



NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 18th September 2024

Location: **Council Chambers,
Georgetown**

Commencing: **9.00am**

Councillors: Cr Hughes
Cr Royes
Cr Tincknell
Cr Ryan
Cr Carroll

Agenda Attached

Ken Timms PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Local Government Act Qld 2009

Section 4(2) of the *Local Government Act Qld 2009* state that the local government principles are:

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

Local Government Regulation 2012

Section 254(J) Closed meetings:

- (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 Councilors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters –
 - a) The appointment, dismissal or discipline of a chief executive officer
 - b) Industrial matters affecting employees
 - c) The local government's budget
 - d) Rating concessions
 - e) Legal advice obtained by the Council or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government
 - f) Matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or group of individuals
 - g) Negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government
 - h) Negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
 - i) A matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State
 - j) An investigation report given to the local government under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the Act.
- (4) However, a local government or a committee of a local government must not resolve that a part of a local government meeting at which a decision mentioned in section 150ER(2), 150ES(3) or 150EU(2) of the Act will be considered, discussed, voted on or made to be closed.
- (5) A resolution that a local government meeting be closed must –
 - a) State the matter mentioned in subsection (3) that is to be discussed; and
 - b) Include an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed. meeting be closed must state the nature of the matters to be considered while the
 - c) meeting is closed.
- (6) A local government or a committee of a local government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a local government meeting, or a part of a local government meeting, that is closed.

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND SIGNING OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY
3. PRAYER
4. APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS
5. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
6. CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
7. CONSIDERATION OF DCS OPEN SESSION REPORTS
8. CONSIDERATION OF DES OPEN SESSION REPORTS
9. CONSIDERATION OF CEO OPEN SESSION REPORTS
10. CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS
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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 14th August 2024
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
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ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barry Hughes
Cr. Ian Carroll
Cr. Laurell Royes
Cr. Seven Ryan
Cr. Ian Tincknell

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs. Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Miss. Gemma Bethel, Administration Officer

OPEN GALLERY

ATTENDANCE

Nardeen Hayden joined the gallery at 9:05am

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:06am and welcomed all in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

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

PRAYER

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Royes

- Prescribed interest in agenda item #11 - Quotation for Gravel Supply for Etheridge Shire Council for DRFA Works for Zone 3 & 2.

Cr Tincknell

- Prescribed interest in agenda item #14 – RADF Funding Agreement.

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Condolences:

Council wishes to extend their condolences to the family of Robert Burton.

Congratulations:

Council wishes to congratulate Will & Faith Parry of Mistletoe on the birth of their daughter, Elaine.

Council wishes to congratulate Cameron Barns & Mel Sacueza on their marriage.

Council wishes to congratulate Renee Bester on her recent appointment as Director of Corporate Services.

Apologies:

Nil

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 17th July 2024

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 17th July 2024 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.01
5/0

2. Special Budget Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 24th July 2024

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 24th July 2024 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.02
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Nil

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director of Corporate Services

1. Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.03
5/0

2. Financial Performance as at 31st July 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a monthly finance report is required to be presented to Council stating the progress made in relation to the budget for the period of the financial year as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting held.

RESOLUTION

That Council receives the financial statements for the period ended 31st July 2024 pursuant, and in accordance with, the Local Government Regulation 2012 (s204).

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #24.08.04
5/0**3. Advertising Expenditure Policy**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for council to adopt the updated draft Advertising Expenditure Policy as outlined within section 197 of the Local Government Regulations 2012. This policy review was due February 2021 is part of Council's current Policy Review project to ensure Council is satisfying its legislative requirements.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Adopt the updated Advertising Expenditure Policy (S007).

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.05
5/0

4. Review of Relocation PolicyEXECUTIVE 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. A review of the Councillor Policy: ESC – HR033 Relocation Policy

RESOLUTION

That Council note the completion of the review of the ESC – HR033 Relocation Policy, and re-adopt the reviewed version.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.06
5/0

5. Review of Drug & Alcohol PolicyEXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is 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. A review of the ESC – A012 Drug & Alcohol Policy is attached.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to defer the matter of the Drug and Alcohol Policy (A012) to a future meeting/workshop.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.07
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10:07am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:28am

6. Dealing with a Complaint About the Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for council to adopt the updated draft ESC – S014 – Dealing with a Complaint about a Chief Executive Officer Policy as outlined within section 48A of the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001*. This policy review was completed as part of Council's current Policy Review project to ensure Council is satisfying its legislative requirements.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- Adopt the updated and renamed 'Dealing with a complaint about a Chief Executive Officer' Policy (S014).

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.08
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Raju Ranjit entered the meeting at 10:30am

7. Media Communications Policy and Social Media Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for council to adopt the updated draft Media Communications Policy and draft Social Media Policy.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Adopt the updated 'Media Communications Policy' (C008)
2. Adopt the 'Social Media' Policy (C028).

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.09
5/0

8. Queensland Feral Pig Initiative – Round 8

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding of \$1 million is currently available through Round 8(b) of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative (QFPI). The round of funding is available for a range of eligible applicants (including local governments) for projects including innovation and diversification of feral pig control tools and techniques. The funding covers projects of up to three years. Expression of Interest applications are due by 5pm on 13th September 2024.

RESOLUTION

The Council resolve to:

- Seek the Biosecurity Advisory Committees support regarding an application under the QFPI Round 8b
- Approve in principle an application submission to the QFPI Round 8b

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.10
5/0

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. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.11
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Gemma Bethel left the meeting at 10:56am and returned at 10:59am

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

10. LGAQ Annual Conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Local Government Association of Queensland that the 2024 LGAQ Annual Conference is scheduled for 21st – 23rd October 2024 in Brisbane. The 2024 Annual Conference will include the Annual General meeting where our sector's future policy priorities will be debated.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to send the following representative to attend the 2024 LGAQ Annual Conference in Brisbane from the 21st – 23rd October 2024:

- Mayor Barry Hughes
- Deputy Mayor Laurell Royes
- Cr Ian Carroll
- Cr Seven Ryan
- CEO Ken Timms PSM (or equivalent)

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.12
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes left the meeting at 11:30am due to a prescribed interest.
Nardeen Hayden left the meeting at 11:30am.

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 11:31am to discuss (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government under section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 which states that:

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(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. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.13
4/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 11:48am

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.14
4/0

11. Quotation for Gravel Supply for Etheridge Shire Council for DRFA Works for Zone 3 and Zone 2

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the consideration of quotations received for the supply of gravel for Etheridge Shire Council for DRFA works in Zone 3 & Zone 2.

RESOLUTION

That Council accept the tender of Bolwarra Enterprises Crushing & Screening to supply and delivery of 100,000 tonnes for Zone 3 and 8000 tonnes for Zone 2 to the value of \$ 5,957,035 (Ex. GST).

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.15
3/1

Vote - Cr Ryan requested that her vote be recorded against the above motion.

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes returned to the meeting at 11:51am

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 11:52am to discuss (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government under section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 which states that:

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MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.16
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 12:34pm

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED

12. Mt Surprise and Einasleigh Town MaintenanceEXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the consideration of options to carry out maintenance works in Mount Surprise and Einasleigh.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to tender out the Town Maintenance Contracts for Mt Surprise and/or Einasleigh providing the tender document includes but is not limited to, a works program and comprehensive reporting tool.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.18
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12:42pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:21pm

ATTENDANCE

Rebekah Haase entered the gallery at 1:21pm
Nardeen Hayden entered the gallery at 1:21pm

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM**Director of Corporate Services**ATTENDANCE

Cr Tincknell left the meeting at 1:22pm due to a prescribed interest.

13. RADF Funding AgreementEXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council sanctioned a RADF Committee to assist in the distribution of funds for community led activities and assist in its ability to fulfil Council's Corporate Plan initiatives and other statutory requirements. The RADF Advisory Committee provides recommendations to Council and is chaired by Cr. Ian Tincknell. Council recently received the recommendations from RADF, however in further consultation with Arts Queensland regarding the use of funds from the 2021-2024 funding agreement more consideration from Council is required.

RESOLUTION

That Council suspend standing orders at 2:01pm to receive deputation from RADF members, Rebekah Haase and Nardeen Hayden.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.19
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council resume standing orders at 2:10pm.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.20
4/0

RESOLUTION

Upon advice from the RADF Committee the remaining funds from the 2023-24 financial year will be allocated to a Council led initiative, Katie Whitehead Jones artist workshop throughout the Shire.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.21
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Tincknell returned to the meeting at 2:15pm.

Rebekah Haase left the gallery at 2:15pm.

Nardeen Hayden left the gallery at 2:15pm

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 2:16pm to discuss (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government under section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 which states that:

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MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.22
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 2:54pm

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.23
5/0

14. November 2023 DFRA Delivery

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the consideration of unit rates provided by contractors for Nov 2023 DFRA delivery.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the quoted unit rates provided by Shepherd Services for the delivery of the Nov 2023 severe flash flooding and Tropical Cyclone Kirrily event under Local Buy Project Management Services LB279.

Further that prior to commencement of the delivery of this project that Council requests Shepherd Services outline how it intends to fulfil its obligations under this contract.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.24
4/1

Vote - Cr Ryan requested that her vote be recorded against the above motion.

15. Biosecurity Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Upon completion of the 2024 Local Government Elections, Cr. Seven Ryan was appointed as Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Committee at the Statutory Post Election meeting held 28th March 2024. The Chair, along with current committee member have advised of changes required to the Terms of Reference for the Biosecurity Advisory Committee. Council have reviewed the Terms of Reference and made the appropriate changes.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

Defer the review of the Biosecurity Advisory Committees terms of reference to the September meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.25
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM

Director of Engineering

16. Sealing Work on Cobbold Gorge Road

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the request regarding the sealing of 800m from the boundary grid towards the office building and 7km from the boundary Grid to the intersection of Cobbold Gorge Road and Agate Creek Road (Ch. 37.80 km to Ch 44.80Km)

RESOLUTION

Upon further information supplied by Simon Terry (Cobbold Gorge), Council advise it may consider a signed private works application to carry out the reconstruction and sealing work on 800m section between Cobbold Gorge Village office building & the boundary grid.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.26
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM

Chief Executive Officer

17. Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.27
5/0

18. 2025-29 Corporate Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the consideration of Mead Perry to complete the 2025-29 Etheridge Shire Council Corporate Plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council engage Mead Perry to undertake the development of Council's 2025-29 Corporate Plan.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.28
5/0

19. Organisational Structure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the updated Organisational Structure in accordance with section 196 of the *Local Government Act 2009*. This update is for the performance of the local governments responsibilities in accordance with the adopted 2024-2025 budget.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

- Adopt the Organisational Structure as presented in accordance with section 196 of the Local Government Act.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.29
5/0

20. Term Lease 0/222075 Described as Lot 8 on SP189943

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Department of Resources on 8th July 2024 regarding Term Lease 0/222075 described as Lot 8 on Survey Plan 189943 (Reserve for Township Purposes). This term lease is due for renewal on 3rd July 2025 and the Department of Resources are requesting Councils (appointed trustees of the reserve) views on the matter as part of the renewal process by no later than 19th August 2024. This land was leased for the operation of a commercial business within Georgetown, and that ownership has now ceased.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

- Advise the Department of Resources that Council's preference is to not renew this trustee lease at the expiry of the Term Lease to allow for continuation of tenure and further advise of Council's reasons for objection by no later than 19th August 2024

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.30
4/1

21. Use of Council Controlled Areas

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council have assessed the requirement to have an appropriate procedure that aligns with Council's Local Laws and relevant statutory requirements. Council have consulted other Local Government bodies and sought legal advice in preparing an application process to satisfy the requirements. The application

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(including an applicable fee) will include required documentation to be provided to enable Council to consider the application.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

- Amend its 2024-2025 Schedule of Fees & Charges to include an Application Fee of \$250.00 for Commercial Activities on Council Land.
- Adopt the proposed Application Form for Commercial Use of Council Controlled Areas.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.08.31
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ryan	Update on Ewamian ILUA progress
Cr Ryan	Update on Gravel Pits
Cr Ryan	Motion for audible recordings of future Council Meetings.
Cr Ryan	New Road surface undermined / blowouts - Forsayth-Einasleigh Road
Cr Ryan	Grid at Property Boundary - Sirron - Forsayth-Einasleigh Road
Cr Ryan	Removal of existing and upgrade of station signs throughout the shire
Cr Ryan	Removal of Green Station Sign from Strathmore Road.
Cr Ryan	Status update of Councillors unanimous directive to CEO to refer compensation request from David & Dot Terry to Council's insurers
Cr Royes	Community Assistance Policy Failure - repeated failure to provide granted in kind assistance as per the policy, significantly with no notice or reason days before events commence and despite council sanctioned budget allocations each year.
Cr Royes	Station Signage - Local Emergency Volunteers and Residents request the re-erection of Historic Station Name Signage
Cr Royes	Equine Precinct - Councils' "position" clearly communicated
Cr Royes	Township Fencing - Strategic Discussion regarding current fence location/maintenance to achieve community expectation in township areas (Safety for people and property)
Cr Royes	Waste/Recycling Strategy - Annual Whitegoods/Furniture/Industrial Township Curb-side Collection (Get Ready Funding)
Cr Royes	Road Drainage - Strategic discussion to ensure road drainage is considered/carried out within the flood damage process on every road.
Cr Royes	Gravel Supply - strategic discussion regarding the use of crushing plants to optimise gravel quality/quantity

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

- Record all future Council meetings audibly.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

LOST
RESOLUTION #24.08.32
2/3

Vote – Cr Royes wishes to record her vote against the above motion.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2024.

Cr. Barry Hughes
MAYOR

Business Arising					
#	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken	Progress	
14th August 2024 - General Meeting					
24.08.05	That Council: Adopt the updated Advertising Expenditure Policy (S007).	DCS	Policy has been filed, register updated and displayed on Councils webpage.	Complete	
24.08.06	That Council note the completion of the review of the ESC – HR033 Relocation Policy, and re-adopt the reviewed version.	DCS	Policy has been filed, register updated and displayed on Councils webpage.	Complete	
24.08.07	That Council resolve to defer the matter of the Drug and Alcohol Policy (A012) to a future meeting/workshop.	DCS	The matter will be revisited upon the WHS officer returning from leave in September	In progress	
24.08.08	That Council Adopt the updated and renamed 'Dealing with a complaint about a Chief Executive Officer' Policy (S014).	DCS	Policy has been filed, register updated and displayed on Councils webpage.	Complete	
24.08.09	That Council 1. Adopt the updated draft 'Media Communications Policy' (C008) 2. Adopt the 'Social Media' Policy (C028).	DCS	Policy has been filed, register updated and displayed on Councils webpage.	Complete	
24.08.10	The Council resolve to: Seek the Biosecurity Advisory Committees support regarding an application under the QFPI Round 8b Approve in principle an application submission to the QFPI Round 8f	DCS	Awaiting confirmation from Cr Ryan of the next Biosecurity Meeting.	In progress	
24.08.12	That Council resolve to send the following representative to attend the 2024 LGAQ Annual Conference in Brisbane from the 21st – 23rd October 2024: - Mayor Barry Hughes - Deputy Mayor Laurell Royes - CEO Ken Timms PSM (or equivalent) - Cr Ian Carroll - Cr Seven Ryan	CEO	EA Liaising with attendees in regards to registration and travel requirements	In progress	
24.08.15	That Council accept the tender of Bolwarra Enterprises Crushing & Screening to supply and delivery of 100,000 tonnes for Zone 3 and 8000 tonnes for Zone 2 to the value of \$ 5,957,035 (Ex. GST).	DES	PO has been raised.	Complete	
24.08.18	That Council resolve to tender out the Town Maintenance Contracts for Mt Surprise and/or Einasleigh providing the tender document includes but is not limited to, a works program and comprehensive reporting tool.	DES	Tender documents including work specifications are currently being drafted.	In progress	
24.08.21	Upon advice from the RADF Committee the remaining funds from the 2023-24 financial year will be allocated to a Council led initiative, Katie Whitehead Jones artist workshop throughout the Shire.	DCS	Budget review submitted and final program scheduled.	Complete	
24.08.24	That Council resolves to accept the quoted unit rates provided by Shepherd Services for the delivery of the Nov 2023 severe flash flooding and Tropical Cyclone Kirrily event under Local Buy Project Management Services LB279. Further that prior to commencement of the delivery of this project that Council requests Shepherd Services outline how it intends to fulfil its obligations under this contract.	DES	PO has been raised. Currently liaising with Shepherds to consult the community on this service and work specifications.	In progress	
24.08.25	That Council resolve to: Defer the review of the Biosecurity Advisory Committees terms of reference to the September meeting.	DCS	Biosecurity Advisory Committee Meeting rescheduled to 27th September 2024. Terms of Reference will be submitted to October General Meeting. Amendments will include changes to chair and membership.	Complete	
24.08.26	Upon further information supplied by Simon Terry (Cobbold Gorge), Council advise it may consider a signed private works application to carry out the reconstruction and sealing work on 800m section between Cobbold Gorge Village office building & the boundary grid.	DES	DES to provide Simon with Council's decision to liaise further.	In progress	
24.08.28	That Council engage Mead Perry to undertake the development of Council's 2025-29 Corporate Plan.	CEO	PO raised for the services as requested	Complete	
24.08.29	That Council resolve to: - Adopt the Organisational Structure as presented in accordance with section 196 of the Local Government Act.	CEO	Adopted and implemented	Complete	
24.08.30	That Council resolve to: - Advise the Department of Resources that Council's preference is to not renew this trustee lease at the expiry of the Term Lease to allow for continuation of tenure and further advise of Council's reasons for objection by no later than 19th August 2024	DCS	DOR advised of Councils preference on 19th August 2024.	Complete	

