing with, and refer obvious biosecurity risks that do not relate to invasive biosecurity matter on to Biosecurity Queensland inspectors (via the 13 25 23 Business Information Centre number).

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To be clear, a property status or use does not negate a landholders GBO. Where production prevents the use of traditional methods of control, alternative actions must be taken to ensure the landholder is meeting their GBO.



8.2 Other Stakeholder Roles

Responsibilities	
Agency	<p>Australian Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide the framework for pest management in Australia. Provide leadership and coordination for emergency responses to pests of national significance. Manage pests on their area of responsibility.
	<p>Queensland Government</p> <p>Biosecurity Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement pest management policy through legislation, research and extension education programs. Coordinate state response to priority pests. Guide, encourage and assist local government, regional NRM groups, landholders and land managers in invasive pest management. <p>Other Queensland Government Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage pests on state-managed land in accordance with agreed local/regional priorities. Prevent the spread of high priority species.
	<p>Agriculture and Production Industries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow best practice for pest management on land they have responsibility for in line with relevant legislation, policy, guidelines, management plans and codes of practice. Be involved in the development of LG Biosecurity Plans. Cooperate with, and participate in, local area pest and weed management programs. Develop on-property biosecurity plans.
	<p>Shire Residents and Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report unusual plants and animals. Dispose of green waste and aquarium plants/animals properly. Reduce the density or distribution of priority weeds. Meet GBO.
	<p>Tourists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure vehicles and equipment are pest free. Report unusual plants and animals. Be biosecurity aware and ensure that invasive material is not moved from site to site.
	<p>Community Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote awareness of pest issues with the wider community. Seek funding when available.

Responsibilities	
Agency	<p>NRM Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and facilitate pest management on agreed local priorities. Enable continued improvement in the management of pests on priority projects. Conduct education and awareness activities. Coordinate weed and pest control implementation. Coordinate the delivery of incentives. Map weed and pest distributions and assist in regional data management. Coordinate regional planning.
	<p>Mines and Quarries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure machinery and equipment hygiene. Practice on site biosecurity. Ensure best practice rehabilitation is carried out on exhausted sites. Weed hygiene on quarry material to prevent movement of invasive matter.
	<p>Utility Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure vehicles and equipment is pest free. Report unusual plants and animals. Advise landholder of presence on property.
	<p>Contractors and Industry Developers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure vehicles and equipment is pest free. Report unusual plants and animals.
	<p>Traditional Owners and the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute information and facilitate the securing of resources for management. Participate in on-ground activities. Record and report on local issues and projects. Report unusual plants and animals. Collaborate with management agencies where possible.
	<p>Garden Supply Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research new lines of stock before introducing them. Do not stock or trade invasive species or known environmental weeds. Manually remove weeds and bag seed heads Erect property and site-specific signs.
	<p>Commercial and Recreational Fishing Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat and Equipment Hygiene. Coastline surveillance and reporting. Collaborate and assist in emergency response where necessary.
	<p>Charitable Organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure supply is from reliable source Provide weed hygiene declarations on supplied products.

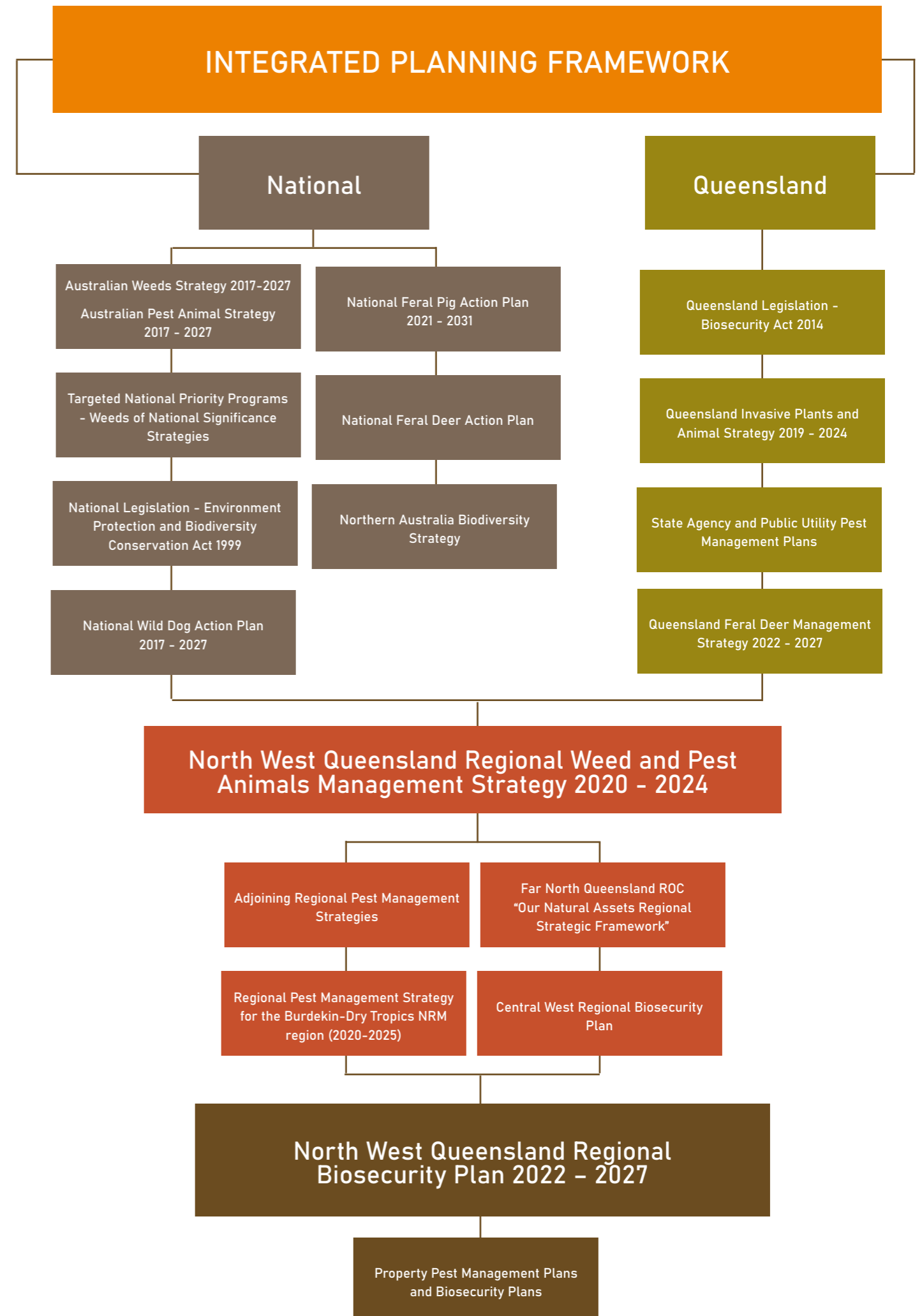
9. Integrated Planning Framework

■ A regional Biosecurity Plan needs to be consistent with the overarching Federal and State strategies. This plan has been developed with this consistency in mind.

The Act sets out the legal framework for the management of invasive biosecurity matter across the state of QLD and was developed to ensure it encompassed the provisions contained in other supporting legislation.

The overarching frameworks are linked throughout the plan to support strategic links to obligations and available funding from these agencies.

The management focus for any particular invasive species may vary across spatial scale. For example, the management strategy for a certain invasive plant may be asset protection at the state level, but for some regions it may be containment and within that region, at a local level, it may be eradication. Therefore, the management of invasive plants and animals requires planning and coordination at federal, state, regional, local and even property levels. The integrated planning framework presents stakeholders with a strategic and holistic approach to the containment, control and eradication of invasive biosecurity matter based on risk, impact, and liability within each of the 10 participating LG areas.



10. Biosecurity Management

■ Making decisions about the level of risk the invasive biosecurity matter presents is a critical part of biosecurity planning. A risk-based decision making process will help determine the way risks are managed.

The level of impact of the invasive biosecurity matter (including existing species and species not yet present) on the local community and the potential for successful control measures are an important consideration as part of assessing risk and prioritisation of risk.

The risk of each species entering and becoming established is assessed, with the highest risk species given highest priority. There are four key types of action in managing invasive plants and animals; prevention, eradication, containment and public interest asset-based protection.

10.1 Priority Invasive Plants and Animals

The risk prioritisation process allows for the identification of species of highest risk to the region and identify management objectives to reduce this risk. The risk-based decision-making process used for this document is based on the reasonable and practical measures for priority invasive plants and animals that were set with the guidance of the Biosecurity Queensland (2020), LG Biosecurity Planning Support Tools – Risk Prioritisation Tool, The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Brisbane. Each participating LG has completed a risk-based process to support the thresholds that appear in table 2. The six (6) steps that were considered when appointing these thresholds are included below.



Management thresholds have been identified for each priority invasive biosecurity matter listed in table 2. The Queensland Weed and Pest Animal Strategy (QW&PAS 2019-2024) assigns management objectives for specific invasive biosecurity matter listed under the act, as described below, with the addition of a watch list.

