



Etheridge Shire Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 21st February 2024

Location: Council Chambers,
Georgetown

Commencing: 9.00am

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

Agenda Attached

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONFIDENTIAL

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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7. CONSIDERATION OF DCS OPEN SESSION REPORTS
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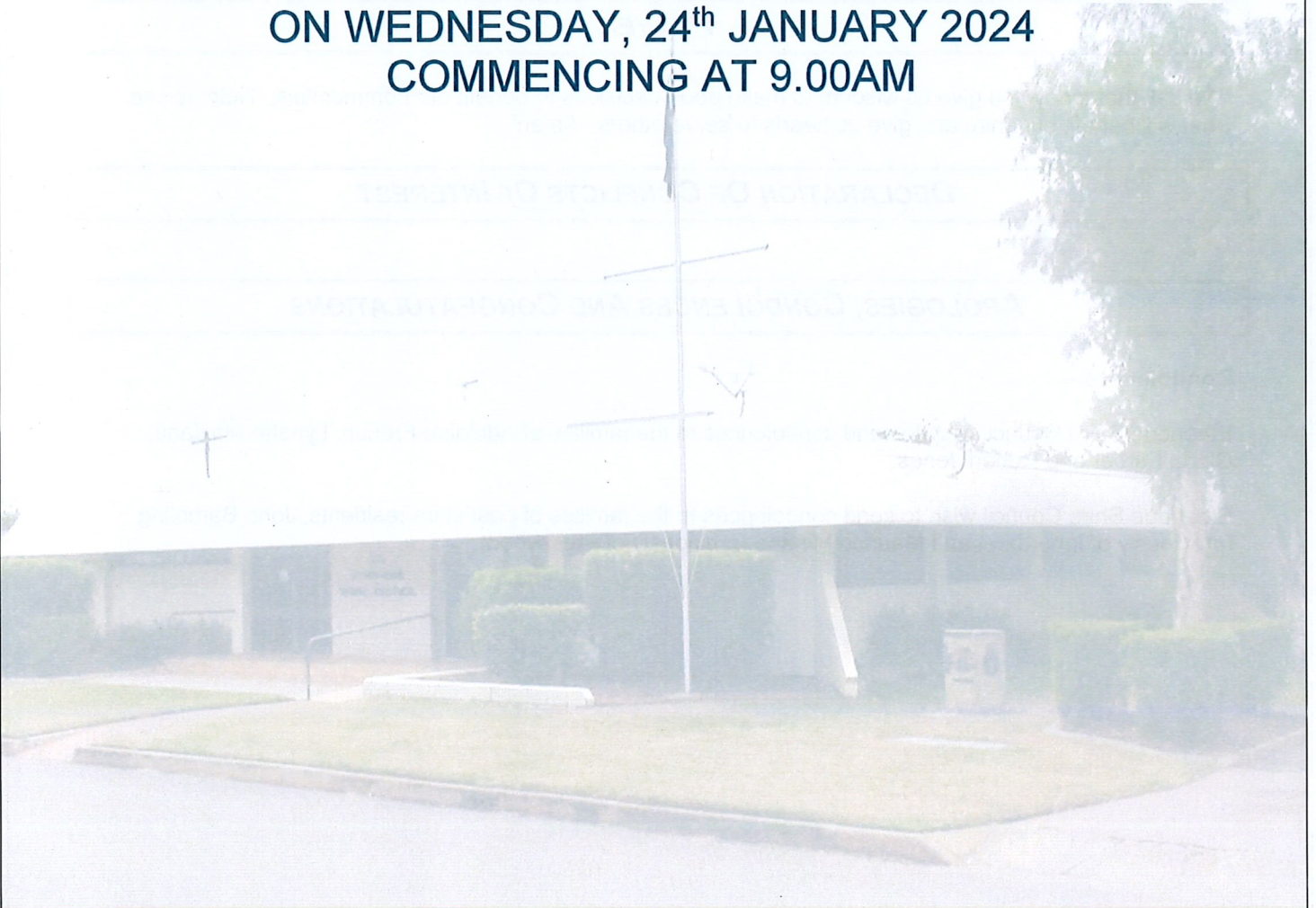
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Etheridge Shire Council

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH JANUARY 2024
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2024
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Barry Hughes
Cr. Laurell Royes
Cr. Joe Haase
Cr. Tony Gallagher
Cr. Cameron Barns

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. Renee Bester, Executive Assistant

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.06 am 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

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Condolences –

Etheridge Shire Council wish to send condolences to the families of Adelaide French, Lynette Maitland, Gloria Furber and Robert Jones.

Etheridge Shire Council wish to send condolences to the families of past shire residents, John Bambling (previously of Innorunie) and Maurice Minane (previously of Prestwood).

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 13th December 2023

Corrections:

- Business Arising – CEO Update 23.11.24, 23.11.25, 23.7.21 should be Cr Royes.

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 13th December 2023 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.01
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Royes

- #23.12.09 – QAO Management Response.
- #23.12.14 – Student Hostel Management. To be discussed in DCS report
- #23.12.28 – Road register
- #23.11.24 & 23.11.25 – Have we got the quotes for the Columbarium Wall & The Lynd Medical Center.
- #23.07.21 – Negotiations over land. To be removed.

Cr Barnes

- #23.12.25 – Update to Transfer Station. To be discussed in DES Briefing Report
- #23.12.27 – Stockproof fencing for airports. To be discussed in DES report.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Hughes left the meeting at 9.31am and returned at 9.34am.
Ken Timms left the meeting at 9.32am and returned at 9.35am.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director Corporate Services

1. Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.02
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10.00am.

ATTENDANCE

Laurie Hawker entered the meeting at 10.04am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.24am.

2. Financial Performance (Actual vs. Budget) for the period 1 July 2022 to 31st December 2023

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 December 2023, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.03
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Ken Timms left the meeting at 10.28am and returned to the meeting room at 10.30am.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM REPORTS

Director of Corporate Services

3. 2023/24 Budget Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under s104 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council must have an annual budget as part of its suite of financial planning documents. Councils budget was adopted on 26th July 2023 and complied with the requirements of s169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

A review of Council's budget has been completed for the period 1 July 2023 to December 2023. It is proposed that Council amend its budget to address issues that have emerged since its adoption. Section 170(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 allows Council to amend its budget anytime before the end of the financial year.

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with s170(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council amend in 20/24 Budget as per the attached list of proposed amendments.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.04
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Laurie Hawker left the meeting at 11.19am.

4. *Second Quarter 2023/24 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 second quarter (1st October – 31 December 2023) progress report on implementing Council's 2023/24 Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the second quarterly progress report on Council's progress toward implementing its 2023 / 24 Operational Plan.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.05
5/0

5. *QAO Management Letter on the conduct of Council 2022/23 Audit*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the conclusion of each annual financial reporting cycle, Queensland Audit Office writes to Councils' Mayors to provide a report on the conduct of their audit of the local authority's annual general purpose financial statements. Mayor, Cr Hughes received QAO's report on Friday, 15th December 2023. In accordance with s213 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the report is tabled for Council's receipt.

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with s211 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council receive the Queensland Audit Office Report dated 5th December 2023 and refer the report to Council's Internal Audit Committee for further review.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.06
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 11.34am to discuss (d) rating concessions 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 sale of land.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.07
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Barry Hughes left the meeting at 11.55am and returned at 11.57am.
Ken Timms left the meeting at 11.56am and returned at 11.58am.
Cr Barnes left the meeting at 11.58 am and returned at 12.02pm.
Cr Gallagher left the meeting at 11.58 am and returned at 12.01pm.
Raju Ranjit entered the meeting at 12.00pm

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 12.35 am.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.08
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

Director Of Corporate Services

6. Request to waive interest and grant discount on overdue rates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council was advised of a transfer of ownership of assessment 00265-27000-000 via Department of Resources Transaction Report received 2nd September 2023. Letters were sent to property owners on the 10th November 2023 to advise owners their assessments had overdue balances. As a result, we have received an enquiry asking for grant of discount and waiving of accrued interest due to the timing of levies being posted to vendors on 1st September 2023, and report being received from Department of Resources on 2nd September 2023. The outstanding rates owed less discount and accrued interest have been paid.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to write-off accrued interest and grant discount on assessment 00265-27000-000.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.09
5/0

7. 2024 Australia Day Awards Committee Meeting Minutes

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 2024 Australia Day Awards. Nominations close on Friday, 17th November 2023. Nominations were tabled at the Australia Day Awards Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th December 2023.

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to:

1. In accordance with s264 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receive the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, 13th December 2023 as presented from the Standing Committee assessing Australia Day nominations and recommendations of award recipients.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.10
5/0

Director Of Engineering Services

8. Construction of Washdown Bay in Georgetown

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The quotations were assessed based on the experience, previous performance, and prices. Council invited ten contractors from Local buy and external contractors but received only from NCH Civil construction .

The NCH Civil construction is currently working on the drainage project in Einasleigh and Forsayth and performing satisfactorily.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the quote provided by NCH Civil Construction to construct a Washdown Bay in Georgetown to the value of \$ 284,977.90 Ex. GST.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.11
4/1

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.40pm.

ATTENDANCE

Raju Ranjit left the meeting at 12.46am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.26pm.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director of Engineering Services

9. Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.12
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

10. Amendments to the model meeting procedures (MMP)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2009* prescribes that all Councils must adopt the model meeting procedures (MMP) or incorporate them into existing standing orders for meeting procedures. Council has been advised by the Department that the MMP were amended in November 2023. Amendments are of minor nature, designed to ensure better consistency with the LGA.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to adopt the following documents:
 - Amended Model Meeting Procedures – November 2023

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.13
 5/0

11. Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) Membership 2023-24

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from Gulf Savannah Development Inc. (GSD) regarding 2023-2024 Membership. GSD offer a range of benefits including services and support to Etheridge Shire Council to progress economic development within the Shire and across the Gulf Savannah Region.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to the reestablishment of its membership with Gulf Savannah Development Inc for the Gulf Council level during 2023-2024.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.14
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12. Review of Council Policies

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council are currently undertaking a Policy Review to ensure of their governance compliance. As part of this review, Council have developed and/or reviewed policies and suggested appropriate changes.

Council have developed a Caretaker Period Policy (ESC – C052) as best practice to inform and provide guidance to Councillors and employees of appropriate standards and responsibilities during the mandatory caretaker period prior to and during quadrennial Local Government elections.

In addition, a review of the following Statutory and Council Policies has been completed with any changes noted:

- ESC – S001 – Councillors Reimbursement of Expenses Provision of Facilities Policy
- ESC – S008 – Entertainment and Hospitality Expenditure Policy
- ESC – S012 – Community Engagement Policy

- ESC – S047 – Grants to Community Organisations Policy
- ESC – C050 – In Kind Support to Community Organisations Policy
- ESC – C049 – Sponsorship to Community Organisations Policy

RESOLUTION

That Council note the completion of the review into the following policies, and re-adopt the reviewed version:

- ESC – S001 – Councillors Reimbursement of Expenses Provision of Facilities Policy
- ESC – S008 – Entertainment and Hospitality Expenditure Policy
- ESC – S012 – Community Engagement Policy
- ESC – S047 – Grants to Community Organisations Policy
- ESC – C050 – In Kind Support to Community Organisations Policy
- ESC – C049 – Sponsorship to Community Organisations Policy

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.01.15
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ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns left the meeting room at 2.11pm and returned at 2.13pm.
Mayor Hughes left the meeting room at 2.11pm and returned at 2.13pm.
Ken Timms left the meeting at 2.11pm and returned at 2.18pm.
Ash Ryan entered the meeting at 2.33pm and left at 2.37pm.
Ash Ryan entered the meeting at 2.46pm and left at 2.48pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher - Can the depth marker be replaced on the Delaney crossing? It has now been missing for 12 months.