24.08.31	That Council resolve to: - Amend its 2024-2025 Schedule of Fees & Charges to include an Application Fee of \$250.00 for Commercial Activities on Council Land. - Adopt the proposed Application Form for Commercial Use of Council Controlled Areas.	DCS	Schedule of Fees & Charges amended and form adopted. This service has been promoted to the community to ensure awareness of the availability for Commercial Use of Council Controlled Areas.	Complete
Outstanding Business				
17th July 2024 - General Meeting				
24.07.05	That Council: -receive the unconfirmed minutes of the RADF Advisory Committee Meeting held 10th July 2024, and further; -Adopt the recommendations included within the RADF Advisory Committee meeting minutes	DCS	Enacted with the exception of implications regarding 2021-2024 Funding Agreement. Currently consulting with Chair. Outstanding Items were presented to August meeting	Complete
24.07.07	That 1.Council informs the applicant that Council offers no objection to the proposal to delete the Amberlee Road permanently. 2.Council authorise Engineering department to take the Amberlee Road off the ESC Road register	DES	I have requested to Shepherd Service for an action	Complete
24.07.08	That 1.Council inform the applicant that Council offers no objection to the proposal to close a segment of the Carnes Road from chainage 24.40 km to the intersection of the Paddy's road permanently. 2.Council authorise the Engineering Department to take the segment of the Carnes Road from chainage 24+40 km to the Intersection of the Paddy's road.	DES	I have requested to Shepherd Service for an action	Complete
24.07.11	That Council accept the tender of DIC Pty Ltd to the value of \$ 849,327 (Ex. GST) for tender ESC2024-017.	DES	Informed to DIC Pty. Ltd	Complete
24.07.12	That Council: 1.Adopt the Standing Orders and Meeting Procedures Policy (C057), replacing all and any historical policies or procedures with the same or similar title or intent.	DCS	Displayed on webpage	Complete
24.07.13	That Council: -receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Biosecurity Advisory Committee meeting held 10th July 2024 -update the Terms of Reference to remove Cr Royes and add Cr Ryan as Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Committee as per committee positions assigned at the Statutory Post Election Meeting held 28th March 2024.	DCS	Terms of Reference amended and being presented to the August Council Meeting.	Complete
24.07.15	That Council engage the services of LoGo Appointments for the recruitment of the role of a Chief Executive Officer.	CEO	PO raised and recruitment process has begun.	Complete
24.07.16	That Council: - 1.Provide Grant & Sponsorship assistance in accordance with Council's ESC-C047 Grants to Community Organisations Policy & ESC-C049 Sponsorship to Community Organisations Policy to the approved organisations subject to the following conditions: •Council's grant/sponsorship 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/sponsorship 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/sponsorship. •The applicant must provide a grant/sponsorship acquittal on the approved form. •Surplus grant/sponsorship funds from the approved project shall be reimbursed to Council calculated on a proportional	DCS	Community organisations have been notified of the outcome pertaining to their application. DCS, CDEO & other relevant officers to liaise with Community Organisations in regards to their events.	Complete
24th April 2024 - General Meeting				
24.04.10	That Council resolves that prior to accepting the strategic plan to upgrade the existing floodway as presented, that the matter be deferred to a future workshop.	DES	The strategy plan to upgrade the existing floodway will be presented after road register workshop which is scheduled for the October Briefing session	Complete
24.04.12	That Council resolve to defer the above matter (review and re-adoption of the ESC - C031 – Gates and Grids Policy) to a future meeting of Council.	DES	The Policy will be presented after the road register workshop scheduled for the October Briefing session.	Complete
21st February 2024				
24.02.16	That Council receive the report on the Georgetown Student Hostel and instruct the CEO to present a report to strategically addressed issues to the next Council Meeting.	DCS	Process is currently being reviewed in alignment with the present contract held with the Hostel contractors.	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	Complete
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	Quotes are being sought and land tenure being secured	In progress
16th August 2023				

23.08.12	<p>That Council receive Ms Taylor's Mt Surprise Land Use Survey Report, and adopt the following recommendations made therein, specifically: -</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	DCS	Referred to consulting Town Planner for action. Matter has been referred back to Council for further consideration.	In progress
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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES – BRIEFING REPORT

GENERAL MEETING: September 2024

Mayor and Councillors
Etheridge Shire Council
PO Box 12
Georgetown, QLD 4871

Councillors,
I present my report for the period of: August 2024

Update

Internal Audit - Pacifica have completed their draft report for Tender Evaluation & Contract Management Review, with Council to provide management responses by EOM before receiving the final report.

External Audit – Draft Financial Statements have been prepared and will be presented to the Audit Committee Meeting scheduled for Friday, 13th September. The final External Audit visit is scheduled for the 30th September – 4th October. Final Financial Statements are estimated to be back late October.

Audit Committee – Council have drafted an Annual Audit Committee Workplan (attached) to compliment the strategies and objectives outlined in the Charter and Policy. This will include regular quarterly (or equivalent) meetings.

Access to Easement-Road Openings - Ewamian People

Council have sought quotes for the survey of the access road; however, we are waiting on further advice from the Department of Transport and Main Roads in relation to conditions (if any) which may be imposed in respect of the intersection of the roads with the Gulf Developmental Road. Council sought an update on this matter from TMR on 9th September 2024 and current no change to progress.

Council Facility Keyless Entry System

Council's IT Manager Jason Karsten is lead on this project. Jason has been communicating regularly with SpacetoCo to ensure the transition to operational is as smooth and efficient as possible. Spacetoco have finished setting up the software and development environment and are still working on the implementation stage including testing. Assuming this goes smoothly, we will proceed to providing credentials to our server.

Independent Living Facility - Housing Infrastructure Grant

Documents were fully executed between Council and the Department of Housing on Friday, 30th August. Council will issue a tax invoice once we can supply a final building certificate. Preston Law will begin drafting tenancy guidelines, agreements and policies in the week beginning 9th September.

Casey's Rest Upgrade Project

QPS have advised that the Far North District Office has approved the initiative to reach out to organisations that support QPS to gauge their willingness to contribute towards the Casey's Rest project. QPS is not a government department that can provide financial contribution to such projects as they are only budgeted for business operations.

Bill Stanley has already begun contacting QPS members who are raising money through charitable events (Cops and Robbers Charity Gold Day), or groups including Police Legacy and Qld Police Union, and the interest to support is encouraging.

Student Hostel

Hostel contract to be re-negotiated in September/October. Additionally, Shaun successfully applied for a capital grant through Department of Education and works have been planned to carry out the roof and drainage upgrade.

Commercial Lease Negotiations – Savannah House

Council has engaged Preston Law to assist with negotiations and preparations of a renewed lease over Savannah House by Gulf Savannah NRM. Draft lease terms have been included within the meeting report for the General Meeting to be held 18th September.

Sustainable Destinations Project

Council is awaiting the findings of our initial audit with the intention of receiving Silver Certification. There were 5 Major Non-Conformances identified during audit which were to be rectified by 28th August 2024 and have been addressed by Council on 1st August 2024.

Council still has 4 Minor Non-Conformances to address and will be verified at the next audit in 2025. Minor Non-Conformances have no effect on obtaining Silver Certification.

Purchase of Lot 4 on CD35 (Lynd Medical Centre)

Council have addressed their obligations within the Offer from DOR, however, are awaiting finalisation from Rabobank, Powerlink, Ergon and the previous leasee. The original settlement date was 2nd July 2024. Council have sought an extension through to 2nd October 2024 to finalise paperwork with the third parties.

Governance Review

Council engaged the Governance Advisory Service offered through a partnership between LGMA and the Department to assist LGA's through auditory means to ensure they are meeting their legislative requirements while operating within best practice guidelines. Council has undergone two site visits in 2024 with Policy Review progress well underway.

Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan

Council have engaged Lesley Buckley to assist in the development of the Shires' Strategic Plan. Community consultation has concluded which was undertaken by way of a survey. Lesley has since provided Council with a copy of the summarised survey results. Future actions include Corporate Plan survey results, draft strategic plan, community consultation and council endorsement. This project is scheduled for endorsement in early 2025. More information is included within the CDEO Matters of Interest Report.

Events

DATE	ORGANISATION	TOPIC
15/08/2024	ESC	EMT Meeting
19/08/2024	ESC	Audit & Financial Meeting
21/08/2024	ESC	CEO Councillor Workshop
27-30/08/2024	LGMA	Annual Conference
2/09/2024	ESC	RADF Advisory Committee
5-6/09/2024	ARLF	Changemaker Workshop

9-11/09/2024		Annual Leave
12/09/2024	ESC	Monthly Community Connect & Briefing Session
13/09/2024	ESC	Audit Committee Meeting

Regards
Renee Bester
Director of Corporate Services

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL



General Meeting **18th September 2024**

Subject	Financial performance as at 31st August 2024
Classification	Open
Author	Laurie Hawker Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a monthly finance report is required to be presented to Council stating the progress made in relation to the budget for the period of the financial year as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting held.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the financial statements for the period ended 31st August 2024 pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Local Government Regulation 2012 (s204).

BACKGROUND

The monthly financial report of Council provides a snapshot of Council's financial performance (Profit and Loss), financial position (Balance Sheet) and cash flow for the reporting period.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate aim No 5 :Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.

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

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Advice if called.

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council's Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Inform	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Assess likelihood and consequence to calculate outcome (Low, Medium, High)

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

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Laurie Hawker

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 05/08/2024

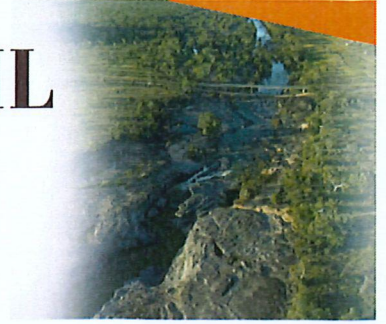
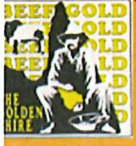
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ATTACHMENTS

Include attachments such as:

- Financial Report as at 31 July 2024

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL



Etheridge Shire Council

Financial Report

**General Meeting of
Council
18th August 2024**

Etheridge Shire Council

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Standard reports

Capital Funding Detail- WIP report
Rates outstanding balance
PCS Revenue and Expenditure Budget
PCS Balance Sheet Summary
PCS Statement of Comprehensive Income
PCS Statement of Financial Position
PCS Statement of Cash Flows

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

1 Draft Highlights of this Month's Financial Report

Reporting Period:=

31-August-2024

Revenue

Total revenue of \$ 15.2M. to 31-Aug-2024 representing 27 % of total budget of \$ 56.9 M.

These statements are for 2 month of the financial year and generally would represent 17 % of the overall budget.

The Recurrent revenue is \$14.319M which is largely due to the receipt of the FAGS grant in July 2024, FAGS operating \$5.359M and FAGS roads \$1.835M

DTMR revenue is nil, any recent revenue recognised prior to June 30.

Flood damage revenue is \$3.659M.

Expenditure

Total expenditure of \$7.528M for the period represents 15.7% of total budgeted expenditure of \$47.938 M.

By far the biggest expenditure to date is flood damage, incurring \$5.355M in July.

Expenditure on DTMR works totals \$1.2M Year to Date against the budget of \$1.2M.

Surplus / Deficit

The Surplus Net Operating result is \$7.66M reflecting strong early positive cash flows.

2 CASH POSITION

2023/2024

Aug-24

CASH AT BANK					
	Operating Account			101,473	
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS					
	QTC Cash Fund			11,317,976	
		Total		\$ 11,419,449	
<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)			- 909,237	
	Restricted cash - grants received not yet spent less grants receivable			- 420,000	
				<u>- \$ 1,329,237</u>	
<p>Balance of estimated rates/other debtors - estimated creditors:</p>					
	(4,983,295	-	374,530)	\$ 4,608,765
Plus cash surplus	\$	11,419,449	-	-\$ 1,329,237	\$ 12,748,686
Working Capital			Total		\$ 17,357,452

3. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate For Month of September 2024

Receipts \$ 000's		Expenditure \$ 000's	
Rates	40,000	Payroll	540,000
Fees and Charges Billings	50,000	Operating and Contractor Payables	4,000,000
Own Roads Program Recoveries	0	PAYG-W; GST	312,050
Main Roads Invoiced Recoveries	1,083,612	Loan Payments	
Grants Expected	0	Capital Acq	0
Flood Damage NDRRA	3,000,000	Other	0
GST			
	4,173,612		4,852,050

Cash is therefore expected to decrease by approximately \$ 678000 during the next period

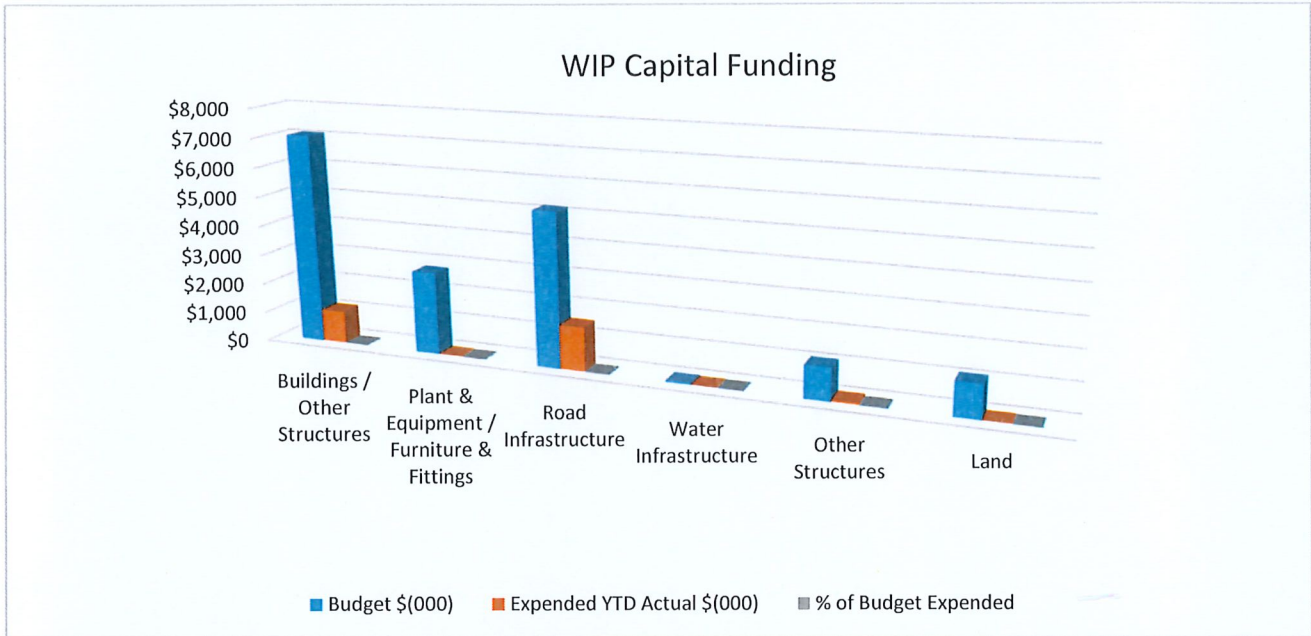
Etheridge Shire Council**4. Comparative Data for****Aug-24**

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Cash Position	11,419,449	10,588,038	22,220,513	14,083,783
Working Capital	17,357,452	15,658,614	8,687,201	7,138,060
Rate Arrears	3,607,123	170,021	53,529	453,627
Outstanding Debtors	1,376,173	1,157,754	1,001,616	546,787
Current Creditors	116,952	0	1,136,657	220,507
Current Loan Payable	19,961	19,961	41,500	62,565

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5. Capital Funding

Aug-24

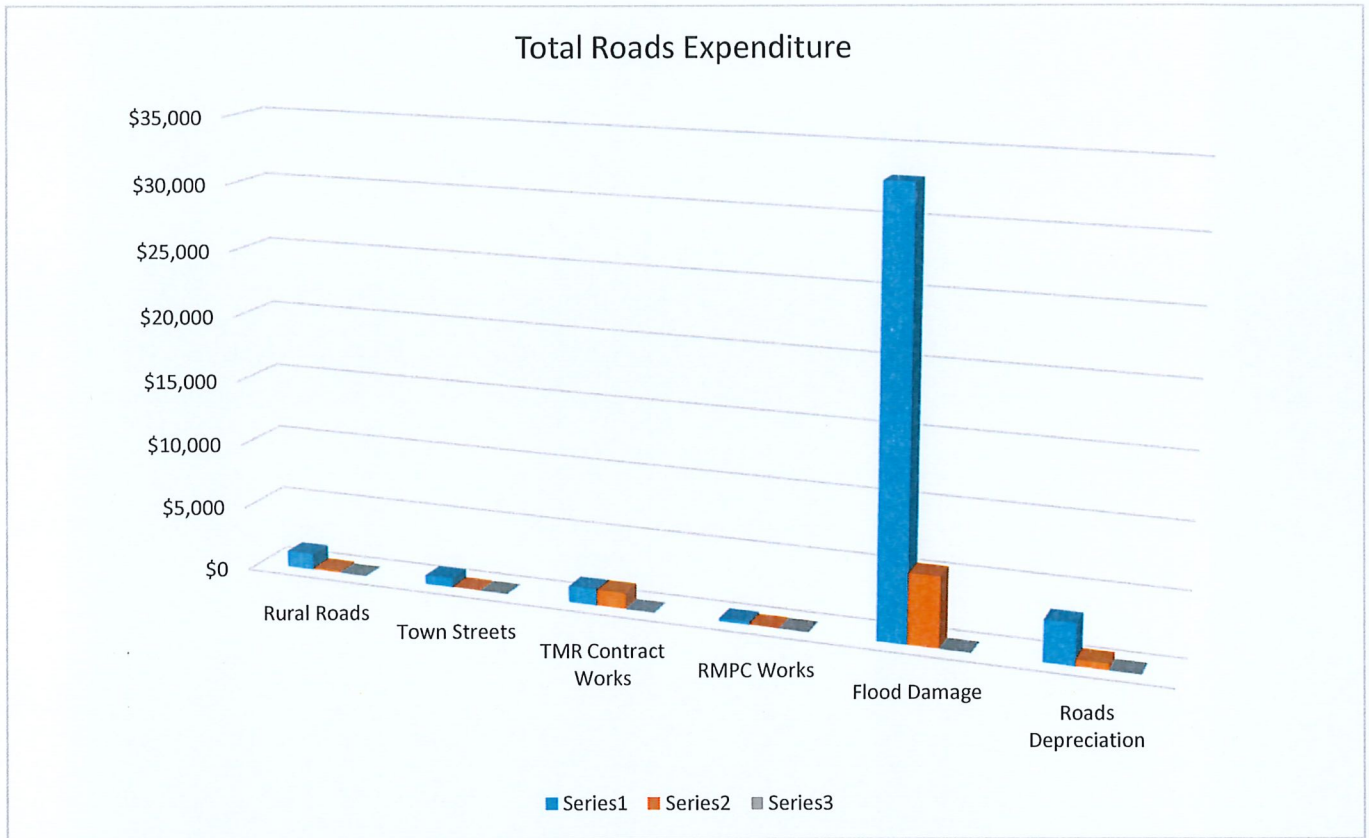


		Budget \$(000)	Expended YTD Actual \$(000)	% of Budget Expended
	Total Capital Funding	\$17,225	\$2,643	15.34%
1	Buildings / Other Structures	\$7,076	\$1,093	15.45%
2	Plant & Equipment / Furniture & Fittings	\$2,761	\$7	0.25%
3	Road Infrastructure	\$5,174	\$1,474	28.49%
4	Water Infrastructure	\$35	\$3	8.57%
5	Other Structures	\$1,075	\$57	5.30%
6	Land	\$1,104	\$9	0.82%