<p style="text-align: center;">PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION Maintain QLD's pest-free status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent the introduction of the pest species. • Remove the pest species from trade. • Isolate any known incursion of the pest species and eradicate immediately. • Monitor any reported sightings of the pest species.
<p style="text-align: center;">ERADICATION Return QLD to pest-free status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove all pest plants and exhaust the seed bank. • Remove all pest animals. • Prevent the spread of pest species reproductive material. • Prevent reintroduction of pest species. • Remove the pest species from trade.
<p style="text-align: center;">CONTAINMENT A Create an exclusion zone with prevention and eradication objectives, and actively reduce infestation inside containment area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove/treat all pest plant and exhaust seed bank. • Remove all pest animals. • Prevent the spread of pest species reproductive material. • Prevent reintroduction of pest species to containment area. • Remove the pest species from trade. • Take all reasonable actions to prevent the spread and remove pest animal populations.
<p style="text-align: center;">CONTAINMENT B Create an exclusion zone with prevention and eradication objectives, and manage species as per best practice to reduce impacts on priority assets within the containment area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure actions are taken to prevent pest entry into other areas. • Prevent the spread of pest species reproductive material out of containment area. • Minimise the spread of pest species reproductive material into areas under active control. • Remove the pest species from trade. • Take all reasonable actions to control, prevent or limit spread of pest animals.
<p style="text-align: center;">ASSET PROTECTION Reduce the overall economic, environmental, and/or social impacts of the species, including targetted management to protect key sites/assets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce impacts of pest species on assets. • Minimise the spread of pest species reproductive material into uninfested areas or into areas under active control. • Remove the pest species from trade.
<p style="text-align: center;">WATCH LIST Unlikely to establish in area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest species risk has been considered and currently does not pose a biosecurity threat. • Ongoing periodic monitoring of pest species to confirm status. • The pest species is unlikely to be targetted for coordinated control unless it's impacts increase and pose a threat.

CAUTION







It is important to remember that there is a legislative obligation for individuals and organisations to meet the prescribed prohibited and restricted matter obligations, regardless of the risk-rating that is identified for your LG area or region.

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Coastal	Gilbert	Georgina	Belmore	Gilbert	Urban	Norman	Georgina	Walker Group	O'Connell
Leichhardt	Flinders	Cloncurry	Urban	Gilbert Headwaters	Doomadgee	Flinders_Saxby	Leichhardt	Porcupine	Flinders
Nicholson	Mitchell	Lower Norman	Belmore	Urban	Old Doomadgee	Upper Cloncurry	Nicholson	Flinders	Woolgar Group
Settlement	Morning Inlet	Upper Norman	Carron	Walker	Doomadgee	Diamantina_Eyre	Urban	Urban	Saxby_Expressman
Urban	Norman	Lower Norman	Littleton National Park	Urban	Urban	Lower Cloncurry	Rockwood_Landsborough	Desert Waters	Urban
Urban	Staaten	Urban	Urban	Etheridge	Urban	Flinders_Saxby	Walker Group	Rockwood_Landsborough	Urban
Urban	Norman	Urban	Urban	Etheridge	Urban	Norman	Walker Group	Rockwood_Landsborough	Urban
Urban	Morning Inlet	Urban	Urban	Etheridge	Urban	Norman	Walker Group	Rockwood_Landsborough	Urban
Urban	Mitchell	Urban	Urban	Etheridge	Urban	Norman	Walker Group	Rockwood_Landsborough	Urban
Urban	Flinders	Urban	Urban	Etheridge	Urban	Norman	Walker Group	Rockwood_Landsborough	Urban
Urban	Gilbert	Urban	Urban	Etheridge	Urban	Norman	Walker Group	Rockwood_Landsborough	Urban
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Invasive Plants																													
Chinese Apple <i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i>																													
Gamba Grass <i>Andropogon gayanus</i>																													
Giant Rat's Tail Grass <i>Sporobolus pyramidalis, S. natalensis</i>																													
Golden Dodder <i>Cuscuta campestris</i>																													
Grader Grass Spp																													
Japanese Sunflower <i>Tithonia diversifolia</i>																													
Hymenachne <i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis & hybrids</i>																													
Bunny Ears <i>Opuntia microdasys</i>																													
Cholla Cactus <i>Cylindropuntia fulgida var. mamillata</i>																													
Harrisia Cactus <i>Harrisia's martini, tortuosa & pomanensis</i>																													

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Coastal	Leichhardt Nicholson Settlement Urban	Gilbert Flinders Mitchell Morning Inlet Norman Staaten Urban	Georgina Cloncurry Leichhardt Urban Belmore Carron Littleton National Park Lower Norman Upper Norman Walker Urban	Gilbert Headwaters Gilbert Etheridge Einarsleigh Mitchell Urban	Doomadgee Old Doomadgee Norman	Flinders_Saxby Lower Cloncurry Diamantina_Eyre Upper Cloncurry Urban	Georgina Leichhardt Nicholson Urban	Desert Waters Rockwood_Landsborough Walker Group Porcupine Flinders Urban	Saxby_Expressman Woolgar Group Flinders O'Connell Urban

Invasive Plants																																																							
Khaki Weed <i>Alternanthera pungens</i>																																																							
Leucaena <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>																																																							
Lantana <i>Lantana camara</i>																																																							
Mesquite <i>Prosopis pallida,</i> <i>Prosopis spp. hybrid</i>																																																							
Milk Weed <i>Euphorbia heterophylla</i>																																																							
Mimosa Bush <i>Vachellia farnesiana</i>																																																							
Mother of Millions <i>Bryophyllum spp.</i>																																																							
Navua Sedge <i>Cyperus aromaticus</i>																																																							
Neem Tree <i>Azadirachta indica</i>																																																							
Noogoora Burr <i>Xanthium pungens</i>																																																							

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Invasive Plants																																
Paddy's Lucerne <i>Sida rhombifolia</i>																																
Parkinsonia <i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>																																
Parthenium <i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>																																
Physic Nut <i>Jatropha curcas</i>																																
Praxelis <i>Praxelis clematidea</i>																																
Prickly Pear <i>Opuntia stricta</i>																																
Prickly Acacia <i>Vachellia nilotica subsp. indica</i>																																
Read Headed Cotton Bush <i>Asclepias curassavica</i>																																
Rubber Vine <i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i>																																
Safron Thistle <i>Carthamus Lanatus</i>																																

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Invasive Plants												
<i>Siam Weed Chromolaena odorata</i>												
<i>Salvinia Salvinia molesta</i>												
<i>Sicklepods Sicklepod Senna obtusifolia, foetid senna Senna tora and hairy senna Senna hirsuta</i>												
<i>Siratro weed Macroptilium atropurpureum</i>												
<i>Snake Weed Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i>												
<i>Thatch Grass Hyparrhenia rufa</i>												
<i>Thorn Apple Datura Spp</i>												
<i>Thunbergia Thunbergia grandiflora</i>												
<i>Yellow Belts Tecoma stans</i>												
<i>Water Hyacinth Eichhornia crassipes syn. Pontederia crassipes</i>												

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	BIRDSHIRE	CARPENTARIA SHIRE Central Queensland	Cloncurry Central Queensland		DUFF GOLD COAST Central Queensland		McKinty Central Queensland		SHIRE OF FLINDERS		Invasive Plants	
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Invasive Plants												
Yellow Candles <i>Senna Alata</i>												
Yellow Flame Tree <i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i>												
Yellow Oleander <i>Cascabela thevetia</i>												

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Invasive Animals	SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL	CARRENTANIA SHIRE	Cloncurry	CARRON	DEER GOLD OLD FIDELITY	DOONADGEE	McKintay	MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL	SHIRE OF FLINDERS	TONGUE BAY COUNCIL	SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL		CARRENTANIA SHIRE		Cloncurry		CARRON		DEER GOLD OLD FIDELITY		DOONADGEE		McKintay		MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL		SHIRE OF FLINDERS		TONGUE BAY COUNCIL					
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Chital Deer <i>Axis axis</i>																																		
Feral Camel <i>Camelus dromedaries & C. bactrianus</i>																																		
Feral Cat <i>Felis catus</i>																																		
Feral goat <i>Capra hircus</i>																																		
Feral Horse <i>Equus caballus</i>																																		
Feral Pidgeon <i>Columbia livia domestica</i>																																		
Feral pig <i>Sus scrofa</i>																																		
Feral Rusa Deer <i>Rusa timorensis</i>																																		

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Invasive Animals																				
Fox <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>																				
Locusts Australian plague locust <i>Chortoicetes terminifera</i> , Spur-throated locust <i>Austracris guttulosa</i> , Migratory locust <i>Locusta migratoria</i> , Yellow-winged locust <i>Gastrimargus musicus</i>																				
Rabbit <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>																				
Singapore Ant <i>Trichomyrmex destructor</i>																				
Water Buffalo <i>Bubalus bubalis</i>																				
Wild dog <i>Canis familiaris</i> , Dingo <i>C. familiaris dingo</i>																				

12. Reasonable and Practical Measures

Reasonable and practical measures describe the action(s) needed to minimise the biosecurity risk associated with invasive plants and animals. Determined by the situation, stakeholders within the LG area may be required to discharge the GBO and take reasonable and practical measures to reduce the biosecurity risk.