Cr Barns - Upgrade to the Gregory Development Road. Is council now in a greater position to be able to advocate even stronger for the argument to Department and Government, an upgrade to the Gregory Development road as an alternate highway road route given the total isolation of the half the Etheridge and Gulf Shires due to the Routh Bridge collapse and flooding? Does it give this argument more weight, in addition to being a service access of GENEX power in Kidston? What are ways we can further advocate to strengthen this proposal. The bridge collapse has shown a weak spot in our northern network that HAS to be rectified immediately.

Cr Barns - Can council provide emergency ways and means to ensure that essential road freight/mail/medical supplies and communication service links be maintained? Can these be identified and incorporated in disaster management as a contingency protocol, is it in councils purview?

Cr Barns - Disaster Management Plan/s- Has there been any identified issues arise in the recent period primarily due to flooding? Ie, leadership, process, etc that need to be addressed.

Cr Barns - Airfreight/air service for our towns. Has there been any interest or scope for any commercial service to feel the need to land on our strips?

Cr Barns - Flood monitoring systems. During the wet season period, is there a way to have them take snapshots in shorter time intervals to the periods that are currently observed? This helps affect decisions of those who are intending to make the journeys in the wet.

Cr Barns - Flood markers at Delaney and other Shire crossings. Does council road crews assess their placement and age/condition/suitability of them all before the wet each year?

Cr Royes - Urgent reevaluation of the First Street Forsayth Drainage Contract/Scope
Cr Royes - Issues with Einasleigh Drainage project
Cr Royes - Einasleigh Public facilities maintenance (toilets)
Cr Royes - The Lynd Community Shed - access (usability)
Cr Royes - Daily Road Condition Report - social media (Council)

ATTENDANCE

Renee Bester left the meeting room at 3.47pm and returned at 3.50pm.
Cr Haase left the meeting room at 3.50pm and returned at 3.52pm.
Ken Timms left the meeting room at 3.54pm and returned at 3.57pm.
Mayor Hughes left the meeting room at 3.57pm and returned at 3.59pm.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2024.

B. G. Hughes 30/1/24
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MAYOR DATE

Business Arising						
#	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken		Progress	
24th January 2024						
24.01.04	That in accordance with s170(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council amend in 20/24 Budget as per the attached list of proposed amendments.	DCS	Finance Manager advised		Complete	
24.01.05	That Council receive the second quarterly progress report on Council's progress toward implementing its 2023 / 24 Operational Plan.	DCS	Currently displayed on website.		Complete	
24.01.06	That in accordance with s211 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council receive the Queensland Audit Office Report dated 5th December 2023 and refer the report to Council's Internal Audit Committee for further review.	DCS			Complete	
24.01.09	That Council resolve to write-off accrued interest and grant discount on assessment 00265-27000-000.	DCS	Actioned by rates		Complete	
24.01.10	In accordance with s264 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receive the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, 13th December 2023 as presented from the Standing Committee assessing Australia Day nominations and recommendations of award recipients.	DCS	Australia Day postponed. Minutes actioned. Awaiting new date		Complete	
24.01.11	That Council resolves to accept the quote provided by NCH Civil Construction to construct a Washdown Bay in Georgetown to the value of \$ 284,977.90 Ex. GST.	DES	NCH have been advised. Awaiting better weather for initial meeting		Complete	
24.01.13	That Council resolve to adopt the following documents: -Amended Model Meeting Procedures – November 2023	CEO	Actioned and implemented		Complete	
24.01.14	That Council resolve to the reestablishment of its membership with Gulf Savannah Development Inc for the Gulf Council level during 2023-2024.	CEO	PO Raised		Complete	
24.01.15	That Council note the completion of the review into the following policies, and re-adopt the reviewed version: •ESC – S001 – Councillors Reimbursement of Expenses Provision of Facilities Policy •ESC – S008 – Entertainment and Hospitality Expenditure Policy •ESC – S012 – Community Engagement Policy •ESC – S047 – Grants to Community Organisations Policy •ESC – C050 – In Kind Support to Community Organisations Policy •ESC – C049 – Sponsorship to Community Organisations Policy	CEO	Implemented		Complete	
Outstanding Business						
13th December 2023						
23.12.14	That Council: - 1.Acknowledge the proposal, however, Council offer a CPI adjustment to the current Management Fee	DCS	Letter to contractors prepared and emailed		In progress	
23.12.25	That Council: •resolves to accept the quote provided by NCH Civil Construction to construct concrete slabs, retaining wall, fences and entrance gate to the value of \$ 349,037 Ex. GST. •Notify affected stakeholders of the mandatory Department of Environment requirements	DES	Contract has been awarded to construct a Transferstation		In progress	
23.12.26	That Council resolves to accept the following offer for the purchase of the Isuzu 8-Wheeler Concrete Agitator from RCG Logistics Pty Ltd for \$143,000.00 Excl GST	DES	Payment has been made on 11.01.2024		In progress	
23.12.27	That Council agrees to apply an application of 50/50 funding partnership between Australian Government's Regional Aviation Access Program and Council to upgrade the stock proof fences in Mt. Surprise and Einasleigh Airport	DES	Grant application has been lodged		In progress	
15th November 2023						
23.11.22	That Council resolve to consider water connection to the Georgetown Cemetery.	DES	Will be considered for 24/25 budget		In progress	
23.11.24	That Council resolve to seek costings for the erection of a Columbarium Wall at Kidston Cemetery.	CEO/DES	Quotes are being sought		In progress	
23.11.25	That Council resolve to urgently seek costings for the erection of perimeter fence and remedial work at the Lynd Medical Centre.	CEO/DES	Quotes are being sought		In progress	
16th August 2023						
23.08.12	That Council receive Ms Taylor's Mt Surprise Land Use Survey Report, and adopt the following recommendations made therein, specifically: - 1.The recommendations for Category 1, Category 2, Category 3, Category 4, Category 5, Category 6 and Category 7, outlined in the report, where appropriate; and 2.Council make enquiries with the State government in relation to Lot 11 SP252513, area 3.58 hectares, Reserve for Township and Trucking with Council as Trustee, to determine if the Occupation Lease (352OL454) can be cancelled and the lot transferred to Council as freehold land, to facilitate future development opportunities afforded by the Industrial Precinct designation of the lot, which was supported by the State, when preparing the 2020 Planning Scheme for the Shire.	DCS	Referred to consulting Town Planner for action		In progress	
23.08.13	That Council receive the report and note management's recommendation to retain Snap Send Solve as a reporting channel for customer requests and to improve the functionality of its existing corporate eDRMS (InfoXpert) to better manage customer service requests (regardless of the communication medium) and provide further training to staff in InfoXpert's use.	DCS	Retained MagiQ to provide system admin & end user training to improve functionality of InfoXpert		In progress	
19th July 2023						
23.07.21	That Council resolve that the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corporate Services be delegated to consult with stakeholders and further negotiate the sale of a block of Industrial Land.	CEO	Negotiations have ended and another solution is sought		In progress	
5th May 2023 - Special Meeting						
23.05.04SP	That Council resolves to accept the following Tender from Bay Investments Pty Ltd trading as Oly Homes for Six (6) x 2 Bedroom Modular Homes, Mandatory Inclusions for the Independent Living Facility Stage 1. Lot 5 Racecourse Road. Oly homes to Build Deliver Install and Complete the Six homes by end of March 2024. Address Recommended Tender Purchase Price GST Excl Lot 5 Racecourse Road Bay Investments QLD P/L, T/A Oly Homes \$1,703,263.32	DCS	No action taken until confirmation of funding sources (grants / loans). Applications for both have been submitted and are under assessment by the funding bodies. Refer to DCS briefing report for latest update.		In progress	
23.05.05SP	That Council resolves to accept the following Tender from Bay Investments Pty Ltd trading as Oly Homes for Six (6) x 2 Bedroom Modular Homes, Mandatory Inclusions for the Staff Housing Project at 8 Green Street. (Lot 105 on SP295139) Oly homes to Build Deliver Install and Complete the Six homes by end of March 2024. Address Recommended Tender Purchase Price GST Excl 8 Green Street Bay Investments QLD P/L, T/A Oly Homes \$1,556,077.32	DCS	No action taken until confirmation of funding sources (loans). Loan application has been submitted and is under assessment by the Department		In progress	



Etheridge Shire Council

ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Briefing Report

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Key Points of Interest

Housing Infrastructure Funding – Independent Living Project-State Contribution

Further information requested by the Department of Housing has been provided as required.

The Department has advised it's satisfied with Council's responses and will proceed to preparation of Project Specific Contracts.

Council is in the process of negotiating subsidy rates for the Department's Two houses within the development.

QTC Loan Application-Housing Projects

Council's Accountant Laurie Hawker and John Perry (MPG) are working together to complete and submit the Cash Flow forecast. John will be in the office from Monday 12th February to finalise the matter.

Internal Audit

Andy Smith from Pacifica Chartered Accountants was onsite from 5/2-9/2 carrying out the scheduled Audit in accordance with the 3 year Strategic Internal Audit Plan.

An Exit Interview was conducted with the CEO and ADCS on 9/2.

His final report will be provided to Council around mid-March.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Burial Site L1 SP287773-Easement Survey

A request has been forwarded to AusNorth Surveyors to provide advice and if appropriate initiate a Survey to establish a suitable Easement for the Ewamian People from the Eastern Boundary of the allotment to the fence currently positioned around the site.

Written approval of the allotment owner to proceed with the Easement has been secured.

At the time of writing no further information is available.

Staff Training 5th Feb-9th Feb

'Fraud' training was conducted by David Stanley (Consultant-LGMA) early in the week. InfoXpert training has also been undertaken with a view to digitalise Council's records system to the point of working within the system itself on a daily basis.

Daily

Various Staff, Administrative and associated matters resolved as required.

In-Office Schedule

My last day in the office for this visit is Wednesday 14th February. I'm scheduled to return on Wednesday 28th February.

Neil

Neil Crotty
ADCS



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	21 st February 2024
Subject	Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 st July 2022 to 31 st January 2024
Classification	Open
Author	Renee Bester, Executive Assistant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council pursuant Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report the period ending 31st January 2024, 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:

Renee Bester

Date: 16th February 2024

Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date:

ATTACHMENTS:

Financial Report as at 31st January 2024

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

1 Highlights of this Month's Financial Report

Reporting Period:=-

31-January-2024

Revenue

Total revenue of \$ 26.6M. to 31-Jan-2024 representing 55 % of total budget of \$ 48.1 M.

These statements are for 7 months of the financial year and generally would represent 58 % of the overall budget.

Recurrent revenue is \$25.8M reflecting a total \$15.680M of NDRRA flood revenue inflows. \$5.045M NDRRA cash came in last month nearly double the previous month DTMR revenue is \$6.042M, no change from previous month.

Wet season rain events are adversely affecting council activities which will be reflected in expected lower revenues next month.

Expenditure

Total expenditure of \$25.95M for the same period represents 48.2% of total revised budgeted expenditure of \$53.8 M .

Expenditure on NDRRA flood works totals \$12.159M Year to Date

Expenditure on DTMR works totals \$6.720M Year to Date

Surplus / Deficit

The resultant Surplus Net Operating result is \$0.649M

Overall after the mid year budget adjustment the important detail to note is the budgetted deficit of \$5.7M.