Etheridge Shire Council

5. Road Works Expenditure

Aug-24



		Budget \$ 000's	Expended YTD Actual \$ 000's	% of Budget Expended \$ 000's
	Total Road Expenditure	\$39,269	\$7,201	18%
1	Rural Roads	\$1,225	\$138	11%
2	Town Streets	\$655	\$14	2%
3	TMR Contract Works	\$1,219	\$1,207	99%
4	RMPC Works	\$180	\$13	7%
5	Flood Damage	\$32,879	\$5,356	16%
6	Roads Depreciation	\$3,112	\$473	15%

WIP - August 2024		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	Closing Balance (post capitalisation)	BUDGET	Consecutive Number
0400-4150-0000 Work in Progress - Land & Land Improvements							
3255-4500-0000	Land purchase - Purchase of LIND medical centre land & surveying costs	16,034.42	9,007.79	25,042.21	25,042.21		
		16,034.42	9,007.79	25,042.21	25,042.21	-	
0400-4250-0000 Work in Progress - Buildings							
3080-4501-0000	Aged Care Facilities - Advisory	86,798.12		86,798.12	86,798.12		
3135-4500-0000	Recovery & Resilience (24-25) - Cap Imp - Coordination Centre (Glowen)		4,518.00	4,518.00	4,518.00	200,000.00	8
3270-4500-0000	Cap Imp - Shire Office - Admin office parking area					75,000.00	13
3280-4504-0000	Staff housing - SHP	50,655.70	14,438.48	65,094.18	65,094.18	3,069,304.00	12
3280-4505-0000	Staff housing - ILF (Independent Living Facility)	1,119,497.87	933,868.35	2,103,466.22	2,103,466.22	2,616,643.00	11
3295-4500-0000	Demountable office - Relocation		3,251.19	3,251.19	3,251.19		
3350-4502-0003	Depot - Cap Improvements - Septic installation	9,136.40		9,136.40	9,136.40		
3411-4500-0001	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Georgetown - Streetscaping (roads)	366,670.20		366,670.20	366,670.20		
3411-4500-0002	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Georgetown Sports Centre	114,393.31	558.13	114,951.44	114,951.44		
3411-4500-0003	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Einasleigh - Drainage improvement (roads)	213,312.55	8,157.50	221,470.05	221,470.05		
3411-4500-0004	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Fers-Glowen - Water-Forestry						
3411-4500-0005	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Rural Addressing	39,603.45	72,893.10	112,596.55	112,596.55		
3411-4500-0006	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Forsyth Cemetery Fencing						
3412-4500-0001	W4Q Capital Works (24/25) - Multi-Purpose Centre Mt Surprise		4,518.00	4,518.00	4,518.00		
3620-4500-0001	LRCI Phase 3 - Forsyth Transfer Station	569,004.97	4,271.00	573,275.97	573,275.97		
3620-4500-0002	LRCI Phase 3 - Glowen Sports center (Parking & drainage) (2- See Land)	45,452.61		45,452.61	45,452.61		
3620-4500-0003	LRCI Phase 3 - Reseals 2	428,053.23		428,053.23	428,053.23		
3620-4500-0004	LRCI Phase 3 - Industrial estate	6,024.00		6,024.00	6,024.00	222,888.00	5
3620-4500-0005	LRCI Phase 3 - Storm water drainage - Forsyth	252,644.99		252,644.99	252,644.99		
3620-4500-0006	LRCI Phase 3 - Reseal Baroota Street Einaslei						
3620-4500-0007	LRCI Phase 3 - Reseal Terrestrial carpark	9,036.95		9,036.95	9,036.95		
4011-4501-0000	Glowen Streets Cap Imp - Georgetown Streetscapping & chairs					20,000.00	9
4013-4500-0000	Einasseleigh Cap Imp - Streets - Gorge picnic area					50,000.00	10
5030-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Upgrade Ens Common Stock Yrds (other structures)	112,975.54		112,975.54	112,975.54		
5151-4505-0000	Cap Imp - Mt Surprise Bike Park - Stage 2						
5151-4506-0000	W4Q 24-27 Cap Imp - Mt Surprise Sports Facility					120,000.00	7
6010-4500-0000	Cap Imp Terrestrial - TED - Terrestrial Up Build Extension					1,000,000.00	6
6010-4503-0001	Cap Imp Terrestrial - Ducted air conditioning replacement	34,305.68		34,305.68	34,305.68		
		3,460,816.76	1,093,422.56	4,554,239.32	4,554,239.32	7,373,835.00	
0400-4350-0000 Work in Progress - Other Structures							
3620-4506-0001	LRCI Phase 4 - Airstrip Einasseleigh & Mt Surprise - Fencing		9,484.90	9,484.90		900,000.00	14
4011-4502-0000	Cap Imp - Glowen - Town Fence		7,730.80	7,730.80			
4140-4506-0001	Cap Imp Depot - Self bonded Ad blue tank	21,535.41	2,309.20	23,844.61	23,844.61		
4500-4512-0000	Cap Imp - Charleston Dam & other fencing					20,000.00	19
5151-4500-0000	NWMP Round 2 - Walking path, signage, TO enoasement, bush tucker	65,216.14		65,216.14	65,216.14	58,440.00	4
5151-4501-0000	Griffith Uni Protect - Tolem structures & boundary signs	448,134.28	18,081.40	466,215.68	466,215.68		
5151-4502-0001	Cap Imp - All Towns - Electronic notice boards					80,000.00	15
5151-4504-0000	Cap Works - Wash down facility	200,368.91	19,092.67	219,461.58	219,461.58	450,000.00	2
5151-4507-0000	Cap Works - PTIIP Mt Surprise Bus Stop	15,994.72		15,994.72	15,994.72		
5152-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Forsyth - Seating					25,000.00	17
5152-4500-0002	Cap Imp - Forsyth - Signage						
5152-4500-0003	Cap Imp - Forsyth - Fitness Equipment					20,000.00	18
5152-4500-0004	Cap Imp - Forsyth - Learning Hub						
5154-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Mt Surprise - Learning Hub						
5163-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Einasseleigh Cemetery - Improvements					15,000.00	16
6010-4502-0001	Cap Imp Terrestrial - Security upgrade	36,807.48		36,807.48	36,807.48		
		788,058.94	56,698.97	844,757.91	827,542.21	1,568,440.00	
0400-4450-0000 Work in Progress - Fleet Plant & Equipment							
4150-4500-2625	Fuso Shoqun 8 Wheeler - Tipper					\$362,000.00	
4150-4500-2630	Fuso Shoqun 8 Wheeler - Truck					\$362,000.00	22
4150-4500-2635	Fuso Shoqun 8 Wheeler - Truck					\$362,000.00	
new number req.	Caravan compass GIS 21 ft					\$100,000.00	
new number req.	Caravan roadster vacationer					\$100,000.00	
new number req.	Caravan Industrial 2 Man					\$100,000.00	21
new number req.	Caravan Tramark Industrial					\$100,000.00	
new number req.	Caravan Tramark Industrial					\$100,000.00	
new numbers req.	24-25 replacements					\$1,175,000.00	20
4150-4500-3165	Mower		7,118.36	7,118.36	7,118.36		
			7,118.36	7,118.36	7,118.36	2,761,000.00	
0400-4550-0000 Work in Progress - Furniture & Other Equipment							
2060-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Keyless Entry	22,477.55		22,477.55	22,477.55		
		22,477.55		22,477.55	22,477.55		
0400-4650-0000 Work in Progress - Roads Infrastructure							
3610-4502-0001	Rec & Res 24-25 - Gilbert River Bridge upgrade					500,000.00	27
3620-4505-0002	LRCI Phase 4 - Signage replacement					1,196,108.00	24
3620-4505-0003	LRCI Phase 4 - Design and reseal for Hayman					199,000.00	28
3620-4505-0004	LRCI Phase 4 - Einas Forsyth Rd Ch 9490-169						
3620-4505-0005	LRCI Phase 4 - Cleaning Road Grids						
3620-4505-0006	LRCI Phase 4 - Install hip roof MultiPurp Cen						
3620-4505-0007	LRCI Phase 4 - Design & Reseal Underpass Road						
4011-4500-0000	Cap Works - Hayman Street Drainage	3,413.60		3,413.60	3,413.60		
4012-4500-0000	Capital Imp - First Street Forsyth 22/23 survey/design & construction	10,332.92		10,332.92	10,332.92		
4013-4501-0001	Cap Imp - Einas Roads - Dust pads Copperfield Bridge					50,000.00	26
4020-4500-0002	Capital Imp - Seated Services - Forsyth - Einasseleigh Rd Reseal	437,049.58	231.80	437,281.38	437,281.38		
4020-4530-0000	Capital Imp - Forsyth Einasseleigh 23-24 - Survey & design (TIDS)	3,167,100.37	890,742.07	4,057,842.44	4,057,842.44	1,269,422.00	23
4020-4535-0000	Capital Imp - Forsyth Einasseleigh 24-25 - Survey & design (TIDS)		389,188.54	389,188.54			
4020-4540-0000	Forsyth-Einas cap works - sign replacement	170,643.58		170,643.58	170,643.58		
new number req.	Further Signage TBC					40,000.00	32
4020-4550-0000	Road realignments		5,672.60	5,672.60			
4020-4560-0000	Forsyth-Einas Rd Ch 32.57-33.27 (R2R) - Reconstruction	7,890.61		7,890.61	7,890.61	1,335,063.00	25
4020-4570-0000	Big Joe Bridge Einasseleigh R2R - Asphalt work	3,457.78	433.18	3,890.96	3,890.96		
4040-4500-0000	Cap Imp - Queenlander Creek upgrade	44,269.63	153,531.41	197,801.04	197,801.04	60,000.00	29
4060-4500-0000	Cap Imp - Floodways	346,248.14	31,714.08	377,962.22	377,962.22		
4060-4501-0000	Cap Imp - Floodways	161,298.14		161,298.14	161,298.14		
4060-4502-0000	Cap Imp - Culvert Replacement					66,750.00	30
4060-4503-0000	Cap Imp - Floodways (Granite Creek)		2,861.40	2,861.40			
4061-4504-0000	Reseals - Georgetown	195,454.65		195,454.65	195,454.65	459,000.00	31

4063-4500-0000	Reseals - Mt Surprise	12,802.19		12,802.19	12,802.19		
4065-4500-0000	Reseals - Oak Park	27,184.96		27,184.96	27,184.96		
4140-4505-0001	Cap Imp Depot - Seal top yard (1- Land) (budget in land & improvements)					20,000.00	3
		4,587,146.15	1,474,375.08	6,061,521.23	5,663,798.69	5,194,343.00	
4300-4750-0000	Work in Progress - Water Infrastructure						
4320-4500-0002	Capital Imp, Georgetown Water Plant & Equipment at cost - Replacement of Meters	6,769.74	1,294.21	8,063.95	8,063.95		
4320-4500-0004	Capital Imp, Georgetown Water Plant & Equipment at cost - New Water Connections	7,996.66		7,996.66	7,996.66		
4320-4501-0006	Cap Imp Gtown Water - new main to Echaridae River					50,000.00	33
4320-4501-0008	Capital Imp, Georgetown Water Infra - Standpipe Gtown - landfill	15,631.88		15,631.88	15,631.88		
4340-4500-0002	Capital Imp, Forsyth Water PPE - Replacement of meters	1,621.28		1,621.28	1,621.28		
4340-4500-0004	Capital Imp, Forsyth Water PPE - New Water Connection	2,311.05	1,391.04	3,702.09	3,702.09		
4500-4508-0001	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Charleston Dam Rec Survey Des (4 - See Land) - playground	85,373.05		85,373.05	85,373.05	277,626.95	
4500-4508-0002	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Fencing	150,357.45		150,357.45	150,357.45		1
4500-4508-0000	Charleston Dam - Water supply pipelines	13,056.61		13,056.61	13,056.61		
		283,117.72	2,685.25	285,802.97	285,802.97	327,626.95	
		9,157,651.54	2,643,308.01	11,800,959.55	11,386,021.31	17,225,244.95	

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		31 Aug 2024	Budget	31 Aug 2024	Budget	31 Aug 2024	Budget			
1000-0001	Governance									
1000-0002	Elected Members	0	0%	0	67,943	15%	458,000	(67,943)	15%	(458,000)
1010-0002	Governance	0	0%	0	130,477	18%	740,000	(130,477)	18%	(740,000)
1020-0002	Economic Development	0	0%	2,141,000	93,155	37%	250,000	(93,155)	-5%	1,891,000
1040-0002	Regulatory Services									
1040-0003	Town Planning	0	0%	10,000	31,914	91%	35,000	(31,914)	128%	(25,000)
1041-0003	Building Control	450	23%	2,000	0	0%	200	450	25%	1,800
1042-0003	Environmental Health	1,650	18%	9,000	6,713	22%	30,000	(5,063)	24%	(21,000)
1043-0003	Local Laws	0	0%	0	0	0%	5,000	0	0%	(5,000)
1040-0002	Regulatory Services	2,100	10%	21,000	38,626	55%	70,200	(36,526)	74%	(49,200)
1050-0002	Disaster Management	420,000	933%	45,000	19,654	15%	133,000	400,346	-455%	(88,000)
1060-0002	WH&S	0	0%	0	55,011	20%	280,000	(55,011)	20%	(280,000)
1000-0001	Governance	422,100	19%	2,207,000	404,867	21%	1,931,200	17,233	6%	275,800
2000-0001	Corporate									
2000-0002	General Rates	2,639,684	99%	2,655,000	29,695	8%	350,950	2,609,989	113%	2,304,050
2010-0002	General Administration	5,404,611	80%	6,764,773	375,400	14%	2,666,500	5,029,210	123%	4,098,273
2020-0002	Employee Services	521,212	24%	2,200,000	324,345	15%	2,143,000	196,867	345%	57,000
2030-0002	ICT	0	0%	0	67,538	19%	365,000	(67,538)	19%	(365,000)
2040-0002	Broadcasting Services	0	0%	0	1,593	24%	6,600	(1,593)	24%	(6,600)
2000-0001	Corporate	8,565,507	74%	11,619,773	798,571	14%	5,532,050	7,766,935	128%	6,087,723
3000-0001	Community									
3000-0002	Commercial Rental Properties									
3000-0003	Staff housing	24,138	17%	140,000	21,047	4%	517,000	3,091	-1%	(377,000)
3002-0003	Savannah House	975	24%	4,000	4,479	15%	29,000	(3,504)	14%	(25,000)
3003-0003	Demountable Office (Mary St)	12,000	25%	48,000	0	0%	6,000	12,000	29%	42,000
3004-0003	Aged Care	0	0%	1,200,000	0	0%	0	0	0%	1,200,000
3000-0002	Commercial Rental Properties	37,113	3%	1,392,000	25,526	5%	552,000	11,587	1%	840,000
3010-0002	Libraries	0	0%	6,000	3,285	13%	26,200	(3,285)	16%	(20,200)
3020-0002	Community Development	26,250	109%	24,000	52,655	20%	268,000	(26,405)	11%	(244,000)
3030-0002	Sport & Recreation	0	0%	0	79,828	18%	455,500	(79,828)	18%	(455,500)
3040-0002	Halls	50	1%	5,000	49,996	15%	326,000	(49,946)	16%	(321,000)
3050-0002	Medical Centres	0	0%	0	2,681	5%	49,200	(2,681)	5%	(49,200)
3060-0002	Aerodromes	0	0%	450,000	40,160	13%	314,500	(40,160)	-30%	135,500
3070-0002	Terrestrial Centre	48,628	4%	1,137,000	117,474	19%	632,000	(68,846)	-14%	505,000

