

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY 28 AUGUST, 2008

Meeting to commence at 11:00 am at the Yaraka Community hall, Yaraka.

1. **Opening of Meeting**
2. **Prayer** (No prayer for second meeting of month)
3. **Consideration of Leave of Absence**
4. **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - 4.1 General Meeting 14 August 2008
5. **Mayoral Minute**
6. **Councillor Requests**
As per agenda
7. **Notices of Motion**
None received at time of agenda preparation
8. **Petitions**
None received at time of agenda preparation
9. **Deputations**
10. **Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officers Report**
11. **Reception and Consideration of Departmental Reports**
 - 11.1 Corporate Services – Correspondence and Development only
 - 11.2 Finance Services – Draft Budget
 - 11.3 Community Services – Correspondence only
 - 11.4 Infrastructure Services – Report deferred from 14 August 2008
12. **General Business Requiring Urgent Attention**
13. **Closed Session Matters**
14. **Late Correspondence Requiring Urgent Attention**
15. **Closure of Meeting**

2pm Meeting adjournment for Education Queensland Meeting regarding Yaraka State School

6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

1. Tax taken from Councillor Remuneration

Requested by Cr Palmer

At its post election meeting of 31 March 2008, council determined not to have tax taken from their fortnightly remuneration payments. Cr Palmer has asked that this decision be reviewed.

Chief Executive Officers Report

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 1993
Income Tax Assessment Act

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Nil

Budget Considerations

Nil

Comment

At councils meeting of 31 March 2008 the following remuneration issues were considered:

- A. Council's remuneration within the range allowable
- B. Whether council wished to make superannuation available to Councillors under Section 238; and
- C. Whether Council wished to elect under **s 221B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act*** for Councillors to be treated as employees under the Income Tax Assessment Act in which case PAYG tax deductions and Superannuation contributions will be compulsory for all Councillors.

King and Company Solicitors advised at the time as follows:

This section gives Councils a broad power to provide "employer" supported superannuation for councillors. As a general proposition, councillors are not "employees" of Council and that is the reason why councillors are not covered by chapter 17 of this Act (or relevant awards). The intent of s 238 is to enable Councils, at their discretion, to provide superannuation support for councillors up to but not exceeding the level of support provided for officers pursuant to chapter 17 of this Act and the Commonwealth superannuation legislation.

The provision of superannuation support for councillors is voluntary, and there is no compulsion on a councillor to accept superannuation provision which is offered by his or her Council. The one qualification to this is that if councillors have passed a unanimous resolution to elect under s 221B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* (see notes to s 237), then the councillors are taken to be "employees" for the purposes of the *Superannuation Guarantee Charge (Administration) Act 1993*, and the Council will be compelled to make the minimum mandatory employer contributions (failing which it will face liability for the superannuation guarantee charge). Councils which make such an election must understand that individual councillors will be thereby deprived from the ability to claim any tax deduction in respect of personal superannuation contributions (unless their Council income is less than 10% of their total income).

6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

The section gives Councils a range of options for providing superannuation support. They can establish their own superannuation scheme, join with other local governments in establishing a joint scheme or simply take part as a contributing employer in an existing scheme. The Queensland Local Government Superannuation Board (which administers the statutory scheme for ordinary employees) initially established a separate scheme specifically for councillors but, since 1 July 1995, councillors have been eligible to be members in the main QLGSB scheme. However, unlike the position with respect to ordinary employees, there is no compulsion on Councils to contribute to the statutory (QLGSB) scheme, and they are free to contribute to private sector schemes on behalf of councillors.

Councils who are considering making contributions to a fund must ensure that the fund complies with the provisions of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and associated Acts and regulations. These Acts are a Commonwealth legislative package to regulate superannuation. If a fund does not comply with the Superannuation Industry Supervision legislation, it does not qualify for concessional tax treatment.