2 CASH POSITION

2023/2024

January

CASH AT BANK				
	Operating Account			1,189,772
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS				
	QTC Cash Fund			18,810,085
			Total	\$ 19,999,858
The following items should be backed by cash and investments, plus any increases in the surplus of Debtors over Creditors.				
	Cash backed Current Liabilities (AL,LSL,SL,RDO)			640,910
	Restricted cash - grants received not yet spent less grants receivable			8,655,078
				\$ 9,295,988
Balance of estimated rates/other debtors - estimated creditors :				
	(279,183	-	191,388)
				\$ 87,794
Plus cash surplus	\$	19,999,858	-	\$ 9,295,988
				\$ 10,703,870
Working Capital			Total	\$ 10,791,665

3. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate For February 2024

Receipts \$ 000's		Expenditure \$ 000's	
Rates	8,000	Payroll	560,000
Fees and Charges Billings	28,000	Operating and Contractor Payables	3,000,000
Own Roads Program Recoveries	0	PAYG-W; GST	329,000
Main Roads Invoiced Recoveries	0	Loan Payments	0
Grants Expected	100,000	Capital Acq	0
Flood Damage NDRRA	3,000,000	Other	0
GST			
	3,136,000		3,889,000

Cash is therefore expected to decrease by approximately \$ 753,000 during next period
 The recent rain event will slow cash flows in the February and March periods.

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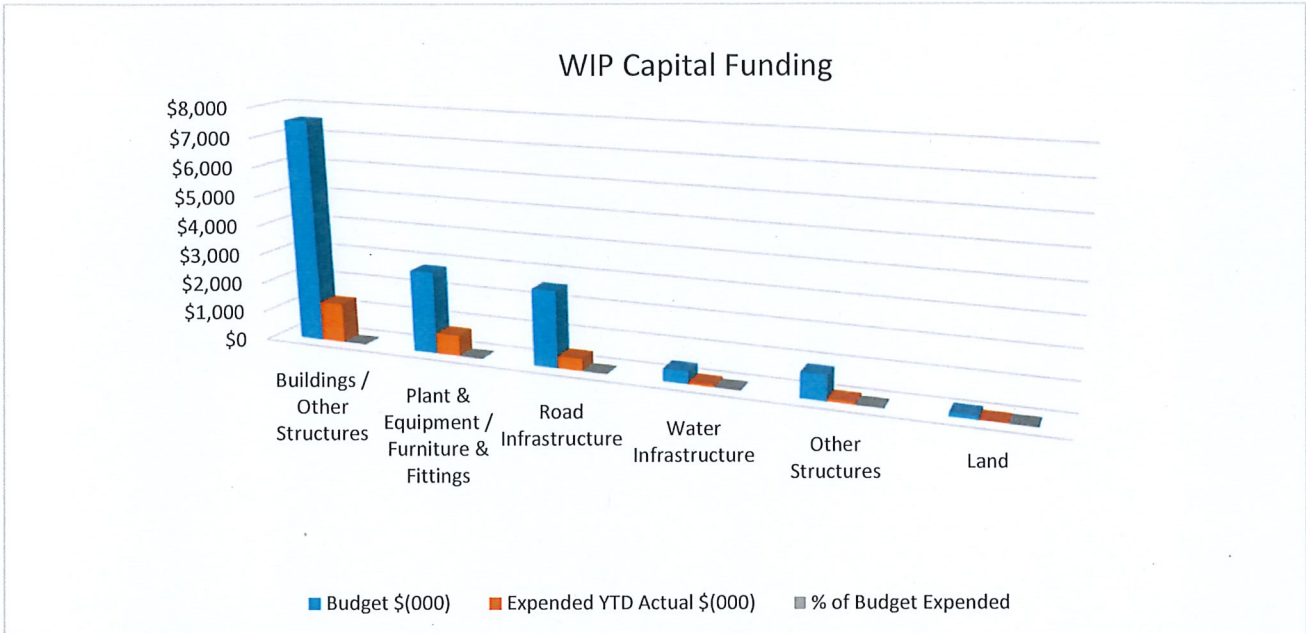
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	2023	2022	2021
Cash Position	19,999,858	22,220,513	14,083,783
Working Capital	10,791,665	8,687,201	7,138,060
Rate Arrears	190,441	53,529	453,627
Outstanding Debtors	90,688	1,001,616	546,787
Current Creditors	77,802	1,136,657	220,507
Current Loan Payable	23,568	41,500	62,565

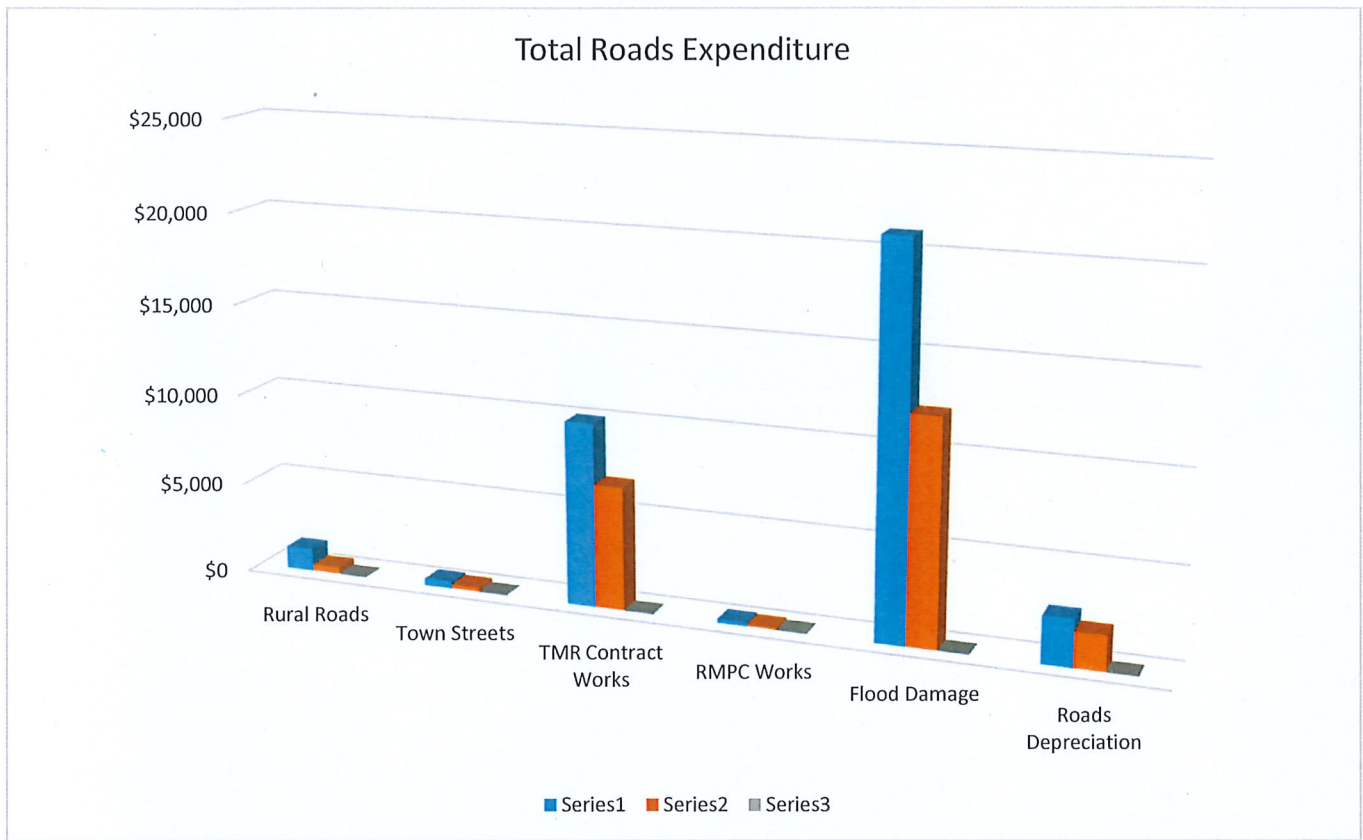
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5. Capital Funding

Jan-24



		Budget \$(000)	Expended YTD Actual \$(000)	% of Budget Expended
	Total Capital Funding	\$14,254	\$2,599	18.23%
1	Buildings / Other Structures	\$7,550	\$1,339	17.74%
2	Plant & Equipment / Furniture & Fittings	\$2,772	\$698	25.18%
3	Road Infrastructure	\$2,581	\$405	15.69%
4	Water Infrastructure	\$406	\$69	17.00%
5	Other Structures	\$825	\$80	9.70%
6	Land	\$120	\$8	6.53%



		Budget \$ 000's	Expended YTD Actual \$ 000's	% of Budget Expended \$ 000's
	Total Road Expenditure	\$35,268	\$21,457	61%
1	Rural Roads	\$1,225	\$352	29%
2	Town Streets	\$350	\$217	62%
3	TMR Contract Works	\$10,000	\$6,720	67%
4	RMPC Works	\$180	\$99	55%
5	Flood Damage	\$20,963	\$12,159	58%
6	Roads Depreciation	\$2,550	\$1,910	75%

