



NOTICE OF MEETING

- Meeting:** General Meeting
- Date:** Wednesday, 22nd January 2025
- Location:** **Council Chambers,
Georgetown**
- Commencing:** **9.00am**
- Councillors:** Cr Hughes
Cr Royes
Cr Tincknell
Cr Ryan
Cr Carroll

Agenda Attached

Mark Watt
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
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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER 2024
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER 2024**

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs. Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Miss. Gemma Bethel, Executive Assistant

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:17am and welcomed all in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

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

PRAYER

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Condolences:

Council wishes to extend their condolences to the families of James Johns, Janice Steele and Ralph Tate.

Congratulations:

Council wishes to congratulate Linconn and Claudia Steele on the birth of their daughter, Loretta.
Council wishes to congratulate Phil and the Parks & Gardens team for their excellent work in maintaining the Charleston Dam facilities.

Apologies:

Nil

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 20th November 2024

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 20th November 2024 be confirmed as amended.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.01
5/0**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Cr Royes

#24.11.10 – Einasleigh and Mt Surprise Town Maintenance

#24.09.17 – Community Consultation

#23.11.25 – Lynd Medical Centre Fence

Cr Carroll

#24.11.14 – Commercial Use of Council Controlled Areas Policy

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Due to a previously declared conflict of interest relating to #24.11.17 – Crushing and Screening Options, Cr Royes left the meeting at 9:52am.

Cr Carroll

#24.11.17 – Crushing and Screening Options

ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes returned to the meeting at 10:01am.

Cr Ryan

#24.08.30 – Term Lease 0/222075

ATTENDANCE

Gemma Bethel left the meeting at 10:45am and returned at 10:47am

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:47am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 11:00am

RESOLUTION

1. In light of the recent deputation by the lessee, Council agree not to review its previous decision to allow a long-term lease with the Department of Resources for lease 0/222075 on Lot 8 SP189943;
2. That the CEO be directed to present a report to Council providing options for future leasing of the land, including a land use study.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.02
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Cr Ryan requested that her vote be recorded against the above motion.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

1. Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED

2. Project Management – Growing Regions FundingEXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of the appointment of Griffith University as Project Manager for the Australian Government's Growing Regions Program, otherwise described as Unearth Etheridge – Tourism Development along the Savannah Way.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 235(a) & (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council appoint Griffith University as Project Manager for the Australian Government's Growing Regions Program on the following basis and circumstances:

1. Council is satisfied there is only 1 supplier reasonably available to deliver the project owing to their specialised knowledge of the application and acceptance by the Australian Government in applying for funding and delivering the project on behalf of Council;
2. Because of the specialised knowledge of the application, it would be impractical or disadvantageous to invite tenders;
3. Calling tenders would be a waste of time and resources given the intimate knowledge and expertise of Griffith University to commence delivery and project management in a timely manner;
4. The appointment of Griffith University is consistent with an existing contract with Council involving specialised services (not goods) that lead to the application being lodged and accepted for funding.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.04
5/0

3. Public Notice of Meetings for 2025EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopts the following meeting dates as presented for 2025, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and furthermore Council will publish the notice of meeting dates on Council's website, in the inform newsletter and on display in the Council office.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
January	Wednesday, 22 nd January 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
February	Wednesday, 19 th February 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
March	Wednesday, 19 th March 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
April	Wednesday, 16 th April 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
May	Wednesday, 21 st May 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
June	Wednesday, 18 th June 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
July	Wednesday, 16 th July 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
August	Wednesday, 20 th August 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
September	Wednesday, 17 th September 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
October	Wednesday, 15 th October 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
November	Wednesday, 19 th November 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
December	Wednesday, 17 th December 2025	Georgetown	9:00am

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.05
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director of Corporate Services

4. Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.06
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mark Watt left the meeting at 11:58am and returned at 11:59am

Raju Ranjit entered the meeting at 12:00pm.

5. Financial Performance as at 5th December 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 30th November 2024 pursuant, and in accordance with, the Local Government Regulation 2012 (s204).

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.07
5/0

6. 2025-2029 Corporate Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As per s104 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council is required to prepare a Corporate Plan that incorporates community engagement. Throughout the second half of 2024, Council has conducted a survey, Community Consultation meetings, and Council workshops. Suggestions and survey results were incorporated to shape the current draft document. The draft plan was advertised for public comment for 30 days with no further comments received.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the 2025-2029 Corporate Plan as presented, to use as the basis for the preparation and implementation of Operational Plans & Budgets for the inclusive financial years.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.08
5/0

7. 2024 External Audit Final Management Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council's final management report was prepared by Queensland Audit Office (QAO). QAO issued an unmodified audit opinion on the 2023/2024 financial statements. The Final management Report includes identified (or previously identified) issues which have been reported to management and an update on managements actions taken to resolve these.

The presented 2024 Final Management Report was received by the Audit Committee at its most recent meeting held 27th November 2024.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to receive the 2024 External Audit Final Management Report and note the contents therein.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.09
5/0

8. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – 27th November 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 211, Council's Audit Committee met on 27th November 2024. A copy of the meeting minutes are provided as a written report about the matters reviewed at the meeting.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held 27th November 2024, and note the business resolved therein.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.10
5/0

9. RADF Advisory Committee Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Regional Art's Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting was held 3rd December 2024, in Georgetown. The minutes of this meeting are tabled for Council's review.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to receive the unconfirmed minutes of the RADF Advisory Committee Meeting held 3rd December 2024, and adopt the recommendations contained therein including amendments.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.11
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ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:28pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 12:57pm

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director of Engineering Services

10. 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 #24.12.12
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11. Road Register Review

RESOLUTION

Council resolved that the Road Register be given priority for review prior to considering tenders for the upcoming flood damage pick up.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Tincknell left the meeting at 1:17pm and returned at 1:18pm
Renee Bester left the meeting at 2:04pm and returned at 2:06pm

12. Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 11 for Georgetown and Forsayth Aerodromes Fencing Upgrade Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the funding applications under Grant Application under Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 11 for Georgetown and Forsayth Aerodromes fencing upgrade project for 2025 /2026.

RESOLUTION

1. That Council agrees to apply an application of 50/50 funding partnership between Australian Government's Regional Aviation Access Program and Council to upgrade the stock proof fences in Georgetown and Forsayth Aerodromes.
2. That Council agrees to apply \$600,000.00 for Georgetown aerodrome and \$700,000.00 for Forsayth aerodrome to carry out following works.

a. Forsayth Aerodrome:

- Installation of animal exclusion fencing (1.8m high x 2890m long fence with two gates)
- Construct widened runway end turn pads as part of future works.
- Replace the lights and batteries.

b. Georgetown Aerodrome:

- Installation of animal exclusion fencing (1.8m high x 2946m long fence with two gates)
- Conduct rolling of sealed surfaces with pneumatic tyred roller in hot weather.
- Consider replacement of tie down cable as part of future upgrades.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.13
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ATTENDANCE

Renee Bester left the meeting at 2:36pm and returned at 2:38pm

13. SES Support Grant Application for 2025-2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the SES support grant application for 2025-2026.

RESOLUTION

That Council agrees to apply for funds under the SES Support Grant program for \$150,000.00 (100% funding) to upgrade the existing the SES facility.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.14
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CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 2:50pm, pursuant to section 254J, to discuss (e) legal advice obtained by the Council or legal proceedings involving the local government, (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.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.15
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Raju Ranjit left the meeting at 3:25pm and returned at 3:26pm

Gemma Bethel left the meeting at 3:29pm and returned at 3:33pm

RESOLUTION

Council resolves to come out of closed session at 4:27pm.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.16
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION ADDENDUM

Director Of Engineering Services

14. Flood Damaged Roads Restoration Zone 5

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the tender of the flood damaged restoration Zone 5 (north and south).

RESOLUTION

That the consideration of tenders ESC2024-041 and ESC2024-042 flood damaged restoration Zone 5 (north and south) lay on the table until further information is obtained.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.17
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RESOLUTION

A remedial payment of \$13,165.44 be made to D & D Terry of Old Robin Hood Station. Further, that upon payment the matter be considered closed.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

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Cr Hughes, Cr Royes and Cr Carroll voted against the motion.
Cr Tincknell and Cr Ryan voted for the motion.

RESOLUTION

That Council direct the CEO to seek legal advice on the claim by D & D Terry seeking compensation against Council in relation to incident on 28th April 2024 on the Cobbold Gorge Road, and report back to Council.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.18
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council request the CEO to seek governance advice on Council organizational issues impacting on Council's performance.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.12.19
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Royes	NWROC Meeting attendance a. NWROC Enabling Infrastructure Plan - presented document (attached) i. https://www.nwqroc.com.au/nwq-enabling-infrastructure-masterplan-2024 b. NWROC Regional Profile - present document (attached) i. https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:AP:01d15458-d21b-4bd2-8f4a-61f516ece74b c. WQAC Priority Roads Network Report - presented document (attached) i. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K1gLM68x8UDnh-dE94-EQO7rbXtqFhI8/view ii. WQAC-Priority-Roads-Network-Report-2024.pdf
Cr Tincknell	Freehold Land Opportunities

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:07pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd January 2025.

Cr. Barry Hughes
MAYOR

Business Arising				
#	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken	Progress
18th December 2024 - General Meeting				
24.12.02	1. In light of the recent deputation by the lessee, Council agree not to review its previous decision to allow a long-term lease with the Department of Resources for lease 0/222075 on Lot 8 SP189943; 2. That the CEO be directed to present a report to Council providing options for future leasing of the land, including a land use study.	CEO		
24.12.04	That pursuant to section 235(a) & (b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council appoint Griffith University as Project Manager for the Australian Government's Growing Regions Program on the following basis and circumstances: 1. Council is satisfied there is only 1 supplier reasonably available to deliver the project owing to their specialised knowledge of the application and acceptance by the Australian Government in applying for funding and delivering the project on behalf of Council; 2. Because of the specialised knowledge of the application, it would be impractical or disadvantageous to invite tenders; 3. Calling tenders would be a waste of time and resources given the intimate knowledge and expertise of Griffith University to commence delivery and project management in a timely manner; 4. The appointment of Griffith University is consistent with an existing contract with Council involving specialised services (not goods) that lead to the application being lodged and accepted for funding.	CEO		
24.12.05	That Council: Adopts the following meeting dates as presented for 2025, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and furthermore Council will publish the notice of meeting dates on Council's website, in the inform newsletter and on display in the Council office.	CEO		
24.12.08	That Council adopt the 2025-2029 Corporate Plan as presented, to use as the basis for the preparation and implementation of Operational Plans & Budgets for the inclusive financial years.	DCS	Noted. Displayed on Council website, saved in RMS, communicated to staff and available at the front counter.	Complete
24.12.09	That Council resolve to receive the 2024 External Audit Final Management Report and note the contents therein.	DCS	Noted	Complete
24.12.10	That Council receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held 27th November 2024, and note the business resolved therein.	DCS	Noted.	Complete
24.12.11	That Council resolve to receive the unconfirmed minutes of the RADF Advisory Committee Meeting held 3rd December 2024, and adopt the recommendations contained therein including amendments.	DCS	RADF Funding round 2 and EOI for membership has been advertised through Council's media streams closing 7th March.	Complete
24.12.13	1. That Council agrees to apply an application of 50/50 funding partnership between Australian Government's Regional Aviation Access Program and Council to upgrade the stock proof fences in Georgetown and Forsyth Aerodromes. 2. That Council agrees to apply \$600,000.00 for Georgetown aerodrome and \$700,000.00 for Forsyth aerodrome to carry out following works. a. Forsyth Aerodrome: • Installation of animal exclusion fencing (1.8m high x 2890m long fence with two gates) • Construct widened runway end turn pads as part of future works. • Replace the lights and batteries. b. Georgetown Aerodrome: • Installation of animal exclusion fencing (1.8m high x 2946m long fence with two gates) • Conduct rolling of sealed surfaces with pneumatic tyred roller in hot weather. • Consider replacement of tie down cable as part of future upgrades.	DES		
24.12.14	That Council agrees to apply for funds under the SES Support Grant program for \$150,000.00 (100% funding) to upgrade the existing the SES facility.	DES		
24.12.17	That the consideration of tenders ESC2024-041 and ESC2024-042 flood damaged restoration Zone 5 (north and south) is on the table until further information is obtained.	DES		
24.12.18	That Council direct the CEO to seek legal advice on the claim by D & D Terry seeking compensation against Council in relation to incident on 28th April 2024 on the Cobbold Gorge Road, and report back to Council.	CEO		
24.12.19	That Council request the CEO to seek governance advice on Council organizational issues impacting on Council's performance.	CEO		
20th November 2024 - General Meeting				
24.11.10	That Council receives reports and accepts the tender documents and scope of works, as amended.	DES	Schedule will be emailed to all councilors and executive officers before advertising for the tender	In progress

24.11.11	That Council receive and agree to apply for TIDS funding for Forsyth Road (state-controlled road) for \$1.5 million to reconstruct and seal the 1.84 km from Chainage 23.43 km to Chainage 25.27 km	DES		In progress
24.11.14	That Council: 1. Adopt the Commercial Use of Council Controlled Areas Policy 2. Amend the 2024-2025 Fees & Charges to include: a. Include an annual fee and subsequent renewal fee of \$300 (Ex-Gst) for granted applications for Commercial Use of Council Controlled Areas - Low Impact and Activity. For consideration by Council. b. Include an annual fee and subsequent renewal fee of \$600 (Ex-Gst) for granted applications for Commercial Use of Council Controlled Areas – High Impact and Activity. For consideration by Council. c. Include an annual fee and subsequent renewal fee of \$150 (Ex-Gst) for granted applications for Commercial Use – Outdoor Dining d. Include an annual fee and subsequent renewal fee of \$147 (Ex-Gst) for granted applications for Commercial Use – Mobil Vending	CEO	Noted	In progress
24.11.17	That Council receives reports and resolves to establish Council's own crushing and screening plant system subject to an external business review and further budget consideration for the plant replacement fund.	DES	Business case report in progress	In progress
24.11.20	That Council receive and note the project status report as presented and refer the shortfall amount of \$1,461,268 to the half yearly budget review for the period ending 31 December 2024.	DES	will be reviewed in 31 December 2024	In progress
18th September 2024 - General Meeting				
24.09.07	Council resolves to defer the matter until after further Community Consultation is undertaken.	DES	This will be confirmed at the Community Consult meeting in Forsyth scheduled for December.	In progress
Outstanding Business				
14th August 2024 - General Meeting				
24.08.07	That Council resolve to defer the matter of the Drug and Alcohol Policy (A012) to a future meeting/workshop.	WHSA	The matter will be revisited upon the WHS officer returning from leave in September	In progress
15th November 2023				
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	Subject to ownership of the land. Once ownership of land has been settled (early 2025), quotes will be sought for perimeter fence and presented for budget or budget review consideration.	In progress
16th August 2023				
23.08.12	That Council receive Ms Taylor's Mt Surprise Land Use Survey Report, and adopt the following recommendations made therein, specifically: - 1.The recommendations for Category 1, Category 2, Category 3, Category 4, Category 5, Category 6 and Category 7, outlined in the report, where appropriate; and 2.Council make enquiries with the State government in relation to Lot 11 SP252513, area 3.58 hectares, Reserve for Township and Trucking with Council as Trustee, to determine if the Occupation Lease (352OL454) can be cancelled and the lot transferred to Council as freehold land, to facilitate future development opportunities afforded by the Industrial Precinct designation of the lot, which was supported by the State, when preparing the 2020 Planning Scheme for the Shire.	DCS	Referred to consulting Town Planner for action. Matter has been referred back to Council for further consideration of implementation.	In progress

GENERAL MEETING: January 2025

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

Councillors,
I present my report for the period of: December 2025

Current & Future Budgets

1. 2024/2025 Half Yearly Budget Review

Both the ELT & Finance team will work together through late January to prepare the budget review for presentation at the February 2025 General Meeting

2. 2025/2026 Budget

As Council travel to the different communities throughout the first half of 2025, please take the opportunity to begin future budget discussions. A budget schedule will be provided to the February meeting, however it is beneficial to use the Community Connect sessions to start the conversations.

Audit Update

3. Internal Audit

No further update. Awaiting FY25 Audit Focus which will be finalised at the February Audit Committee Meeting.

4. External Audit

Council have tentatively booked 8th September 2025 for the final 2024/2025 Audit date.

5. Audit Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2025.

Council Projects

6. Access to Easement-Road Openings - Ewamian People

The road easement survey has been completed and required documents filed with Moray & Agnew to further progress this matter. No further update since October.

7. Council Facility Keyless Entry System

Council has appointed Natashka to be the team project lead. Natashka is in the process of developing the website and will oversee training and general running of the Key system. She is starting this process so that when the technical side of Space to Co is finalised that the website will be ready to go live at the same time. Estimated project completion is March 2025.

8. Independent Living Facility – Housing Infrastructure Grant

Preston Law is currently in the process of drafting tenancy guidelines, agreements and policies. It is a funding requirement that we advertise for the two Affordable Houses before build completion, to ensure they are filled within 3 months. Council will advertise as per Department guidelines through our website, Facebook and inform.

9. Snap Send Solve

Council will undergo onboarding asap and IT & Records will lead this project. Council is aiming for a roll out in early 2025 after our programs are updated to be compatible. Marketing to the public regarding the app to come.

10. Electronic Noticeboards

Council is still awaiting further quotations on noticeboard options. Noticeboard locations in each community will be required by March 2025. Council is still undergoing investigations into best option for SMS messaging.

11. Commercial Lease Negotiations

Council have begun negotiations with the current tenant and will provide further updates as this situation progresses.

12. Purchase of Lot 4 on CD35 (Lynd Medical Centre)

Council have addressed all obligations including final payment by 2nd October 2024 and are awaiting confirmation from Department of Resources of finalisation.

13. Sustainable Destinations Project

Council has received further documentation regarding an ongoing membership to maintain status with EarthCheck. Management will progress with Council regarding any budgetary considerations required.

14. Strategy for Culture & the Arts 2025-2030

Final document included within January 2025 Agenda for recommended adoption.

15. CMS Transition

LGAQ are currently our host for CMS (3 websites – 2 active being Council and Unearth Etheridge). LGAQ advised late last year that their contract with Jadu had expired, and they had finalised the tender process and were moving to Granicus, therefore we are getting a new website provider. I will be liaising to have the transition completed by 30 June.

16. Community Learning Hubs – Mt Surprise & Einasleigh

Council have begun preliminary discussions with suppliers; however further site investigations are required and will be completed through January 2025.

17. Biosecurity Advisory Committee

Local Law Amendment - There are specific legislative requirements that Council must comply with (Chapter 3, part 1 of the Local Government Act 2009). Council's CEO & DCS are in the process of investigating the best way forward for Council.