The section makes it clear that the maximum level and basis of superannuation contributions for councillors is identical to that which applies to full time officers. Under subsection (3)(a), the maximum employer contribution for 1995/1996 is 11%, rising to 12% on and after 1 July 1997. The effect of paragraph (b) is that councillors who wish to obtain this level of support must themselves contribute 6% (so that the proportion of employer to employee contribution is the same as for officers). Contributions may be of a lesser amount so long as this proportion is maintained.

“Salary sacrifice” of the councillor’s own contribution (ie. a reduction in individual remuneration, coupled with an additional employer superannuation contribution in lieu of the councillor’s own contribution) is available under section 238A (from 31 May 2005). As such arrangements require a legal substitution of additional employer contributions for salary which would otherwise have been paid, the limits in subsection (3) generally prevented such arrangements, as an addition to “ordinary” levels of employer contribution, as the legislation previously stood.

An interesting situation would arise in the case of a Council where an election has been made under s 221B, but where the Council has not otherwise resolved to provide superannuation support under s 238. Given that a Council in these circumstances would have to pay the minimum SGC contributions regardless of anything in s 238 (or pay the superannuation guarantee charge in default), it is arguable that this would provide a mechanism whereby Councils could provide (minimal) employer superannuation support without the councillors being obliged to make any contribution.

The provisions in the original s 238 dealing with the making of scheme rules where Councils set up their own superannuation scheme (alone or jointly with others) have been removed. This is because requirements for scheme rules are set out in and regulated by the Commonwealth’s Superannuation Industry Supervision legislation, so that regulation by the State government of such rules would involve regulatory duplication which would have no value or benefit. If a Council or Councils form their own scheme, they will need to formally constitute the scheme with trustees and a trust deed and/or set of rules. Because of the necessity for these documents to comply with the extensive regulatory requirements of the Superannuation Industry Supervision legislation, it is likely to be a time consuming and expensive job for any Council or group of Councils to set up their own fund. In practice, it remains the case that only Brisbane City Council has established its own superannuation scheme (which is established under the separate authority of ss 23 of 25E of the *City of Brisbane Act 1924*), and that all other Councils which provide superannuation for councillors are paying the contributions to the Queensland Local Government Superannuation Scheme or to established private sector schemes.

6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

At the 31 March 2008 meeting council was offered two alternative recommendations in relation to this issue as follows:

- a) (If Councillors wished to have PAYG taxation AND Superannuation apply to their remuneration payments)

That Council elect under s 221B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* for Councillors to be treated as employees under the Income Tax Assessment Act

- b) (If Council wished to offer Superannuation benefits to Councillors but has not elected to have PAYG taxation apply)

That Council resolve under Section 238 of the Local Government Act to allow Council to provide superannuation support for councillors up to but not exceeding the level of support provided for officers

The result of this meeting was that council resolved to adopt recommendation b):

That Council resolve under Section 238 of the Local Government Act to allow Council to provide superannuation support for councillors up to but not exceeding the level of support provided for officers

There must be unanimous support for recommendation A for it to be carried as all councillors must agree to 1) have tax taken out under the PAYG Scheme and 2) contribute the employee contribution superannuation (generally 6%).

Recommendations

For council consideration

9. DEPUTATIONS

Deputation

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

10. Chief Executive Officers Report

10.1 Business Arising Matters

10.2 Standing Matters

10.3 New Matters

10.4 Correspondence

~~10.5 Disaster Management Committee Report~~

Chief Executive Officer Report

Recommendations

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report as presented be received for consideration by Council.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

10.1 Business Arising Matters

1. New Corporate Plan

Resolution: Res 2008-04-120 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That the Corporate Plan montage form the basis for a new Corporate plan for 2009/10 to 2014/15 and the Chief Executive Officer obtain quotations from consultants for Councils consideration for the preparation of a new Corporate plan for Council by December 2008 including all Councillor, Council staff and Community engagement forums and workshops.

Action to Date

24/06/08 - Briefs for consultants have been prepared and three proposals have been sought to be provided to the Chief Executive Officer not later than 31 July 2008 at which time a report and recommendation will be provided to council.