		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	Consecutive Number
0400-4150-0000	Work in Progress - Land & Land Improvements			0	\$500,000.00	
				0		
0410-4501-0000	Work in Progress - Land Sales - LJ & ACJ Barns (00083-00000-000)	-\$ 9,090.91		-\$ 9,090.91		
3630-4500-0001	Purchase of industrial land	\$ 331,272.17	\$ 7,831.20	\$ 339,103.37		
new number	River Walk (Stage 1) (3)				\$120,000.00	3
		\$322,181.26	\$7,831.20	\$330,012.46	\$120,000.00	0
0400-4250-0000	Work in Progress - Buildings			\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
2060-4501-0000	Cap Improvements (IT) - WIFI link Sports Centre to Terrestrial		\$16,204.56	\$16,204.56		
				\$0.00		
3080-4501-0000	Aged Care Facilities -Advisory	\$80,323.22	\$6,474.90	\$86,798.12		
				\$0.00		
3280-4502-0000	Staff Housing	\$239,924.63	\$3,441.42	\$243,366.05		
3280-4503-0000	Staff housing - HSH		\$364,697.66	\$364,697.66	\$ 550,000.00	12
3280-4504-0000	Staff housing - SHP		\$6,917.56	\$6,917.56	\$ 3,100,000.00	11
3280-4505-0000	Staff housing - ILF (Independent Living Facility)	\$5,885.00	\$20,099.95	\$25,984.95	\$ 3,100,000.00	10
				\$0.00		
3295-4500-0000	Demountable office - Relocation		\$3,251.19	\$3,251.19		
				\$0.00		
3350-4502-0000	Depot - Cap improvements - Carpark & shade structure	\$2,763.63		\$2,763.63	\$ -	
				\$0.00		
3411-4500-0001	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Georgetown - Streetscaping (roads)			\$0.00	\$ -	
3411-4500-0002	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Georgetown Sports Centre	\$47,560.52	\$0.00	\$47,560.52		
3411-4500-0003	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Einasleigh - Drainage improvement (roads)		\$187,763.24	\$187,763.24		
3411-4500-0004	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Fors/Gtown - Water Telemetry		\$93,977.01	\$93,977.01		
3411-4500-0005	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Rural Addressing		\$8,081.00	\$8,081.00		
3411-4500-0006	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) -Forsayth Cemetery Fencing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
4140-4504-0003	Cap Imp. Depot - workshop hoist	\$25,277.05	\$5,255.94	\$30,532.99		
				\$0.00		
5030-4500-0001	Cap Imp. Einasleigh Common - Upgrade Eins Common Stock Yrds (other structures)	\$12,540.00		\$12,540.00		
				\$0.00		
3610-4500-0002	Recovery & Resilience Grant - North Head Rd - Install drainage & bitumen seal (roads)			\$0.00		
3610-4500-0003	Recovery & Resilience Grant - Georgetown Street scaping (roads)			\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
3620-4500-0001	LRCI Phase 3 - Forsayth Transfer Station	\$22,500.00	\$9,528.40	\$32,028.40	\$ 500,000.00	5
3620-4500-0002	LRCI Phase 3 - Gtown Sports center (Parking & drainage) (2- See Land)	\$18,763.24	\$526,839.68	\$545,602.92	\$ 300,000.00	2
3620-4500-0003	LRCI Phase 3 - Reseals 2			\$0.00		
3620-4500-0004	LRCI Phase 3 -Industrial estate		\$6,024.00	\$6,024.00		
				\$0.00		
5151-4505-0000	Mt Surprise Bike Park - Stage 2			\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
6030-4500-0001	Hostel Cap Grant - Building upgrade		\$80,119.20	\$80,119.20		
				\$0.00		
		\$455,637.29	\$1,338,675.71	\$1,794,213.00	\$7,550,000.00	
			\$0.00			
0400-4350-0000	Work in Progress - Other Structures			\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
3100-4502-0000	Comm Devel - 150yr commemorative wall		\$11,454.73	\$11,454.73	\$25,000.00	6
				\$0.00		
3270-4500-0001	Shire Office - Cap Works - Car park shade structure	\$2,763.64		\$2,763.64	\$25,000.00	13
				\$0.00		
5151-4503-0000	Georgetown Parks Capital - Heritage park play area upgrade	\$33,397.90		\$33,397.90		
				\$0.00		
5151-4504-0000	Cap Works - Wash down facility		\$34,211.30	\$34,211.30	750,000.00	7
				\$0.00		
6010-4502-0001	Infrastructure at Cost Building Our Regions Grant Terrestrial Upgrade - Security upg	\$2,344.00	\$34,463.48	\$36,807.48		
6010-4502-0005	Collection upgrade - John Towning - Topaz purchase	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00		
4140-4506-0001	Cap Imp Depot - Self bunded Ad blue tank			\$0.00	25,000.00	14
				\$0.00		
		\$63,505.54	\$80,129.51	\$143,635.05	\$825,000.00	
			\$0.00			
0400-4450-00000	Work in Progress - Fleet Plant & Equipment			\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
TBC	Fuso Shogun 8 Wheeler - Tipper				\$362,000.00	15
TBC	Fuso Shogun 8 Wheeler - Truck				\$362,000.00	15
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TBC	Cat 432Backhoe				\$160,000.00	15
TBC	Caravan compass GIS 21 ft				\$100,000.00	15
TBC	Caravan roadster vacationer				\$100,000.00	15
TBC	Caravan Industrial 2 Man				\$100,000.00	15
TBC	Caravan Traymark industrial				\$100,000.00	15
TBC	Caravan Traymark industrial				\$100,000.00	15
TBC	Generator - Charleston Dam Pump Station				\$50,000.00	15
TBC	Water Tank				\$70,000.00	15
TBC	Fuso Prime Mover				\$289,000.00	15
TBC	Hilux Utilities x 2				\$168,000.00	15
4150-4500-6080	Plant Purchases - 2022 CAT Grader Trimble	\$76,547.00		\$76,547.00		15
4150-4500-3160	Plant Purchase - Ferris Mower (Plant 3160)	\$14,860.56		\$14,860.56		15
4150-4500-1340	Plant Purchase - Prado (Plant 1340)	\$82,758.09		\$82,758.09		15
4150-4500-1335	Plant Purchase - Prado (Plant 1335)	\$82,758.09		\$82,758.09		15
4150-4500-1300	Plant Purchase - Hilux (Plant 1300)	\$75,201.14		\$75,201.14		15
4150-4500-1320	Plant Purchase - Hilux (Plant 1320)	\$75,201.14		\$75,201.14		15
4150-4500-5105	Plant Purchase - Backhoe Loader (Plant 5105)	\$287,835.80		\$287,835.80		15
4150-4500-2640	Plant Purchase - Fuso Truck (Plant 2640)	\$261,266.38	\$1,122.41	\$262,388.79		15
4150-4500-8885	Plant Purchase - 2400L diesel tank		\$13,435.63	\$13,435.63		15
4150-4500-6085	Plant Purchase - 2023 Cat Grader		\$612,326.05	\$612,326.05	\$610,000.00	15
4150-4500-3155	Plant Purchase - Mower Ferris 72 Inch Zero Turn		\$64,530.75	\$64,530.75		15
4150-4500-8900	Plant Purchase - Water filled barrier		\$12,499.80	\$12,499.80		15
4150-4500-2645	Plant Purchase - Mitsubishi Truck - concrete agitator		\$143,572.00	\$143,572.00	\$160,000.00	15
4150-4500-8895	Plant Purchase - 8-10,000 litre self bunded tanks		\$22,494.62	\$22,494.62	\$45,000.00	15
						15
4150-4502-0000	Plant 2114 (Agitator)				10,000.00	15
4150-4502-0000	Plant 2625 (Fuso Shogun)				100,000.00	15
4150-4502-0000	Plant 2630 (Fuso Shogun)				75,000.00	15
4150-4502-0000	Plant 2635 (Fuso Shogun)				60,000.00	15
4150-4502-0000	Plant 7168 (Caravan)				5,000.00	15
4150-4502-0000	Plant 7178 (Caravan)				5,000.00	15
4150-4502-0000	Plant 7188 (Caravan)				30,000.00	15
4150-4502-0000	Plant 7411 (Caravan)				30,000.00	15
4150-4502-0000	Plant 7421 (Caravan)				30,000.00	15

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ASSESSMENT NAME	THI		S YEAR		ARRE		ARS		INTEREST		UNALLOC F TOTAL	LAST AMOUNT	PAYMENT-- DATE	
	1st LEVY	2nd LEVY	SUPP. LEVI	WATER LEV	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	4 YEARS	5 YEARS	5+ YEARS				
00452-30231-000	29.2				703.6	660.8		641.4	63.12		622.67	2720.79	577.88	14/07/2021
00452-30232-000	29.2				693.4	660.8	641.4	641	628.6	234.17	1432.63	4961.2	959	5/06/2017
00452-00900-000	45839.44				41875.6	5611.42					8398.62	101725.1	36149.01	22/10/2021
00452-11420-000	2687.52										90.61	2778.13	2659.7	20/10/2022
00452-50139-000	712.46										24.04	736.5	709.14	10/11/2022
00359-10012-000	1009				960.2						162.16	2131.36	924.71	8/12/2021
00353-30000-000	2692				1294.97						589.95	4576.92	2000	17/11/2023
00281-00000-000	2513.18										84.73	2597.91	1.62	14/04/2023
00251-10200-000	985.8										36.3	1022.1	200	5/12/2023
00145-00000-000	327.33										28.42	355.75	2521.04	9/11/2023
00524-00000-000	1703.4										177.12	1880.52	11404.8	20/11/2023
00278-00000-000											38.78	38.78	3129.25	8/12/2023
00251-10900-000	1185.8				569.69						84.56	1840.05	0	
00265-33000-000	811.35										66.17	877.52	100	31/01/2024
00265-53000-000	1475.35				1370.73	1263.84	168.23				649.03	4927.18	3744.73	21/10/2020
00405-01313-000	2353.86										79.39	2433.25	2215.73	14/11/2022
00420-11644-000	8933.23										301.19	9234.42	8363.61	14/11/2022
00433-03548-000	1671.4										56.37	1727.77	1619.68	14/11/2022
00452-11347-000	3445.71										116.19	3561.9	3161.79	14/11/2022
00405-30203-000	2457.84										82.88	2540.72	2311.09	14/11/2022
00433-30192-000	2457.84										82.88	2540.72	2311.09	14/11/2022
00433-30193-000	1671.4										56.37	1727.77	1619.68	14/11/2022
00433-30195-000	2086.48										70.35	2156.83	1970.52	14/11/2022
00433-30196-000	1671.4										56.37	1727.77	1619.68	14/11/2022
00433-30201-000	1671.4										56.37	1727.77	1619.68	14/11/2022
00338-00000-000	196.84										8.79	205.63	1797.95	3/10/2023
00456-10003-000	14982.2										503.92	15486.12	3712.13	30/10/2023
00122-00000-000	338.99										0.96	339.95	400	3/10/2023
00451-21337-000	1671.4										56.37	1727.77	1619.68	14/11/2022
00385-00880-000	3616.2										121.92	3738.12	3517.37	14/11/2022
00241-00000-000	2703.14										91.15	2794.29	200.07	21/04/2023
00420-11499-000	786.6										26.53	813.13	757.97	21/11/2022
00265-23000-000	1185.8										39.98	1225.78	924.81	26/09/2022
00332-30000-000	1670.45										82.99	1753.44	100	3/03/2023
00502-50000-000			13105.62								231.86	13337.48	0	
00488-60000-000											27.82	27.82	10570	27/10/2023
00473-50000-000	559.88										54.57	614.45	3201.82	22/11/2023
00265-17000-000	1185.8				4417.84	978.52	940.4	968	949.6	927.6	2861.54	13229.3	1000	29/05/2018
00251-22000-000			335.24								335.24	1012.83	1012.83	16/10/2023
00500-00000-000	716.64										24.17	740.81	4179.96	19/10/2023
00172-00000-000	2621.35				641.35						381.97	3644.67	200	25/01/2024
00526-00000-000	3105										147.8	3252.8	2672.2	9/12/2022
00039-00000-000	2662.8				2189.92						382.06	5234.78	2115.97	22/10/2021
00051-50000-000	1174				1112.58						188.05	2474.63	971.47	22/10/2021
01005-00000-000	233.2										7.87	241.07	29.71	26/10/2022
00422-90000-000	1204.05										70.28	1274.33	6941.95	1/11/2023
00104-00000-000	1425.75										61.42	1487.17	500	8/01/2024
00359-10016-000	1009										34.02	1043.02	558.99	5/10/2022
00130-10000-000	1533.34										58.94	1592.28	80	19/01/2024
00171-40000-000	173.49										10.17	183.66	1012.31	1/11/2023
135177.5	0	13440.86	0	55829.88	9175.38	2391.43	1672.12	1578.2	1161.77	18919.3	0	239346.5		

Mining Lease BALANCES

Etheridge Shire Council

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ASSESSMENT	NAME	---THIS YEAR---				---ARREARS---					INTEREST	UNALLOC REC	TOTAL	---LAST PAYMENT---	
		1st LEVY	2nd LEVY	SUPP. LEVIES	WATER LEVIES	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	4 YEARS	5 YEARS				5+ YEARS	AMOUNT
00385-00880-000		3616.20										141.04	3757.24	3517.37	14-11-2022
00405-01313-000		2353.86										91.84	2445.70	2215.73	14-11-2022
00405-30203-000		2457.84										95.88	2553.72	2311.09	14-11-2022
00420-11499-000		786.60										30.68	817.28	757.97	21-11-2022
00420-11644-000		8933.23										348.43	9281.66	8363.61	14-11-2022
00433-03548-000		1671.40										65.21	1736.61	1619.68	14-11-2022
00433-30192-000		2457.84										95.88	2553.72	2311.09	14-11-2022
00433-30193-000		1671.40										65.21	1736.61	1619.68	14-11-2022
00433-30195-000		2086.48										81.39	2167.87	1970.52	14-11-2022
00433-30196-000		1671.40										65.21	1736.61	1619.68	14-11-2022
00433-30201-000		1671.40										65.21	1736.61	1619.68	14-11-2022
00451-21337-000		1671.40										65.21	1736.61	1619.68	14-11-2022
00452-00900-000		45839.44				41875.60	5611.42					8918.92	102245.38	36149.01	22-10-2021
00452-11347-000		3445.71										134.41	3580.12	3161.79	14-11-2022
00452-11420-000		2687.52										104.82	2792.34	2659.70	20-10-2022
00452-30231-000		29.20				703.60	660.80	641.40	63.12			636.59	2734.71	577.88	14-07-2021
00452-30232-000		29.20				693.40	660.80	641.40	641.00	628.60	234.17	1458.01	4986.58	959.00	05-06-2017
00452-50139-000		712.46										27.81	740.27	709.14	10-11-2022
00456-10003-000		14982.20										583.14	15565.34	3712.13	30-10-2023
01005-00000-000		233.20										9.11	242.31	29.71	26-10-2022
		99007.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	43272.60	6933.02	1282.80	704.12	628.60	234.17	13084.00	0.00	165147.29	