NEWP Nomination – DAF have lodged the co-application (made by Etheridge, Mareeba and WAPIPD and supported by Croydon and Northern Territory Government) to have the Neem Tree declared on the National Established Weed Priorities Register

ESC Biosecurity Plan – No further action taken.

Events & Commitments

DATE	ORGANISATION	TOPIC
10/12/2024	Pacifica	Management Responses
11-13/12/2024	ESC	Annual Leave
16/12/2024	ARLF	Leadership Workshop
18/12/2024	ESC	December General Meeting
19/12/2025	LGAQ	Granicus Transition
21/12/2024 – 05/01/2025	ESC	Annual Leave

Thankyou kindly,
Renee Bester
Director of Corporate Services



General Meeting **22nd January 2025**

Subject	Financial Performance as at 31-12-2024
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 31 December 2024 pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Local Government Regulation 2012 (s204).

BACKGROUND

The monthly financial report of Council provides a snapshot of Councils 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. The Annual budget is provided with the Financial Report for information purposes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a financial report to the Councils 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

Advise 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 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: Low

Summary of broad and general risks and opportunities:

- Risk 1- Financial reports are covered by many Laws, regulations and standards and subject to public scrutiny.

- Risk 2- Ensuring our business focus is strategically oriented to adequately and efficiently predict and cover a reasonable range of possible situations and events.
- Risk 3 – To not be restricted unnecessarily by remoteness and access to resources resulting in Council losing its robustness and sustainable edge.
- Opportunity 1- As a responsibility, the Financial Reports are an excellent method to provide information to external parties and stake holders including ratepayers, the public and other interested parties in a simple and easy to understand format.
- Opportunity 2 – Being optimally positioned as a strong, well managed and prominent Far North Queensland mid-sized Council to make best use of any opportunities and possibilities available.

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Laurie Hawker – Finance Manager	
Date:07-01-2025	Date:

ATTACHMENTS

Financial Reports

Etheridge Shire Council
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Capital Funding Detail - WIP report
PCS Revenue and Expenditure Budget
PCS Balance Sheet Summary
PCS Statement of Comprehensive Income
PCS Statement of Financial Position
PCS Statement of Cash Flows

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers		15,384,741
Payments to suppliers and employees		(40,767,742)
Interest received		271,595
Rental income		95,538
Non-capital grants and contributions		38,258,942
Borrowing costs		(77,699)
Net cash - operating activities	23	<u>13,165,376</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		2,621,623
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(9,467,885)
Net cash - from investing activities		<u>(6,846,262)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings		104,121
Net cash flow - financing activities		<u>104,121</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		6,423,235
Add cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		10,618,714
Cash and cash equivalents - closing	3	<u>17,510,651</u>

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

Etheridge Shire Council

Cash Position

As at 31 December 2024

	Actual
Current Assets	
Bendigo Cash at Bank	\$ 794,114
Investments	\$ 12,381,574
22108 Reserve Cash Acc	\$ 279,020
22821 2024 ILP Staff Housing 6Mil	\$ 4,054,444
Cash on Hand	\$ 1,500
	\$ 17,510,651
Cash back Current Liabilities	
Annual Leave Payable	\$ 526,340
Current LSL Payable	\$ 194,227
Accrued Time-in-Lieu	\$ 59,392
RDO	\$ 1,992
Restricted cash - grants received not yet spent less grants receivable	\$ 1,075,000
	\$ 1,856,951
Receivables	
Receivables - Debtors	\$ 410,181
Receivables - Rates	\$ 185,751
Receivables - Govt Subsidy	\$ 9,945
	\$ 605,878
Payables	
Accounts Payable	\$ 258,551
Emergency Fire Service Levy	\$ 129,056
Retentions Current	\$ 1,560,998
Current Loan - Forsayth Water	\$ 9,954
ILU Staff Housing	\$ -
	\$ 1,958,559
Working Capital	\$ 14,301,020

Comparative Data

As at 31 December 2024

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Cash Position	\$ 17,510,651	\$ 16,479,982	\$ 5,653,207
Working Capital	\$ 14,301,020	\$ 16,160,451	\$ 5,163,648
Rate Arrears	\$ 185,751	\$ 210,010	\$ 106,507
Current Debtors	\$ 410,181	\$ 946,956	\$ 343,228
Current Creditors	\$ 258,551	\$ 546,433	\$ 97,941
Current Loan Payable	\$ 9,954	\$ 7,317	\$ 4,491

Etheridge Shire Council

Financial Highlights

As at 31 December 2024

	Actual	Budget	Percentage
Total revenue	\$ 47,165,448	\$ 57,737,020	82%

Statements are for 6 months of the financial year and generally would represent 50% of the overall budget.

The Recurrent revenue is \$53.581 million which is due to the receipt of \$38.372 million Grants Revenue including \$30.375 million Flood Damage grants and \$7.2 million of FAGS grants.

Total expenditure	-\$ 33,645,061	-\$ 47,938,436	70%
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Statements are for 6 months of the financial year and generally would represent 50% of the overall budget.

Roads flood damage expenditures are the major cash outflow of Council at \$26.169M, closely followed by DTMR expenditures of \$2.248M. The big picture is that expenditures are on track/or exceeding plans at 69% compared to the benchmark of 50% at mid year.

Surplus/Deficit

The surplus net operating result is reflecting strong early positive cash flows. The result is in line with the budgeted net result year to date.	\$ 13,520,387
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Monthly Cash Flow Estimate

As at 31 December 2024

	Revenue	Expenditure
Revenue		
Rates	\$ 30,000	
Fees and Charges Billings	\$ 50,000	
Own Roads Program Recoveries	\$ -	
Main Roads Invoiced Recoveries	\$ 225,000	
Grants Expected	\$ 228,350	
Flood Damage NDRRA	\$ 3,000,000	
GST	\$ -	
Expenditure		
Payroll		\$ 560,000
Operating and Contractor Payables		\$ 1,500,000
PAYG-W; GST		\$ 500,000
Loan Payments		\$ -
Capital Acq		\$ -
Other		\$ -
	<u>\$ 3,533,350</u>	<u>\$ 2,560,000</u>
Cash increase expected during the next period	<u>\$ 973,350</u>	

	WIP - December 2024	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	Consecutive Number	%
0400-4150-0000	Work in Progress - Land & Land Improvements						
3255-4500-0000	Land purchase - Purchase of Lynd medical centre land & surveying costs	16,034.42	9,059.12	25,093.54			
		16,034.42	9,059.12	25,093.54	-		0%
0400-4250-0000	Work in Progress - Buildings						
3080-4501-0000	Aged Care Facilities -Advisory	86,798.12		86,798.12			
3610-4501-0001	FNQRP (24-25) - Cap Imp - Coordination Centre (Gtown)		4,518.00	4,518.00	200,000.00	9	2%
3610-4501-0002	FNQRP (24-25) - Cap Imp - Housing Project						
3270-4500-0000	Cap Imp - Shire Office - Admin office parking area						
3280-4504-0000	Staff housing - SHP (Staff Housing Project)	50,655.70	1,819,214.39	1,869,870.09	3,069,304.00	13	59%
3280-4505-0000	Staff housing - ILF (Independent Living Facility)	1,119,497.87	1,978,879.36	3,098,377.23	2,616,643.00	12	76%
3295-4500-0000	Demovable office - Relocation	3,251.19		3,251.19			
3350-4502-0003	Depot - Cap improvements - Septic installation	9,136.40		9,136.40			
3411-4500-0001	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Georgetown - Streetscaping (roads)	366,670.20		366,670.20			
3411-4500-0002	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Georgetown Sports Centre	114,393.31	34,846.56	149,239.87			
3411-4500-0003	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Einasleigh - Drainage improvement (roads)	213,312.55	8,266.84	221,579.39			
3411-4500-0004	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Fors/Gtown - Water Telemetry						
3411-4500-0005	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Rural Addressing	39,603.45	78,306.76	117,910.21			
3411-4500-0006	W4Q Capital Works (21/24) - Forsayth Cemetery Fencing						
3412-4500-0001	W4Q Capital Works (24/25) - Multi-Purpose Centre Mt Surprise		4,518.00	4,518.00	120,000.00	8	4%
3620-4500-0001	LRCI Phase 3 - Forsayth Transfer Station	569,004.97	89,390.84	658,395.81	75,000.00	6	119%
3620-4500-0002	LRCI Phase 3 - Gtown Sports center (Parking & drainage) (2- See Land)	45,452.61		45,452.61			
3620-4500-0003	LRCI Phase 3 - Reseals 2	428,053.23		428,053.23			
3620-4500-0004	LRCI Phase 3 - Industrial estate	6,024.00	3,451.25	9,475.25	222,888.00	5	
3620-4500-0005	LRCI Phase 3 - Storm water drainage - Forsayth	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			
4011-4501-0000	Gtown Streets Cap Imp - Georgetown Streetscaping & chairs		3,877.20	3,877.20	20,000.00	10	19%
4013-4500-0000	Einasleigh Cap Imp - Streets - Gorge picnic area				50,000.00	11	0%
5030-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Upgrade Eins Common Stock Yrds (other structures)	112,975.54		112,975.54			
5151-4505-0000	Cap Imp - Mt Surprise Bike Park - Stage 2	-					
6010-4500-0000	Cap Imp Terrestrial - TED - Terrestrial Up Build Extension				1,000,000.00	7	0%
6010-4503-0001	Cap Imp Terrestrial - Ducted airconditioning replacement	34,305.68		34,305.68			
6030-4501-0000	Hostel Cap Imp - Re-roof, drainage & flooring		86,143.20	86,143.20			

WIP - December 2024		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	Consecutive Number	%
		3,460,816.76	4,111,412.40	7,572,229.16	7,373,835.00		56%
0400-4350-0000	Work in Progress - Other Structures						
3620-4506-0001	RAUP- Airstrip Einasleigh & Mt Surprise - Fencing		9,484.90	9,484.90	900,000.00	14	1%
4011-4502-0000	Cap Imp - Gtown - Town Fence		27,646.52	27,646.52			
4140-4506-0001	Cap Imp Depot - Self bunded Ad blue tank	21,535.41	3,286.09	24,821.50			
4500-4512-0000	Cap Imp - Charleston Dam & other fencing				20,000.00	19	0%
5151-4500-0000	NWMP Round 2 - Walking path, signage, TO engagement, bush tucker	65,218.14		65,218.14	58,440.00	4	0%
5151-4501-0000	Griffith Uni Project - Totem structures & boundary signs	448,134.28	18,081.40	466,215.68			
5151-4502-0001	Cap Imp - All Towns - Electronic Community Notice Boards (SMS)				80,000.00	15	0%
5151-4504-0000	Cap Works - Wash down facility	200,368.91	221,441.48	421,810.39	450,000.00	2	49%
5151-4507-0000	Cap Works - PTII Mt Surprise Bus Stop	15,994.72	57,911.62	73,906.34			
5152-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Forsayth - Seating				25,000.00	17	0%
5152-4500-0002	Cap Imp - Forsayth - Signage						
5152-4500-0003	Cap Imp - Forsayth - Fitness Equipment				20,000.00	18	0%
5152-4500-0004	Cap Imp - Forsayth - Learning Hub						
5154-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Mt Surprise - Learning Hub						
5163-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Cemeteries - Improvements				30,000.00	16	0%
6010-4502-0001	Cap Imp Terrestrial - Security upgrade	36,807.48		36,807.48			
		788,058.94	337,852.01	1,125,910.95	1,583,440.00		21%
0400-4450-00000	Work in Progress - Fleet Plant & Equipment						
4150-4500-2625	Fuso Shogun 8 Wheeler - Tipper		328,329.48	328,329.48	362,000.00	22	91%
4150-4500-2630	Fuso Shogun 8 Wheeler - Truck		-	-	362,000.00		0%
4150-4500-2635	Fuso Shogun 8 Wheeler - Truck		328,329.48	328,329.48	362,000.00		91%
new number req.	Caravan compass GIS 21 ft				100,000.00	21	0%
new number req.	Caravan roadster vacationer				100,000.00		0%
new number req.	Caravan Industrial 2 Man				100,000.00		0%
new number req.	Caravan Traymark industrial				100,000.00		0%
new number req.	Caravan Traymark industrial				100,000.00		0%
new numbers req.	24-25 replacements (remaining)				742,855.74		20
4150-4500-2650	Fuso FV51 Hooklift		118,608.92	118,608.92	118,608.92	20	10%
4150-4500-3165	Mower		7,701.48	7,701.48	7,701.48	20	1%
4150-4500-1385	Prado		76,458.47	76,458.47	152,916.94		7%
4150-4500-1380	Prado		76,458.46	76,458.46	152,916.92		7%
	Plant Sale - Plant 2146		- 54,545.45	- 54,545.45	-		
	Plant Sale - Plant 2413 & 2011		- 90,909.09	- 90,909.09			
	Plant Sale - Plant 2381		- 68,181.82	- 68,181.82			
	Plant Sale - Plant 1263 & 1262		- 87,272.72	- 87,272.72			
		\$0.00	\$634,977.21	\$634,977.21	\$2,761,000.00		23%

	WIP - December 2024	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	Consecutive Number	%
0400-4550-0000	Work in Progress - Furniture & Other Equipment				-		
2060-4500-0001	Cap Imp - Keyless Entry	22,477.55	7,228.80	29,706.35			
		22,477.55	7,228.80	29,706.35	-		#DIV/0!
0400-4650-0000	Work in Progress - Roads Infrastructure			-			
3610-4502-0001	FNQRP 24-25 - Gilbert River Bridge upgrade				500,000.00	27	0%
3620-4505-0002	LRCI Phase 4 - Recon & Seal Oak Park Road				79,698.00	24	0%
3620-4505-0003	LRCI Phase 4 - Design and reseal for Hayman				240,100.00	24 & 28	0%
3620-4505-0004	LRCI Phase 4 - Einas Forsayth Rd Ch 9480-18960				145,854.00	24	0%
3620-4505-0005	LRCI Phase 4 - Cleaning Road Grids		7,572.67	7,572.67	7,900.00	24	96%
3620-4505-0006	LRCI Phase 4 - Install hip roof MultiPurp Cen		111,057.23	111,057.23	100,000.00	24	111%
3620-4505-0007	LRCI Phase 4 - Design & Reseal Undara Road		125,917.28	125,917.28	162,000.00	24	78%
3620-4505-0009	LRCI Phase 4 - Replacement of Media filter in Water Treatment Plant				50,000.00	24	0%
3620-4505-0010	LRCI Phase 4 - Recon & Seal Water Treatment Access Road				98,556.00	24	0%
3620-4505-0011	LRCI Phase 4 - Supply and installation of waste transfer bins.				80,000.00	24	0%
3620-4505-0012	LRCI Phase 4 - Replacement of 4 x 1650 mm diameter reinforced concrete pipe-Kidston road @ ch 25.850 km		3,714.80	3,714.80	75,000.00	24	5%
3620-4505-0013	LRCI Phase 4 - Replacement of 4 x 1200 mm diameter reinforced concrete pipe @ ch 26.175 km		7,429.60	7,429.60	70,000.00	24	11%
3620-4505-0014	LRCI Phase 4 - Replacement of 4 x 1050 mm diameter reinforced concrete pipe @ ch 26.398 km			-	66,000.00	24	0%
3620-4505-0015	LRCI Phase 4 - Construction of box culvert and concrete floodway at Granite		175,898.34	175,898.34	169,000.00	24	104%
3620-4505-0016	LRCI Phase 4 - Dust pads Einasleigh			-	50,000.00	24	0%
4011-4500-0000	Cap Works - Hayman Street Drainage	3,413.60	903.60	4,317.20			
4011-4503-0000	Cap Imp - Crampton Road intersection			-			
4012-4500-0000	Resealing work in First street 22/23 survey/design & construction	10,332.92		10,332.92			
4012-4501-0000	Cap Imp - Cleaning Road Grids						
4013-4501-0001	Cap Imp - Etheridge River - Remove vegetation		44,864.65	44,864.65	50,000.00	26	90%
4014-4500-0001	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage O'Briens Creek		133,362.88	133,362.88			
4014-4500-0002	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage Atkinson St		10,491.80	10,491.80			
4014-4500-0003	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage Garnet St		51,058.45	51,058.45			
4014-4500-0004	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage Un-Named Rd			-			
4014-4500-0005	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage GDR 0-0.330		10,939.14	10,939.14			
4014-4500-0006	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage GDR 0-0.610		150.60	150.60			
4014-4500-0007	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage GDR 0-0.5 West		1,483.51	1,483.51			
4014-4500-0008	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage GDR Elizabeth Creek		406.83	406.83			
4014-4500-0009	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage Atkinson Street			-			
4014-4500-0010	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage Brooklines Lane			-			
4014-4500-0011	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage OBriens Ck Rd GDR			-			
4014-4500-0012	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage OBriens Ck Rd right		6,295.08	6,295.08			
4014-4500-0013	Mt Surprise Cap Ex - Drainage First Street		4,518.00	4,518.00			
4020-4500-0000	Capital Imp - Sealed Services - Forsayth - Einasleigh Rd Reseal	437,049.58	371,743.00	808,792.58			
4020-4530-0000	Capital Imp - Forsayth Einasleigh 23-24 - Survey & design (TIDS)-27.767 KM - 32.267 KM	3,167,100.37	1,114,603.35	4,281,703.72	1,269,422.00	23	88%