14/08/08 Proposals will be tabled at the meeting for council consideration

Since last Meeting

14/08/08 Starfire Solutions were appointed by council to conduct the facilitation of the Corporate Plan.

28/08/08 Letters sent confirming appointment and to unsuccessful Tenderers. Initial meetings to be arranged with consultant.

2. Memorandum of Understanding – Qantas Founders Museum

Resolution: Res-2008-06-314 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That the Chief Executive Officer prepare an alternative memorandum of understanding for consideration by Council.

Action to Date

14/08/08 No action since last meeting – lower priority than other projects at this time.

Since last Meeting

28/08/08 - No action since last meeting – lower priority than other projects at this time.

3. Update on LGAO discussions with State Government on Amalgamation costs

Resolution: Res-2008-07-318 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That the Chief Executive Officer have prepared a submission to the State Government on the costs of amalgamation.

Action to Date

24/06/08 - Draft submission being prepared

14/08/08 Draft submission will be finalised once budget has been completed and adopted and actual costs are more accessible. Minister Pitt has allowed Councils until March 2009 to submit their submission for extra funding.

Since last Meeting

28/08/08 – as above –this submission will be prepared as costings become clear.

4. Report on Lease for Squash Courts

Resolution: Res-2008-07-358 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That the Chief Executive Officer present the current Squash Courts lease to the next Council Meeting.

Resolution: Res-2008-07-373 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That Council:

a) contact the Longreach Squash Club and urge them to conduct maintenance on the existing facility; and

b) advise the Longreach Squash Club of the assistance that can be provided by Council officers in relation to the preparation of grant applications for funding for works at the squash centre; and

c) ask the Longreach Squash Club to provide Council with a report on the maintenance and capital requirements required at the centre, with indicative costings.

Action to Date

14/08/08 Letter sent to Squash Club as per resolution

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

10.1 Business Arising Matters

Since last Meeting

28/08/08 – No action required by council at this time

5. Yaraka Progress Association

Resolution: Res-2008-07-377 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer
That Council

- a) direct the Chief Executive Officer to have an assessment conducted on the facility and report back to council in relation to power issues; and
- b) provide the Progress Association with suggestions regarding the pumping out of the tanks, relocation of overflow pipe and the use of portaloos to reduce the stress on the septic system.

Action to Date

14/08/08 – An assessment was conducted on the facility with a report as per below. Letter sent to Progress Association with suggestions as per resolution. Feedback was also received from the Isisford Office Manager.

Resolution: Res-2008-08-393 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer
That

- a) provision be made for the hot water for the showers and the camping facilities to be powered by a generator, and if the one for the Yaraka hall is big enough use it to power these; and
- b) arrangements be made to pump out the septic tank and seek quotations to install a larger septic tank; and
- c) Portable toilets be used at large events to decrease the load on the septic systems; and
- d) The pump on the dam be replaced with a permanent pump.

Since last Meeting

28/08/08 – advice sent to Office Manager at Isisford to action this resolution

6. Memorandum of Understanding – Longreach Combined Agents

Resolution: Res 2008-06-313 Responsible Officer: Director Finance Services

That the Chief Executive Officer arrange for a meeting with representatives of the Longreach Combined Agents to discuss the draft memorandum of understanding as reviewed by Council and any other related issues.

Action to Date

14/08/08 – Meeting will be arranged before end of August. Advice is sought as to which councillors will be in attendance.

Since last Meeting

14/04/08 – council determined to have a site inspection of the saleyards prior to this meeting being arranged. Site inspection scheduled for 26/27 August with a meeting date to be set at the meeting of 28/08/08.

7. Expenses Reimbursement Policy

Resolution: Res 2008-08-406 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That, based on feedback from councillors, the CEO prepare a revised Expenses Reimbursement Policy for tabling to Council.