		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	
		31 Aug 2024	Budget	31 Aug 2024	Budget	31 Aug 2024	Budget
3080-0002	Little Gems Child Care Centre	19,121	7% 286,000	85,778	17% 494,500	(66,657)	32% (208,500)
3090-0002	Georgetown Student Hostel	19,666	8% 240,000	31,488	9% 361,450	(11,822)	10% (121,450)
3100-0002	Cemeteries	45	2% 2,000	3,244	16% 20,000	(3,199)	18% (18,000)
3000-0001	Community	150,874	4% 3,542,000	492,116	14% 3,499,350	(341,242)	-800% 42,650
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services						
4000-0002	Parks Gardens Reserves and Grounds	515	26% 2,000	111,081	18% 625,000	(110,566)	18% (623,000)
4010-0002	Rural Lands Protection	10,024	26% 38,000	9,576	2% 425,073	448	0% (387,073)
4020-0002	Street Lighting	0	0% 0	1,326	8% 17,250	(1,326)	8% (17,250)
4030-0002	Roads						
4030-0003	Shire Roads	2,283,929	59% 3,857,650	610,418	14% 4,336,500	1,673,511	-349% (478,850)
4031-0003	Town Streets	0	0% 198,000	14,047	2% 654,542	(14,047)	3% (456,542)
4032-0003	Flood Damage	3,659,181	11% 32,252,193	5,355,910	16% 32,879,049	(1,696,730)	271% (626,857)
4030-0002	Roads	5,943,109	16% 36,307,843	5,980,376	16% 37,870,091	(37,266)	2% (1,562,249)
4040-0002	Depot and Stores	21,957	18% 125,000	142,100	13% 1,084,800	(120,144)	13% (959,800)
4050-0002	Recoverable Works						
4050-0003	Private Works	14,617	7% 220,000	13,271	7% 180,000	1,347	3% 40,000
4051-0003	DTMR	0	0% 4,753,901	1,207,027	99% 1,218,901	(1,207,027)	-34% 3,535,000
4050-0002	Recoverable Works	14,617	0% 4,973,901	1,220,297	87% 1,398,901	(1,205,680)	-34% 3,575,000
4060-0002	Plant Operations	1,803,804	25% 7,120,000	515,952	14% 3,664,000	1,287,852	37% 3,456,000
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services	7,794,026	16% 48,566,744	7,980,709	18% 45,085,115	(186,683)	-5% 3,481,628
5000-0001	Utilities						
5000-0002	Water Supply						
5000-0003	Georgetown WTP & Reticulation	347,832	88% 395,100	117,001	14% 848,900	230,831	-51% (453,800)
5001-0003	Forsayth WTP & Reticulation	97,087	87% 111,200	43,209	16% 271,500	53,878	-34% (160,300)
5002-0003	Charleston Dam	0	0% 0	99	0% 120,000	(99)	0% (120,000)
5000-0002	Water Supply	444,919	88% 506,300	160,309	13% 1,240,400	284,610	-39% (734,100)
5010-0002	Waste Management						
5010-0003	Georgetown	153,301	102% 150,400	47,000	15% 305,800	106,301	-68% (155,400)
5011-0003	Forsayth	15,525	104% 14,950	3,458	5% 75,000	12,067	-20% (60,050)
5012-0003	Einasleigh	11,268	107% 10,500	3,208	17% 18,885	8,060	-96% (8,385)
5013-0003	Mt Surprise	12,159	101% 12,000	3,097	38% 8,233	9,062	241% 3,767
5010-0002	Waste Management	192,253	102% 187,850	56,763	14% 407,918	135,490	-62% (220,068)

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	31 Aug 2024	Budget	31 Aug 2024	Budget	31 Aug 2024	Budget
5000-0001 Utilities	637,172	92% 694,150	217,072	13% 1,648,318	420,100	-44% (954,168)
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE	17,569,678	26% 66,629,667	9,893,335	17% 57,696,033	7,676,344	86% 8,933,633

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<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>							
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0300-0002 CASH AND RECEIVABLES							
0300-3000	Bendigo Cash at Bank	404,731.88	(289,709.52)	-88%	329,843	115,022.36	58% 200,000
0300-3005	Investments	4,926,978.73	2,147,407.53	-22%	(9,781,848)	7,074,386.26	86% 8,270,000
0300-3006	22108 Ether Reserve CF	276,656.08	1,210.29	0%	270,000	277,866.37	103% 270,000
0300-3007	22821-2024 ILP and Staff Housing	5,008,847.75	(1,044,624.44)	---	0	3,964,223.31	---
0300-3020	Cash on Hand	1,500.00	0.00	0%	0	1,500.00	100% 1,500
0300-3030	General Fund Bank Error Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3100	Receivables - Rates	170,021.19	3,444,452.63	>999%	81,824	3,614,473.82	>999% 170,540
0300-3110	Rates Receivable Adjustment	53,229.56	0.00	0%	0	53,229.56	---
0300-3120	EOY Receipts-Rates	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3130	Allowance for Impairment - Rates	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3150	Receivables - Govt Subsidy	188.02	9,881.60	---	0	10,069.62	>999% 870
0300-3200	Receivables - Debtors	1,199,067.33	183,009.31	27%	667,543	1,382,076.64	197% 700,000
0300-3210	Grants Receivable - Roads	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3230	Receivables - Animals	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3240	Bond Receivable	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3250	Debtors Receivable Adjustment	547,667.00	0.00	0%	0	547,667.00	---
0300-3260	EOY Receipts-Debtors	(41,643.60)	41,643.60	---	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3270	Prepaid Expenses	119,508.68	0.00	0%	0	119,508.68	170% 70,206
0300-3280	Allowance for Impairment - Debtors	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3290	Debtors Accrual	71,819.52	(2,332,503.35)	148%	(1,573,325)	(2,260,683.83)	-237% 954,918
0300-3300	Stores Inventories	475,095.41	(10,580.67)	-12%	87,863	464,514.74	84% 550,000
0300-3310	House & Land - Held for Resale GST	0.00	0.00	0%	(53,093)	0.00	0% 0
0300-3320	House & Land -Held for Resale Input	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3330	Store Inventory Accruals	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% (619)
0300-3335	Accrued Plant	0.00	420,817.03	---	0	420,817.03	-388% (108,423)
0300-3340	Store Inventory Impairment Provision	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-3400	Contract Receivable	6,828,021.72	0.00	0%	190,290	6,828,021.72	153% 4,461,587
0390-3000	Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0300-0002	CASH AND RECEIVABLES TOTAL	20,041,689.27	2,571,004.01	-26%	(9,780,903)	22,612,693.28	146% 15,540,579
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	20,041,689.27	2,571,004.01	-26%	(9,780,903)	22,612,693.28	146% 15,540,579

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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	20,041,689.27	2,571,004.01	-26%	(9,780,903)	22,612,693.28	146%	15,540,579
NON-CURRENT ASSETS							
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0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0400-0002 NON-CURRENT ASSETS							
0400-4000 Land & Buildings - Held for Resale	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0400-4050 WIP - Land & Bldgs - Held for Resale	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0400-4100 Land & Land Improvements	2,104,888.62	0.00	0%	0	2,104,888.62	119%	1,770,875
0400-4150 WIP - Land & Land Improvements	16,034.42	9,007.79	0%	(2,400,181)	25,042.21	---	0
0400-4200 Buildings	34,155,541.64	0.00	0%	8,294,295	34,155,541.64	87%	39,142,000
0400-4210 Accum. Dep. - Buildings	(12,277,332.23)	(161,715.00)	17%	(928,219)	(12,439,047.23)	101%	(12,277,000)
0400-4250 WIP - Buildings	3,460,816.77	1,093,422.56	87%	1,249,989	4,554,239.33	53%	8,600,526
0400-4300 Other Structures	18,131,875.21	0.00	0%	770,292	18,131,875.21	100%	18,087,000
0400-4310 Accum. Dep. - Other Structures	(5,726,207.07)	(82,213.00)	-5%	1,529,805	(5,808,420.07)	101%	(5,726,000)
0400-4350 WIP - Other Structures	788,058.94	56,698.97	1%	7,740,494	844,757.91	11%	7,829,000
0400-4400 Fleet Plant & Equipment	14,033,606.72	0.00	0%	995,237	14,033,606.72	100%	14,033,000
0400-4410 Accum. Dep - Fleet Plant & Equipment	(5,435,756.64)	(173,560.00)	-56%	307,969	(5,609,316.64)	103%	(5,435,000)
0400-4450 WIP - Fleet Plant & Equipment	0.00	7,118.36	0%	(3,015,701)	7,118.36	1%	500,000
0400-4500 Furniture & Other Equipment	2,035,514.29	0.00	0%	24,486	2,035,514.29	100%	2,035,000
0400-4510 Accum. Dep - Furniture & Other Equip	(574,371.21)	(10,455.00)	17%	(63,211)	(584,826.21)	102%	(574,000)
0400-4550 WIP - Furniture & Other Equipment	22,477.55	0.00	0%	0	22,477.55	50%	44,951
0400-4600 Roads Infrastructure	239,453,196.57	0.00	0%	(9,921,662)	239,453,196.57	100%	239,347,000
0400-4605 Roads Manual adj	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0400-4610 Accum. Dep. - Roads Infrastructure	(40,830,044.76)	(473,249.00)	---	0	(41,303,293.76)	98%	(42,083,023)
0400-4650 WIP - Roads Infrastructure	4,587,146.14	1,474,375.08	21%	7,116,503	6,061,521.22	59%	10,225,000
0400-4700 Water Infrastructure	36,518,261.45	0.00	0%	2,812,914	36,518,261.45	103%	35,559,000
0400-4710 Accum. Dep. - Water Infrastructure	(5,694,874.02)	(70,900.00)	25%	(280,243)	(5,765,774.02)	101%	(5,694,000)
0400-4750 WIP - Water Infrastructure	283,117.72	2,685.25	-12%	(22,397)	285,802.97	95%	300,000
0400-4800 Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0480-4000 Land Improvements	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0480-4100 Land improvements - Accum Depn	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0400-0002 NON-CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL	285,051,950.11	1,671,216.01	12%	14,210,370	286,723,166.12	94%	305,684,329
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	285,051,950.11	1,671,216.01	12%	14,210,370	286,723,166.12	94%	305,684,329
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	285,051,950.11	1,671,216.01	12%	14,210,370	286,723,166.12	94%	305,684,329
TOTAL ASSETS	305,093,639.38	4,242,220.02	96%	4,429,467	309,335,859.40	96%	321,224,908

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<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>							
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0500-0002 CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES							
0500-5000 Contract Liability	1,139,682.72	0.00	0%	4,993,486	1,139,682.72	10%	11,809,000
0500-5100 Rates Refund Suspense	0.00	60.00	---	0	60.00	-750%	(8)
0500-5101 Rates receivable In Advance	53,229.56	0.00	0%	0	53,229.56	---	0
0500-5110 Dishonoured Cheques Refund Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5120 Debtors Refund Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5200 Accounts Payable	0.00	116,952.13	-31%	(373,136)	116,952.13	30%	392,000
0500-5210 Accrued Expenses	5,091,933.46	(5,246,278.09)	-393%	1,333,716	(154,344.63)	-6%	2,476,177
0500-5220 Emergency Fire Service Levy	31,857.99	225,720.28	830%	27,195	257,578.27	415%	62,000
0500-5230 Accrued Time-in-Lieu	63,830.68	2,752.39	10%	27,033	66,583.07	196%	34,000
0500-5235 Payroll Accrual	0.00	(348,363.02)	---	0	(348,363.02)	-391%	89,124
0500-5240 RDO	16,051.10	(1,322.70)	-46%	2,878	14,728.40	491%	3,000
0500-5250 Payroll Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5260 Withholding Tax Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5270 Advance Pay Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5280 General Suspense	0.00	260.00	-8%	(3,100)	260.00	---	0
0500-5290 GST Suspense	0.00	312,999.73	---	0	312,999.73	---	0
0500-5295 Input tax GST Account	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5299 Retentions Current	0.00	1,435,905.08	---	0	1,435,905.08	---	0
0500-5300 Annual Leave Payable	504,405.27	59,603.49	-11%	(530,045)	564,008.76	---	0
0500-5310 Current LSL Payable	294,856.73	(30,940.43)	-45%	69,018	263,916.30	76%	347,000
0500-5400 Current Loan - Workshop	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5410 Current Loan - Forsayth Water	13,560.90	0.00	0%	(9,810)	13,560.90	367%	3,700
0500-5411 Current ILU Staff Housing 6M	189,589.20	0.00	0%	0	189,589.20	---	0
0500-5420 Current Loan - Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-0002 CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES TOTAL	7,398,997.61	(3,472,651.14)	-63%	5,537,235	3,926,346.47	26%	15,215,993
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,398,997.61	(3,472,651.14)	-63%	5,537,235	3,926,346.47	26%	15,215,993
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,398,997.61	(3,472,651.14)	-63%	5,537,235	3,926,346.47	26%	15,215,993

(Accounts: 0300-0001-0000 to 5014-2400-0000. All report groups. 17% of year elapsed. To Details. Excludes committed costs)

Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2025

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	OPENING BALANCE	----- YEAR TO DATE 31 Aug 2024	----- BUDGET	----- CURRENT BALANCE 31 Aug 2024	----- BUDGET
<u>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0600-0002 LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT					
0600-6300 Non-Current LSL Provision	137,347.65	12,106.07	20%	59,704	149,453.72 86% 174,000
0600-6310 Non-Current Annual Leave Provision	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0600-6401 622265 2024 ILP and Staff House loan	5,780,427.90	26,421.47	---	0	5,806,849.37 ---% 0
0600-6410 Non-Current Loans	2,904.67	0.00	0%	0	2,904.67 0% 5,981,751
0600-6500 Non-Current Landfill - Georgetown	1,200,699.64	0.00	0%	428,047	1,200,699.64 69% 1,747,000
0600-6505 Non Current Landfill Old Georgetown	73,522.00	0.00	0%	0	73,522.00 ---% 0
0600-6506 Non Current Landfill Sanitary pits	63,665.00	0.00	0%	0	63,665.00 ---% 0
0600-6510 Non-Current Landfill - Forsayth	232,082.72	0.00	0%	(238,501)	232,082.72 ---% 0
0600-6520 Non-Current Landfill - Einasleigh	179,580.99	0.00	0%	0	179,580.99 138% 130,315
0600-6530 Non-Current Landfill - Mt Surprise	238,675.64	0.00	0%	0	238,675.64 79% 300,458
0600-0002 LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT TOTAL	7,908,906.21	38,527.54	15%	249,250	7,947,433.75 95% 8,333,524
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,908,906.21	38,527.54	15%	249,250	7,947,433.75 95% 8,333,524
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,908,906.21	38,527.54	15%	249,250	7,947,433.75 95% 8,333,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,307,903.82	(3,434,123.60)	-59%	5,786,485	11,873,780.22 50% 23,549,517
NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	289,785,735.56	7,676,343.62	-566%	(1,357,018)	297,462,079.18 100% 297,675,391

(Accounts: 0300-0001-0000 to 5014-2400-0000. All report groups. 17% of year elapsed. To Details. Excludes committed costs)

Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2025

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		OPENING	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT BALANCE	
		BALANCE	31 Aug 2024	BUDGET	31 Aug 2024	BUDGET
<u>COMMUNITY EQUITY</u>						
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
0700-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES					
0700-7000	Shire Capital Account	39,500,666.35	0.00	0%	(666)	39,500,666.35 100% 39,500,000
0700-7100	Current Surplus	0.00	7,676,343.62	86%	8,933,633	7,676,343.62 86% 8,933,633
0700-7200	Accumulated Surplus	44,114,442.07	0.00	0%	2,811,596	44,114,442.07 87% 50,969,805
0700-7300	Asset Reval Reserve - Roads	158,907,707.47	0.00	0%	(8,654,133)	158,907,707.47 100% 158,473,431
0700-7310	Asset Reval Reserve - Land	2,113,661.06	0.00	0%	852,060	2,113,661.06 100% 2,113,000
0700-7320	Asset Reval Reserve - Buildings	17,460,264.12	0.00	0%	3,444,625	17,460,264.12 90% 19,460,000
0700-7330	Asset Reval Reserve - Water	7,420,590.68	0.00	0%	2,794,465	7,420,590.68 100% 7,420,000
0700-7340	Asset Reval Reserve -Other Structure	10,318,749.35	0.00	0%	2,587,030	10,318,749.35 100% 10,318,000
0700-7350	Asset Reval Reserve-Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7360	Asset Reval Reserve-TERMINERAL	488,854.46	0.00	0%	(854)	488,854.46 100% 488,000
0700-7400	Reserve Recurrent Expenditure Grants	53,502.00	0.00	0%	(53,502)	53,502.00 ---% 0
0700-7410	Capital Grants Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7420	Plant Replacement Reserve	872,351.00	0.00	0%	(872,351)	872,351.00 ---% 0
0700-7430	Future Capital Works Reserve	7,448,875.00	0.00	0%	(7,448,875)	7,448,875.00 ---% 0
0700-7440	Capital Works Reserves	1,086,072.00	0.00	0%	(1,086,072)	1,086,072.00 ---% 0
0700-7500	Appn: General Revenue for Capital	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7510	Appn: Profit/Loss on Sale NC Assets	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7520	Appn: Profit/Loss on Land Sales	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7530	Appn: Unfunded Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7540	Appn: Constrained Works Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7550	Appn: Reserve held Future Recur Exp	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7560	Appn: Capital Grants	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7570	Appn: Plant Replacement Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7580	Appn: Future Capital Works Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-7590	Appn: Capital Works Reserves	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0% 0
0700-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES TOTAL	289,785,735.56	7,676,343.62	232%	3,306,956	297,462,079.18 100% 297,675,869
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	289,785,735.56	7,676,343.62	232%	3,306,956	297,462,079.18 100% 297,675,869
	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	289,785,735.56	7,676,343.62	232%	3,306,956	297,462,079.18 100% 297,675,869

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>Orig. 24/25</u>
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3	3,240,867	2,892,853
Fees and charges	3	60,730	315,600
Interest Income	3 7	43,693	668,100
Other income	3	7,064	63,150
Rental Income	3 8	29,588	192,000
Sales revenue	3	42,906	5,053,901
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3 4	10,895,141	40,555,966
Total recurrent revenue		14,319,988	49,741,570
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	868,890	7,130,500
Total capital revenue		868,890	7,130,500
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits		(1,100,520)	(6,336,250)
Materials and services		(5,455,778)	(35,285,463)
Finance Interest Costs		0	(240,000)
Depreciation and amortisation: PP&E	9	(972,092)	(6,076,723)
Total recurrent expenses	6 7	(7,528,390)	(47,938,436)
Net Operating Result		7,660,489	8,933,634
Other Expenses			
Total other expenses		0	0
Net Capital result		7,660,489	8,933,634
Other comprehensive income			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus		0	(8,437,607)
Total other comprehensive income for the year		0	(8,437,607)
WIP Cap Exp			
Total WIP (Tsf to Fin Postn)		0	0
Total comprehensive income for the year		7,660,489	496,027