WIP - December 2024		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	Consecutive Number	%
4020-4535-0000	Capital Imp - Forsayth Einasleigh 24-25 - Survey & design (TIDS) - 32.267 k - 37.10 km		1,582,558.04	1,582,558.04			
4020-4540-0000	Forsayth-Eins cap works - sign replacement	170,643.58		170,643.58			
new number req.	Further Signage TBC				40,000.00	32	0%
4020-4550-0000	Road realignments (Percy vale Road)		5,672.60	5,672.60			
4020-4560-0000	Eins-For Rd Ch 32.57-33.27 R2R	7,890.61		7,890.61	1,335,063.00	25	0%
4020-4565-0000	Forsayth-Eins Rd Ch 34.667 KM - 36.267 KM- Reconstruction		406.83	406.83			
4020-4570-0000	Big Joe Bridge Einasleigh R2R - Asphalt work	3,457.78	433.18	3,890.96			
4040-4500-0000	Cap Imp - Queenslander Creek upgrade	44,269.63	1,303,767.63	1,348,037.26	60,000.00	29	2173%
4060-4500-0000	Cap Imp - Floodways	-	-	-			
4060-4500-0001	Kidston Road R2R	106,373.80	19,164.08	125,537.88			
4060-4500-0002	Agate Creek Road R2R	191,784.35	12,550.00	204,334.35			
4060-4500-0003	Oakleigh Station Road R2R	3,012.00		3,012.00			
4060-4500-0010	Replacement of 4 nos - 375 mm diameter Pipe culvert in Dulthara road at chainage 38.152 km	4,572.17		4,572.17			
4060-4500-0011	Replacement of 4 nos - 375 mm diameter Pipe culvert in Dulthara road at chainage 45.1 km	4,512.07		4,512.07			
4060-4500-0012	Gilberton Rd at Ch 51.094			-			
4060-4500-0013	Gilberton Rd (Kidston) at Ch 26545			-			
4060-4500-0014	Replacement of 4 nos - 450 mm diameter Pipe culvert in North head road at chainage 21.10 km	2,587.32		2,587.32			
4060-4500-0015	Replacement of 4 nos - 450 mm diameter Pipe culvert in Vanlee road at chainage 9.46 km	1,260.60		1,260.60			
4060-4500-0016	Carpentaria Downs Station Rd	14,890.58		14,890.58			
4060-4500-0017	Conjuboy Road	17,255.25		17,255.25			
4060-4500-0018	Replacement of 4 nos - 450 mm diameter Pipe culvert in Gilberton road at chainage 51.80 km			-			
4060-4500-0019	Pipe Replace Lake Carlo		5,503.74	5,503.74			
4060-4501-0000	Cap Imp - Floodways	161,298.14		161,298.14			
4060-4502-0000	Cap Imp - Culvert Replacement				66,750.00	30	0%
4060-4503-0000	Cap Imp - Floodways (Granite Creek)		8,383.40	8,383.40			
4061-4504-0000	Reseals - Georgetown	195,454.65		195,454.65	459,000.00	31	0%
4061-4504-0008	Re sealing work in Hayman Street		6,449.60	6,449.60			
4061-4504-0009	Re sealing work in Colin Street		8,921.03	8,921.03			
4061-4504-0010	Re sealing work in Cumberland Street		19,337.94	19,337.94			
4061-4504-0011	Re sealing work in Crampton Road		45,056.02	45,056.02			
4063-4500-0001	Reseals - Mt Surprise - Cox Lane	12,802.19		12,802.19			
4063-4500-0002	Reseals - Mt Surprise - Garnet Street						
4063-4500-0003	Reseals - Mt Surprise - Undara Road		8,063.00	8,063.00			
4065-4500-0000	Reseals - Oak Park	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	0%
		4,587,146.15	5,208,677.90	9,795,824.05	5,194,343.00		100%
0400-4750-0000	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			

WIP - December 2024		PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	BUDGET	Consecutive Number	%
4320-4500-0004	Capital Imp. Georgetown Water Plant & Equipment at cost - New Water Connections	7,996.66	1,195.77	9,192.43			
4320-4501-0006	Cap Imp Gtown Water - new main to Etheridge River			-	35,000.00	33	0%
4320-4501-0008	Capital Imp. Georgetown Water Infra - Standpipe Gtown - landfill	15,631.88		15,631.88			
4340-4500-0002	Capital Imp. Forsyth Water PPE - Replacement of meters	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			
4500-4506-0001	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Charleston Dam Rec Survey Des (4 - See Land) - playground	85,373.05		85,373.05	277,626.95	1	0%
4500-4506-0002	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Fencing	150,357.45		150,357.45			0%
4500-4508-0000	Charleston Dam - Water supply pipelines	13,056.61		13,056.61			0%
		283,117.72	3,881.02	286,998.74	312,626.95		1%
		9,157,651.54	10,313,088.46	19,470,740.00	17,225,244.95		60%

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		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)				
		31 Dec 2024	Budget	31 Dec 2024	Budget	31 Dec 2024	Budget			
1000-0001	Governance									
1000-0002	Elected Members	0	0%	0	276,234	67%	414,000	(276,234)	67%	(414,000)
1010-0002	Governance	0	0%	0	457,171	56%	810,000	(457,171)	56%	(810,000)
1020-0002	Economic Development	300,142	13%	2,291,000	116,942	47%	250,000	183,200	9%	2,041,000
1040-0002	Regulatory Services									
1040-0003	Town Planning	1,100	11%	10,000	48,731	139%	35,000	(47,631)	191%	(25,000)
1041-0003	Building Control	450	23%	2,000	0	0%	200	450	25%	1,800
1042-0003	Environmental Health	1,881	21%	9,000	13,398	45%	30,000	(11,517)	55%	(21,000)
1043-0003	Local Laws	0	0%	0	0	0%	5,000	0	0%	(5,000)
1040-0002	Regulatory Services	3,431	16%	21,000	62,129	89%	70,200	(58,698)	119%	(49,200)
1050-0002	Disaster Management	1,335,724	160%	835,000	93,613	70%	133,000	1,242,111	177%	702,000
1060-0002	WH&S	0	0%	0	178,564	59%	305,000	(178,564)	59%	(305,000)
1000-0001	Governance	1,639,297	52%	3,147,000	1,184,652	60%	1,982,200	454,644	39%	1,164,800
2000-0001	Corporate									
2000-0002	General Rates	2,623,264	99%	2,655,000	415,030	78%	530,000	2,208,234	104%	2,125,000
2010-0002	General Administration	5,911,446	87%	6,764,773	1,588,192	59%	2,697,500	4,323,255	106%	4,067,273
2020-0002	Employee Services	1,376,893	63%	2,200,000	1,139,043	53%	2,155,000	237,850	52%	45,000
2030-0002	ICT	0	0%	0	183,354	50%	365,000	(183,354)	50%	(365,000)
2040-0002	Broadcasting Services	0	0%	0	2,797	42%	6,600	(2,797)	42%	(6,600)
2000-0001	Corporate	9,911,603	85%	11,619,773	3,328,415	58%	5,754,100	6,583,188	112%	5,865,673
3000-0001	Community									
3000-0002	Commercial Rental Properties									
3000-0003	Staff housing	68,588	49%	140,000	196,902	38%	517,000	(128,314)	34%	(377,000)
3002-0003	Savannah House	1,950	49%	4,000	13,744	47%	29,000	(11,794)	47%	(25,000)
3003-0003	Demountable Office (Mary St)	25,000	52%	48,000	451	8%	6,000	24,549	58%	42,000
3004-0003	Independent Living	0	0%	1,200,000	0	0%	0	0	0%	1,200,000
3000-0002	Commercial Rental Properties	95,538	7%	1,392,000	211,097	38%	552,000	(115,559)	-14%	840,000
3010-0002	Libraries	0	0%	6,000	12,664	48%	26,200	(12,664)	63%	(20,200)
3020-0002	Community Development	26,250	109%	24,000	125,214	44%	283,000	(98,964)	38%	(259,000)
3030-0002	Sport & Recreation	50	---	0	229,323	50%	455,500	(229,273)	50%	(455,500)
3040-0002	Halls	1,095	22%	5,000	167,981	52%	326,000	(166,886)	52%	(321,000)
3050-0002	Medical Centres	0	0%	0	13,036	26%	49,200	(13,036)	26%	(49,200)
3060-0002	Aerodromes	135,000	30%	450,000	151,229	48%	314,500	(16,229)	-12%	135,500
3070-0002	Terrestrial Centre	101,531	9%	1,160,000	264,572	42%	632,000	(163,041)	-31%	528,000

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		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/ (DEFICIENCY)			
		31 Dec 2024		Budget	31 Dec 2024		Budget	31 Dec 2024		Budget	
3080-0002	Little Gems Child Care Centre	60,143	21%	287,000	270,649	55%	494,500	(210,506)	101%	(207,500)	
3090-0002	Georgetown Student Hostel	97,750	41%	240,000	157,486	44%	361,450	(59,736)	49%	(121,450)	
3100-0002	Cemeteries	45	2%	2,000	25,491	127%	20,000	(25,445)	141%	(18,000)	
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3000-0001	Community	517,402	15%	3,566,000	1,628,741	46%	3,514,350	(1,111,339)	<999%	51,650	
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services										
4000-0002	Parks Gardens Reserves and Grounds	2,318	116%	2,000	343,859	55%	625,000	(341,541)	55%	(623,000)	
4010-0002	Rural Lands Protection	20,348	54%	38,000	152,263	35%	435,073	(131,915)	33%	(397,073)	
4020-0002	Street Lighting	0	0%	0	5,306	31%	17,250	(5,306)	31%	(17,250)	
4030-0002	Roads										
4030-0003	Shire Roads	3,056,014	78%	3,938,650	1,907,928	44%	4,336,500	1,148,086	-289%	(397,850)	
4031-0003	Town Streets	22,500	11%	198,000	77,488	12%	654,542	(54,988)	12%	(456,542)	
4032-0003	Flood Damage	30,375,823	94%	32,252,193	26,169,135	80%	32,879,049	4,206,687	-671%	(626,857)	
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4030-0002	Roads	33,454,336	92%	36,388,843	28,154,551	74%	37,870,091	5,299,785	-358%	(1,481,249)	
4040-0002	Depot and Stores	59,370	47%	125,000	487,349	45%	1,084,800	(427,979)	45%	(959,800)	
4050-0002	Recoverable Works										
4050-0003	Private Works	64,875	29%	220,000	46,359	26%	180,000	18,516	46%	40,000	
4051-0003	DTMR	2,643,085	56%	4,753,901	2,248,383	184%	1,218,901	394,702	11%	3,535,000	
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4050-0002	Recoverable Works	2,707,960	54%	4,973,901	2,294,742	164%	1,398,901	413,218	12%	3,575,000	
4060-0002	Plant Operations	4,628,611	65%	7,120,000	1,717,374	47%	3,664,000	2,911,237	84%	3,456,000	
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4000-0001	Infrastructure Services	40,872,943	84%	48,647,744	33,155,444	74%	45,095,115	7,717,499	217%	3,552,628	
5000-0001	Utilities										
5000-0002	Water Supply										
5000-0003	Georgetown WTP & Reticulation	349,400	88%	395,100	394,418	46%	849,900	(45,018)	10%	(454,800)	
5001-0003	Forsayth WTP & Reticulation	97,571	88%	111,200	194,358	72%	271,500	(96,787)	60%	(160,300)	
5002-0003	Charleston Dam	0	0%	0	18,970	16%	120,000	(18,970)	16%	(120,000)	
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5000-0002	Water Supply	446,971	88%	506,300	607,745	49%	1,241,400	(160,774)	22%	(735,100)	
5010-0002	Waste Management										
5010-0003	Georgetown	153,798	102%	150,400	131,222	43%	305,800	22,576	-15%	(155,400)	
5011-0003	Forsayth	15,545	104%	14,950	10,420	14%	75,000	5,125	-9%	(60,050)	
5012-0003	Einasleyh	11,331	108%	10,500	8,793	47%	18,885	2,539	-30%	(8,385)	
5013-0003	Mt Surprise	12,193	102%	12,000	5,505	67%	8,233	6,688	178%	3,767	
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5010-0002	Waste Management	192,867	103%	187,850	155,939	38%	407,918	36,928	-17%	(220,068)	

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		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	
		31 Dec 2024	Budget	31 Dec 2024	Budget	31 Dec 2024	Budget
5000-0001	Utilities	639,837	92% 694,150	763,684	46% 1,649,318	(123,847)	13% (955,168)
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE		53,581,083	79% 67,674,667	40,060,936	69% 57,995,083	13,520,146	140% 9,679,583

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		BALANCE	31 Dec 2024		BUDGET	31 Dec 2024		BUDGET
CURRENT ASSETS								
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0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0300-0002	CASH AND RECEIVABLES							
0300-3000	Bendigo Cash at Bank	404,731.88	381,970.41	116%	329,843	786,702.29	393%	200,000
0300-3005	Investments	4,926,978.73	7,454,595.27	-94%	(7,970,363)	12,381,574.00	123%	10,081,485
0300-3006	22108 Ether Reserve CF	276,656.08	2,363.93	1%	270,000	279,020.01	103%	270,000
0300-3007	22821-2024 ILP and Staff Housing	5,008,847.75	(954,403.88)	---	0	4,054,443.87	---	0
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	15,729.95	19%	81,824	185,751.14	109%	170,540
0300-3110	Rates Receivable Adjustment	53,229.56	(53,229.56)	---	0	0.00	0%	0
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	9,757.23	---	0	9,945.25	>999%	870
0300-3200	Receivables - Debtors	1,199,067.33	(788,885.91)	-118%	667,543	410,181.42	59%	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	(547,667.00)	---	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3260	EOY Receipts-Debtors	(41,643.60)	41,643.60	---	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3270	Prepaid Expenses	119,508.68	(119,508.68)	---	0	0.00	0%	70,206
0300-3280	Allowance for Impairment - Debtors	(114,875.98)	114,875.98	---	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3290	Debtors Accrual	2,332,503.35	(2,332,503.35)	148%	(1,573,325)	0.00	0%	954,918
0300-3300	Stores Inventories	475,095.41	(21,181.61)	-24%	87,863	453,913.80	83%	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	102.70	---	0	102.70	-17%	(619)
0300-3335	Accrued Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	(108,423)
0300-3340	Store Inventory Impairment Provision	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3400	Contract Receivable	3,520,330.92	0.00	0%	(4,251,181)	3,520,330.92	>999%	20,116
0390-3000	Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-0002	CASH AND RECEIVABLES TOTAL	18,879,806.32	3,203,659.08	-26%	(12,410,889)	22,083,465.40	171%	12,910,593
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	18,879,806.32	3,203,659.08	-26%	(12,410,889)	22,083,465.40	171%	12,910,593

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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	18,879,806.32	3,203,659.08	-26%	(12,410,889)	22,083,465.40	171%	12,910,593
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%	334,000	2,104,888.62	100%	2,104,875
0400-4150 WIP - Land & Land Improvements	16,034.42	9,059.12	0%	(2,370,575)	25,093.54	85%	29,606
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)	(505,048.59)	54%	(928,219)	(12,782,380.82)	104%	(12,277,000)
0400-4250 WIP - Buildings	3,460,816.77	4,111,412.40	<999%	(308,540)	7,572,229.17	108%	7,041,997
0400-4300 Other Structures	18,131,875.21	0.00	0%	815,167	18,131,875.21	100%	18,131,875
0400-4310 Accum. Dep. - Other Structures	(5,726,207.07)	(248,675.52)	-16%	1,529,805	(5,974,882.59)	104%	(5,726,000)
0400-4350 WIP - Other Structures	788,058.94	337,852.01	33%	1,025,248	1,125,910.95	101%	1,113,754
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)	(522,301.16)	-170%	307,969	(5,958,057.80)	110%	(5,435,000)
0400-4450 WIP - Fleet Plant & Equipment	0.00	634,977.21	-21%	(3,015,701)	634,977.21	127%	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)	(31,536.68)	50%	(63,211)	(605,907.89)	106%	(574,000)
0400-4550 WIP - Furniture & Other Equipment	22,477.55	7,228.80	---	0	29,706.35	66%	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)	(1,435,511.16)	---	0	(42,265,555.92)	100%	(42,083,023)
0400-4650 WIP - Roads Infrastructure	4,587,146.14	5,208,677.90	98%	5,305,219	9,795,824.04	116%	8,413,716
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)	(217,382.36)	78%	(280,243)	(5,912,256.38)	104%	(5,694,000)
0400-4750 WIP - Water Infrastructure	283,117.72	3,881.02	-17%	(22,397)	286,998.74	96%	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	7,352,632.99	162%	4,533,791	292,404,583.10	99%	296,007,750
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	285,051,950.11	7,352,632.99	162%	4,533,791	292,404,583.10	99%	296,007,750
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	285,051,950.11	7,352,632.99	162%	4,533,791	292,404,583.10	99%	296,007,750
TOTAL ASSETS	303,931,756.43	10,556,292.07	-134%	(7,877,098)	314,488,048.50	102%	308,918,343

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		BALANCE	31 Dec 2024		BUDGET	31 Dec 2024		BUDGET	
CURRENT LIABILITIES		=====							
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY								
0500-0002	CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES								
0500-5000	Contract Liability	1,139,682.72	0.00	0%	(7,313,079)	1,139,682.72	-229%	(497,565)	
0500-5100	Rates Refund Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	(8)	
0500-5101	Rates receivable In Advance	53,229.56	(53,229.56)	---%	0	0.00	0%	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	322,431.28	-86%	(373,614)	322,431.28	82%	391,522	
0500-5210	Accrued Expenses	5,091,933.46	(5,091,933.46)	-382%	1,333,716	0.00	0%	2,476,177	
0500-5220	Emergency Fire Service Levy	31,857.99	97,197.86	357%	27,195	129,055.85	208%	62,000	
0500-5230	Accrued Time-in-Lieu	63,830.68	(4,439.10)	-16%	27,033	59,391.58	175%	34,000	
0500-5235	Payroll Accrual	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	89,124	
0500-5240	RDO	16,051.10	(14,058.84)	-488%	2,878	1,992.26	66%	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	678.66	-22%	(3,100)	678.66	---	0	
0500-5290	GST Suspense	0.00	472,759.90	---	0	472,759.90	---	0	
0500-5295	Input tax GST Account	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0500-5299	Retentions Current	0.00	1,560,997.76	---	0	1,560,997.76	---	0	
0500-5300	Annual Leave Payable	504,405.27	21,934.95	-4%	(530,045)	526,340.22	---	0	
0500-5310	Current LSL Payable	294,856.73	(100,629.95)	-146%	69,018	194,226.78	56%	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	(3,607.15)	37%	(9,810)	9,953.75	269%	3,700	
0500-5411	Current ILU Staff Housing 6M	189,589.20	(189,589.20)	---	0	0.00	0%	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	(2,981,486.85)	44%	(6,769,808)	4,417,510.76	152%	2,908,950	
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,398,997.61	(2,981,486.85)	44%	(6,769,808)	4,417,510.76	152%	2,908,950	
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,398,997.61	(2,981,486.85)	44%	(6,769,808)	4,417,510.76	152%	2,908,950	

(Accounts: 0300-0001-0000 to 5014-2400-0000. All report groups. 51% 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 Dec 2024		----- BUDGET -----	----- CURRENT BALANCE ----- 31 Dec 2024		----- BUDGET -----
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES							
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0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0600-0002 LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT							
0600-6300 Non-Current LSL Provision	137,347.65	36,068.22	60%	59,704	173,415.87	100%	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	50,224.93	---%	0	5,830,652.83	---%	0
0600-6410 Non-Current Loans	3,572.88	0.00	0%	0	3,572.88	0%	5,981,751
0600-6500 Non-Current Landfill - Georgetown	1,278,101.64	0.00	0%	428,047	1,278,101.64	73%	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	7,986,976.42	86,293.15	35%	249,250	8,073,269.57	97%	8,333,524
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,986,976.42	86,293.15	35%	249,250	8,073,269.57	97%	8,333,524
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,986,976.42	86,293.15	35%	249,250	8,073,269.57	97%	8,333,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,385,974.03	(2,895,193.70)	44%	(6,520,558)	12,490,780.33	111%	11,242,474
NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	288,545,782.40	13,451,485.77	-992%	(1,356,540)	301,997,268.17	101%	297,675,869