Action to Date

28/08/08 – no action to date

8. Pen Scanning – C S Dolgner & N A Gay

Resolution: Res 2008-08-412 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That the Mayor, CEO and Councillor with the Saleyards portfolio meet with the Saleyards contractors to discuss this proposal and seek costings on pen scanning, to be reported back to council.

Action to Date

28/08/08 – Writers advised that a meeting will be arranged with them to discuss pen scanning. Meeting to be arranged.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT
10.1 Business Arising Matters

9. QR Spelling Centre – C S Dolgner & N A Gay

Resolution: Res 2008-08-413 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That

- a. the issue of cattle being sold directly from the QR Spelling Yards and cattle being reassigned to the QR Spelling Yards be discussed with the Combined Agents at a meeting to be scheduled to discuss the MOU; and
- b. a letter be sent to QR regarding Council concerns with QR Spelling yards and Council Saleyards.

Action to Date

28/08/08 – meeting to be arranged after Saleyards inspection (at meeting of 28/08/08). Letter not yet sent (Cr Murray to provide details for correspondence).

10. Potential Solar Power Station

Resolution: Res 2008-08-447 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That Council write to Worley Parsons in regard to commencing discussions surrounding solar power sites in this region.

Action to Date

28/08/08 – Letter sent as per resolution.

11. Yaraka Commercial Services

Resolution: Res 2008-08-419 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That,

- a) a meeting with the current operators of the fuel, Post Office and General Store at Yaraka be held to discuss the current agreement, a new agreement if appropriate and discuss service levels expected in relation to access to fuel; and
- b) the Mayor and CEO be authorised to negotiate a new agreement in this regard if required.

Action to Date

28/08/08 – no action to date. Mayor and CEO to speak with operators in Yaraka on 28/08/08

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT
10.2 Standing Matters

To: Mayor & Councillors, Longreach Regional Council
From: Chief Executive Officer
Re: Report for month ended 31st July 2008

10.2.1 Standing Matters for Council Information

10.2 Calendar of Events - Upcoming Meetings, Events & Conferences

Date	Event	Venue	Attendees
August			
Saturday 23 rd August	Opening of Hugh Sawrey Gallery & Information Centre		Interested councillors
Wednesday 27 th August 6:00pm – 8:00pm	Information Session Central West Regional Plan	Edkins Room The Longreach Club	Interested councillors
Thursday 28 th August	Ordinary Meeting – 11am start time (leave Longreach at 8.00am)	Yaraka	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as required.
Thursday 28 th August 2pm	Education Qld Meeting at Yaraka to discuss future of Yaraka State School	Yaraka	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as available.
Friday 29 August 9am	Budget Meeting	Longreach	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as required.
Friday 29 August	Raw Metal Qld Arts Performance	Civic Centre Longreach	
Friday 29 August	Show Society Meeting		
Saturday 30 th August	Yaraka Campdraft		
Saturday/Sunday 30/31 August	Longreach Fishing Competition		
September			
Sunday 31 st August – 4 th September	LGAQ Conference	Cairns	Mayor, Cr Ford, CEO
Wednesday 3 rd September	Agenda Closing Date for next Council Meeting		
Friday 5 th September – 9am-10am	RAPAD Meeting	Teleconference	Mayor, CEO
Sunday 7 September	Mini-Marathon	Longreach to Longway	
Tues/Wed 9-10 September	Westec	Barcaldine	
Friday 12 th September – 8am	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Council Chambers	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as required.
Friday 12 th September 5pm	Farewell Function for previous CEO	Civic Centre Courtyard	