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 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>Orig. 24/25</u>
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	11,419,449	8,741,500
Receivables	12	3,343,578	1,826,328
Contract Assets		6,828,022	4,461,587
Other Current Assets		119,509	70,206
Inventories	13	885,332	440,958
		<u>22,595,889</u>	<u>15,540,579</u>
Total current assets	2	<u>22,595,889</u>	<u>15,540,579</u>
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4 7	286,723,166	305,684,329
Total non-current assets	2	<u>286,723,166</u>	<u>305,684,329</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>309,319,055</u>	<u>321,224,908</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables	17	1,754,639	3,056,293
Contract Liabilities		1,139,683	11,809,000
Borrowings	21	203,150	3,700
Provisions	18	827,925	347,000
Total current liabilities		<u>3,925,397</u>	<u>15,215,993</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	21	5,809,754	5,981,751
Provisions	18	2,137,680	2,351,773
Total non-current liabilities		<u>7,947,434</u>	<u>8,333,524</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>11,872,831</u>	<u>23,549,517</u>
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		<u>297,446,224</u>	<u>297,675,391</u>
Community Equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	25	196,709,827	198,272,431
Shire Capital		39,500,666	39,500,000
Retained surplus/(deficiency)		51,774,931	59,903,438
Reserves		9,460,800	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		<u>297,446,224</u>	<u>297,675,869</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 Cash Flows

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>Orig. 24/25</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from customers		3,944,832	18,408,402
Payments to suppliers and employees		(13,777,448)	(45,070,418)
Interest received		43,935	669,100
Rental income		29,588	192,000
Non-capital grants and contributions		10,854,490	40,212,966
Borrowing costs		0	(240,000)
Net cash - operating activities	23	1,095,397	14,172,049
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		886,320	7,085,500
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(2,369,307)	(18,651,920)
Net cash - from investing activities		(1,482,987)	(11,566,420)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		26,421	(9,810)
Net cash flow - financing activities		26,421	(9,810)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(361,169)	2,595,819
Add cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		10,618,714	17,923,505
Cash and cash equivalents - closing	3	11,419,449	8,741,500

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



General Meeting 18th September 2024

Subject	Policy Register Review - Repealing Redundant policies
Classification	Open
Author	Renee Bester, Director Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for council to consider repealing redundant policies following a review of Council's Corporate Policy Register.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the ongoing comprehensive review and cleansing project of Council's Policy Register;
2. Repeal the following policies:
 - a. Grants to Community Organisations Policy S009
 - b. Community Town Infrastructure Policy C043
 - c. Economic Development Grant Policy C036
 - d. Enterprise Risk Management Policy C002
 - e. Debt Recovery Policy S011
 - f. Asset Policy (No policy number)
 - g. Einasleigh Common Agistment Policy - Etheridge Shire Council
 - h. Einasleigh Town Common Agistment & Land Management Policy C013
 - i. Acknowledgements of Traditional Owners (Welcome to Country) Policy C003
 - j. Road Classification for Grid width Purposes Policy C016
 - k. Bus Travel Assistance Community Groups Policy C020
 - l. Use of Student Hostel Outside of School Terms Times Policy C022
 - m. Insurance Requirements- Use of Public Facilities owned by Council Policy C023
 - n. Councillors Attendance Canberra Deputations Policy C024
 - o. Taking of Legal Action Policy C025
 - p. Year 7 Learning Facility Payments C032
 - q. Flexible Financial Hardship and Support Policy and Application C040
 - r. Inform Newsletter. Content and related charges C105
 - s. ESC – C011 Fees Policy (Child Care Centre)
 - t. ESC – C012 Priority of Access Policy (Childcare Services)
 - u. ESC – C038 Biting Policy
 - v. ESC – C026 Sustainable Environment Policy

BACKGROUND

Council has engaged the LGMA Qld Governance Advisory Service to assist with a Governance review, specifically focusing on governance compliance relating to policies, implementation of policies and other related governance protocols. This review includes ensuring compliance with legislative requirements, as well as best practice and contemporary governance.

There are many initiatives being progressed following this review, which includes the development of a Corporate Policy Framework. This Framework will facilitate a proactive approach to ensuring Council's policy are reviewed adequately and developed as per best practice. This will include the development of a new, more robust, Policy Register.

A key initial step was to undertake comprehensive review the current Policy Register. As a result of this review, the purpose of this report is for council to consider repealing policies that have been identified as redundant. This could be for many reasons. For example, a new policy has been adopted, however the previous one wasn't formally repealed.

Attached is a summary of each of these policies that are recommended for repealing to provide the rationale.

The policies listed include:

- a. Grants to Community Organisations Policy S009
- b. Community Town Infrastructure Policy C043
- c. Economic Development Grant Policy C036
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LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

Corporate Outcome No. 5.1: Council provides community leadership through financial sustainability and an open and accountable governance structure

Corporate Outcome No. 5.3: Council operations support quality service provision and good governance

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Reflects governance best practice and promotes a robust Corporate Policy Register

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council’s Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA	NA
Inform	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

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

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Renee Bester

Ken Timms PSM

Date: 04/09/2024

Date: 04/09/2024

ATTACHMENTS

Include attachments such as:

- Summary of Policies for repealing

SUMMARY OF POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE REPEALED

DOCUMENT TITLE	OVERVIEW OF POLICY	ORIGINAL POLICY NUMBER (AS ADOPTED)	NEW POLICY NUMBER IN CURRENT POLICY REGISTER (REF ONLY)	COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. & DATE	LAST ADOPTED	RATIONALE FOR REPEALING
ESC - S009 - Grants to Community Organisations Policy	The purpose of this policy was to provide any grants or donations to community organisations.	NA	ESC - S009	2019/GM2530	23.01.2019	Policy was superseded with Grant policies adopted in February 2022, however not repealed at this time
ESC - C043 Community Town Infrastructure Policy	The purpose of this policy was to assist not for profit community organisations to pursue the purchase, improvement, renovation and development of infrastructure.	NA	ESC - C043	2017/GM2049	14.10.2015	Policy was superseded with Grant policies adopted in February 2022, however not repealed at this time
ESC - C036 Economic Development Grant Policy	The purpose of this policy is to support the delivery of projects to strengthen and diversify the regions industry base and maximise economic impact.	NA	ESC - C036	2015/GM1442	19.08.2015	Policy was superseded with Grant policies adopted in February 2022, however not repealed at this time
ESC - C002 Enterprise Risk Management Policy	The purpose of this policy is to support a structured and focused approach to managing risk to complement the strategies adopted by Council.	NA	ESC - C002	2015/GM1331	16.01.2014	Policy is redundant with the adoption of the Risk Management Policy and ERM Framework (S015) February 2019
ESC - S011 Debt Recovery Policy	The purpose of this policy was to collect debts owed in Council's rates and debtors systems.	NA	ESC - S011	2020/GM2905	01.07.2020	last updated 2020. duplicate policy. C051 (review)
Asset Policy	The purpose of this policy was to determine asset capitalisation, the asset register and internal control objectives.	103		G206/75		Policy is redundant with the adoption of the Asset Management Policy (S013) in February 2019
Einasleigh Common Agistment Policy - Etheridge Shire Council	The purpose of this policy is to give clear directions around the way in which the Einasleigh Common will be managed and used from an agistment perspective.	-	-	GMCCS6	01.07.2019	Policy was superseded with adoption of the Town Common Policy in July 2022, however was not repealed at this time
ESC -C013 Einasleigh Town Common Agistment & Land Management Policy	The purpose of this policy is to give clear directions around the way in which the Einasleigh Common will be managed and used from an agistment perspective.		ESC - C013	GMCCS6	20.06.2018	Policy was superseded with adoption of the Town Common Policy in July 2022, however was not repealed at this time
ESC - C003 Acknowledgements of Traditional Owners (Welcome to Country) Policy	The purpose of this policy was to give Council direction with respect to protocols for the acknowledgement of the Ewamian People.		ESC - C003	2011/GM322	15.06.2011	Policy considered redundant due to contemporary practices
ESC - C016 Road Classification for Grid width Purposes Policy	The acceptable grid and floodway widths as per road classification.	13	ESC - C016	201/G353	-	Policy was superseded with adoption of the Gates & Grids Policy C031, however was not repealed at this time
ESC - C020 Bus Travel Assistance Community Groups Policy	The purpose of the policy was to provide a subsidy to reduce the cost of bus usage for community groups within the Etheridge Shire for attendance at functions within the Shire.	63	ESC - C020	204/G181-21 September 2004	21.09.2004	Policy considered redundant. This subsidy is no longer provided to any community groups
ESC - C022 Use of Student Hostel Outside of School Terms Times Policy	The purpose of this policy is to govern the use of the hostel outside of school term times.	76	ESC - C022	202/G181	NA	Policy considered redundant. This provision is no longer provided.
ESC - C023 Insurance Requirements- Use of Public Facilities owned by Council Policy	The purpose of this policy was to confirm that it would not require community organisations or individuals to take out public liability insurance for the use of its assets.	81	ESC - C023	202/G311	NA	Policy considered redundant. The policy provides no specific guidance.
ESC - C024 Councillors Attendance Canberra Deputations Policy	The policy outlined the requirement to send two Councillors to Canberra deputations.	88	ESC - C024	203/G251	NA	Policy considered redundant and not required.
ESC - C025 Taking of Legal Action Policy	The policy outlined Councils practices of taking legal action.	94	ESC - C025	203/G430	-	Policy considered redundant due to contemporary practices
ESC - C032 Year 7 Learning Facility Payments	The purpose of this policy is to provide families with information on how to pay for the service supplied by ESC at the Year 7 Learning Facility.	NA	ESC - C032	2014/GM1181	19.11.2014	Policy considered redundant. This subsidy is no longer provided.
ESC - C040 Flexible Financial Hardship and Support Policy and Application	The purpose of this fund (Community Drought Fund) is to provide flexible financial hardship support to community members experiencing hardship in the drought declared local government catchment area.	NA	ESC - C040	2016/GM1632	16.02.2016	Policy is redundant and financial package is no longer provided/available.
ESC - C105 - Inform Newsletter. Content and related charges	The purpose of this policy was to outline the purpose, content and charges to be included in the inform newsletter.	105	ESC - C105	206/G91	-	Policy considered redundant and not required.
ESC - C011 Fees Policy (Child Care Centre)	The purpose of this policy aims to provide families with information on how to pay for the service they receive.		ESC - C011		18.01.2012	Childcare Centre has undertaken an internal policy review as a requirement of the Departments audit in early 2024. As part of this, this policy was replaced with ESC - LGCC021 in June 2024.
ESC - C012 Priority of Access Policy (Childcare Services)	The purpose of this policy is to outline guidelines for priority of access as determined by Queensland Government.		ESC - C012		18.01.2012	Policy replace through internal policies as part of Departments requirement therefore no long required.
ESC - C038 Biting Policy	The purpose of this policy is to protect all persons to interact with the service of the requirements regarding the prevention of biting and treatment in the event of occurrence.		ESC - C038	2015/GM1540	18.11.2015	Policy replace through internal policies as part of Departments requirement therefore no long required.
ESC - C026 Sustainable Environment Policy	The purpose of this policy is to ensure the provision of a sustainable environment and embedding this in the centre's everyday curriculum.		ESC - C026		12.07.2014	Policy replace through internal policies as part of Departments requirement therefore no long required.



General Meeting 18th September 2024

Subject	RADF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Adoption
Classification	Open
Author	Andrea Kernan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council’s Regional Art’s Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting was held 2nd September 2024, in Georgetown. The minutes of this meeting are tabled for Council’s review.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the unconfirmed minutes of the RADF Advisory Committee Meeting held 02/09/2024.

BACKGROUND

Council constituted the RADF Advisory Committee to assist in the development of representation of residents throughout Etheridge Shire with regard for Art’s and Cultural Strategies.

The RADF Advisory Committee meet throughout the year to make recommendations to Council regarding:

- RADF Funding allocations
- Shire’s Arts & Cultural priorities

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 4: Quality social infrastructure make the shire a desirable place to live
 Corporate Outcome No. 4.3: A culturally aware community

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil. RADF activities are funded through State Government funding allocated in July each year.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council’s Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Inform	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

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

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Andrea Kernan	Ken Timms PSM
Date: 06/09/2024	Date: 06/09/2024

ATTACHMENTS

- Copy of unconfirmed RADF Minutes

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting
held on Monday 2nd September 2024
Council Chambers, Georgetown

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Opening of Meeting

Cr Tincknell opened the meeting at: 9.40am

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.”

Declarations

Nil

Attendance & Apologies

Members Present: Cr Tincknell (Chair); Bekky Haase, Shannon Zohl, Jennay Delacour
Advisor & Secretary: Andrea Kernan & Renee Bester

Apologies: Lucy Elgey

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation

The Minutes of the Advisory Committee (RADF) Meeting held at Council Boardroom, Georgetown on 10th July 2024 be confirmed as being true and correct

MOVED: Bekky Haase

SECONDED: Shannon Zohl

Carried 4:0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Outstanding matters:

1. A letter is to be send to Ken Woodman informing him that his grant application has been closed and grant amount have gone back to RADF funds.
2. RADF Terms of Reference to be sent to committee members.

CORRESPONDENCE

- That Cr Tincknell accepted RADF member Nardeen Hayden's resignation – email dated 12th August 2024.

MOVED: Cr Ian Tincknell

SECONDED: Bekky Haase

Carried 4:0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation

That Council advertise the Community Funding Program Round 1 for the amount of \$10,000 to open on the 23rd of September and close on the 7th October. Dependant on remaining funds, applications received out of round dates will be considered with voting from committee members via ePoll or other means online if necessary.

MOVED: Shannon Zohl

SECONDED: Jennay Delacour

Carried 4:0

- That due to resignations within the committee, and to foster proactive member recruitment, Council send invitations to the following individuals in the following order, until an affirmative response is received:
 1. Clayton Pedracini
 2. Katie Jones
 3. Camilla French
 4. Kathy Green

MOVED: Bekky Haase

SECONDED: Jennay Delacour

CARRIED 4:0

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Bekky Haase suggested that members have the option of stepping down from their position at the years end.
- Shannon Zohl suggested that we look into funding around holding festival from Arts Queensland, in view of a future festival held in the Etheridge Shire.

FUTURE MEETING

8th October 2024 – 9.30am in Council Chambers

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting 11.27am.



DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES – BRIEFING REPORT

GENERAL MEETING: September 2024

Mayor and Councillors
Etheridge Shire Council
PO Box 12
Georgetown, QLD 4871

Councillors,

I present my report for the period of: August 2024

1. Transport Main Roads

- Permanent electronic road closure sign for Lynd Roadhouse in progress.
- Log Creek and Somerset Creek - Electronic warning signs in progress.

2. Grants (LRCIP Round 4)

- Waiting for projects approval

3. Works for Queensland 2024 to 2027

- Waiting for funding approval

4. Passenger Transport Infrastructure Investment Program (PTIIP)

- Bus stop in Mount Surprise in progress

5. Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSPP)

- Georgetown washdown bay – Contractual works completed. Water connection and road works in progress



Photo 1 – Facing West



Photo 2 – Facing East / South



Photo 3 – Facing South



Photo 4 – Facing North –

Bridge Renewal Program

- Queenslander Creek Box culvert, Forsyth – Work in progress



Photo 5: Facing North (Concrete slab and d/s cut off wall)



Photo 6 : Slab reinforcement

6. **Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme**

- Forsyth – Einasleigh Road (27.276 km to 32.267 km)- first coat sealing done and second coat in September 2024.
- Forsyth – Einasleigh Road (32.267 km to 37.10 km)- work in progress

7. **Signs**

The installation of Station signs completed except Zone 4

8. **RTR**

Proposed projects under RTR 2024/2025 have been listed in the attached spreadsheet (Ref. attachment 3)

9. **State of Queensland Affordable Housing Project**

The Work Progress of the ILH (Independent Living Houses) Project is as follows:

- 6 houses have been set up.
- Electrical works in progress
- Water mains are in progress
- Under bore pipe work completed
- Storm water drainage works in progress

Staff Housing

- Site cleaning completed and ready for set out.

10. **Remote airstrip upgrade program round 10**

Tender stage

11. **Grant application**

2024-2028 Local Government Grants Subsidies Program (LGGSP). – Waiting for response
 Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP): It is 80:20 funding basis program. The proposed projects have been listed. (Ref. attachment 1 & 2). The grant application will be submitted subject to Council's approval. The closing date of the application is 30th September 2024.