(Accounts: 0300-0001-0000 to 5014-2400-0000. All report groups. 51% 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 Dec 2024	BUDGET	31 Dec 2024	BUDGET
COMMUNITY EQUITY						
=====						
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	13,451,485.77	139%	9,684,583	13,451,485.77 139% 9,684,583
0700-7200	Accumulated Surplus	42,874,488.91	(0.00)	0%	2,811,596	42,874,488.91 84% 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	288,545,782.40	13,451,485.77	331%	4,057,906	301,997,268.17 101% 298,426,819
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	288,545,782.40	13,451,485.77	331%	4,057,906	301,997,268.17 101% 298,426,819
	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	288,545,782.40	13,451,485.77	331%	4,057,906	301,997,268.17 101% 298,426,819

Etheridge Shire Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended Jun 30 2025

	Notes	2025 Actual	Orig. 24/25
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3	2,833,978	2,712,803
Fees and charges	3	147,059	315,600
Interest Income	3	270,629	668,100
	7		
Other income	3	36,704	64,150
Rental Income	3	95,537	192,000
	8		
Sales revenue	3	2,754,965	5,053,901
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3	38,372,917	40,809,966
	4		
Total recurrent revenue		44,511,789	49,816,520
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	2,653,659	7,920,500
Total capital revenue		2,653,659	7,920,500
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits	9	-3,722,488	-6,336,250
Materials and services	6	-26,884,418	-35,285,463
Finance Interest Costs		-77,699	-240,000
Depreciation and amortisation: PP&E	7	-2,960,456	-6,076,723
Total recurrent expenses		-33,645,061	-47,938,436
Net Operating Result		13,520,387	9,798,584
Other Expenses			
Total other expenses		-	-
Net Capital result		13,520,387	9,798,584
Other comprehensive income		-	-8,437,846
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus			
Total other comprehensive income for the year		-	-8,437,846
WIP Cap Exp			
Total WIP (Tsf to Fin Postn)		-	-
		13,520,387	1,360,738
Total comprehensive income for the year			

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the Summ 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	17,510,651	8,741,500
Receivables	12	605,878	1,826,328
Contract Assets		3,520,331	4,461,587
Other Current Assets		0	70,206
Inventories	13	454,017	440,958
		22,090,877	15,540,579
Total current assets	2	22,090,877	15,540,579
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4 7	292,404,583	305,684,329
Total non-current assets	2	292,404,583	305,684,329
TOTAL ASSETS		314,495,460	321,224,908
Current Liabilities			
Payables	17	2,486,058	3,056,532
Contract Liabilities		1,139,683	11,809,000
Borrowings	21	9,954	3,700
Provisions	18	720,567	347,000
Total current liabilities		4,356,262	15,216,232
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	21	5,834,226	5,981,751
Provisions	18	2,239,044	2,351,773
Total non-current liabilities		8,073,270	8,333,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES		12,429,531	23,549,756
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		302,065,929	297,675,152
Community Equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	25	196,709,827	198,272,192
Shire Capital		39,500,666	39,500,000
Retained surplus/(deficiency)		56,394,635	59,903,438
Reserves		9,460,800	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		302,065,929	297,675,630

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



General Meeting **22nd January 2025**

Subject	Quarterly 2024/25 Operational Plan Review – Second Quarter
Classification	Open
Author	Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with s174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, tabled for Council’s reception is the second quarter (1st October – 31st December 2024) progress report on implementing Council’s 2024-2025 Operational Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the second quarterly progress report on Council’s progress toward implementing its 2024/2025 Operational Plan.

BACKGROUND

Councils are required to annually prepare and adopt an Operational Plan as part of its suite of Financial Planning Documents. Council adopted its Operational Plan at its Budget Meeting held 28th July 2024. Section 174(3) requires Council, on a quarterly basis, to report upon the organisation’s progress toward achieving its Operational Plan.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

S174(3) Local Government Regulation 2012 – Quarterly review of Council’s operational plan is a legislative requirement.

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 type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Inform	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Risks:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Mitigation:

- 1.

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Renee Bester

Mark Watt

Date: 10th January 2025

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ATTACHMENTS

Include attachments such as:

- Second Quarter Operational Plan 2024/2025



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2024 - 2025

OPERATIONAL PLAN

Introduction

Welcome from Mayor

Welcome to Council's 2024/25 Operational Plan.

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

Council has developed its 2024/25 Operational Plan in conjunction with its Annual Budget. It has also been heavily influenced by other key strategic planning documents such as:-

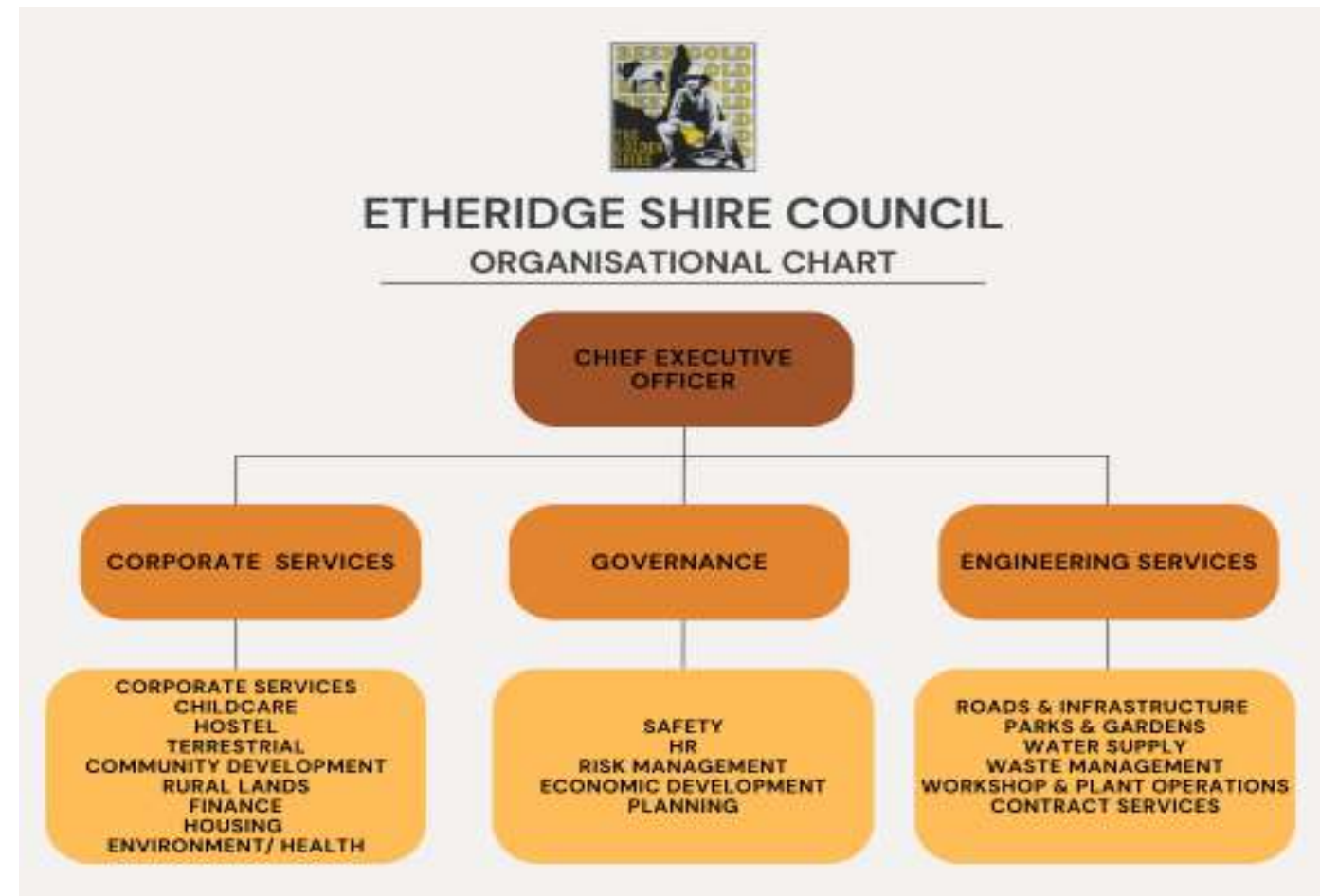
- Council's Long Term Financial Plan;
- Asset Management Plans
- Regional Plans (Queensland State Government NQ Regional Plan), NWQROC biosecurity Plan, others

As the Operational Plan "operationalizes" Council's medium to long-term corporate strategy, it guides Council's Management and staff in their day to day functions.

To ensure Council's workforce deliver Council's desired strategy, the Chief Executive Officer is charged with the responsibility of providing a quarterly update on the Operational Plan's implementation. Each quarterly report is displayed on Council's website, as a "Score-card" on our performance.

I would therefore encourage Shire ratepayers, residents & other stakeholders to take an interest in our Journey Toward reaching our longer-term Strategic goals.

Cr Barry Hughes
Mayor



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

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's road assets.	DES	Develop and implement a shire roads intervention level policy	Mar-25	Policy adopted by Council and Implemented	Completed road register and it will be presented to a workshop in due course	
	DES	Identify the current status of shire rural roads and town streets	Sep-24	Updated road register	Road data have been collected and analysis in progress	
	DES	Implement maintenance programs on Towns Streets	Dec-24	Program implemented	Works are carrying out as per approved budget	
	DES	Implement maintenance programs on Rural Roads	Jan-25	Program implemented	Works are carrying out as per approved budget	
	DES	Implement maintenance programs on bridges, floodway's, drainage etc.	Feb-25	Program implemented	A 10 year floodways upgrade program has been developed and waiting for council's approval.	
	DES	Actively source materials for future road works	Monthly	There are no shortages of materials required to undertake scheduled road works	Team will find a source prior to the commencement of works .	
Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for roads, incorporating road train access and drainage.	DCS	Funded road depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Depreciation charged in line with AMP	Depreciation charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement capital programs on Towns Streets	Mar-25	Program implemented	Street data have been collected an analysis in progress	
	DES	Implement capital programs on Rural Roads	Mar-25	Program implemented	Preparation of 10 year works programs in progress.	
Lobby for adequate funding to enable the repair of the shire road network affected by natural disaster. Work with regional groups and our communities to upgrade Local Roads of Regional Significance.	DES	Implement reinstatement program for NDRRA	Apr-25	Works are programmed and under budget	All the damaged due to the flood have been captured and work in progress	
	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Attendance to regional FNQRRTG meetings	Attending monthly FNQRRTG meeting	

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Maintain relationship with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to undertake road construction and maintenance (Road Train Routes).	DES	Implement TMR programs for RMPC & NDRRA	Feb-25	Contract TMR works on track and under budget	RMPC and NDRRA works will be carried out as per set time frame.	
	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives to lobby for increased commitment to Main Roads Network	Monthly	Attendance to FNQRRTG regional meetings	Attending monthly FNQ RRTG meeting	
	DES	Create an audit of TMR infrastructure in the Shire (list of km of Gravel, single line bitumen and narrow/ problem bridges)	Nov-24	Audit presented to Council	Information are available .	
Continue to lobby to raise the national profile of the Georgetown to Forsayth, Kennedy, Gulf and Gregory Development Roads and Bridges and for additional funding for high priority widening and sealing.	DES	Implement TMR upgrade programs	Jun-25	TMR contracts awarded to Council and completed on time and within budget	Discussion with TMR in progress re: additional funding.	

Strategic Outcome: There are Multiple Public Transport Options

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's airports and airfield assets.	DES	Implement maintenance programs for airports	Mar-25	Annual maintenance program implemented	Based on the inspection report, Mount surprise and Einasleigh airstrips fencing will be upgraded in 24/25.	
	DCS	Funded airport depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Depreciation charged in line with AMP and indexed valuation	Depreciation charged in line with AMP and indexed valuation
	DES	Implement capital program for airports	Feb-25	Program implemented	Airports inspections have been organised for every 3 year. Next inspection will be on 3/2026	
Advocate for improved airfield infrastructure and services.	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Quarterly	Attendance at FNQRRTG regional meetings	Attendance at FNQRRTG regional meetings	
Advocate for improved rail and bus services	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Annually	Attendance at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings	

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

Strategic Outcome: Best Practice Water and Waste Water Management

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's water and waste water assets.	DES	Implement maintenance programs for the water networks	Oct-24	Maintenance program developed and implemented	150 m long AC replacement in Georgetown completed.	
	DES	Implement maintenance programs for the water treatment plants	Dec-24	Maintenance program developed and implemented	Working on the condition assessment report	
	DES	Develop and implement a water and waste water intervention level policy	Mar-25	Policy developed and presented to Council	Policy will be reviewed in December meeting	
Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program to deliver good quality, reliable water and waste water supplies for all communities	DCS	Funded water depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Depreciation charged in line with AMP	Depreciation charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement Capital programs for the water networks	Mar-25	Program developed and implemented	Four valves will be replaced in 2024/2025	
	DES	Improvement of the Water Treatment Plants at Georgetown and Forsayth	Dec-24	Upgrade Forsayth WTP operations	Finding of funding source to upgrade the Forsayth WTP in progress.	
Water Reservoirs are operating and environmentally compliant	DES	Implement maintenance programs for the water reservoirs	Mar-25	Program developed and implemented	Maintenance repairs have been undertaken when required.	
	DES	Charleston Dam is completed and operational	Oct-24	Charleston Dam online and operational. Further that the Dam Regulator requirements are meet.	Working continually with DAM regulator to meet the requirements.	
Lobby for adequate funding to enable the repair and maintenance of shire water and waste water network affected by natural disaster or other events	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Advocated at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	

Strategic Outcome: Best Practice Waste Management

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's collection and waste management facilities throughout shire	DES	Implement waste collection and disposal programs at each town	Nov-24	Strategy presented to Council for adoption	Transfer station completed and will be operational from Dec 2024.	
	DCS	Funded depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Depreciation charged in line with AMP	Depreciation charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement the Regional Waste Strategy programs at each facility	Jan-25	Strategy is implemented and regular attendance at FNQWaste regional meetings.	Working with FNQROC and NWQROC on a regional waste strategy	
	DCS	Effective education program and encourage recycling, reuse and reduction of community waste	Jan-25	Successful media campaign held	Ongoing advertising.	Council share campaigns from both Clean Up Australia Day & Keep Australia Beautiful.

Strategic Outcome: Best Practice Natural Environment and Pest Management

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Develop Council's Biosecurity Plan in consultation with landowners and other stakeholders to reduce the impact of existing and emerging pests.	DCS	Implement works program for biosecurity	Dec-24	Plan adopted by Council	Two Biosecurity Advisory Committee meetings have been held in the first quarter.	
In partnership with the community and external agencies, promote and support best practice management of the natural environment.	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Advocated at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	
Minimise the potential of disease outbreaks through implementation of an integrated mosquito management program.	DCS	Implement program as required	Jan-25	Program developed and adopted by Council	Advise sought from Qld Health and EHO regarding Councils options to implement program prior to January 2025.	

Strategic Outcome: An Energy Efficient Shire

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Support of renewable energy. carbon reduction programs and Council's carbon footprint	CEO	Identify the current status of Council's renewable energy portfolio	Jan-25	Council Status recognised	Strategy has been reviewed and implemented.	
	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Half Yearly	Attendance at FNQROC Climate Resilience Waste regional meetings	CEO attends and advocates at these meetings.	

Strategic Outcome: Industry has Sustainable Environmental Practices

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Companies and industries are environmentally compliant	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Bi-Monthly	Advocated at regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	

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

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Maintain a compliant planning scheme that supports the future development of our shire	DCS	Implement the planning scheme	Monthly	Planning applications processed	Processed as required	Processed as required.
	DCS	Review and update planning scheme	Dec-24	Plan review and presented to Council	In consultation with consultant.	In consultation with consultant.
Review and update the asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's housing stock	DCS	Implement maintenance program for Council housing	Mar-25	Maintenance program implemented	Manager implements a maintenance program inline with annual budget considerations.	Manager implements a maintenance program inline with annual budget considerations.
	DCS	Funded depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Deprecation charged in line with AMP	Deprecation charged in line with AMP
Advocating for the release of State Land for future development across the shire	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Deputation with DOR representatives	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	
	CEO	Promote residential, rural residential and industrial subdivisions throughout shire as land become available and demand increases.	Monthly	Successful media campaign held	Not yet commenced.	

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Facilitate the development and marketing of a distinctive regional image.	CEO	Review and update shire marketing image	Jun-25	Strategy developed and adopted by Council	Reviewed and will form part of Development Plan	
Support community development to expand and meet the growing needs of the region through infrastructure, income diversification and advocacy	CEO	Develop and implement a Tourism Plan by consulting with all relevant stakeholders	Feb-25	Adopted Plan reviewed by Council	Review will be undertaken early 2025	
	CEO	Area Promotion	Monthly	Successful Media Campaign Held	Not yet commenced	
	CEO	Review the TerrEstrial VIC Business Plan, with a view to identify latent opportunities and extending the tourist experience to include interactive activities.	Apr-25	Business case developed and adopted by Council	Review will be undertaken early 2025	
Support skills development (youth, business, industry)	DCS	Develop and implement a community skills development program	Dec-25	Program implemented	Not yet commenced	
	DCS	Review procurement policy and monitor the outcomes	Half Yearly	Outcome report presented to Council for consideration	Completed as part on annual budget.	
Advocate for the development of the Etheridge Agriculture Precinct and associated agricultural industries	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Monthly	Attendance at FNROQ & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	

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

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's parks, garden and recreational facilities	DES	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for parks, garden and recreational facilities	Apr-25	Program developed and implemented	Development of 10 year works program is in progress	
	DCS	Maintain the public conveniences	Monthly	Facilities meet expectations	Public facilities are maintained	Public facilities are maintained

Council's parks, garden and recreational facilities	DCS	Maintain the Shire's Cemeteries.	Monthly	Facilities meet expectations	Cemeteries are maintained	Cemeteries are maintained
	DCS	Maintain Swimming Pool as a safe and attractive venue.	Monthly	Facilities meet expectations	Pool is maintained	Pool is maintained
Establishment suitable recreational activities/facilities at water reservoirs	CEO	Construct recreation facilities at Charleston Dam to encourage activity based tourism.	Apr-25	Project complete	Not yet commenced	
	CEO	Continue our partnership with Department to further enhance the visitor experience on the Copperfield Dam, including construction of recreation facilities to encourage activity based tourism.	Monthly	Attendance at FNROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	
Enhance and improve the aesthetics of each town.	DES	Review and implement Georgetown beautification plan	Mar-25	Project approved and underway	Foot path in Main street completed. Council will conduct community consultation for further beautification projects.	
	DES	Review beautification plans for Einasleigh, Forsyth and Mt Surprise	May-25	Plan presented to Council for consideration	Searching for funding sources.	