Examples of measures include:

- Following hygiene procedures, such as washing vehicles/machinery, to prevent the spread of an invasive plant
- Checking that the plant or animal you are acquiring is not listed in the biosecurity plan
- Reporting the presence of eradication targets to the LG biosecurity officer
- Managing invasive plants or animals in accordance with best practice control methods
- Getting involved in a pest animal baiting or fencing program.

A full list of reasonable and practical measures for the priority invasive plants and animals listed in this plan see (table 2) can be found in Appendix 4.

Make yourself familiar with the reasonable and practical measures associated with the invasive plants and animals listed in this plan.



i. Appendix 1 - Definitions

Biosecurity considerations	Include human health, social amenity, the economy and the environment i.e. things which may be negatively impacted by biosecurity matter.
Biosecurity event	An event or potential event that has been, or is likely to be caused by biosecurity matter, and which has had, or may have a significant adverse effect on a biosecurity consideration (s14). These are usually high-risk events such as an outbreak of disease which may have widespread impacts on an industry.
Biosecurity matter	(Referred to in the plan as invasive plants and animals). A living thing (other than a human or part of a human), a disease, a pathogenic agent that can cause disease in a living thing other than a human or in a human via transmission of the pathogenic agent from an animal, or a contaminant (biological, chemical and physical) (s15).
Biosecurity risk	Any risk (real or potential) of an adverse effect on a biosecurity consideration caused by: biosecurity matter, dealing with biosecurity matter or a carrier, or carrying out an activity relating to biosecurity matter or a carrier (s16).
Carrier	Can be any 'thing', dead or alive, biological or inanimate, that is carrying or has the potential to carry biosecurity matter (s17). A 'thing' includes a human.
Contaminant	Anything that may be harmful to animal or plant health or pose the risk of an adverse effect on a biosecurity consideration (s18). Examples include pathogenic bacteria in irrigation water, environmental contaminants including dioxins and residual organochlorine pesticides, heavy metals in fertilisers and animal feed and weed seeds.
General Biosecurity Obligation	Everyone is responsible for managing biosecurity risks that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • under their control; and • that they know about or should reasonably be expected to know about. Under the GBO, individuals and organisations whose activities pose a biosecurity risk must take all reasonable and practical steps to prevent or minimise each biosecurity risk by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimising the likelihood of causing a 'biosecurity event', and limit the consequences if such an event is caused; and • preventing or minimise the harmful effects a risk could have, and not do anything that might make any harmful effects worse.
Invasive biosecurity matter	Invasive plants and animals (weeds and pest animals) listed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prohibited matter in schedule 1, parts 3 and 4; • restricted matter in schedule 2, part 2; or • listed in a regulation or emergency prohibited matter declaration (a temporary measure prior to listing as restricted or prohibited matter in the Act).
Prohibited matter	Biosecurity matter that is not currently present in Queensland and is prohibited because there are reasonable grounds to believe that it may have a significant adverse effect on a biosecurity consideration if it did enter Queensland (ss19 and 20). Prohibited matter is listed in schedule 1 of the Act and schedule 1, part 1 of the Regulation.
Reasonable and practical measures	The term 'reasonable and practical measures' is used throughout the legislation to include all the mitigation measures (actions or inactions) that a person would reasonably be expected to undertake to prevent or minimise a biosecurity risk in a particular circumstance.
Restricted matter	Biosecurity matter that is already present in Queensland and may have an adverse effect on a biosecurity consideration if restrictions are not imposed (ss21 and 22). Restricted matter is listed in schedule 2 of the Act and schedule 1, part 2 of the Regulation. Restricted matter is assigned category numbers from 1-7 based on its characteristics and the risks it poses.

ii. Appendix 2 - Biosecurity Act Categories

- Categories 1 and 2 have specific urgent reporting requirements, whether or not they are in a person's possession.

Categories 3, 4, 5 and 7 relate to the requirements for restricted matter that is in a person's possession.

Category	Description
Category 1 Must be reported to an inspector	Category 1 restricted matter requires immediate containment or eradication to minimise the risk of spread. It must be reported to an inspector within 24 hours of an individual becoming aware of its presence (s42).
Category 2 Must be reported to an authorised officer	Category 2 restricted matter includes a range of plant and fish species that pose a significant biosecurity risk and require management. Category 2 restricted matter must be reported to an authorised officer (i.e., an inspector or an authorised person) within 24 hours of an individual becoming aware of its presence (s42).
Category 3 Not to be distributed or disposed	Category 3 restricted matter includes all invasive animals and plants where deliberate distribution or disposal is a key source of spread. These species must not be given as a gift, sold, traded or released into the environment while still 'alive' unless the distribution or disposal is provided for in a regulation or under a permit (s43 of the Act and chapter 2, part 3 of the Regulation). Note: 'alive' includes viable propagules (seeds or spores) or vegetative material from which the plant could grow.
Category 4 Not to be moved	Category 4 restricted matter includes specific invasive plants and animals that must not be moved from their site of origin to ensure they are not spread into other areas of the State (s45 (a)). This includes viable propagules or vegetative material from which the plant could re-grow.
Category 5 Not to be kept	Category 5 restricted matter cannot be possessed or kept under a person's control. This restricted matter category includes invasive species that have a high pest potential and capacity to impact heavily on the environment. There are exemptions for seized items, where the restricted matter is being held for identification purposes or under permit (s45 (b)).
Category 6 Not to be fed	Category 6 restricted matter cannot be fed unless held under a restricted matter permit or for the purposes of poison baiting. This includes invasive animals and noxious fish which are not owned by a person. The intention of this prohibition is to discourage population growth (s45 (c)).
Category 7 Must be killed	Category 7 restricted matter must be killed as soon as practicable and disposed of in a way described under a regulation. This is currently intended for the management of noxious fish (s44 of the Act and chapter 2, part 3 of the Regulation).

iii. Appendix 3 - Prohibited and Restricted Matter

- Prohibited Matter - Schedule 1, Part 3 & Part 4

Invasive Plants
acacias non-indigenous to Australia (Acaciella spp., Mariosousa spp., Senegalia spp. and Vachellia spp. other than Vachellia nilotica, Vachellia farnesiana)
anchored water hyacinth (Eichhornia azurea)
annual thunbergia (Thunbergia annua)
bitterweed (Helenium amarum)
candleberry myrtle (Morella faya)
cholla cactus (Cylindropuntia spp. and hybrids other than C. fulgida, C. imbricata, C. prolifera, C. rosea, C. spinosior and C. tunicata)
Christ's thorn (Ziziphus spina-christi)
Eurasian water milfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum)
fanworts (Cabomba spp. other than C. caroliniana)
floating water chestnuts (Trapa spp.)
harrisia cactus (Harrisia spp. syn. Eriocereus spp. other than H. martinii, H. tortuosa and H. pomanensis syn. Cereus pomanensis)
honey locust (Gleditsia spp. other than G. triacanthos)
horsetails (Equisetum spp.)
kochia (Bassia scoparia syn. Kochia scoparia)
lagarosiphon (Lagarosiphon major)
mesquites (all Prosopis spp. and hybrids other than P. glandulosa, P. pallida and P. velutina)
Mexican bean tree (all Cecropia spp. other than C. pachystachya, C. palmata and C. peltata)
miconia (Miconia spp. other than M. calvescens, M. cionotricha, M. nervosa and M. racemosa)
mikania (Mikania spp. other than M. micrantha)
Peruvian primrose bush (Ludwigia peruviana)
prickly pear (Opuntia spp. other than O. aurantiaca, O. elata, O. ficus-indica, O. microdasys, O. monacantha, O. stricta, O. streptacantha and O. tomentosa)
red sesbania (Sesbania punicea)
salvinias (Salvinia spp. other than S. molesta)
serrated tussock (Nassella trichotoma)
Siam weed (Chromolaena spp. other than C. odorata and C. squalida)
spiked pepper (Piper aduncum)
tropical soda apple (Solanum viarum)
water soldiers (Stratiotes aloides)
witch weeds (Striga spp. other than native species)

■ All amphibians, mammals and reptiles other than the following

Invasive Animals
amphibians, mammals and reptiles that are restricted matter
amphibians, mammals and reptiles indigenous to Australia, including marine mammals of the orders Cetacea, Pinnipedia, Sirenia
alpaca (<i>Lama pacos</i>)
asian house gecko (<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>)
axolotl (<i>Ambystoma mexicanum</i>)
bison or American buffalo (<i>Bison bison</i>)
black rat (<i>Rattus rattus</i>)
camel (<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>)
cane toad (<i>Rhinella marina</i> syn. <i>Bufo marinus</i>)
cat (<i>Felis catus</i> and <i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i> x <i>Felis catus</i>)
cattle (<i>Bos</i> spp.)
chital (axis) deer (<i>Axis axis</i>)
dog (<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>)
donkey (<i>Equus asinus</i>)
European hare (<i>Lepus europaeus</i>)
fallow deer (<i>Dama dama</i>)
goat (<i>Capra hircus</i>)
guanicoe (<i>Lama guanicoe</i>)
guinea pig (<i>Cavia porcellus</i>)
horse (<i>Equus caballus</i>)
house mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)
llama (<i>Lama glama</i>)
mule (<i>Equus caballus</i> x <i>Equus asinus</i>)
pig (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)
rabbit (<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>)
red deer (<i>Cervus elaphus</i>)
rusa deer (<i>Rusa timorensis</i> syn. <i>Cervus timorensis</i>)
sewer rat (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)
sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>)
water buffalo (<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>)