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT
10.2 Standing Matters

Date	Event	Venue	Attendees
Thursday/Friday/Saturday – 11-13 September	RM Williams Rodeo/Muster	Longreach	
Monday 15 September 10.00am – 12.30pm	Longreach Regional Tourism Association Meeting	Civic Centre	Cr Bowden
Wednesday 17 th September 9.30am to 11am	Minister Pitt Visit	Longreach	All Councillors, CEO
Wednesday 17 th September	Agenda Closing Date for next Council Meeting		
Wednesday-Friday 17 th -19 th September	Planning Institute of Australia Conference	Longreach	Longreach hosting 300 people
Saturday/Sunday – 20 th -21 st September	Yaraka Motocross	Yaraka	
Friday/Saturday/Sunday – 19 th -21 st September	Country Week	Brisbane	Cr Ford, Tourism Team Leader
Monday 22 nd September	Ordinary Meeting – Start 10am (leave Longreach 8..00am)	Isisford Branch Office Meeting Room, Isisford	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as required.
Thursday/Friday/Saturday/ Sunday – 25 th – 28 th September	Back to Longreach Reunion	Longreach	
Tues/Wed 30 Sept/1 October	AICD Course	Longreach	Mayor, CEO
October			
Wednesday 1 st October	Agenda Closing Date for next Council Meeting		
Friday 3 rd October – 9am- 10am	RAPAD Meeting	Teleconference	Mayor, CEO
Tuesday 7 th & Wed 8 th October	CWOQTA	Boulia	Mayor, Cr Bowden, CEO
Thursday 9 th October	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Council Chambers	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as required.
Saturday 11 October	Isisford Shire end of Centenary Dinner	Yaraka	
Wednesday 15 th October	Agenda Closing Date for next Council Meeting		
20-24 October	LGMA Conference	Townsville	Mayor/CEO
Thursday 30 th October	Ordinary Meeting and Finance and Audit Meeting	Longreach Council Chambers	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as required.
Friday/Saturday – 31 st October-1 st November	OQTA AGM Tourism Awards and Conference	Birdsville	Mayor, Cr Bowden, CEO
November			
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Day		

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT
10.2 Standing Matters

Date	Event	Venue	Attendees
Wednesday 5 th November	Agenda Closing Date for next Council Meeting		
Thursday 6 th November	RAPAD	Longreach	Mayor
Thursday/Friday – 6 th -7 th November	RAPAD/ORRG/CWRCC	Longreach	Mayor, CEO
Thursday 13 th November	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Council Chambers	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as required.
Wednesday 19 th November	Agenda Closing Date for next Council Meeting		
Friday 14 th November	(Tent) Opening of Longreach Memorial Pool and Water Treatment Plant	Water Treatment Plant and Longreach Memorial Pool	All Councillors, CEO and Directors
Thursday 27 th November	Ordinary Meeting	Ilfracombe Branch Office Meeting Room, Ilfracombe	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as required.
December			
Tuesday 2 nd December – 10am-2pm	CWOQTA Meeting	TBC	
Friday 5 th December	RAPAD Meeting	Teleconference	Mayor, CEO
Wednesday 10 th December	Agenda Closing Date for next Council Meeting		
Thursday – 18 th December	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Council Chambers	All Councillors, CEO & Directors as required.

Mrs Michelle G. McFadyen
Chief Executive Officer

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT
10.3 New Matters

1. CEO Absence and delegation to Director of Corporate Services

The CEO will be taking annual leave for a 6 week period commencing 17 November 2008 (recommencing at work on Monday 5 January 2009). The CEO will be overseas and primarily uncontactable.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Applicable Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Policy Considerations

As per corporate structure

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Nil

Budget Considerations

Payment of higher duties to the Director of Corporate Services for a 6 week period.

Comment

As per the adopted corporate structure, during this time the Director of Corporate Services would be delegated authority by the CEO to Act as CEO. There are two council meetings during the CEO's absence (27 November Ilfracombe and 18 December Longreach).

Recommendations

That the Director of Corporate Services be appointed to act as CEO during the absence of the CEO between 17 November 2008 and 30 December 2008.

2. Christmas Shut-down

The outside workforces are proposed to finish work on Friday 19 December 2008 and recommence on 27 January 2008. Skeleton crews will be in place in all three branches.