Advocate for funding for additional sport and recreation infrastructure.	CEO	Review Council's sport and recreation long term plan	Apr-25	Status of current plan considered and reviewed	Seeking opportunities to undertake same.
	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Monthly	Attendance at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's Health, Aged Care, Child Care facilities	DCS	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for Social facilities	May-25	Program developed and implemented	Not yet commenced.	
	CEO	Advocate to State and Federal Governments, supporting residents to address social inequity, disadvantage, livelihoods and general well-being.	Monthly	Attendance at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	
	CEO	Partner with state government agencies to improve social conditions and liveability.	Monthly	Attendance at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	
Ensure that services to the community for child care, youth hostel and aged care are provided.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient use of the 'Georgetown Hostel'	Mar-25	Current strategy review and updated	Undergoing review	
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of the childcare business, including after school care	Mar-25	Current strategy review and updated	Ongoing in consultation	
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for youth programs for leadership, recreation, entertainment and healthy socialization	Feb-25	Current strategy review and updated	Ongoing in consultation	
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of programs for seniors	Jan-25	Current strategy review and updated	Ongoing in consultation with Etheridge Cares	
Construct care facilities to retain citizens in the community.	DCS	Develop plans to build aged care facilities.	Dec-24	Completion	Project currently progressing as per schedule	
	DCS	Develop plans to build special care facilities.	Jun-25	Overall strategy developed for Consideration	Requires review by Aged Care Advisory Committee	
Advocate and facilitate the provision and improvement of central and remote health services.	CEO	Meet with government lobbying for health concerns, including a doctor to the region, aged care and respite and palliative care support.	Monthly	Attendance to regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	
Advocate and facilitate for improvements in educational services to be provided within the shire	CEO	Attend Schools and meet with representatives of the school and P&Cs	Half yearly	Attendance to meetings	Not yet commenced.	
Advocate for sufficient policing and emergency service facilities	CEO	Meet with government representatives	Quarterly	Attendance to DDMG meetings	CEO and Mayor attend these meetings.	

Strategic Outcome: A Culturally Aware Community

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's social infrastructure	DCS	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for Social Infrastructure	Jun-25	Program developed and implemented	No commenced	
Provide libraries, as learning and information centres	DCS	Review and implement strategies for library service	Jan-25	Strategy is reviewed and implemented	Library operations under review, including implementation within other communities.	
Engage with and support local arts and cultural groups.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for engaging with arts and cultural groups	Nov-24	Strategy is reviewed and implemented	RADF Program continues	
Build and strengthen the Shire's identity through the support and provision of a variety of events and branding our corporate image.	DCS	Support volunteers, community groups and events	Sep-24	Community assistance policy is reviewed and implemented	Community Assistance Policy implemented throughout the quarter.	
Encourage local historians to preserve and promote local history and heritage.	DCS	Support important social milestones on appropriate anniversary dates.	Dec-24	Community calendar of events is developed and supported	CDEO provides support to the community.	

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Improve co-operation and communication with relevant stakeholders and all levels of government in the strategic planning of future community infrastructure.	DCS	Develop and maintain a current advocacy plan for the provision of telecommunication services, telemetry and media.	Jan-25	Plan is developed and Implemented	Plan is developed and implemented.	
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's communication assets.	DCS	Maintain radio re-transmission services for Mt Surprise, Forsayth and Einasleigh.	Monthly	Services are operational	Fully operational	
	DCS	Assist a commercial entity to introduce local radio services.	Jun-25	Options are considered and implemented	New approach made to 4KZ	

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

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Councillors take a leadership role in the community, serve as a role model and provide strategic direction for the continued growth and development of the region.	CEO	Review and implement Council's strategic plans	Monthly	Delegations from the monthly Council meetings	Ongoing.	
	CEO	Attend local and regional meetings with community, government and industry representatives	Monthly	Opportunities to attend regional meeting is given	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.	
Pursue and nurture an environment of honesty and integrity in which elected members, managers and staff work together in a spirit of trust and teamwork.	CEO	Adopt appropriate governance structures and make appropriate delegations.	Sep-24	Organisational structure is reviewed	Revised organisational structure presented and approved by Council.	
	CEO	Ensure the administration of the region is governed through open and transparent decision-making and reporting processes.	Mar-25	Meetings and legislative requirements are met	Meeting all current obligations	
	DCS	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for Corporate Assets	May-25	AMP is updated	Under development	
	DCS	Maintain compliance with legislation, local laws, policies	Monthly	Local Laws, policies and procedures are reviewed on a regular basis for compliance	Governance improvement plan is progressing.	
Actively participate in the membership of regional development and other organisations in order to achieve mutual regional priorities.	CEO	Actively participate in the regional organisations and statutory supported planning instruments	Monthly	Attendance to regional meetings	Attending and up to date with the proposed regional plan.	
	CEO	Build the Council's data analytic capability.	Apr-25	Statistical data is collected	Ongoing.	

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Using appropriate media, promote civil and respectful discussion and participation in relevant issues.	CEO	Branding of Shire	Monthly	Media channel are used to promote Council operations	Facebook, Webpage and Inform used.	
Disseminate accurate and relevant information within the organization, the community and other relevant audiences.	CEO	Review of Council communication mechanisms	Dec-25	Current communication processes are reviewed and report to Council for consideration	Not yet commenced.	
Review the current practice of holding consultation meetings throughout the Shire and distribution of newsletter 'Inform' to maximise effective community engagement.	CEO	Council will embrace exceptional customer service, valuing staff and promoting ethical standards of practice, supported by clear policies and strategies;	Monthly	Item is raised at every Council meeting to ensure compliance	Raised on a regular occasions.	

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Ensure the transparency of Council's financial operations and performance and promote awareness within the community of Council's financial management and other strategies.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Council administration and finances sections	Nov-24	Number of issues raised	Ongoing	Every opportunity taken to increase available funding opportunities.
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Council's internet and internal technology capabilities.	Dec-24	capabilities of the system is reviewed and reported to Council	Website training and Microsoft office scheduled for late 2024	Not yet commenced.
	DCS	Review and implement a fair and equitable rating system	May-25	Review is undertaken and outcomes are reported to Council for their consideration	Rates were levied on 1st September	
Pursue opportunities for external income sources to enhance financial capacity beyond traditional methods	CEO	Review Council's strategies / operations to reduce costs to Council	Monthly	Report to Council on options of gaining additional revenue sources	Every opportunity taken to increase available funding opportunities.	
Ensure the efficiency of procurement and stores activity.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of the procurement and stores sections	Oct-24	Undertake a review of processes and if required implement an improvements	Ongoing review	
Ensure the efficiency of depot and engineering administration	CEO	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Councils depot and engineering sections	Nov-24	Review current practices and report back to Council on possible improvements	Not yet commenced.	
	DES	Effective works program to better utilize alignments between all funding.	Fortnightly	Works programs will be updated fortnightly in Council web site	The fortnightly works program in Council Website is active now.	
Maintain a profitable fleet business and manage contractor hire arrangements.	DES	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Council's Plant Fleet	Annually	AMP for Council plant and machinery is reviewed and implemented	Reviewing of the Fleet AMP is in progress	
	DES	utilisation of plants effectively and monitoring contractor's performance in regular basis.	Ongoing	Satisfactory Utilisation hours and project completion within the set time frame and costs	Fleet replacement program has been checked externally and found that no plant rate has to be changed.	
	DES	Develop a Plant Replacement and upgrade schedule and maintain the operational capacity of plant.	Sep-24	An annual plant for plant replacement is presented to Council, including a 10 year replacement Program	The 10 year fleet replacement program has been implemented.	

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Develop, review and implement a staffing strategy to the efficiency of Council operations	CEO	Review and implement strategies to increase the capacity of Council	Oct-24	As apart of the organisational review.	Currently working with DAF to secure an EDO.	
Provide accountable, professional, responsible, timely and accessible services to external and internal customers that reflect the values of the organization.	DCS	Review and implement strategies to for customer services	Dec-24	The current process for customer requests and complaints is review and any outcome is presented to Council for consideration	Seeking customer service training options.	

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Ensure Councillors and staff are provided with relevant learning and personal development opportunities to achieve stated strategic priorities and corporate objectives.	CEO	Promote a drug free environment.	Monthly	Outcomes from testing is considered	Testing done on a regular basis.	
	CEO	Review and implement strategies for an efficient training and development programs	Monthly	A training needs analysis is developed	Not yet commenced.	
Implement effective HRM strategy throughout the organisation.	CEO	Review HRM practice for Council.	Dec-24	An annual review is undertaken of current practices	Review has commenced and policies requiring change are processed.	
Develop and implement organisation well-being programs.	CEO	Well-being program is part of a HRM review.	Dec-24	An annual review is undertaken of current practices	Not yet commenced.	
Develop and implement proactive WHS and enterprise risk strategies to reduce threats to the Council and the community.	CEO	Promote and support a safe and healthy work environment in which the importance of family and work/life balance is recognised.	Feb-25	Annual review is favourable and incidents are minimised	Working a continuous process to improve operations.	

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

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
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Ensure a preparedness to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies and engage in planning activities aimed at minimising the impact of such disasters on the community.	CEO	Advocate for improved weather information infrastructure in the region (stream gauge stations, rainfall gauge stations and radar).	Dec-24	Suitable weather forecasting is place.	Every opportunity taken with QRA tie improve data collection.	
Maintain a compliant, resourced disaster management plan	CEO	Review and update disaster management plan	Dec-24	Get ready is successful	Plane was reviewed in July 24.	

General Meeting	18th December 2024
Subject	Draft Strategy for Culture & the Arts 2025 – 2030
Classification	Open
Author	Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a draft of the proposed 5-Year Strategy for Culture and the Arts, which outlines a forward-thinking framework to enhance the shires cultural landscape. This strategy focuses on fostering creativity, supporting local artists, and promoting inclusive access to arts and cultural experiences. Key priorities include strengthening Council’s capacity, capability and resources; elevating the profile and importance of the arts and cultural development within Council and the community; and diversifying our arts and cultural programming and building new audiences. The strategy aims to ensure sustainability, cultural diversity, and long-term growth, positioning the arts as a central element of community life. Community feedback was sought via survey and community consultation sessions, and further comment on the draft final document will be vital for refining and finalising the plan for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the draft Strategy for Culture & the Arts 2025 – 2030 and publish for public feedback (30 days) before finalising the final document for adoption.

BACKGROUND

In 2023 Council engaged a consultant to develop a strategy for Council to help guide decisions to enhance the shires cultural landscape. Over a period of approximately 18 months, Council has worked with the consultant, RASN and the community to develop a draft document through various consultation forms.

The draft document includes three priorities and an action plan.

Upon Council’s receipt of the draft version, Council will publish the document for community feedback for 30 days. Any feedback will be considered (and possibly implemented) before having the final document presented to Council for adoption.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

This Strategy was included within the 2023-2024 Budget.

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 type="checkbox"/>	Council have undertaken online survey and community consultations	Strategy will be available for public comment for 30 days for further feedback.
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: Low

Summary of risks and opportunities:

- Council may not align its Operational Plan & annual budget with the community's consensus outlined in the draft strategy.

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Date: 06/12/2024

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

1. Strategy for Culture and the Arts 2025-2030
2. Our Strategies & Actions

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

STRATEGY FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS

2025 - 2030



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Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Ewamian, Tagalaka and Gugu Badhun People – the traditional custodians of the lands that form Etheridge Shire Council.

We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging and acknowledge their traditional customs and lores and recognise their continuing connection to this Country.

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Introduction

Etheridge Shire Council recognises that arts and cultural development play a vital role in improving community wellbeing, enriching lives, and boosting the local economy. These elements also offer an essential avenue for self-expression, enabling people to share their unique stories and viewpoints.

Council is excited to share a new five-year plan designed to enhance arts and cultural initiatives throughout the Shire. This plan outlines Council's commitment to prioritising, funding, and fostering the growth of arts and culture in the region in the years ahead. By concentrating on improving resources, increasing awareness of the importance of arts and culture, and attracting new audiences, Council aims to leverage our rich assets and cultivate a creative atmosphere that involves the community.

In the coming years, Council will focus on programs that promote cultural involvement for residents of all ages. This will involve hosting workshops and events that highlight the community's diverse heritage and creativity, carrying out beautification and placemaking initiatives, and offering vital resources and funding to support artists and cultural groups.

The Strategy for Culture and the Arts 2025-2030 emphasises collaboration and inclusivity, encouraging feedback from community members, stakeholders, and cultural leaders to align initiatives with the desires of the Shire's residents. By promoting a cooperative atmosphere, Council aims to build a sustainable arts and culture ecosystem that improves residents' quality of life, attracts visitors to our region and boosts the local economy. As we move forward, Council is dedicated to monitoring progress and making necessary adjustments to ensure the strategy remains effective and relevant. We believe that investment in the arts and culture is vital to our community's future.



Defining Culture and the Arts

For the purpose of this Strategy, the following definitions serve as a reference point for the terminology used.

Culture is a multifaceted concept that appears in many forms, both on a collective level and through individual expression. It encompasses the shared beliefs, values, customs, and practices that define a group of people, while also allowing for personal interpretations and experiences.

Art is a key way culture is expressed. Creative activities like visual arts, music, dance, theatre, or literature serve as powerful mediums for cultural expression. Through these forms, individuals and communities can share their identities, tell their stories, and express their feelings, deepening their connection to cultural heritage.

Engaging with art, such as attending performances, visiting galleries, or joining community art projects, enhances our cultural involvement. These experiences not only allow us to appreciate the creativity of others but also promote social connections and conversations among diverse groups. In this way, culture and the arts become a shared experience that bridges differences and fosters a sense of belonging.



Culture

includes but is by no means limited to:



- Customs
- Ethnicity
- Language
- History and Heritage
- Traditions
- Rituals
- Cuisine
- Stories
- Celebrations
- Architecture
- Social Structures



The Arts

includes but is by no means limited to:



- Film and Television Production
- Music
- Painting
- Poetry
- Literature
- Theatre
- Dance
- Photography
- Digital Media
- Sculpture
- Circus
- Fashion
- Story Telling

Defining the Value of Culture and the Arts

Research shows that investment in arts and cultural infrastructure and programs has the ability to stimulate economic growth and create resilient, inclusive and connected communities.



Queensland



98%
of Queenslanders **engage** with the arts.



68%
of Queenslanders **attend** live events.



66%
of Queenslanders agree that the arts make for a richer and **more meaningful life.**



42%
of Queensland residents **create, produce or collaborate** in the making of art.

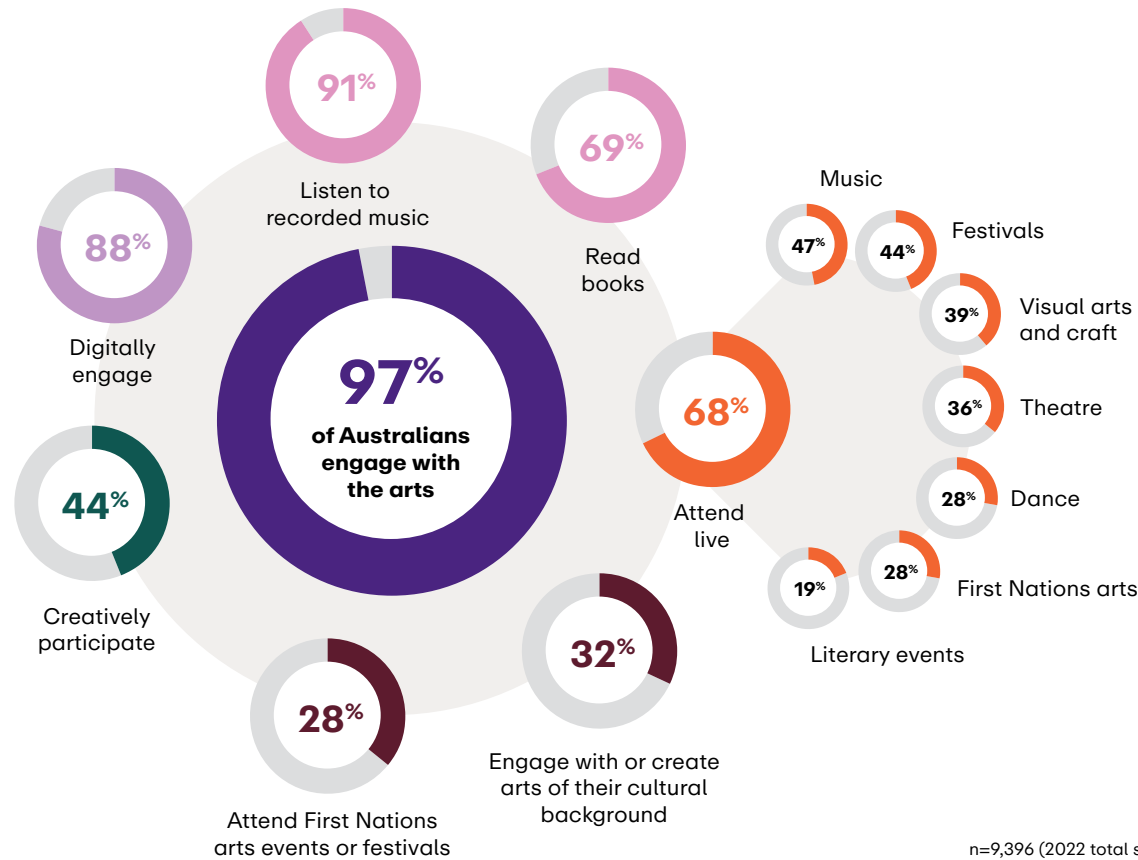
Arts Queensland Creating our Future – Queensland Highlights 2020 Creating our future – Queensland Highlights (arts.qld.gov.au).



Defining the Value of Culture and the Arts



National



Cultural and creative activities contributed **\$122.3 billion** to the Nation's economy in 2019-20.