■ Restricted Matter - Schedule 2, Part 2

Invasive Plants	Category
African boxthorn (<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>)	3
African fountain grass (<i>Cenchrus setaceum</i>)	3
African tulip tree (<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>)	3
alligator weed (<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>)	3
annual ragweed (<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>)	3
asparagus fern (<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> , <i>A. africanus</i> and <i>A. plumosus</i>)	3
asparagus fern (<i>Asparagus scandens</i>)	3
athel pine (<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>)	3
badhara bush (<i>Gmelina elliptica</i>)	3
balloon vine (<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>)	3
belly-ache bush (<i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i> and hybrids)	3
bitou bush (<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> ssp. <i>rotundifolia</i>)	2,3,4,5
blackberry (<i>Rubus anglocandicans</i> , <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> aggregate)	3
boneseed (<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> ssp. <i>monilifera</i>)	2,3,4,5
bridal creeper (<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>)	2,3,4,5
bridal veil (<i>Asparagus declinatus</i>)	3
broad-leaved pepper tree (<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>)	3
cabomba (<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>)	3
camphor laurel (<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>)	3
candyleaf (<i>Stevia ovata</i>)	3
cane cactus (<i>Austrocylindropuntia cylindrica</i>)	3
cat's claw creeper (<i>Dolichandra unguis-cati</i>)	3
Chilean needle grass (<i>Nassella neesiana</i>)	3
chinee apple (<i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i>)	3
Chinese celtis (<i>Celtis sinensis</i>)	3
cholla cacti with the following names—	3
• coral cactus (<i>Cylindropuntia fulgida</i>)	3
• devil's rope pear (<i>C. imbricata</i>)	3
• Hudson pear (<i>Cylindropuntia rosea</i> and <i>C. tunicata</i>)	2,3,4,5
• jumping cholla (<i>C. prolifera</i>)	2,3,4,5
• snake cactus (<i>C. spinosior</i>)	3
Dutchman's pipe (<i>Aristolochia</i> spp. other than native species)	3

■ Restricted Matter - Schedule 2, Part 2

Invasive Plants	Category
elephant ear vine (<i>Argyrea nervosa</i>)	3
Eve's pin cactus (<i>Austrocylindropuntia subulata</i>)	3
fireweed (<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i>)	3
flax-leaf broom (<i>Genista linifolia</i>)	3
gamba grass (<i>Andropogon gayanus</i>)	3
giant sensitive plant (<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i> var. <i>diplotricha</i>)	3
gorse (<i>Ulex europaeus</i>)	3
groundsel bush (<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>)	3
harrisia cactus (<i>Harrisia martinii</i> , <i>H. tortuosa</i> and <i>H. pomanensis</i> syn. <i>Cereus pomanensis</i>)	3
harungana (<i>Harungana madagascariensis</i>)	3
honey locust (<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> including cultivars and varieties)	3
hygrophila (<i>Hygrophila costata</i>)	3
hymenachne or olive hymenachne (<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i> and hybrids)	3
Koster's curse (<i>Clidemia hirta</i>)	2,3,4,5
kudzu (<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i> syn. <i>P. lobata</i> , <i>P. triloba</i> other than in the Torres Strait Islands)	3
lantanas—	3
• creeping lantana (<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>)	3
• lantana, common lantana (<i>Lantana camara</i>)	3
limnocharis, yellow burrhead (<i>Limnocharis flava</i>)	2,3,4,5
Madeira vine (<i>Anredera cordifolia</i>)	3
Madras thorn (<i>Pithecellobium dulce</i>)	2,3,4,5
mesquites—	3
• honey mesquite (<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>)	3
• mesquite or algarroba (<i>Prosopis pallida</i>)	3
• Quilpie mesquite (<i>Prosopis velutina</i>)	3
Mexican bean tree (<i>Cecropia pachystachya</i> , <i>C. palmata</i> and <i>C. peltata</i>)	2,3,4,5
Mexican feather grass (<i>Nassella tenuissima</i>)	2,3,4,5
miconia with the following names—	
• <i>Miconia calvescens</i>	2,3,4,5
• <i>M. cionotricha</i>	2,3,4,5
• <i>M. nervosa</i>	2,3,4,5
• <i>M. racemosa</i>	2,3,4,5

■ Restricted Matter - Schedule 2, Part 2

Invasive Plants	Category
mikania vine (<i>Mikania micrantha</i>)	2,3,4,5
mimosa pigra (<i>Mimosa pigra</i>)	2,3,4,5
Montpellier broom (<i>Genista monspessulana</i>)	3
mother of millions (<i>Bryophyllum delagoense</i> syn. <i>B. tubiflorum</i> , <i>Kalanchoe delagoensis</i>)	3
mother of millions hybrid (<i>Bryophyllum</i> x <i>houghtonii</i>)	3
ornamental gingers—	3
• Kahili ginger (<i>Hedychium gardnerianum</i>)	3
• white ginger (<i>H. coronarium</i>)	3
• yellow ginger (<i>H. flavescens</i>)	3
parkinsonia (<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>)	3
parthenium (<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>)	3
pond apple (<i>Annona glabra</i>)	3
prickly acacia (<i>Vachellia nilotica</i>)	3
prickly pears—	3
• bunny ears (<i>Opuntia microdasys</i>)	2,3,4,5
• common pest pear, spiny pest pear (<i>O. stricta</i> syn. <i>O. inermis</i>)	3
• drooping tree pear (<i>O. monacantha</i> syn. <i>O. vulgaris</i>)	3
• prickly pear (<i>O. elata</i>)	2,3,4,5
• tiger pear (<i>O. aurantiaca</i>)	3
• velvety tree pear (<i>O. tomentosa</i>)	3
• Westwood pear (<i>O. streptacantha</i>)	3
privets—	3
• broad-leaf privet, tree privet (<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>)	3
• small-leaf privet, Chinese privet (<i>L. sinense</i>)	3
rat's tail grasses—	3
• American rat's tail grass (<i>Sporobolus jacquemontii</i>)	3
• giant Parramatta grass (<i>S. fertilis</i>)	3
• giant rat's tail grass (<i>S. pyramidalis</i> and <i>S. natalensis</i>)	3
rubber vines—	3
• ornamental rubber vine (<i>Cryptostegia madagascariensis</i>)	3
• rubber vine (<i>C. grandiflora</i>)	3
sagittaria (<i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>)	3

■ Restricted Matter - Schedule 2, Part 2

Invasive Plants	Category
salvinia (<i>Salvinia molesta</i>)	3
Scotch broom (<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>)	3
Senegal tea (<i>Gymnocoronis spilanthoides</i>)	3
Siam weed with the following names—	3
• <i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	3
• <i>C. squalida</i>	3
sicklepods—	3
• foetid cassia (<i>Senna tora</i>)	3
• hairy cassia (<i>S. hirsuta</i>)	3
• sicklepod (<i>S. obtusifolia</i>)	3
silver-leaf nightshade (<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>)	3
Singapore daisy (<i>Sphagneticola trilobata</i> syn. <i>Wedelia trilobata</i>)	3
telegraph weed (<i>Heterotheca grandiflora</i>)	3
thunbergia (<i>Thunbergia grandiflora</i> syn. <i>T. laurifolia</i>)	3
tobacco weed (<i>Elephantopus mollis</i>)	3
water hyacinth (<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>)	3
water lettuce (<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>)	3
water mimosa (<i>Neptunia oleracea</i> and <i>N. Plena</i>)	2,3,4,5
willows (all <i>Salix</i> spp. other than <i>S. babylonica</i> , <i>S. x calodendron</i> and <i>S. x reichardtii</i>)	3
yellow bells (<i>Tecoma stans</i>)	3
yellow oleander, Captain Cook tree (<i>Cascabela thevetia</i> syn. <i>Thevetia peruviana</i>)	3