NOTE: PENDING RATES RECEIPTS JOURNAL TOTAL \$300.00

(Accounts: 0300-0001-0000 to 5014-2400-0000. All report groups. 59% of year elapsed. To Level 4. Excludes committed costs)

Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2024

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	REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)				
	31 Jan 2024	Budget	31 Jan 2024	Budget	31 Jan 2024	Budget			
1000-0001 Governance									
1000-0002 Elected Members	0	0%	0	264,024	61%	432,500	(264,024)	61%	(432,500)
1010-0002 Governance	0	0%	0	341,616	34%	1,015,000	(341,616)	34%	(1,015,000)
1020-0002 Economic Development	569	---	0	184,854	123%	150,000	(184,284)	123%	(150,000)
1030-0002 Civic Receptions and Events	0	0%	0	0	0%	25,250	0	0%	(25,250)
1040-0002 Regulatory Services									
1040-0003 Town Planning	5,950	16%	37,500	16,007	26%	62,500	(10,057)	40%	(25,000)
1041-0003 Building Control	0	0%	6,500	0	0%	20,000	0	0%	(13,500)
1042-0003 Environmental Health	7,480	150%	5,000	7,096	17%	42,500	384	-1%	(37,500)
1043-0003 Local Laws	0	0%	0	0	0%	5,000	0	0%	(5,000)
1040-0002 Regulatory Services	13,430	27%	49,000	23,104	18%	130,000	(9,674)	12%	(81,000)
1050-0002 Disaster Management	86,011	410%	21,000	13,494	27%	49,750	72,517	-252%	(28,750)
1060-0002 WH&S	0	0%	0	267,214	91%	295,000	(267,214)	91%	(295,000)
1000-0001 Governance	100,011	143%	70,000	1,094,306	52%	2,097,500	(994,295)	49%	(2,027,500)
2000-0001 Corporate									
2000-0002 General Rates	2,494,040	115%	2,167,250	351,151	---	0	2,142,889	99%	2,167,250
2010-0002 General Administration	885,586	16%	5,685,000	1,563,351	70%	2,237,099	(677,765)	-20%	3,447,901
2020-0002 Employee Services	1,297,441	71%	1,840,000	1,126,849	60%	1,870,000	170,592	-569%	(30,000)
2030-0002 ICT	0	0%	0	196,073	45%	435,000	(196,073)	45%	(435,000)
2040-0002 Broadcasting Services	0	0%	0	3,487	13%	27,500	(3,487)	13%	(27,500)
2000-0001 Corporate	4,677,067	48%	9,692,250	3,240,911	71%	4,569,599	1,436,156	28%	5,122,651
3000-0001 Community									
3000-0002 Commercial Rental Properties									
3000-0003 Staff housing	80,848	52%	156,000	124,217	28%	441,250	(43,370)	15%	(285,250)
3002-0003 Savannah House	2,275	51%	4,500	12,458	37%	33,500	(10,183)	35%	(29,000)
3003-0003 Demountable Office (Mary St)	30,143	63%	48,000	683	14%	5,000	29,460	69%	43,000
3004-0003 Aged Care	0	0%	0	0	0%	100,000	0	0%	(100,000)
3000-0002 Commercial Rental Properties	113,265	54%	208,500	137,358	24%	579,750	(24,093)	6%	(371,250)
3010-0002 Libraries	2,925	49%	6,000	19,701	36%	54,000	(16,776)	35%	(48,000)
3020-0002 Community Development	25,200	105%	24,000	58,898	16%	365,000	(33,698)	10%	(341,000)
3030-0002 Sport & Recreation	90,002	21%	427,500	339,164	64%	529,000	(249,161)	245%	(101,500)
3040-0002 Halls	2,816	56%	5,000	163,750	58%	283,500	(160,934)	58%	(278,500)
3050-0002 Medical Centres	0	0%	0	15,175	30%	50,000	(15,175)	30%	(50,000)
3060-0002 Aerodromes	0	0%	0	191,388	63%	306,000	(191,388)	63%	(306,000)

(Accounts: 0300-0001-0000 to 5014-2400-0000. All report groups. 59% of year elapsed. To Level 4. Excludes committed costs)

Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

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		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)			
		31 Jan 2024	Budget	31 Jan 2024	Budget	31 Jan 2024	Budget			
3070-0002	Terrestrial Centre	103,646	77%	134,000	287,088	41%	695,250	(183,442)	33%	(561,250)
3080-0002	Little Gems Child Care Centre	216,129	79%	272,500	292,286	78%	373,750	(76,157)	75%	(101,250)
3090-0002	Georgetown Student Hostel	122,864	61%	200,000	176,927	48%	370,750	(54,063)	32%	(170,750)
3100-0002	Cemeteries	1,000	---	0	6,133	9%	65,000	(5,133)	8%	(65,000)
3000-0001	Community	677,847	53%	1,277,500	1,687,868	46%	3,672,000	(1,010,020)	42%	(2,394,500)
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services									
4000-0002	Parks Gardens Reserves and Grounds	2,118	2%	120,000	403,528	73%	553,250	(401,410)	93%	(433,250)
4010-0002	Rural Lands Protection	19,788	52%	38,000	116,428	19%	620,500	(96,640)	17%	(582,500)
4020-0002	Street Lighting	0	0%	0	7,278	45%	16,250	(7,278)	45%	(16,250)
4030-0002	Roads									
4030-0003	Shire Roads	200,188	5%	4,100,000	2,261,844	60%	3,775,000	(2,061,656)	-634%	325,000
4031-0003	Town Streets	112,500	13%	900,000	230,125	66%	350,000	(117,625)	-21%	550,000
4032-0003	Flood Damage	15,680,643	75%	20,963,000	12,158,640	48%	25,329,000	3,522,003	-81%	(4,366,000)
4030-0002	Roads	15,993,331	62%	25,963,000	14,650,608	50%	29,454,000	1,342,723	-38%	(3,491,000)
4040-0002	Depot and Stores	63,616	51%	125,000	652,467	71%	920,250	(588,851)	74%	(795,250)
4050-0002	Recoverable Works									
4050-0003	Private Works	142,307	69%	205,000	99,289	55%	180,000	43,018	172%	25,000
4051-0003	DTMR	6,042,521	53%	11,500,000	6,720,407	67%	10,000,000	(677,885)	-45%	1,500,000
4050-0002	Recoverable Works	6,184,829	53%	11,705,000	6,819,696	67%	10,180,000	(634,867)	-42%	1,525,000
4060-0002	Plant Operations	4,082,539	58%	7,000,000	2,162,526	53%	4,106,250	1,920,013	66%	2,893,750
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services	26,346,221	59%	44,951,000	24,812,530	54%	45,850,500	1,533,690	-171%	(899,500)
5000-0001	Utilities									
5000-0002	Water Supply									
5000-0003	Georgetown WTP & Reticulation	314,953	95%	331,500	446,143	51%	880,000	(131,190)	24%	(548,500)
5001-0003	Forsyth WTP & Reticulation	85,056	88%	96,250	178,449	43%	411,000	(93,394)	30%	(314,750)
5002-0003	Charleston Dam	0	0%	0	10,774	5%	200,000	(10,774)	5%	(200,000)
5000-0002	Water Supply	400,008	94%	427,750	635,367	43%	1,491,000	(235,358)	22%	(1,063,250)
5010-0002	Waste Management									
5010-0003	Georgetown	141,053	118%	120,000	217,713	92%	237,500	(76,660)	65%	(117,500)
5011-0003	Forsyth	14,717	3%	514,950	22,709	61%	37,500	(7,991)	-2%	477,450
5012-0003	Einasleigh	10,542	100%	10,500	12,876	74%	17,500	(2,334)	33%	(7,000)
5013-0003	Mt Surprise	11,378	103%	11,000	5,320	43%	12,500	6,058	-404%	(1,500)
5010-0002	Waste Management	177,690	27%	656,450	258,618	85%	305,000	(80,928)	-23%	351,450

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Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

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	REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	
	31 Jan 2024	Budget	31 Jan 2024	Budget	31 Jan 2024	Budget
5000-0001 Utilities	577,698	53% 1,084,200	893,985	50% 1,796,000	(316,286)	44% (711,800)
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE	32,378,844	57% 57,074,950	31,729,600	55% 57,985,599	649,244	-71% (910,649)

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>Amend. 23/24</u>
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3	2,646,442	2,747,450
Fees and charges	3	194,464	347,000
Interest Income	7	350,208	225,000
Other income	3	43,261	18,000
Rental Income	8	113,265	208,500
Sales revenue	3	6,240,597	11,865,000
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	16,213,137	28,164,000
Total recurrent revenue		25,801,374	43,574,950
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	416,819	4,535,000
Other capital Income		380,151	0
Total capital revenue		796,970	4,535,000
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits		(3,030,661)	(6,100,500)
Materials and services		(19,295,978)	(42,812,847)
Finance Interest Costs		0	(201,000)
Depreciation and amortisation: PP&E	9	(3,622,462)	(4,707,750)
Total recurrent expenses	6 7	(25,949,100)	(53,822,097)
Net Operating Result		649,244	(5,712,147)
Other Expenses			
Total other expenses		0	0
Net Capital result		649,244	(5,712,147)
Other comprehensive income			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus		38,110	0
Total other comprehensive income for the year		38,110	0
WIP Cap Exp			
Total WIP (Tsf to Fin Postn)		0	0
Total comprehensive income for the year		687,354	(5,712,147)

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

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>Prop. 23/24</u>
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	19,999,858	16,106,651
Receivables	12	279,081	122,043
Contract Assets		4,716,257	4,271,297
Other Current Assets		0	70,206
Inventories	13	575,074	406,188
		<u>25,570,269</u>	<u>20,976,385</u>
Total current assets	2	<u>25,570,269</u>	<u>20,976,385</u>
Non-current Assets			
Property Plant & Equipmt - WIP		5,175,102	16,830,770
Property, plant and equipment	15 7	275,578,099	274,643,189
	2	<u>280,753,200</u>	<u>291,473,959</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>306,323,470</u>	<u>312,450,344</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables	17	901,255	2,571,752
Contract Liabilities		11,809,036	6,815,514
Borrowings	21	7,317	13,510
Provisions	18	261,580	277,982
		<u>12,979,187</u>	<u>9,678,758</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>12,979,187</u>	<u>9,678,758</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	21	16,251	5,981,751
Provisions	18	2,137,805	2,102,523
		<u>2,154,056</u>	<u>8,084,274</u>
Total non-current liabilities		<u>2,154,056</u>	<u>8,084,274</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>15,133,244</u>	<u>17,763,032</u>
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		<u>291,190,226</u>	<u>294,687,312</u>
Community Equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	25	197,249,239	197,249,238
Shire Capital		39,500,666	39,500,666
Current Surplus		649,244	(910,649)
Retained surplus/(deficiency)		44,330,277	49,387,257
Reserves		9,460,800	9,460,800
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		<u>291,190,226</u>	<u>294,687,312</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 Financial Position: Supporting Report
For the Year Ended Jun 30 2024