Creative Australia – Creating Value Results of the National Arts Participation Survey September 2023 Creating Value: [Results of the National Arts Participation Survey](#)

About our Region

Our Place and Our People

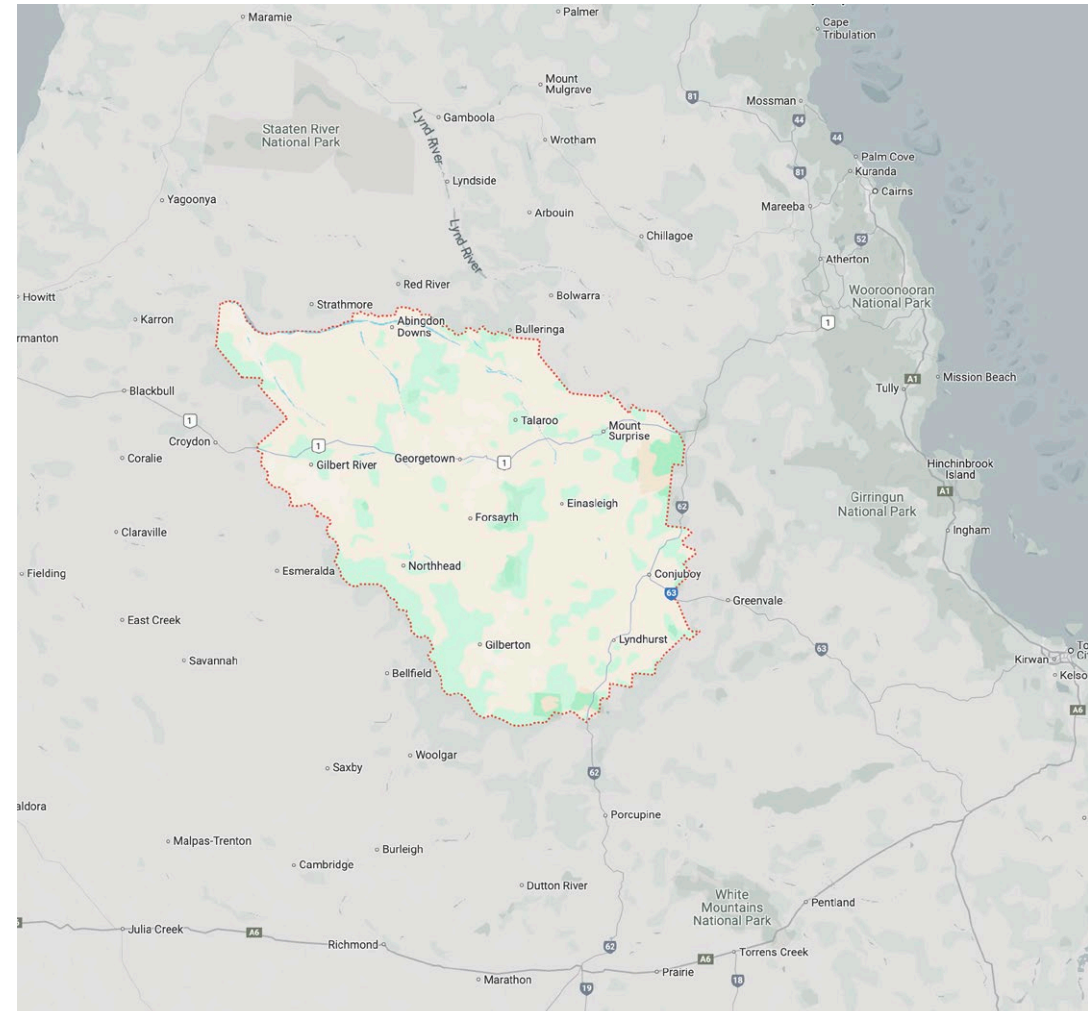
Etheridge Shire is a unique and expansive region located in the central Savannah Gulf of Far North Queensland, Australia. Spanning 38,850 square kilometres, it sits at the base of the famous Cape York Peninsula and is approximately a five-hour drive from Cairns. The land is traditionally owned by the Ewamian, Tagalaka, and Gugu Badhun Peoples.

Classified as 'very remote' by Australian standards, Etheridge Shire has a modest population of 726 people as of 2023, spread across several farming properties and four main towns: Einasleigh, Forsayth, Georgetown, and Mount Surprise. The local economy is predominately agricultural, with beef cattle farming being a significant industry since the early 1900s. The area has a rich history, especially from the gold rush period, which has greatly influenced its character.

This vibrant history attracts gem enthusiasts and adds to the region's charm. Recently, tourism has increased, with domestic overnight visitors growing from 33,000 in 2016 to 79,000 in 2021. In response, Council has been promoting Etheridge Shire as a distinctive travel destination, highlighting its natural beauty, historical significance, and agricultural heritage.

The community is characterised by a strong sense of belonging, closely tied to the area's remoteness and beauty. These stunning surroundings not only shape the daily lives of residents but also foster a sense of pride.

This connection to place fosters a unique bond within the community, creating a shared identity that is both enriching and empowering. Volunteering for local organisations is fundamental to community spirit, and participation in events enhances unity. Seasonal festivals, art shows, and cultural celebrations offer opportunities for residents to connect, share experiences, and forge lasting relationships.



Developing the Strategy for Culture and the Arts 2025-2030

In May 2024, Etheridge Shire Council embarked on developing the Shire's inaugural Strategy for Culture and the Arts. This initiative was marked by a commitment to actively engage the community, utilising online surveys and facilitating discussions in collaboration with Arts Queensland's Regional Arts Services Network (RASN). The feedback gathered during this process was invaluable, highlighting the importance of culture and the arts in enhancing both individual and collective well-being.

How we engaged with our Community

The development of the strategy involved a community engagement process, with 61 stakeholders from the townships of Georgetown, Forsyth, Mt Surprise, and Einasleigh. Various platforms were utilised to inform the community about Council's intention, including website, social media, posters, word of mouth, direct mailout and the Inform newsletter. This multifaceted approach aimed not only to inform the community about the initiative but also to actively encourage stakeholder participation. Community consultation included two levels of engagement:



Online Survey

An online survey was available for community input from July 20 to August 24, 2024. The survey contained 12 questions framed around three key themes:

- Understanding the demographics of respondents
- How people participated in arts and cultural events and activities
- Council's role in arts and cultural events and activities.



Have Your Say Presentation and Consultation

Arts Queensland's Regional Arts Services Network (RASN) conducted face-to-face presentations and consultations with community members to engage attendees and gather feedback on six key questions:

- The significance of arts and culture in the community
- Methods of discovering arts and cultural events
- Levels of participation
- Frequency of involvement
- Venues for attending such activities, and
- The key arts and cultural priorities that the Council should address over the next five years.



What Engagement and Consultation with our Community told us

Insights and observations obtained from the community engagement and consultation process were compiled and published in [Towards an Arts and Culture Strategic Plan Community Consultation Report](#). The below insights and observations highlight some of the key considerations that are essential to the arts and culture strategic plan, because they embody the community's aspirations and needs, inform our decision-making and ensure the plan remains responsive, relevant, and effective.



Insight and Observation 1: What the Arts and Culture mean to the People of Etheridge



Insight and Observation 2: Who is engaging in arts and cultural development



There is significant engagement among **younger to middle-aged adults** within the community and conversely, a markedly lower participation among male community members, individuals aged 18-25, and those over 56 years old.



A considerable number of those who engage in the arts and cultural development are **hobbyist artists** connected to an arts organisation, who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise.



There is a clear lack of involvement from **Indigenous communities**, which diminishes the diversity of perspectives.



There is a **representation imbalance** across different areas of the Shire. Over half those who participated in the surveys and discussions live in Georgetown.

Insight and Observation 3: How are people participating in arts and cultural development



A large proportion of participants engage in activities **every six months**, with a smaller proportion attending once a month or weekly.



Attending workshops is the most popular activity, followed by local shows and community events. Volunteering and in-person attendance each accounted for more than a third of the preferred activities.



There is significant participation in **amateur activities** like woodworking, drawing, and photography.



Attending museum and heritage exhibitions, visual art exhibitions and music events all rated as extremely popular, while dance and theatre performances received the least interest.

Insight and Observation 4: How people are discovering arts and cultural activities and events in the Shire



Word of mouth and social media serve as the main **communication channels** for discovering art-related activities and events.



Community **notice boards** also contribute.



Traditional media such as newspapers, radio, and television are less influential.



Notably, nearly a third of participants identified **Council's Inform Newsletter** as a key resource for learning about arts and cultural events.

Insight and Observation 5: What should Council prioritise



Initiatives that support **health and wellbeing** and bring people together to collaborate and share ideas.



Expanding the **diversity of offerings** to include a wider range of workshops, educational programs, and professional development opportunities.



Providing more **grants and resources** for local creative initiatives.



Promoting **significant local places and heritage assets** through the development of arts and history trails and cultural tourism initiatives.



More **promotion** of local arts and cultural activities.



Ensuring **accessibility and inclusivity** in arts and cultural initiatives and events



Support **First Nations** artists and projects.

Corporate Alignment

The Strategy for Culture and the Arts 2025-2030 is also influenced by other important strategic plans and community engagement initiatives that are closely connected to the region's arts and cultural growth. This interplay creates a dynamic framework that supports and aligns with broader local aspirations, and elevates the role of the arts and culture.

Corporate Plan 2025-29



Council's 2025-29 Corporate Plan defines priorities and objectives that will guide investments and decisions for the next five years. The plan establishes a framework for the delivery of services, programs, and facilities, and focuses on five primary outcome areas.

Key Objectives relevant to the Arts and Cultural Development

- Economic Outcomes
 - A diversified economic base: rural, tourism, mining, and support services.
- Social Outcomes
 - An active community with a variety of recreational activities
 - An invigorated community with a variety of multi-age services
 - A culturally aware community

Unearthing Etheridge: the Master Plan



The Master Plan outlines a strategic framework to position Etheridge as a unique destination for domestic and international tourists in the Australian outback over the next decade. In collaboration with Council, Griffith University researchers gathered community insights on local tourism goals.

Key Objectives relevant to the Arts and Cultural Development

- Consolidation
 - Enhance existing tourism services
- Place Activation
 - Create a network of hotspots
- Heritage Conservation
 - Establish a more complete heritage-based offering
- Co-creation
 - Develop new attractions and products

Our Role in the Arts and Cultural Development

Local governments across the country play a vital role in fostering cultural development through various initiatives. These include event organisation, infrastructure support, grant provision, heritage preservation, community performances, public art installations, and venue management. For Etheridge Shire Council, our role serves an essential part in facilitating, promoting, supporting and partnering in the arts and our region's cultural development.



Facilitator

We develop and deliver programs activities and events that encourage participation.



Place Manager

We manage and provide spaces and places for the arts and cultural development.



Promoter

We generate and communicate information on projects, programs and activities.



Supporter

We allocate and provide funding and resources for community projects and events.



Partner

We collaborate on initiatives and projects to achieve mutually beneficial goals.



Our Strengths and Opportunities

The fundamental strengths and prevailing opportunities that underpin the Strategy are crucial for achieving our objectives. These strengths encompass a dedicated and diverse community, a vibrant cultural legacy, and an expanding network of partnerships and collaborators. By capitalising on these assets, we can create an environment that promotes creativity and invites engagement from all community members.

Our Built and Natural Environment

features a vibrant mix of landscapes and man-made spaces that enhance the quality of our living, working and recreation.

Our Attractions

are not just points of interest, they are integral to the economic vitality and social fabric of our region. They enhance visitor experience, generate employment and support community infrastructure development.



Our Community

thrives on a deep sense of connection and sense of belonging intricately linked to the region's remoteness and beauty.

Our History & Heritage

play a crucial role in shaping our identity and contribute to a rich tapestry that informs our present and guides our future.

Our Networks & Partners

facilitate collaboration, open doors for teamwork, promote knowledge exchange, generating fresh ideas, create new markets, enhance resources, and foster mutual growth.

Our Guiding Principles



Vision

Etheridge Shire Council plays a crucial role in cultivating a dynamic, sustainable and interconnected arts and cultural environment that reflects our unique regional identity and the essence of our community.



Mission

Over the next five years we will improve our services by prioritising resource enhancement, elevating the profile and importance of the arts and cultural development, and expanding audiences for the arts. Through collaboration with our community, we seek to create new opportunities and innovative avenues for future growth.



Values

- **Collaboration:** We cannot reach our objectives alone
- **Excellence:** We are committed to maintaining a high standard and best practice in all that we do
- **Respect:** We will be inclusive, treat people with courtesy and fairness, and ensure each individual is valued and heard



Our Key Priorities and Desired Outcomes

Over the next five years, Etheridge Shire Council will target three strategic priorities and key objectives. This Strategy will be brought to life through partnerships and collaborative initiatives and be implemented via an annual operational plan.



Priority One Strengthening our capacity, capability and resources

What we want to see by 2030

- Investment in resources and infrastructure that enables Council to grow and expand its arts and cultural services.
- Efficient and effective use of infrastructure and resources through continuous management and monitoring.
- Awareness of, and access to arts and cultural resources, learning opportunities and activities.
- Strong, mutually-beneficial industry alliances with regional, state and national industry bodies.
- Cross-Council partnerships and collaborations.
- Arts, cultural and creative regional networks, skills sharing and peer support.



Priority Two Elevating the profile and importance of the arts and cultural development within Council and the community

What we want to see by 2030

- Promotion of the Shire's arts, heritage and cultural assets to emphasise our regional identity and character.
- Increased visibility of local artists and their creative work.
- Representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Shire's cultural development.
- Opportunities to drive visitation and promote the region's cultural experiences.
- Beautification and activation projects that enhance residents' quality of life, attract visitors, and foster a strong sense of community.



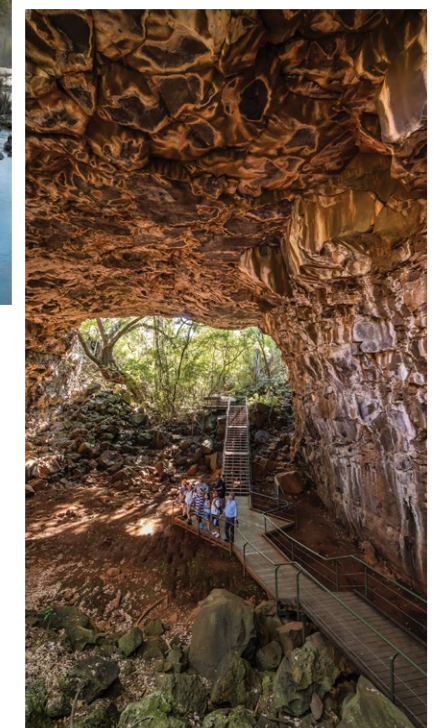
Priority Three Diversifying our arts and cultural programming and building new audiences

What we want to see by 2030

- Targeted feedback on the appeal, accessibility and affordability of Council's facilities, programming, and community initiatives.
- Connections with state and national producers and promoters to expand and diversify programming options.
- Engagement in arts and cultural activities that connect people socially and improve health and wellbeing.
- Innovative, high-quality art and cultural initiatives that attract new audiences and add value to our annual array of events and activities.
- Opportunities for the community to collaborate and create artistic work and cultural activity.

Our Implementation Plan 2025 - 2030

A detailed Implementation Plan has been created as a key part of the five-year Strategy. This plan outlines the strategies and actions needed to realise our goals. It specifies the actions we will take to achieve them, the results we want to see, and the methods we will use to assess our success. Throughout the five-year planning cycle, the plan will stay flexible and responsive to new developments and the evolving needs of our sector.





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Our Strategies and Actions

The following Implementation Plan is a fundamental component of the Strategy, and defines the process and actions we will undertake. As we move through our five-year planning cycle, it will remain flexible and adaptive to emergent conditions and the changing needs of our community.

Priority One		Strategy	Action
Strengthening capacity, capability and resources	1.1	Increase investment in resources and infrastructure to support the growth and expansion of Council's arts and cultural services.	1.1.1 Identify required human resources, skills and gaps and where necessary, invest in and increase human capital, budget, resources and skills development.
			1.1.2 Allocate resources according to priority needs and strategic goals, and ensure their efficient and effective use through continuous management and monitoring.
			1.1.3 Encourage staff participation in targeted professional and skills development opportunities.
			1.1.4 Undertake an audit of the capacity of shire-wide facilities to support arts and cultural activities and provide the appropriate infrastructure for multi-use, such as spaces for creating, exhibitions and performances.
	1.2	Build a case for external investment and activate a focused, long-term campaign to attract funding and resources that enable the growth of the Shire's arts and cultural development.	1.2.1 Stay abreast of government grant opportunities for the arts and culture-led initiatives and share these opportunities with the community.
			1.2.2 Align & connect the arts and cultural development with Council's broader corporate objectives for tourism, economic development and community development.
			1.2.3 Initiate applications to state and federal government agencies to bolster opportunities for a range of arts and cultural funding projects, including professional and skills development, development of new works, First Nations projects, cultural heritage projects, public art projects and regional arts touring.
	1.3	Strengthen networks, partnerships and collaborators.	1.3.1 Initiate culture-led, across-Council partnerships and collaborations to enhance capacity and resources.
			1.3.2 Work with RASN and other regional services to establish and deliver an ongoing program of professional development exchanges, peer-support and workshops.
			1.3.3 Nurture and maintain strong collegial relationships with Arts Queensland and Queensland's peak industry bodies.
1.3.4 Investigate the formation of a local Arts Society or a shire-wide collaborative network of local groups to facilitate cross promotion, information and resource sharing, and project development.			

Priority One	Strategy	Action
	<p>1.4 Improve the community's awareness and access to the arts and cultural resources, learning opportunities and activities.</p>	<p>1.4.1 Promote and encourage shire-wide community participation in focused professional development and skill-building opportunities.</p> <p>1.4.2 Maximise shire-wide awareness and usage of the Shire's venues and facilities through targeted marketing and promotion.</p> <p>1.4.3 Ensure all projects that include visiting artists contain a mentoring and local skills development component.</p> <p>1.4.4 Collaborate with local schools to develop and implement programs that encourage young people and children's involvement in arts and cultural activities.</p>
	<p>1.5 Provide grant funding that builds and sustains the capacity and capability of arts and cultural community-based organisations and creative individuals.</p>	<p>1.5.1 Continue to support the partnership with Arts Queensland and deliver an accessible and high profile RADF program that is representative of the whole Shire.</p> <p>1.5.2 Investigate an annual increase in investment in the RADF program and reshape RADF to align with the strategic objectives of this strategy and the changing needs of the community.</p> <p>1.5.3 Provide ongoing support to the RADF Committee to boost their role as a primary resource for the Shire's arts and cultural development.</p> <p>1.5.4 Allocate grant funding to annual local community events and activities, regional events and major tourism events to enhance and maintain the effectiveness and output of community-based organisations.</p>

Priority 1: Strengthening Capacity, Capability and Resources
Measuring our Success

Increased internal investment in resources and infrastructure to support the growth of Council's arts and cultural services.

Increased collaborations, partnerships and networking.

Increased community satisfaction, appreciation and exposure to new knowledge and skills.

Increased grant funding that builds the capacity and capability of community-based organisations and individuals.