■ Restricted Matter - Schedule 2, Part 2

Invasive Animals	Category
barbary sheep (<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>)	2,3,4,5,6
blackbuck antelope (<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>)	2,3,4,5,6
cat (<i>Felis catus</i> and <i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i> x <i>Felis catus</i>), other than a domestic cat	3,4,6
dingo (<i>Canis lupus dingo</i>)	3,4,5,6
dog (<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>), other than a domestic dog	3,4,6
European fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	3,4,5,6
European rabbit (<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>)	3,4,5,6
feral chital (axis) deer (<i>Axis axis</i>)	3,4,6
feral fallow deer (<i>Dama dama</i>)	3,4,6
feral goat (<i>Capra hircus</i>)	3,4,6
feral pig (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)	3,4,6
feral red deer (<i>Cervus elaphus</i>)	3,4,6
hog deer (<i>Axis porcinus</i>)	2,3,4,5,6
red-eared slider turtle (<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>)	2,3,4,5,6
feral rusa deer (<i>Rusa timorensis</i> , syn. <i>Cervus timorensis</i>)	3,4,6
sambar deer (<i>Rusa unicolor</i> , syn. <i>Cervus unicolor</i>)	2,3,4,5,6

Tramp Ants	Category
yellow crazy ant (<i>Anoplolepis gracilipes</i>)	3

iv. Appendix 4 - Reasonable and Practical Measures for Priority Invasive Plants and Animals

Prevention and Early Intervention – Preventing introduction or intervening early is generally the most cost-effective management of invasive species.			
Guiding Principal	Strategic Actions	Responsibility	Success Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders are aware of risks and prevent the introduction of new invasive species to the region. New invasive species incursions are detected early and managed to minimise further spread. Invasive species are managed to prevent their movement into new areas/catchments within the region 	Identify, prioritise, and promote prohibited, emerging, and isolated high risk invasive biosecurity matter for prevention, surveillance, reporting and early intervention activities.	BQ, RTAG, LG	Pest alert list and reporting mechanism is established, and high priority prohibited, emerging and isolated invasive biosecurity matter prevention actions are actively promoted.
	Conduct surveillance activities for early detection of new incursions.	BQ, RTAG, LG	Detections are actively shared among stakeholders. Regional pest prevention measures are promoted at GCPTF, RTAG and other forums.
	Inspect local suppliers and markets for restricted invasive biosecurity matter.	LG	Local markets are informed of GBO regarding invasive biosecurity matter.
	Promote and utilise hygiene protocols and local wash down facilities.	LG, NRM	Information is being actively shared on hygiene and availability of washdown facilities.
	Adopt biosecurity and weed hygiene protocols to minimising spread by carriers.	All Stakeholders	Spread prevention is actively promoted and adopted.
	New pests and spread of isolated pest incursions are prevented across all land tenure within LG's.	All Stakeholders	High priority emerging and isolated invasive biosecurity matter eradication and containment actions are actively promoted and adopted.
	Support stakeholders' adoption of prevention, eradication and containment activities through agreements, incentives, or compliance.	BQ, LG, NRM	High impact IBM containment/impact reduction actions are actively promoted and adopted.
	Establish on-property biosecurity plan.	All Landholders	Landholders establish and implement on property biosecurity plans.
	Implement 'Best Practice' management actions.	All Stakeholders	Recognised best practice utilised in on ground activities.
	Report any incursions or seek assistance for suspicious material.	All Stakeholders	Pest alert list and reporting mechanism is established and utilised.
	Implement hygiene protocols and practices to minimise spread.	All Stakeholders	Landholders are using hygiene declarations to assess risk, restricting property access, and including signage. All available washdown facilities are being utilised.
	Establish GNP buffers as minimum requirement.	All Landholders	Boundary buffer containment concept is supported.
	Work with LG and NRM groups in programs and incentive schemes.	LG, NRM, All Landholders	Actively engage in invasive biosecurity management in local area.
	Ensure compliance with GBO.	All Stakeholders	Understand GBO and what that means to activities being carried out.

Monitoring and Assessments – Established pests are monitored to allow for reliable and timely information to be reported for effective decision making.			
Guiding Principal	Strategic Actions	Responsibility	Success Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and assist surveillance and monitoring programs to support prevention and early intervention activities. Collect, collate, utilise, and make available data relevant to invasive species management. 	Promote information sharing by key stakeholders to ensure that information is kept current and accurate across the region for better decision making and resource allocation.	NWQROC, RTAG, GCPTF, LG, SGNRM	Information is actively shared throughout this governance structure.
	Maintain lines of communication between agencies so that pests can be reported to relevant authorities.	RTAG, GCPTF, NRM	High risk Invasive Biosecurity matter is promoted to ensure identification and reporting when encountered.
	Promote prohibited, emerging, and isolated high-risk Invasive Biosecurity Matter for surveillance, prevention, and reporting.	BQ, RTAG, GCPTF	Biosecurity surveillance completed and any recognised activities completed.
	Stakeholders are to undertake surveillance for new pests and monitor and report possible biosecurity risk.	All Stakeholders	Number of key stakeholders actively conducting surveillance and reporting recognised invasive biosecurity risk.
	Support stakeholder surveillance, monitoring, and identification activities.	LG, BQ, NRM	Stakeholders are mapping data on all biosecurity matter, and it is included in on-property biosecurity plans.
	Assist mapping and data capture amongst stakeholders.	LG, NRM	No. of stakeholders participating in data capture and sharing for distribution mapping.
	Collate all invasive pest presence, distribution, and control data available into a mapping system and support monitoring and assessments.	LG, NRM	Data collected is collated into informative regional mapping documents.
	Develop pest data sharing program amongst stakeholders.	NRM, NWQROC, RTAG, GCPTF, LG	No. of regional pest distribution maps available to stakeholders.
	Support the Biosecurity Queensland Annual Pest Distribution Survey.	BQ, NRM, LG	No. of LG participating in Annual Pest Distribution survey.
Encourage and support the development of individual property plans to a scale that meets standards to activate access to NRM plans, permits and funding.	LG, NRM	No. of landholders completing compliant plans.	

Awareness and Education – Stakeholders are informed and knowledgeable with the capability and capacity to take ownership of invasive species management. Consultation and partnership arrangements between land managers, community, industry, state, and LG must be established to achieve a collaborative and coordinated approach to management.

Guiding Principal	Strategic Actions	Responsibility	Success Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders are informed and knowledgeable, with the capability and capacity to take ownership of pest management. Stakeholders have a clear understanding of the biology, ecology and impacts of invasive biosecurity matter they are managing. Stakeholders are actively participating in invasive species groups for understanding and information sharing. 	Regional Biosecurity plan developed in consultation with stakeholders and made available for public consultation and submissions.	SGNRM, NWQROC, LG	Draft developed in consultation with stakeholders. Public notice advertised for public consultation and submissions.
	Adopted NWQRBPP made available via all 10 participating councils' websites and available at LG main office and public information centres.	LG	All participating LG make the plan available electronically, and hard copy at public office and Library.
	Invasive Biosecurity matter information is made available to stakeholders.	BQ, NRM, LG	No. communications distributed to stakeholders. No. of communication pathways expanded.
	Weed hygiene protocols and practices promoted and enforced among potential carriers.	LG	No. of stakeholders using washdown facilities. Information shared amongst stakeholders of the importance of movement hygiene.
	Promote adoption of surveillance, prevention and reporting activities for high risk, new incursions, isolated incursions or prohibited biosecurity matter among stakeholders.	LG, BQ, NRM	Number of landholders, groups or representatives which information was provided.
	Information is shared amongst key stakeholders for good decision making.	LG, GCPTF, SGNRM	Information is shared amongst key stakeholders so that information is kept current and accurate.
	Assist stakeholders with species identification and planning activities.	BQ, NRM	Number of landholders assisted, pests identified, and property plans developed.
	Work with NRM groups and Government Departments to provide training and information relating to invasive biosecurity matter.	LG, BQ, NRM	Number of stakeholders who attend workshops or received training.

Effective Management System – Invasive species management must be based on ecologically and socially responsible practices that protect the environment and productive capacity of natural resources while minimising impacts to the community. There should be a balance between feasibility; cost-effectiveness; sustainability; humaneness; community perceptions and safety; and emergency response.

Guiding Principal	Strategic Actions	Responsibility	Success Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to minimise the impacts of invasive species by developing and implementing an integrated strategic plan. • Adopt and promote best practice amongst all landholders. • Offer incentives to stakeholders for priority invasive species management activities. 	Plans are established in compliance with the act and linking frameworks to ensure consideration in funding programs.	SGNRM, LG	NWQRBP is compiled in consideration with integrated planning framework.
	Agreed programs support control actions from invasive biosecurity matter in compliance with the Act and linking frameworks.	LG, NRM	Planning framework is established linking programs and actions which recognised as best practice and actively adopted.
	Make case studies available with cost benefit analysis so that Land Managers are better informed for decision making.	BQ, NRM	Research and development is targeted at high priority species. Outcomes of research is made available to the public.
	Schedule management activities to coincide with natural population fluctuations and seasonal conditions.	All Landholders	On-property biosecurity plans schedule activities to coincide with population fluctuations and seasonal conditions and appoint a budget and resources to meet these objectives.
	Programs and actions agreed to among a stakeholder collective should be consistent with stakeholder responsibilities under the Act.	All Stakeholders	Programs are developed in consideration of legislated responsibilities under the act and all stakeholders affected by the program are consulted.
	GNP buffer zones are adopted as minimum requirement.	All Landholders	GNP boundary buffer containment concept is supported.
	On ground works for pest programs and actions should align with best practice for timing, control technique used and cost benefit.	All Landholders	Best practice procedures are actively promoted and adopted.
	Ensure that the execution of pest programs aligns with other legislation and practices (i.e., Baiting programs/ Animals Welfare/Medicines and Poisons Act).	All Stakeholders	Consideration is given to duty of care and programs and protocols do not contradict other relevant legislation.
	Promote and support release of state government biological controls as a tool in the arsenal.	BQ, NRM, LG	Uptake and use of biological control to support on ground activities.
	Support stakeholder implementation of best practice programs and actions through incentives, agreements, or biosecurity instruments.	BQ, NRM, LG	Programs and incentives are developed in consultation with stakeholders. Biosecurity instruments are developed to support compliance where required.