			<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>Prop. 23/24</u>	
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents			19,999,857.66	16,106,651.00	0.00
	Statement values				
0300-3000-0000	Current Asset	Bendigo Cash at Bank	1,188,272.46	(129,843.00)	
0300-3005-0000	Current Asset	Investments	18,810,085.20	13,706,751.00	
0300-3020-0000	Current Asset	Cash on Hand	1,500.00	1,500.00	
0300-3030-0000	Current Asset	General Fund Bank Error Adjustment	0.00	0.00	
0300-3290-0000	Current Asset	EOY Accrued Debtors	0.00	2,528,243.00	
		<u>Account totals</u>	<u>19,999,857.66</u>	<u>16,106,651.00</u>	
Receivables					
	Statement values		279,081.11	122,043.00	0.00
0300-3100-0000	Current Asset	Receivables - Rates	190,340.70	88,716.00	
0300-3110-0000	Current Asset	Rates Receivable Adjustment	0.00	0.00	
0300-3120-0000	Current Asset	EOY Receipts-Rates	0.00	0.00	
0300-3130-0000	Current Asset	Allowance for Impairment - Rates	0.00	0.00	
0300-3150-0000	Current Asset	Receivables - Govt Subsidy	(101.50)	870.00	
0300-3200-0000	Current Asset	Receivables - Debtors	88,841.91	32,457.00	
0300-3230-0000	Current Asset	Receivables - Animals	0.00	0.00	
0300-3240-0000	Current Asset	Bond Receivable	0.00	0.00	
0300-3250-0000	Current Asset	Debtors Receivable Adjustment	0.00	0.00	
0300-3260-0000	Current Asset	EOY Receipts-Debtors	0.00	0.00	
0300-3280-0000	Current Asset	Allowance for Impairment - Debtors	0.00	0.00	
		<u>Account totals</u>	<u>279,081.11</u>	<u>122,043.00</u>	
Contract Assets					
	Statement values		4,716,256.55	4,271,297.00	0.00
0300-3210-0000	Current Asset	Grants Receivable - Roads	0.00	0.00	
0300-3400-0000	Current Asset	Contract Receivable	4,716,256.55	4,271,297.00	
		<u>Account totals</u>	<u>4,716,256.55</u>	<u>4,271,297.00</u>	
Other Current Assets					
	Statement values		0.00	70,206.00	0.00
0300-3270-0000	Current Asset	Prepaid Expenses	0.00	70,206.00	
0390-3000-0000	Current Asset	Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	
		<u>Account totals</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>70,206.00</u>	
Inventories					
	Statement values		575,074.11	406,188.00	0.00
0300-3300-0000	Current Asset	Stores Inventories	521,980.66	462,137.00	
0300-3310-0000	Current Asset	House & Land - Held for Resale GST	53,093.45	53,093.00	
0300-3320-0000	Current Asset	House & Land -Held for Resale Input	0.00	0.00	
0300-3330-0000	Current Asset	Store Inventory Accruals	0.00	(619.00)	
0300-3335-0000	Current Asset	EOY Accrual Plant CF	0.00	(108,423.00)	
0300-3340-0000	Current Asset	Store Inventory Impairment Provision	0.00	0.00	
		<u>Account totals</u>	<u>575,074.11</u>	<u>406,188.00</u>	
Non-current assets classified as held for sale					
	Statement values		0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>Account totals</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

			<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>Prop. 23/24</u>	
<u>Non-current Assets</u>					
Property Plant & Equipmt - WIP			5,175,101.70	16,830,770.00	0.00
		Statement values			
0400-4050-0000	Non-Current Asset	WIP - Land & Bldgs - Held for Resale	0.00	0.00	
0400-4150-0000	Non-Current Asset	WIP - Land & Land Improvements	330,012.46	442,181.00	
0400-4250-0000	Non-Current Asset	WIP - Buildings	1,794,213.01	8,005,537.00	
0400-4350-0000	Non-Current Asset	WIP - Other Structures	143,635.05	1,008,506.00	
0400-4450-0000	Non-Current Asset	WIP - Fleet Plant & Equipment	1,482,882.19	3,515,701.00	
0400-4550-0000	Non-Current Asset	WIP - Furniture & Other Equipment	123,679.02	44,951.00	
0400-4650-0000	Non-Current Asset	WIP - Roads Infrastructure	951,892.41	3,128,497.00	
0400-4750-0000	Non-Current Asset	WIP - Water Infrastructure	348,787.56	685,397.00	
		<u>Account totals</u>	<u>5,175,101.70</u>	<u>16,830,770.00</u>	
Property, plant and equipment			275,578,098.66	274,643,189.00	0.00
		Statement values			
0400-4000-0000	Non-Current Asset	Land & Buildings - Held for Resale	0.00	0.00	
0400-4100-0000	Non-Current Asset	Land & Land Improvements	1,770,875.47	1,770,875.00	
0400-4200-0000	Non-Current Asset	Buildings	30,847,705.42	30,847,705.00	
0400-4210-0000	Non-Current Asset	Accum. Dep. - Buildings	(11,200,213.36)	(11,348,781.00)	
0400-4300-0000	Non-Current Asset	Other Structures	17,316,707.91	17,316,708.00	
0400-4310-0000	Non-Current Asset	Accum. Dep. - Other Structures	(7,293,665.90)	(7,255,805.00)	
0400-4400-0000	Non-Current Asset	Fleet Plant & Equipment	13,037,762.52	13,037,763.00	
0400-4410-0000	Non-Current Asset	Accum. Dep - Fleet Plant & Equipment	(5,452,685.87)	(5,742,969.00)	
0400-4500-0000	Non-Current Asset	Furniture & Other Equipment	2,010,514.29	2,010,514.00	
0400-4510-0000	Non-Current Asset	Accum. Dep - Furniture & Other Equip	(548,156.77)	(510,789.00)	
0400-4600-0000	Non-Current Asset	Roads Infrastructure	249,268,662.25	249,268,662.00	
0400-4610-0000	Non-Current Asset	Accum. Dep. - Roads Infrastructure	(41,450,794.61)	(42,083,023.00)	
0400-4700-0000	Non-Current Asset	Water Infrastructure	32,746,086.40	32,746,086.00	
0400-4710-0000	Non-Current Asset	Accum. Dep. - Water Infrastructure	(5,346,432.69)	(5,413,757.00)	
0400-4800-0000	Non-Current Asset	Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	
0480-4000-0000	Non-Current Asset	Land Improvements	0.00	0.00	
0480-4100-0000	Non-Current Asset	Land improvements - Accum Depn	(128,266.40)	0.00	
		<u>Account totals</u>	<u>275,578,098.66</u>	<u>274,643,189.00</u>	
Property, plant and equipment-new			0.00	0.00	0.00
		Statement values			
		<u>Account totals</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>					
Payables			901,255.36	2,571,752.00	0.00
		Statement values			
0500-5100-0000	Current Liability	Rates Refund Suspense	(7.97)	(8.00)	
0500-5101-0000	Current Liability	Prepaid Rates EOY Adjs	0.00	0.00	
0500-5110-0000	Current Liability	Dishonoured Cheques Refund	0.00	0.00	
0500-5120-0000	Current Liability	Debtors Refund Suspense	3,041.71	0.00	
0500-5200-0000	Current Liability	Accounts Payable	77,801.71	765,136.00	
0500-5210-0000	Current Liability	Accrued Expenses	0.00	1,142,461.00	
0500-5220-0000	Current Liability	Emergency Fire Service Levy	113,586.53	34,805.00	
0500-5230-0000	Current Liability	Accrued Time-in-Lieu	(39,348.97)	6,967.00	
0500-5235-0000	Current Liability	EOY Accrued Payroll CF	0.00	89,124.00	
0500-5240-0000	Current Liability	RDO	(2,147.82)	122.00	
0500-5250-0000	Current Liability	Payroll Suspense	0.00	0.00	
0500-5260-0000	Current Liability	Withholding Tax Suspense	0.00	0.00	
0500-5270-0000	Current Liability	Advance Pay Suspense	0.00	0.00	

			<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>Prop. 23/24</u>	
0500-5280-0000	Current Liability	General Suspense	(2,156.00)	3,100.00	
0500-5290-0000	Current Liability	GST Suspense	329,659.27	0.00	
0500-5295-0000	Current Liability	Input tax GST Account	0.00	0.00	
0500-5300-0000	Current Liability	Annual Leave Payable	420,826.90	530,045.00	
<u>Account totals</u>			<u>901,255.36</u>	<u>2,571,752.00</u>	
Contract Liabilities		Statement values	11,809,035.63	6,815,514.00	0.00
0500-5000-0000	Current Liability	Contract Liability	11,809,035.63	6,815,514.00	
<u>Account totals</u>			<u>11,809,035.63</u>	<u>6,815,514.00</u>	
Borrowings		Statement values	7,316.78	13,510.00	0.00
0500-5400-0000	Current Liability	Current Loan - Workshop	0.00	0.00	
0500-5410-0000	Current Liability	Current Loan - Forsyth Water	7,316.78	13,510.00	
0500-5420-0000	Current Liability	Current Loan - Plant	0.00	0.00	
<u>Account totals</u>			<u>7,316.78</u>	<u>13,510.00</u>	
Provisions		Statement values	261,579.70	277,982.00	0.00
0500-5310-0000	Current Liability	Current LSL Payable	261,579.70	277,982.00	
<u>Account totals</u>			<u>261,579.70</u>	<u>277,982.00</u>	
<u>Non-current Liabilities</u>					
Borrowings		Statement values	16,251.07	5,981,751.00	0.00
0600-6400-0000	Non-Current Liability	Non-Current Loan - Depot Admin Bldg	0.00	0.00	
0600-6410-0000	Non-Current Liability	Non-Current Loans	16,251.07	5,981,751.00	
0600-6420-0000	Non-Current Liability	Non-Current Loan - Plant	0.00	0.00	
<u>Account totals</u>			<u>16,251.07</u>	<u>5,981,751.00</u>	
Provisions		Statement values	2,137,805.16	2,102,523.00	0.00
0600-6300-0000	Non-Current Liability	Non-Current LSL Provision	149,579.17	114,296.00	
0600-6310-0000	Non-Current Liability	Non-Current Annual Leave Provision	0.00	0.00	
0600-6500-0000	Non-Current Liability	Non-Current Landfill - Georgetown	1,200,699.64	1,318,953.00	
0600-6505-0000	Non-Current Liability	Old Georgetown Tip- Landfill	73,522.00	0.00	
0600-6506-0000	Non-Current Liability	Sanitary Pits Georgetown	63,665.00	0.00	
0600-6510-0000	Non-Current Liability	Non-Current Landfill - Forsyth	232,082.72	238,501.00	
0600-6520-0000	Non-Current Liability	Non-Current Landfill - Einasleigh	179,580.99	130,315.00	
0600-6530-0000	Non-Current Liability	Non-Current Landfill - Mt Surprise	238,675.64	300,458.00	
<u>Account totals</u>			<u>2,137,805.16</u>	<u>2,102,523.00</u>	
<u>Community Equity</u>					
Asset revaluation reserve		Statement values	197,249,238.83	197,249,238.00	0.00
0700-7300-0000	Equity	Asset Reval Reserve - Roads	167,127,563.82	167,127,564.00	
0700-7310-0000	Equity	Asset Reval Reserve - Land	2,113,661.06	1,260,940.00	
0700-7320-0000	Equity	Asset Reval Reserve - Buildings	16,015,375.00	16,015,375.00	
0700-7330-0000	Equity	Asset Reval Reserve - Water	3,772,814.16	4,625,535.00	
0700-7340-0000	Equity	Asset Reval Reserve -Other	7,730,970.33	7,730,970.00	
0700-7350-0000	Equity	Asset Reval Reserve-Plant	0.00	0.00	
0700-7360-0000	Equity	Asset Reval Reserve-TERMINERAL	488,854.46	488,854.00	
<u>Account totals</u>			<u>197,249,238.83</u>	<u>197,249,238.00</u>	
Shire Capital		Statement values	39,500,666.35	39,500,666.00	0.00
0700-7000-0000	Equity	Shire Capital Account	39,500,666.35	39,500,666.00	