Priority Two		Strategy	Action
Elevating the profile and importance of the arts and cultural development within Council and the community.	2.1	Consolidate and promote the Shire's arts, heritage and cultural assets to emphasise our regional identity and character.	2.1.1 Conduct an arts and cultural mapping initiative to identify and document artists, craftspeople, artist groups, community groups, cultural collections, cultural facilities, festivals and events, heritage assets and attractions.
			2.1.2 Increase the visibility of local artists and promote the Shire's collective points of distinction to residents and visitors, through a strategic media campaign that includes website promotion, interactive apps and self-guided trails.
			2.1.3 Develop joint shire-wide community initiatives in events and projects that engage individuals, local communities and visitors with Etheridge's rich history and cultural offerings.
			2.1.4 Partner with local arts and cultural stakeholders, tourism and economic development bodies and regional service providers to advocate the importance and value of creative and cultural industries to the growth of our local economy.
	2.2	Strengthen engagement with Aboriginal culture and promote its visibility within the community.	2.2.1 Ensure culturally appropriate engagement by developing ethical and cooperative processes for programs and initiatives that promote Indigenous cultural knowledge and creative expression.
			2.2.2 Initiate and support cultural educational programs that promote understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures for staff and the community.
			2.2.3 Collaborate with local Indigenous leaders, artists, and cultural practitioners to ensure that their voices and perspectives are part of cultural development projects.
			2.2.4 Enhance the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Shire's cultural development by adhering to the principles outlined in the Queensland Government's Statement of Commitment and Arts Queensland's Creative Together.
	2.3	Encourage opportunities to drive visitation and promote the region's cultural experiences.	2.3.1 Collaborate with local and regional cultural and tourism organisations to create a marketing brand that highlights the Shire's arts, heritage, culture, and events, integrating the brand into broader regional tourism promotions.
			2.3.2 Support a variety of art-based events and investigate the potential for establishing a 'signature event', such as a major music festival.
			2.3.3 Increase opportunities for local and visiting audiences to experience Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and traditions.
			2.3.4 Explore the feasibility of creating a program for 'residencies in the outback' aimed at writers, musicians and visual artists, or those engaged in performance-based arts.

Priority Two	Strategy	Action
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2.4 Initiate beautification and activation projects that enhance residents' quality of life, attract visitors, and foster a strong sense of community.

- 2.4.1** Leverage and support Council's goal to enhance and improve the aesthetics of each town, along with the Unearthing Etheridge Master Plan's five key beautification and activation projects.
- 2.4.2** Identify potential sites suitable for interpretive design and public art within Council's broader annual Capital Works program, as well as sites outlined in Phase 1 & 2 of the Unearthing Etheridge Master Plan.
- 2.4.3** Develop and endorse both placemaking guidelines and an integrated approach to the design, commission, management and installation of interpretive elements and public art.
- 2.4.4** Integrate cultural and creative elements into beautification and activation projects that reflect the distinctive character of the region, and blend historical and contemporary stories to engage and educate audiences.
- 2.4.5** Ensure that future interpretive and public art elements emphasise the richness and importance of Aboriginal traditions and histories, as well as their contributions to our society.
- 2.4.6** Procure the skills of local, State-wide or national arts and creative practitioners to ensure diverse and contemporary interpretive design projects and public art programs.
- 2.4.7** Create marketing resources, including self-guided trails and digital platforms, to educate visitors about available attractions and sights.

Priority 2: Elevating the profile and importance of the arts and cultural development within Council and the community

Measuring our Success

Increased visibility of local artists and the Shire's collective points of distinction.

Increased representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Shire's cultural development.

Increased promotion and marketing of a brand that highlights the Shire's arts, heritage, culture, and events.

Increased beautification and activation that enhance residents' quality of life, attract visitors, and foster a strong sense of community.

Priority Three		Strategy	Action
<p>Diversifying our programming and building new audiences.</p>	<p>3.1</p>	<p>Create opportunities for the community and visitors to engage and participate in creative activities.</p>	<p>3.1.1 Add creative elements to activities that celebrate significant national observances such as Australia Day, Youth Week, Seniors Week, Volunteers Week, National Families Week, and International Day of People with Disability.</p> <p>3.1.2 Increase opportunities for residents and community organisations to participate in local cultural heritage in unique and meaningful ways, including the development, planning and implementation of heritage trails.</p> <p>3.1.3 Offer shire-wide, hands-on creative workshops where attendees can engage with different art forms, such as painting, pottery, literature, dance, or music.</p> <p>3.1.4 Create avenues for residents and visitors to identify Etheridge's unique characteristics, including its natural landscapes, historical significance, industries, recreational activities, and local wildlife, and leverage these for promotional initiatives.</p> <p>3.1.5 Create ongoing opportunities for community and visitor feedback on the appeal, accessibility and affordability of Council's facilities, programming, and community initiatives.</p>
	<p>3.2</p>	<p>Grow our community's appetite for arts and cultural activities by creating and supporting high-quality art and cultural initiatives that attract new audiences and add value to our annual array of events and activities.</p>	<p>3.2.1 Support cultural development activities aiming for excellence and innovation to deliver strong community and economic benefit.</p> <p>3.2.2 Initiate meaningful engagement with First Nations communities and showcase Indigenous stories and the work of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.</p> <p>3.2.3 Establish connections with statewide touring organisations to facilitate the delivery of theatre, dance, music or other arts productions to Etheridge.</p> <p>3.2.4 Liaise with neighbouring Councils, RASN and Cairns Regional Council to collaborate on attracting larger cultural events and pooling resources such as funding, staffing and volunteer networks.</p> <p>3.2.5 Investigate the development of an annual cultural and artistic exchange or Sister City program to strengthen international relationships as well as cultural and creative exchange.</p> <p>3.2.6 Work with neighbouring Councils and RASN to explore the development of a significant sculpture event or symposium that leverages regional capabilities and embraces the remote characteristics of the surrounding landscape.</p> <p>3.2.7 Create targeted outreach and promotional initiatives that consider how to encourage shire-wide participation, and raise awareness about upcoming arts and cultural programs.</p>

Priority Three	Strategy	Action
	<p>3.3 Target the inclusion of Young People in programs that encourage pathways to participation, education and employment in the cultural and creative industries.</p>	<p>3.3.1 Engage with young people to pinpoint barriers to their participation, and identify specific requirements that will inform future investments in initiatives, projects, and resources.</p> <p>3.3.2 Collaborate with schools to assist students in obtaining information and exploring opportunities in arts education and career pathways, and investigate the establishment of an arts and cultural leadership program for Young People.</p> <p>3.3.3 Engage Young People, schools and local artists in place-making and cultural heritage programs including the design and fabrication of murals and temporary public art projects.</p> <p>3.3.4 Collaborate with schools, community organisations, and private providers to enhance music education and mentoring programs.</p> <p>3.3.5 Build the capacity of Young People to engage in volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>3.3.6 Investigate RADF as a source of small grant funding, targeting professional development, travel opportunities, and/or project development for Young People.</p> <p>3.3.7 Increase programming of diverse multi art form experiences tailored for Young People including circus, fashion, musicals, media and screen-based work.</p>

Priority 3: Diversifying our programming and building new audiences
Measuring our Success

Increased opportunities for community and visitors to participate in creative activities.

Increased expectations and appetite for the arts and cultural activities.

Increased program of events and activities.

Increased participation in the arts and cultural development by Young People.



DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES – BRIEFING REPORT

GENERAL MEETING: January 2025

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

Councillors,

I present my report for the period of: December 2024

1. Transport Main Roads

- A permanent electronic road closure sign for Lynd Roadhouse- TMR is working on it.
- Log Creek and Somerset Creek - Electronic warning signs – TMR is working on it

2. Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSPP)

- Georgetown washdown bay – Water connection completed, and road works will be done in Feb 2025.

3. Bridge Renewal Program

- Queenslander Creek Box culvert, Forsayth – Completed.

4. Signs

- The installation of Station signs in zone 4 completed except following signs. Installations of Soda Creek, Gilberton, The Oaks, Welfern, Oakleigh, Ballynure, Bagstow and Glenmore are in progress.
- Green signs. - Detail listing of all station directional signs and their cost will be developed in Jan and Feb 2025.
- Drinking water tap in Georgetown: Investigation for water charges in progress.

5. RTR

Drainage works in Mount Surprise

All completed including additional drainage B1 except drainage I, J and L due to the limitation of the budget.

(Ref. attached map). Residents appreciate the Council's activities for the stormwater drainage works in Mount Surprise.

6. Independent Living Facility

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

Remaining works

- Power connection – waiting response from Ergon
- Road works - will be completed in Jan 2025.
- Footpath
- Fencing
- Land Scaping

- Streetlights
- Pumps and water tanks
- Down pipe extension to the road level
- Spreading of piles of dirt
- Concrete driveway and carport

Staff Housing

- Construction of 6 houses installed
- Water connection completed

Remaining works

- Electrical works from Main network to houses
- Road works – Tender stage
- Fencing
- Land Scaping
- Streetlights
- Down pipe extension to the road level
- Concrete driveway and carport
- Sewer network will be completed by Feb 2025.

Tender for the concrete driveways, stormwater drainage was closed on 6th Jan 2025 and the physical works will be commenced Feb 2025.

7. Remote airstrip upgrade program round 10

Tender stage

8. Grant application

Grant Program	Projects applied for	Amount applied for	Remarks
2024-2028 Local Government Grants Subsidies Program 2024-2028 (60:40)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC pipe replacement (60:40) 	\$ 125,000	Waiting for results
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply and Installation of five automatic Piezometers for Charleston dam 	\$ 125,000	
NAB Foundation Community Grants (100 %)	Purchase of Boat for Charleston Dam for Rescue purpose	\$25,000	Waiting for results

FNQRP	Airport fencing and water works	\$ 500,000	Waiting for results
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9. Charleston Dam

- Weekly inspection on going

10. Calendar of Event

Previous Month

- 2.12.024 – Manager’s meeting
- 4.12.024 – Community Connect session – Forsyth at 9 am
- 10.12.024 – DRFA monthly meeting – Georgetown
- 11.12.024 – Council meeting
- 16.12.024 – Supervisor’s meeting

Next Month (Feb 2025)

- 5.02.025: Community Connect session – Lynd/ Oasis
- 7.2.02 .25 Water Alliance meeting via MS Team
- 11.02.025: DRFA meeting
- 19.02.025 – Council meeting

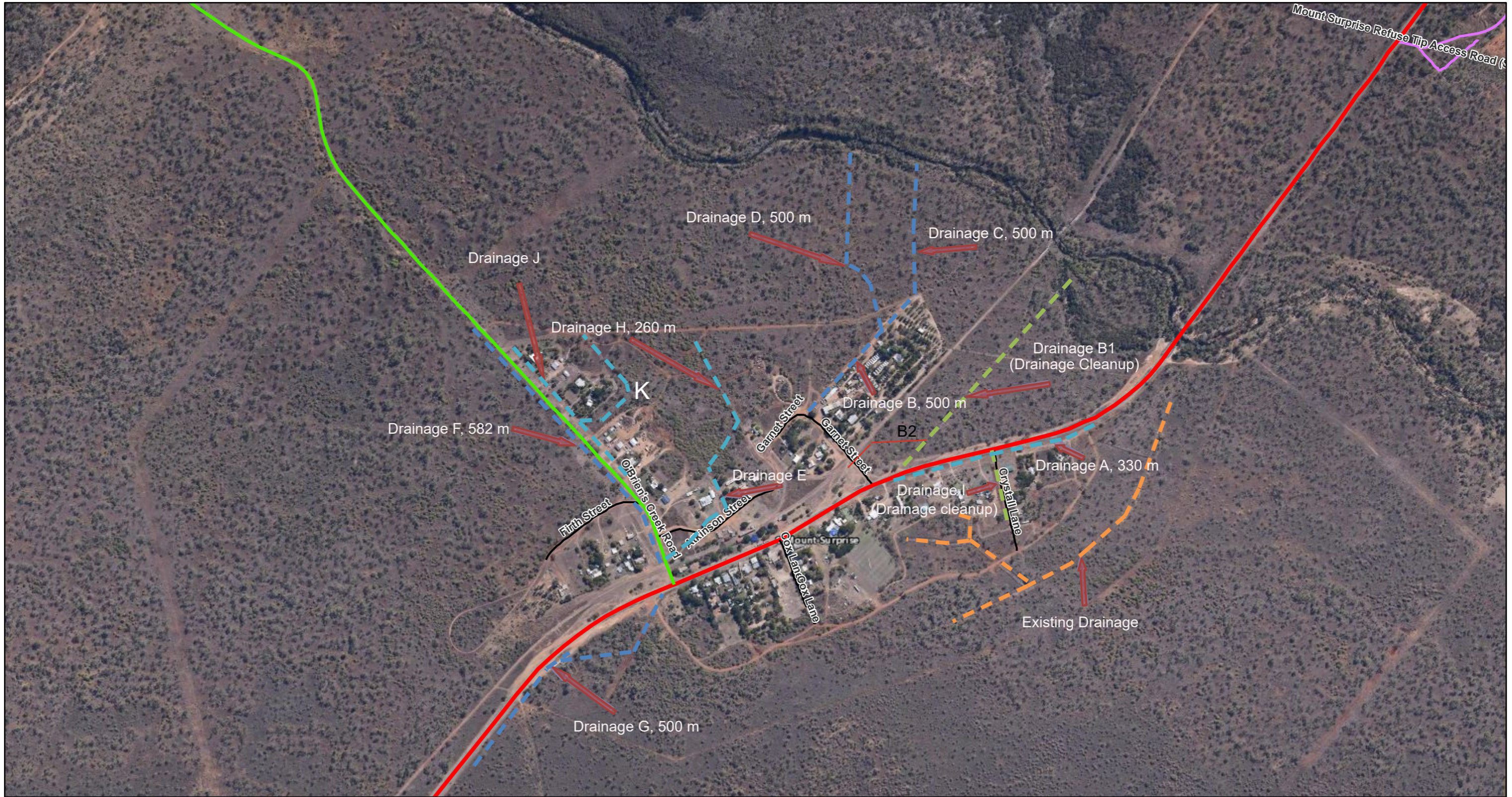
Regards

Raju Ranjit
Director of Engineering Services

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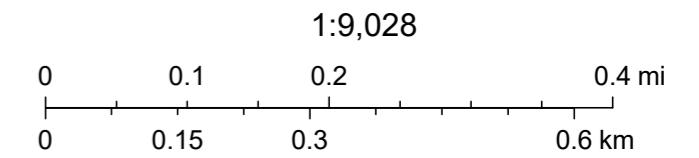
1. Mount Surprise Drainage Layout Plan

Etheridge Shire Council



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- Blue: Band_3
- Red: Band_1
- Road Centreline
- 5B
- 9A
- 1
- 4A



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General Meeting 22nd January 2025

Subject	Independent Living Facility Project Status
Classification	Open
Author	Raju Ranjit – Director of Engineering Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the status of the Independent Living Facility project.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note and receive the status of the Independent Living Facility project.
2. That Council approves an additional budget of \$422,065 to complete the project fully or
3. That Council approves an additional budget of \$339,000 to complete items 4,5,10 (partial), 12 and 13

BACKGROUND

Council has constructed 6 x 2-bedroom prefabricated houses to provide accommodation for aged people who can live independently in Lot 5 Forsyth Road, Georgetown QLD 4871. The project was identified through community consultation and developed under an Aged Care Advisory Committee constituted under the Local Government Act and Regulations.

The total allocated budget is \$3.1 million (\$3m loan + \$0.1m Council Contribution). The breakdown costs of the required activities of the project are as follows:

<u>No</u>	<u>Description of works</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	Survey and design	=\$45,000	Completed
2.	Design, fabrication, delivery and installation of the six houses	= \$1,877,811	Completed
3.	Degrass, removal of topsoil and erosion control	= \$76,677	Completed
4.	Storm water drainage works	= \$99,227	85 % Completed
5.	Road works excluding sealing works	= \$225,000	30 % completed
6.	Water networks	= \$94678.70	Completed
7.	Sewer system	= \$127,800	Completed
8.	Electrical works	= \$300,932	Completed
9.	Kerb and Channel	= \$128,787	Completed
10.	Footpath, driveway and car port	= \$400,000	To be done
11.	Solar streetlights	= \$40,000	To be done
12.	Fencing works	= \$56,153	To be done
13.	Tanks and pumps	=\$50,000	To be done
	Total Project cost	=\$3,522,065.70	

The year-to-date expenditure is \$2,972,536 (\$3,098,377.23 -\$125,841.18).

Due to the budget limitation, it is recommended to complete item 4, 5 ,10 (partial), 12 and 13 and the cost requires to complete these items is \$339,000.

The breakdown of the costs is:

Item 4 = \$15,000

Item 5 = \$158,000

Item 10 = \$ 60,000 (driveway and car port only)

Item 12 = \$56,000

Item 13 = \$50,000

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 3: A Diversified Economic Development Ensures a Prosperous Shire
Strategic Outcomes: A Variety of Land and Housing Options for the Community

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

The total allocated budget is \$ 3.1 million dollars. The total estimated project cost is \$3,522,065.70 and the short fall is \$ 422,065 and requires finding other available funding source.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Asset Management Plan

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

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Risk Assessment Outcome: Low/Medium/High/Extreme – Medium

Please provide below a summary of risks and opportunities including review of likelihood and consequences and how mitigated if high risk.

Summary of risks and opportunities:

- Risk 1 – Occupancy certificate will not be available if not completed with basic work activities
- Risk 2 – Construction material cost and labour cost will go up in future and impacts to the project cost
- Risk 3 – If the houses remain unoccupied, the houses can be deteriorated rapidly.
- Opportunity 1 – Aged people can get an excellent accommodation.
- Opportunity 2 –

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Raju Ranjit

Date: 14/01/025

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



For reply please quote: *E&P/CF – TF/24/20646 – DOC/24/212306*

Councillor Barry Hughes
Mayor
Etheridge Shire Council

Dear Councillor Hughes

For more than two decades, the Queensland Greats Awards (the Awards) have celebrated and paid tribute to remarkable individuals and institutions whose work has had a lasting influence and profound impact on Queensland.

Across the fields of business, science, health, education, Indigenous affairs, sport, arts, conservation, community and philanthropy, the Awards have recognised 122 inspiring individuals, one honorary, 20 institutions and 11 posthumous recipients as Queensland Greats since 2001.

The 2024 Award recipients included five outstanding individuals — Emeritus Professor Peter Andrews AO, Ms Natalie Cook OAM OLY, Ms Keri Craig-Lee OAM, Mr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM and Mr Scott Hutchinson.

LifeFlight was recognised as the 2024 Institution recipient, and Sir Bruce Small was the worthy recipient of the Posthumous Award.

It is my pleasure to inform you that nominations for the 2025 Awards are officially open.

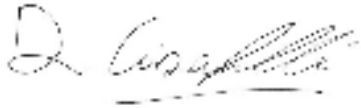
You are invited to nominate a deserving individual or institution from within your community for the 2025 Awards. Nominations — across three categories of individual, institution and posthumous — should demonstrate a profound impact or significant contribution to Queensland.

To assist with promotion of the 2025 Awards within your community, an [online toolkit](#) of useful resources has been developed.

For more information, please visit the website at www.qld.gov.au/qldgreats or contact the Awards Coordinator by email at qldgreatsawards@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3003 9200.

Your support and promotion of the Awards program, along with your nomination of a Queenslander, is truly appreciated. Together, let's recognise the remarkable achievements of Queensland Greats.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Crisafulli', with a horizontal line underneath.