Strategic Planning and Management framework – Planning for invasive species management should be based on risk management to ensure that resources are targeted at the priorities identified at local, regional, state and federal levels.

Guiding Principal	Strategic Actions	Responsibility	Success Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities are established to give direction to planning and policy. • Environmentally significant areas are protected from invasive species. • Invasive species management is integrated with other operation planning processes. • Invasive species management is adequately resourced to complete on ground works. 	Prioritise invasive species and implement plans based on risk analysis and achievable outcomes.	LG/SGNRM	NWQRBP is developed on sound risk-based decision-making processes and priorities are established based on achievable outcomes.
	Establish a catchment-based program to ensure the effort downstream is supported upstream.	LG, NRM	Catchment representation, communication, planning and assessment are adopted.
	Establish an integrated planning framework which ensures stakeholder programs and actions are creating an overall uniform/strategic approach to planning and management.	BQ/LG/NRM	NWQRBP and guiding framework is effective in facilitating stakeholder planning and resourcing.
	Pest programs and actions should aim to align with overarching framework obligations and available funding streams to strategically direct finite resources.	All Stakeholders	Programs and actions are receiving funding or achieving outcomes from investment.
	GNP buffer zones are adopted as minimum requirement.	All Landholders	GNP boundary buffer containment concept is supported.
	LG is incorporating programs and actions into all relevant departmental planning, policy and operation works (i.e., roads, waste, water, and park maintenance).	LG	Work plans, policies and projects are developed in each department with consideration GBO responsibilities and to encourage holistic management across the entire LG workforce.
	All stakeholders incorporate identified, agreed programs and actions into operation activities.	All Landholders	Landholders are planning and resourcing priority invasive species management into their annual workplans.
	Participate in local catchment group planning and projects with NRM and neighbours to align obligated commitments with Commonwealth WONS that increases likelihood of securing funding.	All Stakeholders	No. of funded projects established to target pests of national significance.
	Seek out and source funding opportunities to support catchment groups targeting priorities of national significance identified through integrated pest planning framework.	LG, NRM	No. of landholders collaboratively working together as a catchment group to address priorities.
	Conduct coordinated programs that support invasive species priority management. i.e., 1080 Baiting program.	LG	No. of landholders participating in coordinated programs
Support stakeholder adoption and implementation of programs and actions through incentives, agreements and biosecurity instruments and compliance procedures.	LG, NRM	Agreed programs and actions are being adopted by key stakeholders.	
Conduct annual review to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and actions to support ongoing improvements.	RTAG, GCPTF, SGNRM	Review is conducted and outcomes are communicated with stakeholders.	

Commitment to Roles and Responsibilities – Effective invasive species management requires shared responsibility, capability, capacity and long-term commitment by landholders/mangers, the community, industry groups and government. Those who create the risk associated with pest species introduction or spread and those that benefit from their management should help to minimise the impacts of invasive species and contribute to the cost of management.

Guiding Principal	Strategic Actions	Responsibility	Success Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders understand and are committed to their roles and responsibilities under the Act. All stakeholders are committed to, and undertake, coordinated management. Stakeholder roles and responsibilities are established in consultation with all stakeholders. Offer incentives to stakeholders for priority invasive species management activities. 	Stakeholders are aware of their obligations under the Act through agreed awareness and education actions.	BQ, LG, NRM	GBO material is actively disseminated.
	Develop and maintain a Local Government Area Pest Advisory Group, to establish commitment to the development of the plan, its actions and inform pest management generally.	LG, SGNRM, All Stakeholders	Pest Advisory Groups and contact list is established and used to communicate invasive species updates.
	Provide an opportunity for the entire community to provide input by circulating the plan for public consultation and submissions.	LG, SGNRM	NWQRBP is made available to the public for submissions to be considered prior to finalisation.
	The plan is adopted by all participating councils and subsequent work plans are derived from this plan.	LG	NWQRBP is presented and adopted by all 10 participating councils by resolution at their respective LG Meetings.
	Participate and contribute to regional planning, advisory groups, and forums such as the GCPTF and RTAG.	BQ, LG, NRM, Advisory Stakeholders	Forums are represented by LG and key stakeholders from the region.
	Liaise with government and industry and ensure that state wide oversight representation is well informed of regional priorities for research consideration.	NWQROC, NRM	NWQROC appointee represents the regions priorities for research investments and programs.
	Catchment surveillance, monitoring, and assessment to evaluate commitment to actions.	All stakeholders	Invasive species communication is maintained through the pest advisory groups. Monitoring data collection and shared.
	Support commitment to local laws relevant to invasive biosecurity matter.	LG	LG's local laws supports management of locally declared biosecurity risk.
	Support stakeholder commitment to the plan and compliance with their GBO, through incentives, agreements, biosecurity instruments or compliance procedures.	LG	An implementation agreement is developed to support adoption of identified priorities and actions. Biosecurity instruments are developed to support compliance where required.

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vi. Appendix 6 - Table of Acronyms

Invasive Plants	Category
BQ	Biosecurity Queensland
GBO	General Biosecurity Obligation
GCPTF	Gulf Catchments Pest Taskforce
GNP	Good Neighbour Program
LG	Local Government
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NWQROC	North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Council
QLD	Queensland
RTAG	Regional Technical Advisory Group
SGNRM	Southern Gulf NRM
The Act	Biosecurity Act 2014
The Plan/NWQRBP	North West Queensland Regional Biosecurity Plan
WONS	Weeds of National Significance

vii. Appendix 7 - Photo Credits

- We would like to acknowledge the talented individuals who have successfully captured the elements of North West Queensland.

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Prickly Acacia - SGNRM	Cover
Rubbervine - SGNRM	Cover
Wild Dog - DAF QLD	Cover
Lake Moondara - SGNRM	5
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Shutting the gate on invasive pest species



Each year biosecurity threats increase as we welcome more visitors, parcels, and cargo to our region. It is imperative that we are all biosecurity aware to protect our unique natural resources, agriculture and industry, community and residential assets, for the region's long term sustainability and growth.

Department of Education
Brisbane, 29 November 2022

Holidays Act 1983

NOTIFICATION

I, the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing in pursuance of the provisions of the *Holidays Act 1983*, hereby appoint the day specified in Column 1 of the Schedule, hereto as a special holiday within the District set opposite that day in Column 2 of the schedule, being a holiday in respect of the annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show set opposite that day in Column 3 of the schedule.

Note 1: The following holidays are bank holidays and public holidays pursuant to Section 4(4) of the *Holidays Act 1983*.