		<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>Prop. 23/24</u>	
	<u>Account totals</u>	<u>39,500,666.35</u>	<u>39,500,666.00</u>	
Current Surplus	Statement values	649,243.59	(910,649.00)	0.00
0700-7100-0000 Equity	Current Surplus	649,243.59	(910,649.00)	
	<u>Account totals</u>	<u>649,243.59</u>	<u>(910,649.00)</u>	
Retained surplus/(deficiency)	Statement values	44,330,277.32	49,387,257.00	0.00
0700-7200-0000 Equity	Accumulated Surplus	44,330,277.32	49,387,257.00	
	<u>Account totals</u>	<u>44,330,277.32</u>	<u>49,387,257.00</u>	
Reserves	Statement values	9,460,800.00	9,460,800.00	0.00
0700-7400-0000 Equity	Reserve Recurrent Expenditure	53,502.00	53,502.00	
0700-7410-0000 Equity	Capital Grants Reserve	0.00	0.00	
0700-7420-0000 Equity	Plant Replacement Reserve	872,351.00	872,351.00	
0700-7430-0000 Equity	Future Capital Works Reserve	7,448,875.00	7,448,875.00	
0700-7440-0000 Equity	Capital Works Reserves	1,086,072.00	1,086,072.00	
	<u>Account totals</u>	<u>9,460,800.00</u>	<u>9,460,800.00</u>	

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>Amend. 23/24</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from customers		16,798,752	13,915,706
Payments to suppliers and employees		(29,226,801)	(30,897,363)
Interest received		362,135	135,338
Rental income		113,265	121,625
Non-capital grants and contributions		15,839,776	16,285,507
Borrowing costs		0	(117,243)
Net cash - operating activities	23	3,887,127	(556,430)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	5	380,151	0
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		635,552	2,771,419
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(2,994,830)	(8,315,048)
Net cash - from investing activities		(1,979,127)	(5,543,629)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(6,193)	3,479,875
Net cash flow - financing activities		(6,193)	3,479,875
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		1,901,807	(2,620,184)
Add cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		18,070,155	18,070,155
Cash and cash equivalents - closing	3	19,999,858	15,449,971

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



Etheridge Shire Council

General Meeting	21 st February 2024
Subject	Endorsement of RADF Advisory decisions regarding Community Applications for RADF funding.
Classification	Open
Author	Andrea Kernan - Community Development & Events Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RADF community applications closed Wednesday 13th February 2024. Four (4) only applications were received and were adjudicated accordingly by the RADF Committee at their meeting on Wednesday 13th February. Results are as follows:

RADF Community Applications						
Applicant	Activity	Amount	Grant	Outcome	Balance	Total
Anna Bethel-Branches Performing Arts	Dancing	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	Successful		\$6,000.00
Rebekah Haase	Drawing and Painting	\$2,710.00	\$2,710.00	Successful		\$2,710.00
Mount Surprise State School	Bangin in the Basalt	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Successful		\$7,000.00
Unsuccessful Applicant				Unsuccessful		
Total						\$15,710.00

RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1) Anna Bethel-Branches Performing Arts – Dancing – Successful – (\$6000.00)
- 2) Rebekah Haase – Drawing and Painting – Successful – (\$2710.00)
- 3) Mount Surprise State School – Bangin in the Basalt – Successful – (\$7000.00)

BACKGROUND

RADF Committee was formed to ensure that all of Etheridge Shire had representation in deciding where RADF funds were to be spent. The Committee has five members with Cr Barn being the chair.

Council applies for RADF funding annually and this year we have received \$25,120. Committee recommended the utilisation of \$13,400 in Round 1. Community applications for Round 2 closed 28th January 2024 and the committee assessed the applications 13th February 2024 inline for Council's meeting scheduled for 21st February 2024. Four Community applications were received with three being successful and one not successful.

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 RADF Funding

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK ASSESSMENT

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

OUTCOME

Low Risk

Report Prepared By:	Report Authorised By:
Andrea Kernan	Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 14 th February 2024	Date:

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Minutes of RADF Meeting

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)
HELD IN GEORGETOWN Wednesday 13 February 2024
GEORGETOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Cr Barnes opened the meeting at 4:04pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY EWAMIAN PEOPLE

“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.”

DECLARATIONS

Nil

ATTENDANCE

Members: Cr Barnes (Chair); Shannon Zohl (via Teams), Nardeen Hayden, Rebekah Haase, Lucy Elgey
Secretary – Andrea Kernan
Council Representative – Renee Bester

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

MOVED: Lucy Elgey
Carried 5:0

SECONDED: Nardeen Hayden

The Minutes of the Advisory Committee (RADF) Meeting held at Mt Surprise on 14th September 2024 be confirmed as being true and correct

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Shannon Zohl

- Contact Nikki (Flinders Shire Council) regarding events such as Outback in the Skies Festival

Nardeen Hayden

- Ken Woodman is still awaiting confirmation of successful application and applicable funding
- Continue approaching local artists. Roger Smith has advised that he is interested, however awaiting better health. Also approached Michelle Gray who has since left the shire.

Rebekah Haase

- Create a feedback form for successful applicants to capture attendee’s feedback.

Lucy Elgey

- Is Forsayth still a viable venue as is has no enclosed air-conditioned venue.
- Round 1 Application: BushEd

Recommendation

Moved: Nardeen Hayden

Seconded: Rebekah Haase

The committee recommends that formal advice be given to BushEd to advise that as they are now conducting their event outside the Shire, it is no longer eligible for Etheridge Shire Council RADF Funding.

CARRIED 5:0

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE & NEWS

- Council has appointed Lesley Buckley to create Arts & Culture Plan for Etheridge. Purchase order has been raised.
- Forward acquittal from Rebekah Haase.

ARTS QUEENSLAND CORRESPONDENCE & NEWS

- Both stage shows 'WhaleBone' & 'Aladdin' have received their funding from Arts Queensland so both these shows will go ahead in Etheridge.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2023/24 Budget

Recommendation

Moved: Lucy Elgey

Seconded: Nardeen Hayden

The committee recommends that the 2023/2024 Round 1 Budget be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5:0

Attendance: Bekky Haase left the meeting at 4.42pm

Attendance: Bekky Haase returned to the meeting at 5.05pm

2. Round 2 Application: Application received from Anna Bethel for Branches Performing Arts – Dancing in Etheridge for \$6000.

Recommendation

Moved: Nardeen Hayden

Seconded: Shannon Zohl

The committee recommends that the application from Anna Bethel for Branches Performing Arts – Dancing in Etheridge for \$6000 be funded in its entirety.

CARRIED 5:0

Attendance: Shannon Zohl has a declarable interest with the following item and left the meeting at 5.50pm

3. Application received from Mt Surprise State School P & C for Banging in the Basalt event to be held in Mt Surprise.

Recommendation

Moved: Rebekah Haase

Seconded: Lucy Elgey

The committee recommends that the application from Mt Surprise State School P & C for Banging In The Basalt for \$7000 be accepted.

CARRIER 4:0

Attendance: Shannon Zohl returned to the meeting at 6.15pm

Attendance: Rebekah Haase has a declarable interest with the following item and left the meeting at 6.25pm

4. Application received from Rebekah Haase for Drawing & Painting Workshops for Georgetown.

Recommendation

Moved: Nardeen Hayden

Seconded: Shannon Zohl

The committee recommends that the application from Rebekah Haase for Drawing & Painting Workshops for Georgetown for \$2710 be accepted.

CARRIED 4:0

Attendance: Bekky Haase returned to the meeting at 6.26pm

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5. Jally Entertainment – Snowy and the seven cool dudes. Correspondence between Jally Entertainment and DCS in 2023 was presented with dates held for 3 shows for 7th – 9th August 2024.

Recommendation

Moved: Nardeen Hayden

Seconded: Shannon Zohl

The committee recommends that the offer provided by Jally Entertainment be declined for 2024, however be advised of future tours.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nardeen to revise assessment checklist against application form and guidelines.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for 10.30am, 7th February 2024

CONCLUSION

Cr Barnes closed the meeting at 6.47

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)
HELD IN GEORGETOWN Wednesday 15 February 2024
GEORGETOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FLYING MINUTE

NEW BUSINESS

Chair, Cr Cameron Barnes advised of the following flying minute via phone, confirmed with the RADF Committee members in writing.

1. Application received from QCWA for the Debutante Ball to be held in Georgetown.

Recommendation

Moved: Rebekah Haase

Seconded: Lucy Elgey

The committee recommends that the application from QCWA Debutante Ball be not accepted for the amount of \$5510.00 due to the application being incomplete and not meeting funding requirements.

CARRIED 5:0

To be confirmed at the next RADF Committee meeting.

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Etheridge Shire Council

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Briefing Report

1 Update

I present my briefing report for the period of January , in addition to upcoming works in February 2024.

2 Operational Plan Matters

No new Operational Plan matters.

3 Emmerging Issues

Nil

4 Projects

TMR

- CN-20929 of Kennedy Developmental Road has been recently awarded to ESC. - Construction starts from March 2024
- Routh Creek Bridge Approach Road flood restoration project completed.
- GDR within Etheridge Shire, TMR is planning to widen the road between Georgetown and the Lynd Junction (92C) from Ch 61.80 to 64.30. Detailed Design is currently being carried out. The design will be completed July 2024.

Grants (LRCIP round 3)

- Forsyth Transfer Station contract has been awarded and commencing from March 2023
- Reseal Forsyth Einasleigh Road: Reseal between CH 1 - 8.7 kms will be commenced in March 2024
- Industrial Estate - Work in progress (purchasing of land is completed)

Work for Queensland

- St George Street (main street in Georgetown) to create a visual aesthetic, such as alterations to parking arrangements, improvements to safety such as lighting, pedestrian access points to improve safety, plants - Work not started
- Additional structures for spectator safety and comfort shelter and shade - hip roof on north and south edges of sport play areas. – work in progress
- Improved drainage to main street in Einasleigh - near hotel- Completed except few minor items .
- In-line with the Disaster Management plan, installing identification and directional signage to for rural properties. - Work in progress

- Fence to create security and aesthetics alongside of the approach to the new Charleston Dam. - Works completed as per approved budget but still needs fences across the three creeks.

Passenger Transport Infrastructure Investment Program (PTIIP)

- Bus stop in Mount Surprise – Order has been placed for the bus shelter.

Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSP)

- Georgetown washdown bay – Contract has not been awarded to the selected contractor.
- Georgetown Airstrip (Funding application in process)

Bridge Renewal Program

- Queenslander Creek Box culvert, Forsyth -Design in progress,
- Funding application for Box culvert over the Gilbert River has been lodged.

Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS)

- Forsyth – Einassleigh Road (27.77 km to 36.37 Km) – Design completed, and construction starts from March 2024

Rural Addressing

- Zone 1 – completed
- Zone 2 one to go
- Zone 5 three to go
- Zone 3 and 4 – not started yet.

Water works 10 years work program.