DAVID CRISAFULLI MP
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS

ECQ ref: 990

13 December 2024



**Electoral
Commission**
QUEENSLAND

Mr Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer
Etheridge Shire Council
Email: ceo@etheridge.qld.gov.au; mark.watt@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Watt

I am writing to provide you with information about the services provided to your council during the March 2024 Local Government elections.

You might recall that I wrote to you in June 2024, outlining the cost to your council to deliver the election when providing you with your invoice for the services provided by the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ). At that time, I undertook to provide you with further details of key electoral information and the services delivered for your council.

Please find attached a dashboard which outlines information about the March election in your local government area, including:

- An overview of your election, including voting method(s), and number of enrolled electors.
- Participation rates for your council and for Queensland.
- Electoral services provided, for instance booth information where applicable, postal voting and other voting types delivered.
- Actual cost and invoiced cost with a breakdown included.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the local government sector's positive and collaborative engagement with the ECQ in the two-year period ahead of the 2024 elections and following their conclusion. I look forward to continuing to actively engage with all Queensland councils in due course as we move closer to the 2028 Local Government elections.

In the meantime, should you require any further information about the information attached, please contact me at Pat.Vidgen@ecq.qld.gov.au or on 1300 881 665.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Pat Vidgen PSM
Electoral Commissioner



OVERVIEW

Council type	Mayoral voting system
Undivided	Optional preferential
Voting method	Councillor voting system
Full postal	First past the post
	Number of enrolled electors
	534
	Queensland enrolment
	3,649,448



ELECTORAL SERVICES

Early voting centres	0
Election day polling booths	0
Election day staff	0
Early voting work hours	0
Election assistant work hours	26.5
Returning officers/assistant returning officers engaged	1
Office-in-a-box	1
ePollbooks	0
Printers	0



PARTICIPATION

	Etheridge Shire	Queensland
Turnout	82.02%	82.31%
Informality rate (Mayoral)	0.00%	3.82%
Informality rate (Councillor)	0.68%	5.00%
Election day	0.00%	45.55%
Early	0.00%	38.64%
In-person declaration	0.00%	1.43%
Postal	100.00%	13.33%
Telephone	0.00%	0.64%
Mobile	0.00%	0.41%



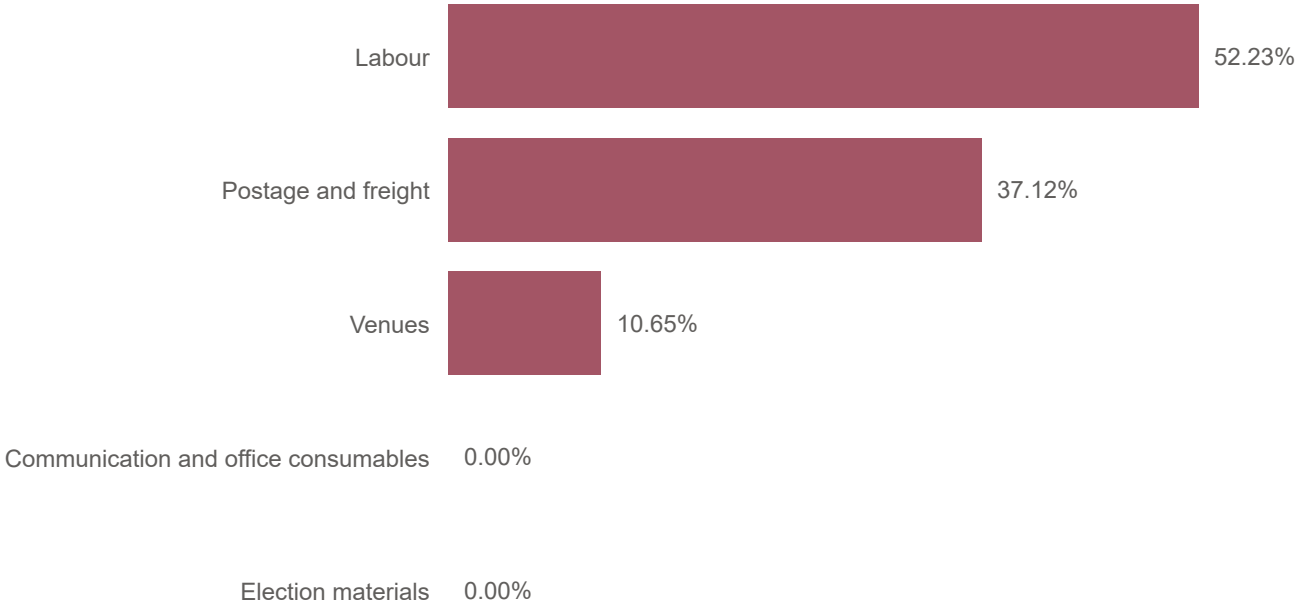
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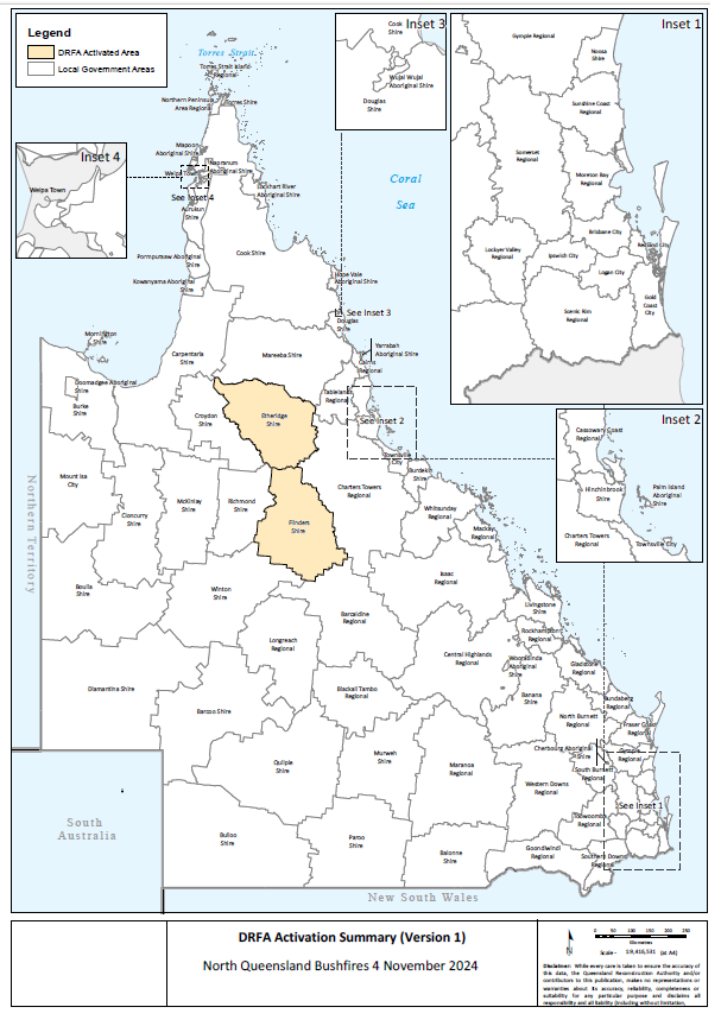
\$22,203

Invoiced cost

\$11,223



Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event North Queensland Bushfires, commencing 4 November 2024 (V1)



The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is a jointly funded program between the Australian Government and state and territory (state) governments, through which the Australian Government provides financial assistance to support state governments with disaster recovery costs.

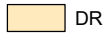

In response to the disaster, assistance has been activated for the area formally defined as: ***“Communities within North Queensland affected by Bushfires commencing 4 November 2024”.***

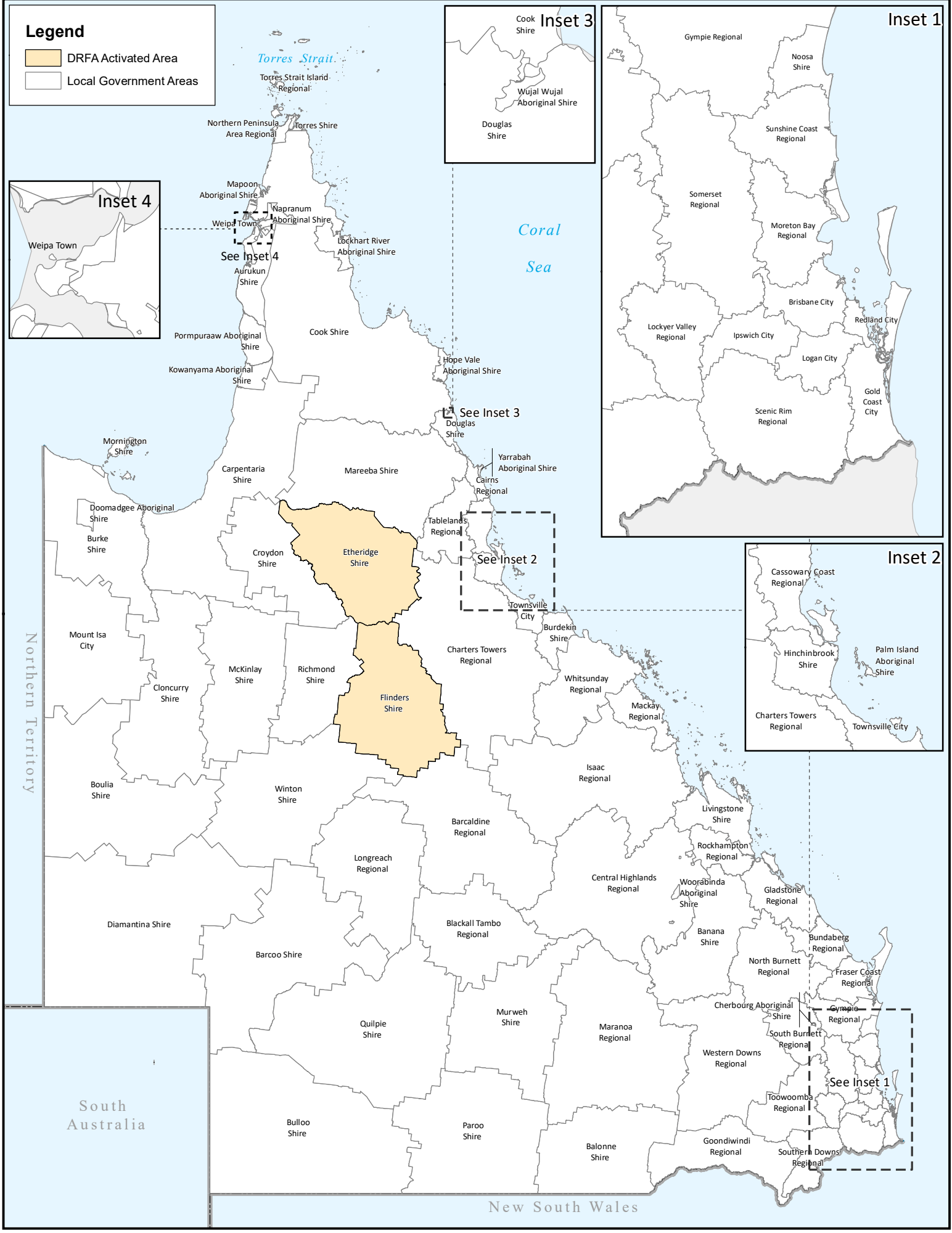
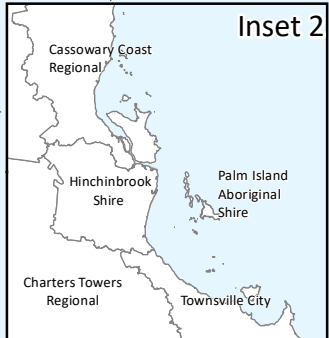
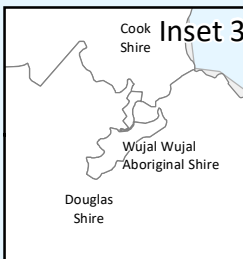
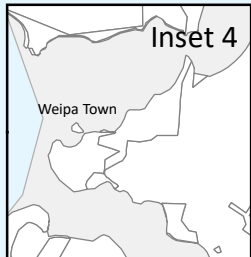
DRFA assistance measures (activated by the Queensland Government)

- Counter Disaster Operations
- Reconstruction of Essential Public Asset

Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets
Etheridge Shire Council	04/11/2024	04/11/2024
Flinders Shire Council	04/11/2024	04/11/2024

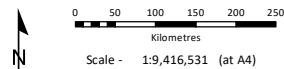
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-  DRFA Activated Area
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DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

Assistance for state and local governments:

Counter Disaster Operations

To assist local governments and state agencies to undertake activities that alleviate personal hardship and distress, address the immediate needs of individuals and protect the general public, immediately prior to, during or immediately after an eligible disaster.

Contact Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 1800 110 841 or www.qra.qld.gov.au

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (including Emergency Works and Immediate Reconstruction Works)

Emergency Works

- To assist local and state governments to undertake urgent activities necessary following an eligible disaster to temporarily restore an eligible essential public asset to enable it to operate/be operated at an acceptable level of efficiency to support the immediate recovery of a community.

Immediate Reconstruction Works

- To assist local and state governments to immediately and permanently reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function immediately after the eligible disaster.

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Contact Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 1800 110 841 or www.qra.qld.gov.au



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Dear Councillor Hughes *Barry*

Thank you for your letter of 20 November 2024 congratulating me on my appointment as Minister for Transport and Main Roads and highlighting priorities for the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC). Queenslanders have put their faith in us to deliver a fresh start and I look forward to supporting the Crisafulli Government in doing so.

Following my recent appointment, the Honourable David Crisafulli MP, Premier and Minister for Veterans has outlined his expectations for this term of government, reinforcing the government's commitment to delivering for all Queenslanders. This includes a focus on redesigning a government that works for all. In line with these priorities, I am committed to driving the delivery of Queensland's extensive capital works program, particularly focusing on road upgrades to enhance safety for all road users. The Crisafulli Government remains dedicated to ongoing investment in our road network.

Our continued investment is guided by integrated, long-term strategies, such as statewide transport strategies, regional transport plans, freight strategies and action plans. These are designed to deliver a safe, reliable and resilient transport network capable of adapting to both economic and environmental challenges.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to responsible planning and prioritisation, ensuring that key transport routes connecting regional communities and major industry hubs to national highways are developed sustainably and are cost effective.

TMR has published Regional Transport Plans (RTP) for all of Queensland including the North West and Far North districts which includes the local government areas in the NWQROC.

RTPs set out priorities and actions for developing transport systems in a way that supports regional goals for the community, economy and environment, and align with the goals and objectives of regional land use and infrastructure plans.

TMR has recently commenced a two-year rolling program to review and update the current suite of RTPs (published between 2018 and 2021). The update to the North West Queensland RTP and Far North Queensland RTP is anticipated to commence mid-2025 subject to the government's regional planning priorities currently under review. The updates to these RTPs will be in consultation with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, local governments and other key stakeholders, such as, Regional Organisation of Councils to ensure consideration of the Regional Plans, *North West Queensland Enabling Infrastructure Masterplan 2024*, and the Western Queensland Priority Roads Network Report.

In partnership with the Australian Government, my department is focused on delivering key transport projects in North West Queensland.

The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2024-25 to 2027-28* outlines a \$37.4 billion pipeline of road and transport infrastructure investment programmed over the next four financial years, estimated to support an average of 28,000 direct jobs over the life of the program.

In QTRIP there is \$486 million committed across TMR's North West district, estimated to support an average of 460 direct jobs over the life of the program. TMR publishes program information by TMR District and Local Government Area, which can be viewed online at <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/qtrionline>.

Program highlights for TMR's North West district in QTRIP include:

- \$30 million Flinders Highway (Richmond - Julia Creek), Alick Creek, upgrade floodway and install major culvert (jointly funded with the Australian Government)
- \$25.5 million Landsborough Highway (Kynuna - Cloncurry), McKinlay River, improve pavement and drainage works (jointly funded with the Australian Government)
- \$22.5 million Flinders Highway (Richmond - Julia Creek), various locations, improve pavement and upgrade culvert (jointly funded with the Australian Government)
- \$22.2 million Flinders Highway (Hughenden - Richmond), various locations, improve pavement and culvert (jointly funded with the Australian Government)
- \$20 million Cloncurry - Dajarra Road, Malbon River floodway, upgrade culvert and approaches (jointly funded with the Australian Government)
- \$14.6 million Burke Developmental Road (Normanton - Dimbulah), 2023 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements reconstruction works (jointly funded with the Australian Government)
- \$13 million Richmond - Winton Road, strengthen and widen pavement (jointly funded with the Australian Government)
- \$11.2 million Burke Developmental Road (Cloncurry - Normanton), various locations, widen pavement
- \$10 million Flinders Highway (Julia Creek - Cloncurry), Canal Creek, replace bridge and approaches (jointly funded with the Australian Government)
- \$8 million Gregory Downs - Camooweal Road, 2023 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements betterment works (jointly funded with the Australian Government).

Other investments in TMR's Far North district (specifically relevant to Croydon or Etheridge LGAs) in the QTRIP include:

- \$12 million Gulf Developmental Road (Georgetown - Mount Garnet) (Package 4), strengthen and widen pavement (jointly funded with the Australian Government)
- \$1 million Gulf Developmental Road (Croydon - Georgetown), 2023 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements reconstruction works (jointly funded with the Australian Government).

Examples of key investments completed in recent years relevant to NWQROC include:

- rehabilitation of pavement and sealing on Croydon – Richmond Road (2024)
- progressive sealing of Kennedy Developmental Road (2023)
- strengthening of pavement and widening the floodway at Scrubby Creek, Flinders Highway (2023)
- strengthening and widening of pavement on Gulf Developmental Road (2023)
- widening and sealing of Cloncurry - Dajarra Road (2022)
- progressive sealing of Aramac – Torrens Creek Road (2022).

Additionally, under my remit, I will be overseeing the delivery of the 'Safer Roads, Better Transport' plan, which aims to improve connectivity and safety for all Queenslanders, as well as the 'Country Roads Connect' program. This program will work towards sealing roads, enhancing resilience, and improving safety across Queensland's regional road network.

Ahead of the state election, the incoming government also committed \$500,000 for a business case for the Savannah Way, with a focus on upgrading the Gilbert River Bridge. This project will significantly contribute to building resilience and improving economic, social, and community outcomes, particularly following major weather and flood events.


The Crisafulli Government is committed to ensuring all transport project election commitments are delivered on time and within budget.

TMR values the input provided by NWQROC and is looking forward to continuing to work with your 11 member councils to improve the regional road network in Queensland's north-west.

I welcome suggestions and invitations from key stakeholders as we collaborate toward making the Bruce Highway safer and more efficient. I understand that the NWQROC will be holding a meeting in Brisbane during the 2025 parliamentary sitting period. Once the dates are confirmed, please contact my office should NWQROC wish to extend an invitation. My office will respond to confirm my availability.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely


BRENT MICKELBERG MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

I'd welcome the opportunity for a drive out to Georgetown (and to your neighbouring Mayors) so that we can discuss local issues and priorities.