13. Charleston Dam

- Weekly inspection in progress

14. Meetings

- TIDS meeting

15. Calendar of Events

Previous Month

6/8/024: EMT Meeting
7/8/024: Staff meeting re: new organisation structure
7/8/024: Staff meeting re: gravel pit
9/8/024: FNQROC meeting via MS team
12/8/024 Manager's meeting
20/8/024: DRFA meeting via MS Team
23/8/024: Works Meeting with CEO
26/8/024: Manager's meeting
27/8/024: Road Users Deed meeting with CEO
28/8/024: Meeting in Mount Surprise re: Drainage
29/08/024: Meeting -FNQROC

Next Month (October 2024)

4.10.024 Regional Waste Management Plan meeting via MS Team
7.10.024- Manager's meeting
8/10/024: DRFA meeting Georgetown
21/10/024: Manager's meeting

Regards

Raju Ranjit
Director of Engineering Services

Attachment:

1. List of Culverts to be replaced
2. List of Floodway's to be replaced
3. List of Proposed RTR projects

Capital - Projects - 2024/2025													
S.No	Job Number	Project Description	Project title	Funding source									
				W4Q4 (1/7/2024 to 30/6/2027)	Council own fund	LRICIP4 (1/7/2023 to 30/6/2025)	RTR (1/7/2024 to 30/6/2025)	Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 10 (RAUP) (1/7/2023 to 30/6/2025)	Far North Queensland Resilience Program (FNQRP)	PTTI (1/7/2024 to 30/6/2025)	TIDS (1/7/2024 to 30/6/2025)	BRP / HVSP (1/7/2023 to 30/6/2025)	North West Mineral Provice (round 2)
				\$ 1,580,000.00		\$ 1,196,108.00	\$ 986,126.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00	45000	\$ 854,461.00	\$ 1,400,000.00	
20	4020-4530-0002	Forsayth - Einasleigh Road upgrade unsealed road	Forsayth - Einasleigh Road (36.267-37.10 km) upgrade unsealed road		\$ 870,920.00							\$ 854,461.00	
		Forsayth - Einasleigh Road upgrade unsealed road (base course)	Forsayth - Einasleigh Road (34.667-36.267 km) upgrade unsealed road				\$ 365,063.00						
		Construction of Multipurpose Community Facility- Mount Surprise	Multipurpose Community Facility	1,580,000.00									
		Construction of Georgetown Coordination Centre	Georgetown Coordination Centre						\$ 2,000,000.00				
		Construction of Housing Project	Housing Project						\$ 2,000,000.00				
		Gilbert River Upgrade Project	Gilbert River Upgrade Project						\$ 500,000.00				
		Mount Surprise and Einasleigh Air strip fencing upgrade	Mount Surprise and Einasleigh Air strip fencing upgrade			\$ 450,000.00		\$ 450,000.00					
		Singage replcmnt in various rural roads				\$ 100,000.00							
		Design and reseal for Hayman Street				\$ 21,000.00							
		Design and reseal for Einasleigh Forsayth Road (Ch. 9480 to 18960m)				\$ 365,854.00							
		Cleaning Road Grids in various places				\$ 7,900.00	10,000						
		Intallation of hip roof in Multipurpose Centre				\$ 97,100.00							
		Design and reseal for Undara Road, Mount Surprise (3 Km)				\$ 154,254.00	\$ 8,063.00						
		Road works in First street					\$ 50,000.00						
	4040-4500-0001	Bridge / Box culvert - Queenslander Creek - Cobbold Gorge Road , Forsayth	Bridge / Box culvert - Queenslander Creek - North Head Road, Forsayth		\$ 200,000.00							\$ 800,000.00	
26	5151-4504-0003	Washdown facility - Georgetown (Construction)	Washdown facility - Georgetown (Construction)		\$ 150,000.00							\$ 600,000.00	
38	4061-4504-0008	Re sealing work in Hayman Street , Georgetown, work area starts from chainage 0 m and ends at chainage 319 m measure from Green street	Re sealing work in Hayman Street , Georgetown, work area starts from chainage 0 m and ends at chainage 319 m measure from Green street				\$ 17,000.00						
41		Culvert Replacment	Culvert Replacment										
43	4060-4500-0014	North Head Road _ Ch 21.09km	North Head Road _ Ch 21.09km				\$ 9,500.00						
44	4060-4500-0011	Dulthera Station Road-Ch 45107	Dulthera Station Road-Ch 45108				\$ 4,000.00						
47	4060-4500-0015	Vanlee Station Road- ch 9459	Vanlee Station Road- ch 9460				\$ 8,000.00						
48	4060-4500-0018	Gilberton Road- ch 81394	Gilberton Road- ch 81394				\$ 16,500.00						
50	4060-4500-0010	Dulthera Road- Ch. 38152	Dulthera Road- Ch. 38153				\$ 8,000.00						
52	4011-4500-0001	Haymn Street Drainage	Haymn Street Drainage				\$ 90,000.00						
53	5151-4507-0001	Bus Shelter- Mt. Surprise	Bus Shelter- Mt. Surprise		\$ 45,000.00					\$ 45,000.00			
54	4020-4550-0001	Percy Vale Road realinment	Percy Vale Road realinment				\$ 40,000.00						
		Improvement of Concrete box cuvert in Granite Creek on Gilberton Road					\$ 150,000.00						
		Drainage works in Mount surprise	Drainage works in Mount surprise				\$ 150,000.00						
		Reconstruction and sealing of Patricia Road (717m long x 6 m formation width and 5 m seal width)					\$ 60,000.00						
	Total Capital			1,580,000.00	1,265,920.00	1,196,108.00	986,126.00	450,000.00	4,500,000.00	45,000.00	854,461.00	1,400,000.00	0.00

Project				
	Description of works	From (km)	To (km)	Length (KM)
Forsayth - Einasleigh Road upgrade unsealed road	Base course	32.267	37.1	4.833
	Sealing			4.833
	Spread and compaction			4.833
		0	225	
First street - Forsayth	Base course	0	225	225
	Sealing	0	225	225
	Spread and compaction	0	225	225
Forsayth - Einasleigh Road upgrade unsealed road	Base course	34.667	36.267	1.6
	Spread and compaction			1.6

Widht (m)	Thickness (m)	Factor	Quantities Unit	Rate/ton or rate/m2
10	0.2	2.25	21748.5 tonns	30 \$ 652,455.00
8			38664 Area	9 \$ 347,976.00
10			48330 Area	15 \$ 724,950.00
6				\$ 1,725,381.00
7	0.2	2.25	708.75 tonns	30 21262.5
5			1125 Area	9 10125
5			1125 Area	15 16875
				48262.5
10	0.2	2.25	7200 tonns	30 \$ 216,000.00
10			16000 Area	15 \$ 240,000.00
				\$ 456,000.00

\$ 357,000.000

Pipe Culvert				
Sl No.	Asset Code	Road Name	Chainage	cost
1	D-2031-4867	Eveleigh Station Road	4867	\$ 17,062.35
2	D-3001-4688	Kidston Dam Road	4809	\$ 20,098.71
3	D-2004-ch-1500	Carpentaria Downs Station Road	1405	\$ 15,265.19
4	D1051-132	Vanlee Station Road	9589	\$ 19,506.55
5	D-1009-ch-53700	Paddy's Station Road	53298	\$ 19,416.47
6	D1061-118	North Head Road	46610	\$ 21,407.56
7	D-3018-ch-41000	Ortona Road	40938	\$ 17,754.03
8	D3009-304	Gilberton Road	25834	\$ 34,656.75
9	D3009-303	Gilberton Road	26175	\$ 28,197.89
10	D3009-302	Gilberton Road	26398	\$ 31,594.82
11	D-3007-ch-10800	Kidston Dam Road	10744	\$ 22,283.18
12	D3021-77	Oak Park Road	22821	\$ 27,643.05
13	D3021-76	Oak Park Road	21645	\$ 22,123.38
14	D3021-75	Oak Park Road	19297	\$ 17,462.35
15	D3021-70	Oak Park Road	10224	\$ 19,416.47
16	D2028-129	O'Brien's Creek Road	1845	\$ 22,523.38
	Total			\$ 356,412.13

Priority list
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Floodway				
Sl No.	Asset_Code	Road_Name	Chainage	Cost
1	FW3017ch1756	Iona Station Road	0	\$117,680.00
2	FW3017ch2440	Iona Station Road	2440	\$171,520.00
3	FW3018ch17385	Ortona Road	29638	\$683,000.00
4	FW3018ch16808	Ortona Road	30214	\$683,000.00
5	FW1049ch165	Routh Creek Station Road	165	\$171,520.00
6	FW1049ch441	Routh Creek Station Road	441	\$171,520.00
7	FW3018ch32512	Ortona Road	14525	\$841,600.00
8	FW1010ch2375	Chadshunt Station Road	2376	\$287,200.00
9	FW1066ch3414	Agate Creek Gemfields Road	3414	\$173,920.00
10	FW1059ch24055	Agate Creek Road	23816	\$564,400.00
11	FW2001ch37938	Beverley Hills Road	37934	\$283,200.00
12	FW2001ch41050	Beverley Hills Road	41047	\$283,200.00
13	FW3015ch5900	Percyvale Station Road	5851	\$222,160.00
14	FW3015ch11900	Percyvale Station Road	11889	\$218,960.00
15	FW1027ch18800	Green Hills Road	18889	\$169,120.00
16	FW3008ch6000	Perryvale Road	1648	\$279,200.00
17	FW3008ch4600	Perryvale Road	4612	\$279,200.00
18	FW3008ch11600	Perryvale Road	6456	\$279,200.00
19	FW3031ch37400	Dulthara Station Road	37542	\$171,520.00
20	FW1009ch16100	Paddy's Station Road	16068	\$110,776.00
21	FW1059ch21300	Agate Creek Road	21050	\$154,288.00
22	FW1059-1	Agate Creek Road	23931	\$758,160.00
23	FW1062ch2193	Old Robinhood Station Road	2193	\$222,160.00
24	FW1066ch4000	Agate Creek Gemfields Road	3962	\$170,320.00
25	FW1066ch6800	Agate Creek Gemfields Road	6783	\$170,320.00
26	FW1057ch34684	North Head Road	34627	\$144,600.00
27	FW3018ch1752	Ortona Road	45257	\$171,520.00
28	FW3018ch3842	Ortona Road	43169	\$171,520.00
29	FW3018ch4733	Ortona Road	42278	\$225,360.00
30	FW3018ch5204	Ortona Road	41807	\$225,360.00
31	FW3018ch5258	Ortona Road	41754	\$171,520.00
32	FW3018ch5736	Ortona Road	41276	\$225,360.00
33	FW3018CH6700	Ortona Road	40268	\$117,680.00
34	FW3018ch10986	Ortona Road	36031	\$225,360.00
35	FW3018CH14700	Ortona Road	32507	\$171,520.00
36	FW3018ch15938	Ortona Road	31083	\$683,000.00
37	FW3018CH16700	Ortona Road	0	\$683,000.00
38	FW3018ch17618	Ortona Road	29406	\$117,680.00
39	FW3018ch18971	Ortona Road	28054	\$117,680.00
40	FW3018ch19353	Ortona Road	27672	\$171,520.00
41	FW3018ch19760	Ortona Road	27265	\$171,520.00
42	FW3018ch20779	Ortona Road	26247	\$171,520.00
43	FW1039-1	Abingdon Downs Road	95271	\$125,104.00
44	FW3008ch2000	Gilberton Road	109698	\$137,296.00
45	FW3015ch4200	Percyvale Station Road	4152	\$140,600.00

46	FW3008ch3000	Gilberton Road	110692	\$115,280.00
47	FW1055-1772	Robin Hood Road	20510	\$577,600.00
48	FW1015ch38700	Kutchera Road	0	\$74,608.00
49	FW1001ch8500	Inorunie Station Road	8490	\$84,256.00
50	FW1027ch12000	Green Hills Road	11957	\$176,320.00
51	FW1027ch11700	Green Hills Road	11636	\$248,680.00
52	FW1027ch7500	Green Hills Road	7498	\$169,120.00
53	FW1027ch800	Green Hills Road	766	\$169,120.00
54	FW1059ch17000	Agate Creek Road	16721	\$116,080.00
55	FW1059ch17300	Agate Creek Road	17068	\$117,680.00
56	FW3009ch95200	Gilberton Road	95142	\$89,560.00
57	FW3009ch95000	Gilberton Road	94971	\$110,776.00
58	FW3009ch80800	Gilberton Road	80757	\$88,960.00
59	FW1045ch38800	Dagworth Station Road	38824	\$176,320.00
60	FW1063ch12700	Goldsmith Road	12615	\$169,120.00
61	FW1001ch10900	Inorunie Station Road	10929	\$275,200.00
62	FW1015ch17600	Kutchera Road	0	\$171,520.00
63		Cobbol Gorge Road (Silver mine Creek)		\$900,000.00
	Total			\$15,836,064.00



General Meeting **18th September 2024**

Subject	FORSAYTH TRANSFER STATION OPENING HOURS - REPORT
Classification	Open
Author	Raju Ranjit – Director of Engineering Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the consideration of the opening hours of the Forsayth Transfer Station and relevant signage

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Accept the signage and following opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:15 am - 12:00 noon
Tuesday and Thursday: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Saturday: 8:15 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

(Closed: Good Friday & Christmas Day)

Or,

2. Remain the same, No restriction

BACKGROUND

Forsayth Transfer station has been completed under the LRCIP phase 3 funding. Four bins, hook truck and shed for dangerous goods have been organised under Council's own source and will be serviceable from December 2024. To manage the Transfer station effectively, signs and opening hours have been developed for Council approval or review



LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Council is required to allow an addition budget of \$ 50,000 to operate the Transfer station.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 2009.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Transfer station does not have policy yet

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council’s Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Consulted with relevant staff
Inform	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: H 3 if fails to provide a supervision

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

Report Prepared By:

Raju Ranjit

Date: 27/8/2024

Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms PSM

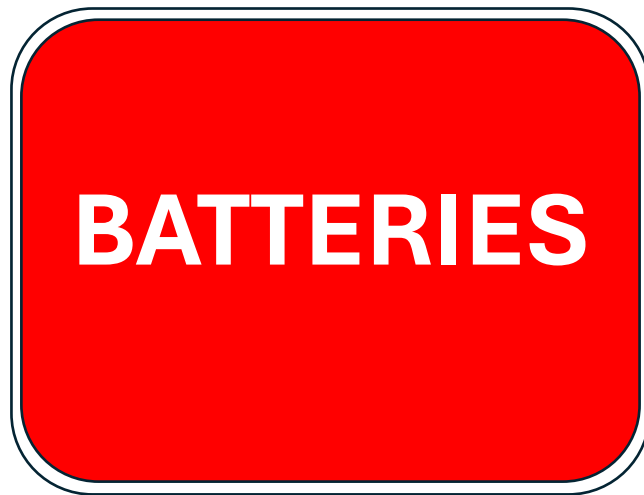
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Signs



Length – 60 cm, Width – 60 cm (Reflective)



Length – 90 cm, Width – 60 cm (Reflective)



Length – 1.20 m, Width - 0.45 m (Reflective)



Length – 1.20 m, Width - 0.45 m (Reflective)

RECYCLING ONLY

Plastic / Glass Bottles / Aluminums / Tin Cans



NO FOOD WASTE

Length – 1.20 m, Width - 0.45 m (Reflective)



Etheridge Shire Council



**This area may
be under video
surveillance**

Length – 45 cm, Width – 30 cm (Nonreflective)



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FORSAYTH

TRANSFER STATION

OPENING HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri: 8.15am – 12pm

Tue & Thu: 2pm – 5pm

Sat: 8.15am – 5pm

Sun: 1.30pm – 5pm

(Closed: Good Friday & Christmas Day)

For further information contact:

0740 799 090

Length – 1.70 m, Width – 1.10 m (Reflective)



General Meeting **18th September 2024**

Subject	Commonwealth Savings Postal Bank
Classification	Open
Author	Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received correspondence from Strathfield Council in relation to the support of all Councillors in Australia supporting the draft bill to establish a Commonwealth Savings Postal Bank (CPSB).

The correspondence requested that Council pass a resolution in support of the new proposed establishment and forward a Letter of Support to Federal Representatives, Queensland State Representatives and to all Queensland Senators of all parties.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The proposal of a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank would provide all financial products and banking services including short and long-term loans and including long-term financing of infrastructure projects to support business, economic growth and increased productivity, especially in Regional Australia.

Other reasons to support this are:

- Banking services (including opening hours) among the 'Big Four' banks are diminishing in our LGA and throughout Australia.
- Hundreds of millions of dollars profit of a Public Postal Bank can be invested into our and all Australian LGA's.
- Joint responsibilities of our council and councils throughout Australia can be effectively funded through public banking, like in the past.
- Council rates can be reduced and the slice of the budget dedicated to rubbish services and roads can be reduced in our LGA and LGA's throughout Australia.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council's Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internal Policy to implemented going forth.	Read through and adopt policy for internal use.
Inform	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Assess likelihood and consequence to calculate outcome (Low, Medium, High)

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

Report Prepared By:

Ken Timms

Date: 27/08/2024

Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms PSM, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 27/08/2024

ATTACHMENTS

- Email from Strathfield Council

Gemma Bethel

From: Gemma Bethel
Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2024 10:27 AM
To: Gemma Bethel
Subject: FW: ATTENTION ALL COUNCILLORS - Invitation from Strathfield Council to support the Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank

From: Amanda Rutherford <Amanda.Rutherford@strathfield.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 22 August 2024 5:49 PM
To: Amanda Rutherford <Amanda.Rutherford@strathfield.nsw.gov.au>; Governance <governance@strathfield.nsw.gov.au>; David Vien <david.vien@strathfield.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: ATTENTION ALL COUNCILLORS - Invitation from Strathfield Council to support the Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank

You don't often get email from amanda.rutherford@strathfield.nsw.gov.au. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Australian Councils,

I ask that you please forward this email onto all your Councillors.

Strathfield Council resolved at their meeting in June 2024 to seek the support of all Councillors in Australia in supporting the draft bill to establish a Commonwealth Savings Postal Bank (CPSB).

They are asking that all Councillors be forwarded this email to request them to pass a similar motion to the below:

That Council write to the relevant Federal Ministers and all Federal Members of Parliament urging that they support the Commonwealth Postal Saving Bank Bill 2021 for:

- i. the betterment of every Strathfield and Australian citizen; and*
- ii. the betterment of Strathfield Council's and all Australian Councils' finances.*

All Councils are encouraged to also write to their local Federal MP and all Federal senators, particularly in their state.

Strathfield Council understands that public banking built much of this country with the original Commonwealth Bank, before its privatisation, and further understands that public banking originated in the United States with the first Secretary of the Treasury, under George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, in 1790.

Strathfield Council encourages the embrace of post office banking because:

- a) Banking services (including opening hours) among the 'Big Four' banks are diminishing in our LGA and throughout Australia.
- b) Hundreds of millions of dollars profit of a Public Postal Bank can be invested into our and all Australian LGA's.
- c) Joint responsibilities of our council and councils throughout Australia can be effectively funded through public banking, like in the past.
- d) Council rates can be reduced and the slice of the budget dedicated to rubbish services and roads can be reduced in our LGA and LGA's throughout Australia.

Strathfield Council thanks councils which have already embraced Post Office Banking.