Preparation of the 10 year works program for water infrastructure is in progress and will be completed by end of Feb 2024

Council Own Source

- Drainage Improvement in First Street, Forsyth – 30 % completed.

Water logging issues in Mount Surprise

Inspected on 1/2/2023.
Engaged local Contractor to pump out the water.
Requested for a quotation for topographical survey to design the drainage network

5 Calendar of Events

Over the past month

- Nil

Next Month

- 13.3.2024_ Council Meeting
- 15.3.2024 – FNQROC- RRTG TC
- 28.3.2024 – NHVR – ROAD MANAGER Meeting

Director Engineering Services

Attachment

Capital works in progress Spreadsheet.

Capital - Projects - 2023/2024																			
Asset Class/GL Number	Job Number	Project Description	Project title	Funding source								Total Project cost	30/06/2023 Balance carry over projects	Actual year to date 2023-24	% of 2023-24 budget	Responsible Officer	Officers update, ie % of completion, what's been done, commitments, etc	Project Status (traffic lights)	Progress (%)
				W4Q4	Approved budget	Council own fund	LRCIP2	LRCIP3	LRCIP4	TIDS	BRP / HVSP								
	3411-4500-0001	St George Street (main street in Georgetown) to create a visual aesthetic, such as alterations to parking arrangements, improvements to safety such as lighting, pedestrian access points to improve safety, plants.	Georgetown - Streetscaping in main street	400,000.00	\$ 700,000.00								\$ 700,000.00		\$0	0.00%	DES		
	3411-4500-0002	Additional structures for spectator safety and comfort shelter and shade - hip roof on north and south edges of sport play areas.	Georgetown Sports Centre	270,000.00	\$152,439								\$270,000.00		\$47,561	17.62%	DES	5.12.2023 work in progress	
	3411-4500-0003	Improved drainage to main street in Einasleigh - near hotel	Drainage in Einasleigh	140,000.00	\$ 213,088.00								\$ 213,088.00		\$15,026	10.73%	DES	Design completed. Received two quotations. Quoted price is more than available budget and waiting for further discussion for additional budget	
	3411-4500-0004	Water reticulation system for Forsyth and Georgetown	Water reticulation telemetry	100,000.00	\$100,000								\$ 100,400.00		\$93,977	93.98%	DES	5.12.2023- Purchase order has been issued. 29.12.2023 works in progress	
	3411-4500-0005	In-line with the Disaster Management plan, installing identification and directional signage for rural properties.	Rural Addressing	100,000.00									\$ 100,000.00		\$ 8,081.00	8.08%	DES	5.12.2023 Work in progress	
	3411-4500-0006	Fence to create security and aesthetics along side of the approach to the new Charleston Dam.	Forsyth Cemetery Fence	40,000.00									\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,873.96	102.18%	DES		
	Sub total			1,050,000.00	\$ 1,065,527.00								\$1,423,488	\$ -	\$205,518	14.44%			
	3620-4500-0002	Improving drainage and off-street parking at the sports centre in Georgetown, to prevent erosion and improve runoff quality	Drainage Upgrade – Sports Centre***										\$ 300,000.00				DES	Project completed on 2/11/2023	
	3620-4500-0001	Construction of a new transfer station and close the old landfill site at Forsyth, which does not comply with current environmental conditions. The transfer station will be available for the public to use as is the current landfill site.	Forsyth Transfer Station										\$ 500,000.00		\$32,028	6.41%	DES	10.11.2023 Desing completed . 5.12.2023 tender evaluation stage	
	3620-4500-0003	Reseal on the Forsyth Einasleigh Road between chainage 1 – 8.7 km.	Reseal Forsyth Einasleigh Road										\$ 400,000.00		\$0	0.00%	DES	10.11.2023 . Scheduled for Feb 2024. 11.2.2024 still wet weather	
	3620-4500-0004	Development of industrial estate at Georgetown. Construction will involve providing upgrades to the industrial estate including upgrade to the intersection and trunk water main. Project will result in improved service to the community, and improve access, safety and potable water capacity to the area	Industrial Estate *****			682888							\$ 682,888.00		\$0	0.00%	DES		
	3630-4500-0001	Development of industrial estate at Georgetown. Construction will involve providing upgrades to the industrial estate including upgrade to the intersection and trunk water main. Project will result in improved service to the community, and improve access, safety and potable water capacity to the area											\$ 317,112.00		\$339,103	106.93%	DES	5.12.2023 Purchased land	
	Sub total			\$ -	\$ 682,888.00								\$2,128,490.00	\$ -	\$577,630	27.14%			
	4020-4500-0001	Reseal of the road between chainage 8.7 – 16.4km	Forsyth Einasleigh Road										\$ 413,935.54		\$413,936	144.46%	DES	10.11.2023 Job completed in 2022/2023	
	4091-4501-0001	Reseal of the runway, taxiway and apron	Georgetown Aerodrome										\$ 137,341.00		\$137,341	57.23%	DES	10.11.2023 Job completed	
	Sub total			\$ -	\$ 526,549.00								\$551,277	\$0	\$551,277	100.00%			
	4020-4530-0002	Forsyth - Einasleigh Road (27.77 km to 30.07 km) upgrade unsealed road			\$ 450,000.00	\$ 343,300.00							\$ 343,300.00		\$ 343,300.00	1.38%	DES	10.11.2023 Job not started . 11.2.2024 Design and environmental study completed.	
	4020-4530-0002	Forsyth - Einasleigh Road (30.07 km to 32.37 km) upgrade unsealed road				\$ 343,300.00							\$ 343,300.00		\$ 343,300.00	1.31%	DES	10.11.2023 Job not started . 11.2.2024 Design and environmental study completed.	
	4020-4530-0002	Forsyth - Einasleigh Road (32.37 km to 34.37 km) upgrade unsealed road				\$ 394,589.00							\$ 394,589.00		\$ 394,589.00	1.14%	DES	10.11.2023 Job not started . 11.2.2024 Design and environmental study completed.	
	4020-4530-0002	Forsyth - Einasleigh Road (34.37 km to 36.37 km) upgrade unsealed road				\$ 291,411.00							\$ 291,411.00		\$ 291,411.00	1.89%	DES	10.11.2023 Job not started . 11.2.2024 Design and environmental study completed.	
	4012-4500-0001	First Street Forsyth Drainage			\$ 50,000.00								\$ 243,999.00		\$55,244	22.64%	DES	5.12.2023 Construction in progress	
	Sub total			\$ 450,000.00	\$ 1,372,600.00								\$ 232,000.00	1,372,600	0				
	4040-4500-0001	Bridge / Box culvert - Queenslander Creek - North Head Road, Forsyth			\$ 200,000.00								\$ 800,000.00		1,000,000		DES	5.12.2023 Design phase	
	5151-4504-0001	Washdown facility - Georgetown			\$ 150,000.00								\$ 600,000.00		\$ 750,000.00		DES	5.12.2023 Tender stage. 11.2.2023 Tender award stage.	
	Sub total			\$ 850,000.00									\$ 1,400,000.00	\$1,993,999.00	\$ -	\$104,614	5.25%		
		Baroota Street			\$ 52,000.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		Cemetery Road (Einasleigh)			\$ 4,000.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		Third Street			\$ 6,750.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		Haldane Street			\$ 13,000.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		High Street			\$ 60,000.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		Low Street			\$ 58,750.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		Short Street			\$ 14,000.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		South Street			\$ 35,000.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		St George Steet			\$ 29,000.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		Terrestrial Centre Carpark			\$ 6,600.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		Oak Park Road			\$ 45,000.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	
		Cox lane			\$ 4,000.00												DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024	

Asset Class/GL Number	Job Number	Project Description	Project title	Funding source								Total Project cost	30/06/2023 Balance carry over projects	Actual year to date 2023-24	% of 2023-24 budget	Responsible Officer	Officers update, ie % of completion, what's been done, commitments, etc	Project Status (traffic lights)	Progress (%)
		garret Street													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
		Floodway replacment - Agate Creek Road- Ch.17831													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
		Floodway replacment - Oakleigh Station Raod - Ch 14642													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
		Culvert Replacment													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
4060-4500-0016		Carpentaria Downs Station Road- Ch 1405													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024 . 11.2.2024 works completed		<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #92d050;"></div>	
4060-4500-0014		North Head Road_ Ch 21.09km													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024 . 11.2.2024 works in progress		<div style="width: 20%; height: 10px; background-color: #92d050;"></div>	
4060-4500-0011		Dulthera Station Road-Ch 45107													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
4060-4500-0001		Gilberton Road-ch.24679													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024 . 11.2.2024 works in progress		<div style="width: 5%; height: 10px; background-color: #92d050;"></div>	
4060-4500-0015		Vanlee Station Road- ch 9459													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
4060-4500-0018		Gilberton Road- ch 81394													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
4060-4500-0013		Gilberton Road- ch 26545													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
4060-4500-0017		Conjuboy Road- ch 3410													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024 . 11.2.2024 works completed		<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #92d050;"></div>	
4060-4500-0010		Dulthera Road- Ch. 38152													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024 . 11.2.2024 works in progress		<div style="width: 30%; height: 10px; background-color: #92d050;"></div>	
4060-4500-0012		Gilberton Road- ch 51.094																	
		Signage - Einasleh Forsayth Road													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
		Haymn Street Drainage													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
		Bus Shelter- Mt. Surprise													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
		Percy Vale Road realinment													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
		Standpipe Georgetwon landfill													DES	5.12.2023 Scheduled for March 2024			
		Sub total																	
		Total Capital																	



Etheridge Shire Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Renee Bester

From: Ken Timms
Sent: Friday, 9 February 2024 2:58 PM
To: Renee Bester
Subject: FW: NWQ Councils ready to make regional impact with disaster funding

Hi Renee

For the agenda - information

Kind Regards



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NWQ councils ready to make regional impact with disaster funding boost

North West Queensland councils have welcomed the announcement this week by the Australian and Queensland governments to commit an additional \$91.8 million to the NQ Recovery and Resilience Package to support disaster recovery and resilience in the State's disaster-hit north and north-west.

[Read the media release online](#)

Under this package the North Queensland Resilience Program will see \$45 million for projects identified by local councils in the north and north west that will improve disaster preparedness, prevention and mitigation across road and transport networks, community, and the environment.

North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Chair, Mayor Jack Bawden, said the group had been advocating for this level of financial commitment to deliver on plans to build stronger roads and bridges and protect the region's communities, business, and environment.

"We've had more than our fair share of natural disasters in recent years and now more than ever this funding is crucial. Our councils are ready to get stuck in to projects that will make our communities and businesses safe and resilient so we can take the knocks when mother nature calls as she likes to do up here," Cr Bawden said.

"This funding gives us the ability to make some real resilience gains and the potential to make bigger things happen."

Councillor Bawden said the funding would support local and regional projects and priorities that have been identified by local councils to improve disaster resilience.

"Our region will access this package and other funding to deliver on the significant projects that are needed, particularly in the critical areas of roads, transport and communication - to keep our supply lines and communication networks open and our communities safe," Cr Bawden said.

"Councils now know what funding they've got and will look at joint initiatives that are across two or more local government areas.

"Given the magnitude of the issues faced, we're also keen to work with the federal and state governments to leverage multi-program funded initiatives to give us the capacity to deliver serious transformational initiatives.

"At our Board meeting earlier this week, we met with representatives from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, confirming funding arrangements and details on the development of priorities and program delivery.

“We acknowledge the ongoing work of state and federal agencies in making this disaster support available for our region and look forward to continuing to work together to deliver big things for North West Queenslanders.”

This funding is on top of the [package announced last month](#) to help communities following the 2023 monsoonal floods experienced across northern and central Queensland.

[Read the Ministerial Media Statement](#)

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