Column 1 Date of Holiday 2023	Column 2 District	Column 3 Name of Show
3 February 2023	Southern Downs Region – the area of the former Stanthorpe Shire and the area of the village of Dalveen	Stanthorpe Annual Show
10 February 2023	Southern Downs Region – the area of the former Warwick Shire – Division 1	Allora Annual Show
24 February 2023	Southern Downs Region – the area of the former Warwick Shire – Division 3 (excluding the urban area of Warwick City and the locality of Murray's Bridge)	Killarney Annual Show
24 March 2023	Southern Downs Region – the area of the former Warwick Shire – Divisions 2, 5 and 6, Division 3 (being the urban area of Warwick City and the locality of Murray's Bridge), Division 4 (excluding the village of Dalveen)	Warwick Annual Show
31 March 2023	Toowoomba Region – Toowoomba Regional Council area excluding the Yarraman, Upper Yarraman and Cooyar areas	Toowoomba Royal Agricultural Show
6 April 2023	Shire of Croydon	Normanton Barra Classic Show Day
14 April 2023	Western Downs Region – Dalby and District	Dalby and District Annual Show
14 April 2023	Western Downs Region – Wandoan and District	Wandoan Show Festival
17 April 2023	Goondiwindi Region – that area covered by the former Shire of Inglewood excluding that part of the former shire within the boundaries of the parishes of Wyemo, Beebo, Texas, Silverspur, Arcot, Gunyan, Bonshaw, Maiden Head, Aitkin's Flat and the town of Texas	Inglewood Annual Show
28 April 2023	Goondiwindi Region – for that area covered by the former Goondiwindi Town Council Area and the former Waggamba Shire	Goondiwindi Annual Show
2 May 2023	Shire of Banana – that part of the shire formerly known as Division 1 of Taroom Shire (includes township of Taroom)	Taroom Annual Show
5 May 2023	North Burnett Region – Mundubbera Area	Mundubbera Annual Show
12 May 2023	Longreach Region – Longreach	Longreach Agricultural Show
12 May 2023	Maranoa Region – from the eastern boundary of the Council area including the towns of Jackson, Yuleba, Wallumbilla, Roma, Hodgson and Muckadilla. North of Roma to the northern boundary of the Council area including the town of Injune and the area known as Bymount and south of Roma to the southern boundary of the Council area including the township of Surat and the area East and South of Surat Township	Roma Agricultural Show
16 May 2023	Maranoa Region – west of Amby to the western boundary of the Council area including the towns of Mitchell and Mungallala. South of Amby to the southern boundary of the Council area including the area known as Dunkeld and north of Amby to the northern boundary of the Council area	Mitchell Agricultural Show
16 May 2023	Shire of Banana – That part of the Shire covered by the parishes of Mayne, Quakit, Gibber Gunyah, Martin, Highworth, Southend, Coteeda, Blackman, Cracow, Dresden, Mungungal, Camboon, Okangal, Walloon, Woolton, Woolthorpe, Warnoah, Belmont, Colombo, Tarramba, Barfield, Rhydding, Roundstone, Capayan, and that part of the parish of Banana described as L110/FN261, L109/FN261, L48/FN283, L53/FN423, L1&2/RP892597, L1/RP612740, L1-6/RP613366, L2/RP612740, L127/FN470, and Pt L13/FN469 (includes townships of Theodore and Cracow)	Taroom Annual Show
19 May 2023	City of Ipswich	Ipswich Annual Show
19 May 2023	Gympie Region excluding Goomeri Township, Parish of Goomeribong	Gympie Annual Show
19 May 2023	Shire of Banana – that part of the shire covering the parishes of Annandale, Craiglands, Dumgree, Earlsfield, Greycliffe, Spier, Thalberg, Callide, Prairie, Coreen, Kooingal, Scoria, Kroombit, Clifford, Kariboe, Grevillea, Prospect, Tiamby, Moura and Kianga (includes townships/areas of Biloela, Jambin, Goovigen, Thangool, Banana, Moura, Prospect Creek, Mt Murchison)	Callide Valley Agricultural and Pastoral Show

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19 May 2023	Shire of Murweh	Charleville and District Annual Show
23 May 2023	Western Downs Region – Miles and District	Miles and District Show
24 May 2023	Barcaldine Region – Alpha township	Alpha Annual Show
26 May 2023	Central Highlands Region – Capella and Tieri	Capella and District Agricultural Show
26 May 2023	Fraser Coast Region	Fraser Coast Agricultural Show
26 May 2023	Shire of Paroo	Cunnamulla Show
27 May 2023	Western Downs Region – Chinchilla and District	Chinchilla Annual Show
31 May 2023	Isaac Region – Moranbah, Clermont, Middlemount, Dysart, Kilcummin and rural areas	Clermont Show Day
1 June 2023	Bundaberg Region – within the post codes of 4660 and 4670	Bundaberg Annual Show
2 June 2023	Central Highlands Region – Townships of Springsure and Rolleston	Springsure and District Agricultural Show
2 June 2023	Shire of Bulloo	Hungerford Field Day
2 June 2023	Shire of Flinders – Hughenden, Stamford, Prairie and Torrens Creek	Hughenden Show
2 June 2023	Shire of Torres	Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival
2 June 2023	Sunshine Coast Region – the area of the former Caloundra City Council	Maleny Annual Show
2 June 2023	Torres Strait Island Region (whole region)	Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival
7 June 2023	Central Highlands Region – Townships of Emerald, Comet, Gemfields, Blackwater, Bluff, Dingo, Duaringa	Emerald and District Agricultural Show
9 June 2023	Shire of Carpentaria	Normanton Show Day
9 June 2023	Shire of Richmond	Richmond Annual Field Day
12 June 2023	Weipa Town Area	Weipa Fishing Classic
15 June 2023	Isaac Region – St Lawrence, South of Clairview and rural areas	Rockhampton Agricultural Show
15 June 2023	Rockhampton Region	Rockhampton Agricultural Show
15 June 2023	Shire of Banana – that part of the shire covering the parishes of Westwood, Fleetwood, Moongan, Dundee, Bunerba, Ulogie, Manton, Don and Bundalba (includes townships of Wowan and Dululu)	Rockhampton Agricultural Show
15 June 2023	Shire of Banana – that part of the shire covering the parishes of Thuriba, Olinda, Rannes, Benleith, Granville, Woolein, Fairview, Cottenham, Wright, Perch, Neimen and the parish of Banana excluding L110/FN261, L109/FN261, L48/FN283, L53/FN423, L1&2/RP892597, L1/RP612740, L1-6/RP613366, L2/RP612740, L127/FN470, and Pt L13/FN469 (includes township of Baralaba)	Rockhampton Agricultural Show
15 June 2023	Shire of Woorabinda	Rockhampton Agricultural Show
16 June 2023	Shire of Cloncurry	Cloncurry and District Annual Show
16 June 2023	Shire of Livingstone	Rockhampton Agricultural Show
16 June 2023	Shire of Mornington	Mount Isa Agricultural Show
16 June 2023	Sunshine Coast Region – the area of the former Maroochy Shire	Sunshine Coast District Agricultural Show
22 June 2023	Isaac Region – Nebo, Glenden, Coppabella, Coastal Region, Clairview and Clairview North	Mackay Agricultural Show
22 June 2023	Mackay Region	Mackay Agricultural Show
23 June 2023	City of Mount Isa	Mount Isa Agricultural Show
23 June 2023	Shire of Cook	Laura Campdraft, Rodeo and Races Weekend

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23 June 2023	Whitsunday Region – Proserpine, Airlie Beach, Cannonvale (the area formerly known as Shire of Whitsunday)	Whitsunday Show
27 June 2023	Whitsunday Region – Bowen (the area formerly known as Divisions 1 and 2 of the Shire of Bowen and that part of Division 3 north of the Bogie River from its confluence with the Burdekin River to its source and then easterly by the Clark Range to the eastern boundary of the Shire)	Bowen Annual Show
28 June 2023	Shire of Burdekin	Burdekin Annual Show
3 July 2023	City of Townsville	Townsville Annual Show
7 July 2023	Shire of Hinchinbrook	Ingham Annual Show
11 July 2023	Mareeba Shire – that part of the Mareeba Shire included within the Parishes of Irvinebank, Myosotis and Western	Atherton Annual Show
11 July 2023	Tablelands Region	Atherton Annual Show
14 July 2023	Cassowary Coast Region – Divisions 4, 5 and 6 and those parts of Divisions 2 and 3 generally north of the Walter Hill Range	Innisfail and District Annual Show
17 July 2023	Mareeba Shire – That part of Mareeba Shire included within the Parishes of Mowbray, Salisbury, Riflemead and that part of the Parish of Garioch located north of Hunter and Rifle Creeks	Mossman Annual Show
21 July 2023	Cairns Region	Cairns Annual Show
21 July 2023	Mareeba Shire excluding the Parishes of Irvinebank, Myosotis, Western, Mowbray, Salisbury, Riflemead and that part of the Parish of Garioch located north of Hunter and Rifle Creeks	Cairns Annual Show
21 July 2023	Shire of Aurukun	Cairns Annual Show
21 July 2023	Shire of Hope Vale	Cairns Annual Show
21 July 2023	Shire of Kowanyama	Cairns Annual Show
21 July 2023	Shire of Mapoon	Cairns Annual Show
21 July 2023	Shire of Napranum	Cairns Annual Show
21 July 2023	Shire of Pormpuraaw	Cairns Annual Show
21 July 2023	Shire of Wujal Wujal	Cairns Annual Show
21 July 2023	Shire of Yarrabah	Cairns Annual Show
24 July 2023	Shire of Douglas	Mossman Annual Show
28 July 2023	Cassowary Coast Region – Division 1 and those parts of Divisions 2 and 3 generally south of the Walter Hill Range	Tully and District Annual Show
1 August 2023	Charters Towers Region	Charters Towers Annual Show
4 August 2023	Shire of Etheridge	Etheridge Shire Agricultural Show/Forsayth Turnout
11 August 2023	Northern Peninsula Area Region	Annual NPA Show Day
14 August 2023	Bundaberg Region – within the postcode of 4671	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	City of Redland	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Gladstone Region	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Goondiwindi Region – for that area covered by the former Shire of Inglewood within the boundaries of the parishes of Wyemo, Beebo, Texas, Silverspur, Arcot, Gunyan, Bonshaw, Maiden Head, Aitkin's Flat and the town of Texas	Texas Show Holiday
14 August 2023	Gympie Region – Goomeri Township, Parish of Goomeribong	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Lockyer Valley Region	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Logan City	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Moreton Bay Region	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	North Burnett Region – Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Mount Perry and Monto Areas	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Scenic Rim Region	Royal Queensland Show

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14 August 2023	Shire of Balonne	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Shire of Cherbourg	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Somerset Region	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	South Burnett Region	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Toowoomba Region – that part of the Toowoomba Regional Council area covered by Yarraman, Upper Yarraman and Cooyar	Royal Queensland Show
14 August 2023	Western Downs Region – Tara and District	Royal Queensland Show
16 August 2023	City of Brisbane	Royal Queensland Show
1 September 2023	City of Gold Coast	Gold Coast Show
6 September 2023	Barcaldine Region – Aramac, Baraldine and Jericho townships	Westech Field Day
6 September 2023	Longreach Region – Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yaraka	Westech Field Day
8 September 2023	Shire of Noosa	Noosa Show
8 September 2023	Shire of Quilpie	Annual Quilpie and District Show
7 November 2023	Whitsunday Region – Collinsville (that area formerly known as that part of Division 3 of the Shire of Bowen south of the Bogie River from its confluence with the Burdekin River to its source and then easterly by the Clark Range to the eastern boundary of the Shire)	Collinsville Annual Show

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Minister for Education
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Department of Education
Brisbane, 29 November 2022

Holidays Act 1983

NOTIFICATION

I, the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing in pursuance of the provisions of the *Holidays Act 1983*, hereby appoint the day specified in Column 1 of the Schedule, hereto as a special holiday within the District set opposite that day in Column 2 of the schedule, being a special holiday in respect of the event set opposite that day in Column 3 of the schedule.