The Rationale for this is:

- Banking is an essential service.
- Privatisation of the CBA and our state banks has resulted in the inability for all levels of government to self-fund.
- Billions of dollars of capital invested and repaid by the public that would have otherwise contributed to building to meet our infrastructure backlog has been diverted to Big Four profits.
- Privatisation of services, sale of assets, PPP's and borrowing on interest from private banks, have largely caused the disappearance of the 'lucky country'.
- Public banking, in the form of a postal bank, has support from the Greens, One Nation, the Australian Citizens Party and several members of other parties. It has growing support internationally, both in the east and the west.
- Spread of its popularity is hindered by Australia's most powerful lobby, the banks.
- Postal banking has been successful in other countries, including Japan with its world-class infrastructure despite its lack of minerals and tourism. China has risen to be a leading economic power through the use of public banking to fund national infrastructure.
- Public banking originated with Alexander Hamilton, George Washington's Treasury Secretary and helped bring the USA to its post-WW2 industrial and manufacturing greatness.
- Australia's Commonwealth Bank functioned as a public bank from 1911 until 1996, building this country. Council chambers, roads, bridges, rail, airports, planes, artillery and other goods, infrastructure and amenity were built with funds and loans which can ultimately be traced to the Commonwealth Bank.
- Public banking has had numerous other successes reversing economic slumps throughout the world over the past centuries. It helped make the Australian standard of living the envy of foreigners and can do so again. I urge you to support this motion.

Kind regards,



Amanda Rutherford | *Manager, Governance & Procurement*
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General Meeting 18th September 2024

Subject	Proposed Change to the December Meeting Date
Classification	Open
Author	Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At least once in each year, Council must publish a notice of the days and times when its ordinary meetings will be held and furthermore Council must publish this notice on the local government's website. Any changes to these dates need to be adopted by Council and advertised to the community.

The North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Meeting is being held from the 11th to the 12th of December 2024, which clashes with Decemeber's General Meeting date being the 11th December 2024. This meeting is important to the Etheridge Shire and should be attended.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:Resolve to amend the December 2024 General Meeting date from the 11th December 2024 to the 18th December 2024 in accordance with S.254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

BACKGROUND

The North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Meeting is being held from the 11th to the 12th December 2024 in Richmond. It is imperative that Council attend this meeting and therefore it is recommended that the December General Meeting date, due to be held on the 11th December, be changed to another suitable date.Consideration has been given to move the meeting back 1 week, to Wednesday 18th December 2024, this day is also the last day of shift for the 9/5 crew for 2024.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

N/A

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council's Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
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No consultation required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internal Policy to implemented going forth.	Read through and adopt policy for internal use.
Inform	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Assess likelihood and consequence to calculate outcome (Low, Medium, High)

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

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Ken Timms	Ken Timms PSM, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 27/08/2024	Date: 27/08/2024

ATTACHMENTS

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

23 August 2024

Department of **Resources**

Mr Ken Timms
Chief Executive Officer
Etheridge Shire Council

By email: ken.timms@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Dear Ken

2025 land valuation program effective 30 June 2025

I am writing to advise you of my decision on the 2025 land valuation program. In making this decision, I considered the detailed property market analysis, the timing since the last valuation, and feedback provided by local government areas (LGA) and key stakeholders.

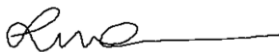
I can confirm that Etheridge Shire Council will not be included in the 2025 land valuation program. For your information, I have attached a summary of all LGAs included in the 2025 program.

Queensland's land valuation system is an open and transparent process delivered consistent with the *Land Valuation Act 2010*.

As your LGA will not receive new land valuations in 2025, the current land valuations will remain in effect for rating purposes for the 2025–26 financial year.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Brett Bowen, Area Manager, State Valuation Service on telephone 4222 5500.

Yours sincerely



Laura Dietrich
Valuer-General

Local government areas included in the 2025 land valuation program

- Brisbane
- Cairns
- Cassowary Coast
- Charters Towers
- Logan
- Murweh
- Paroo
- Quilpie
- Rockhampton
- Scenic Rim
- South Burnett
- Southern Downs
- Toowoomba
- Townsville



Department of Housing, Local Government,
Planning and Public Works

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Queensland Housing Finance Loan regional trial

Dear community leaders,

As part of Homes for Queenslanders, we are helping more Queenslanders living in regional and remote areas buy a home so they can stay close to their families, jobs, and community connections.

In a two-year trial, we're increasing the income eligibility threshold for the [Queensland Housing Finance Loan](#) in regional Queensland from \$141,000 to \$201,000 per annum.

This will help bridge the gap for regional Queenslanders who struggle to get a home loan because of where they live.

The trial is open to eligible customers living in 45 councils captured by the Rural and Remote Councils Compact and Committee.

Help us spread the word

You can use the communication toolkit below to promote the trial through your communication channels.

Find out more and check eligibility at our [website](#).

For more information or to apply contact the Loans Information Hotline:

- phone 1300 654 322 (option 1) Monday to Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm
- email hscsloaninformation@housing.qld.gov.au


People who need housing help can go to qld.gov.au/housinghelp, call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or the Homeless Hotline on 1800 474 753.

For more information about the Queensland Government's housing plan *Homes for Queenslanders* go to the [website](#).

Download the communication toolkit

Thanks for your support.

Regards,
The Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works

 housing.qld.gov.au



Queensland Housing Finance Loan regional trial

Key messages

- The Queensland Government is helping more Queenslanders living in country areas into homeownership, so they can stay close to their families, jobs and community connections.
- We are increasing the income eligibility of the Queensland Housing Finance Loan, to help more Queenslanders living in regional and remote areas to buy a home.
- Through a two-year trial, Queensland households earning up to \$201,000 per annum may now be eligible to access the loan.
- The loan can be used to buy an established house, unit, townhouse or duplex or to build a home.
- The loan offers:
 - a variable or fixed interest rate
 - a minimum deposit of 2% of the purchase price, or the difference between the maximum loan you're eligible for and the property's purchase price
 - no monthly account-keeping fees
 - no lenders mortgage insurance.
- The trial is open to eligible customers living in 45 councils across Queensland.
- The local council areas include:

Balonne, Banana, Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Bulloo, Burke, Burdekin, Carpentaria, Cassowary Coast, Central Highlands, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Cook, Croydon, Diamantina, Douglas, Etheridge, Flinders, Gladstone, Goondiwindi, Gympie, Hinchinbrook, Isaac, Livingstone, Lockyer Valley, Longreach, McKinlay, Maranoa, Mareeba, Mount Isa, Murweh, North

Burnett, Paroo, Quilpie, Richmond, Scenic Rim, Somerset, South Burnett, Southern Downs, Tablelands, Western Downs, Whitsunday, Winton.

- To be eligible, you must:
 - live in one of the 45 council regions
 - be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
 - Not own or part-own another property
 - have a household income less than \$201,000 per annum.
 - intend to live in the home.
 - have a good credit history.
 - have a regular saving history.
 - have savings to cover the deposit and other costs, such as legal fees, stamp duty and insurance.
 - be able to afford the loan repayments without hardship.
 - have earning potential for the term of the loan.

- The Queensland Housing Finance Loan was established in 2001 and is still available to all eligible Queenslanders earning less than \$141,000.

For more information contact the Loans Information Hotline

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Newsletter content

Are you eligible for the Queensland Housing Finance Loan Regional trial?

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The Queensland Housing Finance Loan is for people who can afford to buy or build a home but are unable to get a loan through a bank or building society.

The Queensland Government has extended the household income eligibility of the existing Queensland Housing Finance Loan from \$141,000 to \$201,000 per annum for a two-year trial, allowing more people in regional Queensland to apply for the loan.

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Find out more about the Queensland Housing Finance Loan regional trial.

Newsletter image




Queensland Housing Finance Loan

REGIONAL TRIAL 



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Scan the QR code to check your eligibility
or contact **1300 654 322** for more information.





ADVOCACY REPORT

**FNQROC State Mayoral
Delegation**

21 August 2024



DELEGATION MEMBERS

- Cr Angela Toppin, **FNQROC Chair Mayor, Mareeba Shire Council**
- Cr Barry Hughes, **FNQROC Deputy Chair Mayor, Etheridge Shire Council**
- Cr Lisa Scomazzon
Mayor, Douglas Shire Council
- Cr Robyn Holmes
Mayor, Cook Shire Council
- Cr Trevor Pickering
Mayor, Croydon Shire Council
- Cr Brett Olds
Deputy Mayor, Cairns Regional Council
- Cr Dave Bilney, Deputy Mayor
Deputy Mayor, Tablelands Regional Council
- Cr Nicholas Pervan
Deputy Mayor, Cassowary Coast Regional Council
- Ms Darlene Irvine
FNQROC Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Kelly Dean
FNQROC Executive Support Officer

FNQ Regional Priorities

Key priority projects as identified by the Board and advocated for during this Mayoral Delegation, align with the FNQROC Strategic Goals of:

- ❖ [Develop Resilient Transport Infrastructure Connectivity](#)
- ❖ [Water Security](#)
- ❖ [Energy](#)
- ❖ [Respect and Manage Our Natural Assets](#)
- ❖ [Provide Equitable Communication Network](#)
- ❖ [Develop Equitable Social Infrastructure](#)

FNQROC State Priorities Briefing document can be accessed via the following FNQROC Website link:

- ❖ [FNQROC STATE PRIORITIES](#)

FNQROC PRIORITY PROJECTS – SNAPSHOT

CURRENT REGIONALLY IMPORTANT ISSUES TO US INCLUDE:

	Bridges		Housing Shortage
	Roads		Digital Infrastructure
	Income and Financial Sustainability		Resource Recovery and Waste Management
	Regional Plan		Mountain Biking
	Water (Agriculture)		Disaster Recovery Betterment
	Water (Dams)		Gravel Pits new ILUA requirements
	Water (Urban Infrastructure)		



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Ms Deborah Frecklington MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and Cost of Living, Shadow Minister for Water and the Construction of Dams, Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing.

Attendees:

- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

Introduction:

Thanked the Shadow Minister for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

Advised that the Delegation is meeting with both sides to advocate for our region.

Three Key Priorities:

- ❖ Kuranda Range Road Corridor – we are now past the do minimum point, we need to start implementing a long- term solution for this critical corridor.
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- ❖ Lastly, we are looking for policies and practices that will enable and support the Council's financial sustainability.

Discussion Points:

- Etheridge Ag Precinct Funding through DAF to employ someone to do business case and stakeholder consultation etc. (LNP will continue this funding if they get in).
- Lakeland Irrigation Area, Cook Shire Council needs a proponent to take it forward. Need to do EIS. The area currently exports to every capital city except Adelaide.
- Urban Infrastructure, we are seeking the establishment of an annual renewal/upgrade funding program, similar to the Works for Queensland and Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme. – LNP announced \$2B for truck infrastructure.



Megan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works and **Ms Ali King MP**, Assistant Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Assistant Minister for Public Works.

Attendees:

- ❖ **Alyssa Van Butzelaar** - Ministerial Advisor, Minister Scanlon
- ❖ **Kobe Abraham**, Ministerial Advisor, Minister Scanlon
- ❖ **Sam Duff**, Planning Departmental Liaison Officer
- ❖ Ryan Longland – Director, Regional and Spatial Planning
- ❖ **Michelle Cottrell**, Executive Director, Regional and Spatial Planning
- ❖ **Kylie Rolley-Cervenjak**, Manager, Regional and Spatial Planning
- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

Introduction:

Thanked the Minister and Assistant Minister for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

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Discussion Points:

- Social/affordability and continued population growth.
- Tablelands Regional Council partnered with local organisation for 10 units for women at risk.
- Affordability housing – State assessment for 'affordable' advised the ROI was not there when compared to SEQ. The Minister advised delegation to keep trying.
- Request for funding for Councils to action LHAP actions – Minister advised there is \$13.5million announced for this. Bigger Councils are competitive, smaller Councils will be allocated funding.
- Social housing through local community groups.
- Planning changes coming through will more so affect SEQ.
- The Minister wants to provide funding to enhance the capability of local providers.
- The Minister working towards "said" region getting X number of social houses.
- Croydon Shire Council example – how can we transfer old stock Council housing to families that have lived in it for a long time (i.e., 20 years) rather than going out to tender. How could we perhaps do rent to buy in these remote areas?

Regional Planning Coordination #2 Meeting held

- FNQ Infrastructure Plan released.
- Population projections – using median growth from 2023 – will include commentary re impact on regional and rural areas.
- Housing diversity – mostly in Cairns.
- Urban footprint updated to current planning schemes.
- Infill fund.
- Infrastructure.
- Sub-division rural – 60 Hectares remains unless certain condition can be met, cannot be broad brush this.
- 7 focus areas where the State will lean in and help.
- Mapped critical minerals and priority ag areas.
- The Minister sought our key issues – Minister advised we were not made aware there was going to be an RPC today, so we are unprepared to answer the question.
- We would like to see the plan as a whole before it is published for public consultation, we requested two (2) weeks, the Department wanted to provide only one (1) day. This is still unresolved.



Mr Dale Last MP, Shadow Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Shadow Minister for Corrective Services, Shadow Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Affairs.

Mr John-Paul Langbroek MP, Shadow Minister for Seniors, Communities and Disability Services, Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Ms Deborah Frecklington MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and Cost of Living, Shadow Minister for Water and the Construction of Dams, Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing.

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Introduction:

Thanked the Shadow Ministers for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

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Discussion Points:

- **Rural and regional affairs policy direction -**
 - NR & Mines Cabinet subcommittee to meet as required to streamline approval process.

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- Veg Management and fire breaks.
- Policy around encroachment.
- Rural Fires. Shadow Minister was advised that bureaucracy is coming in at a rapid rate due to the current transition. The current transition is a long way to being settled.

Seniors and Disability – focused on services particularly in regional rural areas.



On behalf of the Honourable Bart Mellish MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services due to illness.

The Honourable Craig Crawford MP, Member for Barron River.

Attendees:

- ❖ **Brett Reed**, Chief of Staff to Minister Mellish
- ❖ **Shauna Turner-Smith**, Senior Policy Advisor to Minister Mellish
- ❖ **Chris McLaren**, Chief Customer & Digital Officer
- ❖ **Ross Hodgman**, Regional Director, Department of Transport and Main Roads
- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

Introduction:

- Thanked the Member and the staff for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.
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Discussion Points:

- **Kuranda Range Road –**
 - The Minister has written to the Federal Government regarding extending the National Transport Network.

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- Minister King (Federal) advised this this will be considered on the next review to the NLTN.
- Minister King has approved the strategy for \$210mil funding.
- Previous stabilisation works on KRR held up well in this latest event.
- **Gilbert River Bridge and aging infrastructure in our region -**
 - What is the plan to replace aging infrastructure in our region?
 - Discussion regarding communities cut off for months on end and impact on mental health and domestic violence etc.
 - Business cases favour more populated areas rather than economic growth.
- The importance of Palmerston Range as our only B-double route to the coast. Needs to remain robust and resilient. TMR has just completed a planning study to give them a road map of what needs to be done on this route to remain safe and viable.
- Innisfail bypass – no funding for it – have done the planning so the community knows what is happening.
- Road network will be an issue with the next wet with us having a saturated pavement – it is expected that potholes etc. will open up.
- Cape Tribulation Road – Douglas Shire Council is happy to gift it to the state.
- Gravel Pits and ILUAs – Etheridge 600+ pits to ~140 and the paperwork is phenomenal. This is affecting construction.
- Palm Cove entry Statement.
- Regarding Routh Creek - acknowledged the work and collaboration between Councils, TMR and Contractors.



Mr David Crisafulli MP, Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Tourism.

Ms Ann Leahy MP, Shadow Minister for Disaster Recovery, Shadow Minister for Volunteers, Shadow Minister for Local Government.

Attendees:

- ❖ **Brad Evans, Advisor to Leader of the Opposition**
- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

Introduction:

Thanked the Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

Advised that the Delegation is meeting with both sides to advocate for our region.

Advised that the Delegation is also talking to each of the relevant Ministers and Shadow Ministers about:

- Roads and critical bridges
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Discussion points:

- LNP will never rate cap. How depreciation is treated needs to be changed and this will be reviewed early and fast.
- Housing - Croydon Shire Council example – how can we transfer old stock Council housing to families that have lived in it for a long time (i.e., 20 years) rather than going out to tender. How could we perhaps do rent to buy in these remote areas?
- What is the LNP direction re tourism?
 - Approvals to eco-tourism.
 - Stop Dept Environment stopping eco-tourism.
 - Funding to RTOs.
- Discussion MTB Strategy.
- W4Q please continue – LNP advise it works – happy to continue.

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- Financial Assistance Grants.
- Community Safety – LNP - Early intervention and adult time for adult crime.
- We would like a dedicated water fund please.



The Honourable Steven Miles MP, Premier of Queensland.

Attendees:

- ❖ **Peter Spencer**, Principal Policy Advisor to the Premier
- ❖ **Mike Kaiser**, Director-General, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- ❖ **Leah Kelly**, Deputy Director-General, Department of State Development, and Infrastructure
- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

Introduction:

Thanked the Premier for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

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Discussion points:

- Thanked the Premier for resilience funding – we are still to get it, but we are thankful.
- Minister Boyd should be able to give us an update on betterment applications.
- Financial Assistance Grants – timing of the funding being received by Councils. Please be timely as it has been an issue with the auditors.
- Thank you W4Q – advised the Department is currently assessing applications.
- Housing.
- Thank you for extra water funding for Cairns.
- Thank you for the disaster assistance provided to Douglas Shire.
- Cook discussion about the potential for rental subsidies for state employees to be used housing purchase – this would help release stock to the market and encourage long term residents.
- Aging water infrastructure is a big issue for Councils.
- Regional MTB Strategy and track maintenance trial in Atherton for 12 months. Vocational Partnership Group working with disengaged Indigenous youth (17 – 25) to get certificates in trail maintenance.
- **Resource Recovery:**
 - Targets present significant challenges for the region due to:
 - Low economies of scale and large transport distances.
 - Regulation of PFAS and PFOS presenting additional challenges – particularly green waste and biosolids.
 - Addressing these challenges through tailored policy measures, funding support and flexible regulatory frameworks will be essential for FNQ to meet targets.
 - Etheridge Ag Precinct – funding through DAF for Officer to sort our reg requirements and progress further.

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The Honourable Nikki Boyd MP, Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and Minister for Corrective Services.