Note 1: The following holidays are special holidays pursuant to Section 4 of the *Holidays Act 1983* and are bank holidays not public holidays.

Note 2: Pursuant to a directive issued under the *Public Service Act 2008*, they are holidays for public service employees unless otherwise determined by a chief executive.

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25 January 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – St Pauls	St Pauls Anglican Church Day
1 February 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Badu	Deed of Grant in Trust Hand Over Day
2 February 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Mabuia	St. Mary's Church Day
24 February 2023	City of Mount Isa	Mount Isa Day
24 February 2023	Shire of Lockhart River	Foundation Day
28 February 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Boigu	United Pentecostal Church Day (Church of Rock)
20 March 2023	Northern Peninsula Area – Injinoo (Division 1)	Injinoo Day
30 March 2023	Northern Peninsula Area – Umagico (Division 2)	Umagico Day
7 April 2023	Shire of Pormpuraaw	Pormpuraaw Fishing Competition
18 April 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – St Pauls	Kozan Outreach Church Day
25 April 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Badu	St. Marks Church Day

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8 May 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Dauan	Ascension Day (Church Day of Parish of Ascension)
19 May 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – St Pauls	Florence Buchanan Day (Coming of the Light)
29 May 2023	Shire of Torres	Torres Strait Flag Day
29 May 2023	Torres Strait Island Region (whole region)	Torres Strait Flag Day
1 June 2023	Northern Peninsula Area – Bamaga (Division 3)	Bamaga Day
2 June 2023	Northern Peninsula Area Region	Mabo Day
2 June 2023	Shire of Palm Island	Bwgcorman Day
2 June 2023	Shire of Pormpuraaw	Mabo Day
5 June 2023	Shire of Torres	Mabo Day
5 June 2023	Torres Strait Island Region (whole region)	Mabo Day
12 June 2023	Shire of Napranum	Traditional Fishing Day
12 June 2023	Shire of Palm Island	Strike 57 Commemoration Day
14 June 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Mer	Dauar Waier Observation Festival
19 June 2023	Shire of Yarrabah	Yarrabah Foundation Day
19 June 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Boigu	St Saviour Church Day – Torres Strait Church
19 June 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Iama	St John Divine Church Day
29 June 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Kubin	St Peter's Church Day
29 June 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Mabuag	Wagadagam Tribal Chief Initiation Day
29 June 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Warraber	St Peter's Church Day
3 July 2023	Shire of Torres	Coming of the Light Day
3 July 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Masig	Masig Coming of the Light
3 July 2023	Torres Strait Island Region (whole region)	Coming of the Light
6 July 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Dauan	Coming of the Light and Native Title Determination Day
6 July 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Mabuag	Native Title Determination Day
7 July 2023	Shire of Cherbourg	NAIDOC Day
7 July 2023	Shire of Doomadge	NAIDOC Day
7 July 2023	Shire of Kowanyama	NAIDOC Day
7 July 2023	Shire of Mapoon	NAIDOC Day
7 July 2023	Shire of Yarrabah	NAIDOC Day
7 July 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Masig	Masig Native Title Determination Day
7 July 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Poruma and Warraber	Native Title Determination
10 July 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Warraber	Coming of the Light
17 July 2023	Shire of Boulia	Boulia Camel Races
18 July 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Warraber	Indigenous Protected Area Celebration
24 July 2023	Shire of Lockhart River	St. James' Day
25 July 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Mer	St. James Anglican Church Day
1 August 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Mabuag	St. Mary's Church Dedication Day
1 August 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Saibai	Annexure Day
4 August 2023	Shire of Aurukun	Aurukun Day
7 August 2023	Shire of Kowanyama	Kowanyama Annual Rodeo
7 August 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Boigu	August Festival
15 August 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Mer	Cease Fire Day
21 August 2023	Shire of Kowanyama	Kowanyama DOGIT Day
23 August 2023	Shire of Torres	First Torres Strait Councillors Meeting at Masig
23 August 2023	Torres Strait Island Region (Whole Region)	First Councilors Conference – Masig
25 August 2023	Shire of Doomadgee	Doomadgee Day
8 September 2023	Shire of Mornington	Gununa Local Show Day
14 September 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Dauan	Church of the Holy Cross Day
14 September 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Iama	Iama Turan Tabernacle Church Day
18 September 2023	Shire of Aurukun	Aak Ngamparam
22 September 2023	Northern Peninsula Area – New Mapoon (Division 4)	New Mapoon Day
22 September 2023	Shire of Mapoon	Mapoon Day
22 September 2023	Shire of Wujal Wujal	Wujal Wujal Rodeo

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26 September 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Boigu	Blood Covenant Church Dedication Day
7 October 2023	Shire of Cloncurry	Cloncurry and District Race Club TAB Meet (Afternoon Only)
13 October 2023	Northern Peninsula Area – Seisia (Division 5)	Seisia Day
20 October 2023	Northern Peninsula Area Region	NPA Sporting Carnival
27 October 2023	Shire of Wujal Wujal	Wujal Wujal Foundation Day
29 October 2023	Shire Of Lockhart River	DOGIT Day
30 October 2023	Shire of Yarrabah	Yarrabah DOGIT Day
30 October 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Badu	Coming of the Light to Badu
1 November 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Erub and Ugar	All Saints Church Day
7 November 2023	Barcaldine Region – Muttaborra township	Melbourne Cup Day
7 November 2023	Blackall-Tambo Region	Melbourne Cup Day
7 November 2023	Shire of Barcoo	Melbourne Cup Day
7 November 2023	Shire of Burke	Melbourne Cup Day
7 November 2023	Shire of Diamantina	Melbourne Cup Day
7 November 2023	Shire of Murweh	Central Warrego Race Club Inc. Annual Melbourne Cup Race Meeting (Afternoon Only)
7 November 2023	Shire of Richmond	Richmond Melbourne Cup Races (Afternoon Only)
7 November 2023	Shire of Winton	Melbourne Cup Day
24 November 2023	Shire of Mornington	Memorial Day
30 November 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Poruma	St Andrews Church Day
4 December 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Saibai	Church Dedication Day
8 December 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Erub	Native Title Determination Day
13 December 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – lama	Native Title Determination Day
14 December 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Badu	Native Title Determination Day
27 December 2023	Torres Strait Island Region – Masig	St John the Evangelist Church Day

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2 December 2022

Mr Ken Timms
Chief Executive Officer
Etheridge Shire Council
Via Email: ken.timms@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Timms

I refer to your request for special holidays for 2023.

Pursuant to Section 4 of the *Holidays Act 1983*, the Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations has appointed:

- 4 August 2023 a holiday for the Shire of Etheridge for the purpose of the Etheridge Shire Agricultural Show/Forsayth Turnout

Please note that it is only special holidays appointed in respect of an annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show (show holidays) which are public holidays. On a public holiday, employees will be entitled to refuse to work in reasonable circumstances without loss of pay and to be paid penalty rates for work performed.

Should there be a need to request repeal of one or more of the above special holidays (whether or not appointment of a replacement special holiday is also requested) or appointment of an additional special holiday, 30 days prior notice of the requested repeal or appointment is to be given to the Minister. This will allow time for the Minister to decide the request, notify any repeals and/or appointments in the Queensland Government Gazette and for the requesting local government to give notice of holiday changes to its community.

Replacement of a show holiday with a special holiday on another date should be carefully considered as the replacement show holiday will only be a public holiday if it continues to be in respect of an annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show.

Notification of the appointment of the 2023 special holidays was published in the Queensland Government Gazette on 2 December 2022.

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Should you require further information, please contact Ms Jacqui McGuire, Senior Industrial Officer on telephone (07) 3406 9854.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AJ James', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

A J (Tony) James
Assistant Director-General
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