Attendees:

- ❖ All Mayors and Deputy Mayors

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Discussion Relating to Ministerial Portfolio:

- Disaster Recovery Betterment and impact of Gravel Pits and ILUA requirements.
- Transition of volunteer and rural fireies to Queensland Police – excessive bureaucratic process. There are some lumps and bumps the Minister needs to be aware of.
- Some volunteers were disillusioned with the regulatory process.
- Perhaps look at regional hubs to house Qld Police, Qld Fire & Rescue, Qld Ambulance etc.
- The State Government is having a look at the blue card systems in its entirety.
- Cook Shire Council examples – 2 Indigenous communities and 1 firey due to blue card requirements.
- Should invest in the ‘human’ capital.

- Qld Parks not notifying Qld Fire Department or Councils of their burns – Croydon Shire Council and Cook Shire Council examples given.
- QRA should be reaching out to Councils to let us know where Local Government fits under a revised Disaster Management Act.
- Places of refuge – Mareeba continues to get knocked back because they are not on the coast and ‘not affected by cyclone. The Minister advised that the disaster ready fund should be announced soon.
- Request for uniformity of training/requirements of Volunteers i.e., lifesavers, SES both require their first aid training, chain saw requirements are different between council, SES, rural fire etc.
- Department is undertaking a study into Wujal Wujal, Ayton and Djarragun and the disaster that unfolded.



The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, Chair, Committee of the Legislative Assembly and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Attendees:

- ❖ All Mayors and Deputy Mayors

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Discussion points:

- Palmerston – importance of the road remaining robust and resilient.
- Disaster Management Reform – confusion about management roles, fires on the side and blue card requirements. Some communities get a regional hub, and others do not.



Mr Sam O’Connor MP, Shadow Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Shadow Minister for Science and Innovation, Shadow Minister for Youth.

Attendees:

- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

Introduction:

Thanked the Shadow Minister for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

Advised that the Delegation is meeting with both sides to advocate for our region.

Three Key Priorities:

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Discussion points:

- **Resource Recovery -**
 - Targets present significant challenges for the region due to:
 - Low economies of scale and large transport distances
 - Regulation of PFAS and PFOS presenting additional challenges – particularly green waste and biosolids.
 - Addressing these challenges through tailored policy measures, funding support and flexible regulatory frameworks will be essential for FNQ to meet targets.
- **LNP - potential models for Nature Refuges, National Parks, and Management.**



The Honourable Leanne Enoch MP, Minister for Treaty Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts.

Attendees:

- ❖ **Felix Gibson**, Chief of Staff to Minister Enoch
- ❖ **Terri Page**, Acting Executive Director, Regional Service Delivery, Culture and Economic Participation, Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities, and the Arts
- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

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Introduction:

Thanked the Minister for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

Advised that the Delegation is meeting with both sides to advocate for our region.

Discussion points:

- In addition to the regional plan, we are also seeking regional funding to implement identified actions in our local housing action plans, particularly in our Indigenous communities.
- State still talking to Feds re NPRIH.
- Road issues and access to communities.
- We need more focus on our end of the world.
- Needs for new school site at Yarrabah.
- Communities in the Cape – Art Centre announcement and challenges in Coen – Minister will gather information on this and get back to Mayor Holmes, School at Coen.
- MTP and pilot project in Atherton with Vocational Partnership Group (VPG) for disengaged Indigenous youth (17 – 25) to get certificates in trail maintenance.
- Palmerston and linkages to be kept on the radar.
- RADF – Art has seen a resurgence in rural and remote areas, what can be done to capture this energy? The Minister has a 10-year roadmap and will send tis through to us all for funding opportunities. She is also making sure the funding is not just going to SEQ.
- Screen locations and screen studio in Cairns just opened – looking forward to the opportunities.
- **Issues with PALM in the region:**
 - Kava has become an issue.
 - Cultural issues – they have eaten a Cassowary.
 - Absconders have not been dealt with.



Ms Fiona Simpson MP, Shadow Minister for Finance and Better Regulation, Shadow Minister for Integrity in Government.

Mr David Janetzki MP, Shadow Treasurer Shadow Minister for Investment and Trade Shadow Minister for Home Ownership.

Attendees:

- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

Introduction:

Thanked the Shadow Ministers for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

Advised that the Delegation is meeting with both sides to advocate for our region.

Advised that the Delegation is also talking to each of the relevant Ministers and Shadow Ministers about:

- Roads and critical bridges
- Water – bulk, urban and methodology for business cases
- Housing
- Digital Connectivity
- Resource Recovery and Waste Management
- Mountain Biking
- Disaster Recovery Betterment, and
- Gravel Pits and ILUA requirements.

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Discussion points:

- Need to allow Local Government to get on and do the job.
- Housing funding issues and TRC ROI example.
- SA4 over the last 10 years, we are \$B's behind every other region, lack of spending in our region, this year SA4 went backwards and everyone else went up.
- Non sexy infrastructure is a big ask for small Councils with a low-rate base.
- Financial Assistance Grants and the timing of this funding getting to Councils – they are getting smashed by the auditors for it.
- Housing – LNP Policy, pot of money to unlock supply (infrastructure – water, sewer etc.), dropping Stamp Duty on new build and lifting concession rate for first homeowners.
- Question asked – if you are going to provide support to people who do not insure, what about those that do pay the high insurance costs, what incentive is there for them to continue to insure?
Response - LNP do not have a quick answer to this.
- Investment and Investor confidence has decreased with ag investment.
- Mining, Ag, Tourism are key investment opportunities for growth particularly regional and rural areas.
- State funds – 2 key sectors – Coal Royalties (resources) and Stamp Duty (Property). Trade and export do not give much revenue to the state when compared however they are frontier minded for Ag and water is key and need to identify and fund in key bulk water projects.
- Etheridge ag precinct – issues – native title, veg management, transport of water, land tenure etc. Want a one stop shop to reduce these impediments. Etheridge has funding to move this forward.
- Lakeland Dam – current situation and opportunities.



Mr James (Jim) McDonald MP, Assistant to Jarrod Bleijie, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Shadow Minister for Olympic and Paralympic Infrastructure and Jobs, Member [Deputy Leader of the Opposition], Committee of the Legislative Assembly, Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations.

Attendees:

- ❖ All Mayors and Deputy Mayors

Introduction:

Thanked the Assistant Shadow Minister for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

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Discussion points:

- Etheridge Ag Precinct.
- Without water do not have food security.
- Dam Business Case Methodology – need to increase it from 30 years.

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Mr Steven Minnikin, Shadow Minister for Customer Service, Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads.

Attendees:

- ❖ All Mayors and Deputy Mayors

Introduction:

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Discussion Points:

- Kuranda Range Road.
- The importance of Palmerston Range as our only B-double route to the coast.
- Critical bridge linkages in our region, in particular the Barron and Gilbert River Bridges.
- Gravel Pits and ILUA requirements. We know this one is not in your portfolio but as you would know, this has a significant impact on road building and maintenance.

Additional Topics Discussed:

- Gilbert River Bridge.
- Aging Infrastructure across the whole region, many crossings are like Routh Creek, Barron River etc.
- In floods, Cairns was totally cut off.

- SA4 comparisons – region is \$Bs behind all others over the last 10 years.
- Archer River Bridge.
- Drivers license opportunities removed from Cooktown – closest opportunity for Cooktown and Cape York Peninsula is Mareeba, Atherton, and Cairns (several hundreds of km's away).
- DSC looking for history on Cape Tribulation Road, Council cannot afford to keep it.
- LNP looking at how they can get access to gravel. Example given by Etheridge where they came within days of shutting down a \$16mil and \$8mil project due to gravel pit issues.
- Small regional Councils do not have the capacity to deal with this – need to get rid of this!
- Need to give DD and RD's the authority to make decisions in the region rather than having to up and wait for it to come back down again.
- RMPCs need to be beefed up.

Action required:

Send WTMA approval expiry to Steve Minnikin. Expiry confirmed to be 31 December 2030.

Action completed:

Darlene Irvine, CEO FNQROC sent WTMA approval to Steve Minnikin Thursday 22 August 2024.



The Honourable Michael Healy MP, Minister for Tourism.

Attendees:

- ❖ **Mr Andrew Hopper**, Director-General Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport
- ❖ **Mr Richie Bates**, Chief of Staff to Minister Healy
- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

Introduction:

Thanked the Minister for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

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Discussion points:

- Growing our region’s funding – has there been a stop put on this? Croydon has been notified it has, ESC has \$8mil broken into 3 tourism projects.
- MTB Strategy – send to Richie Bates.
- Regional MTB Strategy and track maintenance trial in Atherton for 12 months. Vocational Partnership Group working with disengaged Indigenous youth (17 – 25) to get certificates in trail maintenance.
- Flow on impact of Tourism in LG such as Cook with ~120,000 + vehicles going to the Cape – no services and do not have the capacity to dela with that.
- Cook harbour and bed leveling.
- Tourism Regional Plans.
- Super Yachts and Strategy.

Action required:

Send new MTB Strategy to Richie Bates.

Action completed:

Darlene Irvine, CEO FNQROC sent MTB Strategy to Ministers Office Thursday 22 August 2024.



The Honourable Glenn Butcher MP, Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water

Attendees:

- ❖ **Linda Dobe**, Director-General, Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water
- ❖ **Francis Stewart**, Chief of Staff to Minister Butcher
- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

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Water Discussion:

- A change in policy for dam project business case evaluations – we are seeking at least 50 years, the inclusion of metrics that capture indirect benefits such as increased productivity and resilience and implementation of frameworks for long-term benefit realisation and periodic reviews to systematically tract and document extended benefits.
- Etheridge Ag Precinct update – 464 mega litres still unallocated, need to get around state impediments, DET.
- Lakeland Irrigation Area, update.
- Urban Infrastructure, we are seeking the establishment of an annual renewal/upgrade funding program, similar to the Works for Queensland and Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme:
 - We all have a problem with Aging infrastructure. The Minister advised the department has gone out to all councils to identify what is needed and it will give the State a priority list. It is estimated this will be completed by the end of the year – is looking at dedicated funding.
- Tablelands Water Assessment – should be released soon.
- Cook Shire Council to write a letter to the Minister regarding water Infrastructure at risk due to Cyclone Jasper.

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- Issue at Port Hinchinbrook – need additional \$7million.
- Thank you from Douglas Shire Council and Cairns Regional Council for water funding.

Action required:

Cook Shire Council to write a letter to the Minister Butcher regarding water Infrastructure which is at risk due to Cyclone Jasper.

Action taken:

Darlene Irvine, CEO FNQROC sent a reminder sent to Cook Shire Mayor Robyn Holmes Thursday 22 August 2024.



The Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment

Attendees:

- ❖ **Mr Michael Carey, Under Treasurer**
- ❖ **All Mayors and Deputy Mayors**

Introduction:

Thanked the Deputy Premier for attending the meeting and conducted introductions.

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Discussion points:

- SA4 region example \$B's behind over 10 years and only SA4 this year to go backwards.
- Thank you for Cairns Water funding of \$195million.
- Minister outlined all funding for Cairns.
- Thank you for Douglas water funding.
- Non sexy infrastructure needs funding across the board.
- Douglas Shire Council would be extremely happy to gift the State Cape Tribulation Road.
- Thank you for W4Q.
- Palmerston and its importance to the region, needs to remain robust and resilient.
- MTB Strategy and funding request.
- Port Hinchinbrook Sewerage and additional \$7million.
- Aging infrastructure – if we do not invest in regional and rural Qld.
- State assets falling apart, we saw this in the flood.
- Ag missing out and deprived of opportunities.
- Etheridge Ag precinct and funding from DAF.
- Mossman Mill – thank you for state funding to get cane off the fields and possible transition to Banna Grass.



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30 August 2024

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Mr Michael Healy MP
Minister for Tourism and Sport
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My Dear Ministers

Disrepair of Einasleigh to Forsyth rail line

I write to you concerning the rail line between Einasleigh and Forsyth and the lack of line maintenance which has caused the Savannahlander to stop operating on the line.

Earlier in 2024, Gulf regional stakeholders were advised that maintenance issues with the bridge over Delany Gorge will result in Savannahlander rail experience needing to cease at Einasleigh. The region has been awaiting further advice from Queensland Rail on the status of the line in 2025, but no advice has been received to date.

I understand that:

- Queensland Rail advised there is need for significant repairs and accumulated defects coupled with anticipated defects based on historical trends as justification to keep the line closed
- Department of Transport and Main Roads has previously funded Queensland Rail to provide this scheduled maintenance
- The line is not re-opening in 2024

This has significantly impacted on tourism, visitation and the Gulf Savannah region's economy. It is also impeding achievement of Queensland Government's strategies: Drive Queensland, and Towards Tourism 2032.

This uncertainty is impacting on the Savannahlander and other tourism operators planning and bookings for 2025. The 2025 booking period is September-January - there is no certainty in the Savannahlander running past Einasleigh in 2025, therefore there is no confidence for operators to sell experiences past Einasleigh.

The delay in communication with operators and suppliers pushes out the booking timeframe and soon the window for 2025 sales will be over and visitation will again be reduced in 2025 for travel to the Gulf Savannah region. For a region that has experienced multiple severe weather events over the last several years, this is another kick in the guts for the region.

Regional businesses and visitors rely on the Savannahlander providing operations all the way to Forsayth and without it, there has been a decline in visitors and expenditure.

Cobbold Gorge has been providing bus transfers in 2024 from Einasleigh to Forsayth/Cobbold Gorge return for rail passengers – but this may not be a viable option to continue. The question should be asked, why is Queensland Rail not providing this service until the line is back up and running? This is no different to the services provided by Queensland Rail in other parts of Queensland.

The lack of service to Forsayth is also impacting on Gulflander services operating between Normanton and Croydon. The two journeys were often travelled by the same visitor as part of an integrated experience. The loss of services between Einasleigh and Forsayth is negatively impacting the visitor experience and leading to loss of overnight visitor expenditure in the region.

Urgent action is needed to resolve this issue, one seemingly caused by Queensland Rail's lack of maintenance.

On behalf of the entire Gulf Savannah region, we seek your assistance to ensure the Einasleigh to Forsayth line is repaired and fully operational for the 2025 tourism season.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at nobrien@gulf-savannah.com.au or mobile 0408 051 358 (after hours 0421 995 205) if you wish to discuss this matter.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil O'Brien', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn blue oval.

Neil O'Brien
Chief Executive Officer

- cc. Cr Ernie Camp, Chair GSD/Mayor Burke Shire
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- Cr Jack Bawden, Mayor Carpentaria Shire
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- Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor Etheridge Shire
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Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) – Round Two 2024-25 Application Outcomes

Applicant name	Project title	Status	DRF requested funding	DRF approved funding
Etheridge Shire Council	Design of storm water drainage network Project	Unsuccessful	\$25,000.00	\$ -



EC24-004274

Dear Council Chief Executive Officer / General Manager

I write to update you on enhancements to the National Emergency Management Agency's (NEMA) Coordination and Planning Officer (CPO) capability. In all circumstances, the Australian Government and NEMA are committed to working with State and Territory agencies to support communities impacted by disasters.

The CPO capability underpins the Australian Government's commitment that no community impacted by a disaster will be left unsupported. The CPO capability, comprising 43 permanent positions and 10 additional surge positions, ensures strong coordination with States and Territories, connected support to communities, and an ability, when needed, to surge support across the nation.

The CPO capability is further complemented by 105 Community Recovery Officers which are provided under joint Australian-State governments funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

CPOs are positioned in all States and Territories, in both metropolitan and regional centres, to ensure close proximity to State and Territory operation centres, key government stakeholders, and ease of deployment when required. CPOs have deep knowledge of NEMA, and broader Australian Government, programs and capabilities and are able to assist State and Territory partners with planning, coordination and access to Australian Government agencies, services and support.

To support the delivery of this role, CPOs have undertaken broad skills uplift focused on Crisis Appreciation and Strategic Planning (CASP), Liaison Officer function, Crisis Coordination Teams and the DRFA. This upskilling supports the defined roles of CPOs across the full emergency management continuum. The CPOs in each State and Territory are now led by strengthened leadership at the Director level. No single, individual CPO is responsible for a geographic area. The CPO capability reduces key person risk and ensures communities will be supported by CPO state and territory teams, with backup from national surge capacity.

The CPOs work closely with NEMA's Crisis Coordination Team during an emergency and into the recovery phase. They are ideally placed to be the liaison officer between a jurisdiction and the Australian Government. Outside of an emergency, the CPOs assist jurisdictional colleagues to connect within NEMA to best support them across the full spectrum of emergency management including: Recovery Programs, Resilience Programs, Community Programs and the National Coordination Mechanism.

The CPO capability includes an enhanced ability to surge with and alongside State and Territory partners to disaster impacted areas, when required. NEMA has determined that an annual review of CPO surge positions following each higher risk weather season (HRWS) allows for best practice management of the capability.

Where recovery has progressed and is being managed through business-as-usual arrangements by the responsible state government agency, NEMA will deescalate the surged CPO support and retain the position/s in a 'stand-by' capacity for the next HRWS. This will ensure that there is additional capacity that can be deployed quickly to disaster impacted areas that require a higher level of Australian Government support following a crisis event.

The CPO capability for the 2024-25 HRWS is summarised in the table below, with 8 additional surge positions held in 'stand-by', ready for redeployment as required:

	QLD	NSW / ACT	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	NT	National Coord	TOTAL
Metro	4	5	5	3	1	4	2	7	31
Regional	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	4	12
Deployed Surge (regional)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL *	7 (0)	8 (1)	6 (1)	3 (0)	1 (0)	5 (0)	2 (0)	11	43 (2)

*Note: numbers in brackets are temporary surge positions supporting recovery and subject to review of need.

I look forward to NEMA continuing to enhance our partnerships that enable more secure, stronger and resilient communities before, during and after disasters. For assistance on any aspect of the CPO capability, please contact Angela Cameron, Assistant Coordinator General, Coordination and Planning, (angela.cameron@nema.gov.au 0476 688 047) who has leadership for the network across Australia.

Yours Sincerely



Brendan Moon

Coordinator-General

21 August 2024