It is suggested that the following arrangements are put in place for other areas of council operations:

Area	Close from:	Re-open on:
Longreach Administration	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Ilfracombe Administration	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Isisford Administration	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Longreach Library	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Longreach VIC	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Ilfracombe Post Office/Lib	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Longreach Child Care Centre	TBA	TBA

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT
10.3 New Matters

Chief Executive Officer Report

Applicable Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Nil

Budget Considerations

Nil – employees take annual leave or accrued RDO's for this leave.

Comment

Many employees travel to family and friends remote from Longreach for Christmas and working up until the afternoon of Christmas Eve can prohibit their being able to travel. In addition, most staff in each of the branches has accrued the maximum level of RDO's and this will provide an opportunity to reduce this liability for council. If approved, the closure times and contact details for emergencies will be published in the local media and on councils website.

Recommendations

That council facilities be closed as below over the Christmas/New Year holiday period:

Outside workforces - finish work on Friday 19 December 2008 and recommence on 27 January 2009. Skeleton crews will be in place in all three branches.

Area	Close from:	Re-open on:
Longreach Administration	Thursday 25 December 2008	Monday 5 January 2009
Ilfracombe Administration	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Isisford Administration	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Longreach Library	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Longreach VIC	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Ilfracombe Post Office/Lib	Thursday 25 December	Monday 5 January
Longreach Child Care Centre	Monday 22 December	Monday 5 January

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT
10.4 Correspondence

10.4.1 Requiring Council decision

- 1. Department of Local Government Sport and Recreation – Minister’s Visit**
Received 11 August 2008 – File G4/27

Advising of a visit of the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government, the Honourable Warren Pitt MP on Wednesday 17 September 2008 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am to the Longreach Regional Council.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Applicable Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Nil

Budget Considerations

Nil

Comment

All councillors have been advised of this date via email. All councillors are urged to attend. Morning tea will be arranged and the meeting will be held in the council chambers.

Recommendations

For information

- 2. Longreach River Cruises – Access Road to Thomson River**
Received 13 August 2008 – File R9

Expressing concern about the state of 1.2 km of the access road from the old bitumen highway near the old bridge following a course roughly parallel to the river and across the railway line providing crucial access to family homes, farming operations and river based tourism businesses.

The current condition of the road is adequate for dry weather use but becomes inadequate for all concerned after minor rain events.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Applicable Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

10.4 Correspondence

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Works Program

Budget Considerations

Dependant on council decision

Comment
A report from the Longreach Senior Works Supervisor will be tabled at the meeting.

The main consideration here for council is the issue of whether this particular road should be given any higher a priority than other similar roads in the regional council area which are relied upon by residents and businesses.

Recommendations

For council consideration

3. **Yaraka Progress Committee – Provision of Commercial Gas Stove**

Received 14 August 2008 – Y4

Requesting that Council consider contributing to the purchase and installation of a commercial gas stove for Kiama Park. The cost for an ex rental stove ranges from \$4,000 to \$6,000 or up to \$10,000 for a new stove. It is hoped this will alleviate some of the power problems being encountered at the facility.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Applicable Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Nil

Budget Considerations

Dependant on council decision but up to \$10,000

Comment
The last meeting of council considered a report regarding the power issues at Kiama Park with the following resolution being carried:

That

- e) provision be made for the hot water for the showers and the camping facilities to be powered by a generator, and if the one for the Yaraka hall is big enough use it to power these; and
- f) arrangements be made to pump out the septic tank and seek quotations to install a larger septic tank; and
- g) Portable toilets be used at large events to decrease the load on the septic systems; and
- h) The pump on the dam be replaced with a permanent pump.

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

10.4 Correspondence

Council could consider contributing to such a purchase if they consider this will assist in alleviating the power problems being experienced at the facility.

Recommendations

That council contribute \$2,000 toward the purchase and installation of a gas stove for the Kiama Park facility.

4. Alliance Airlines – Request for Remission of Airport Charges

Received 15 August 2008 – A12/10

Requesting consideration of waiver of all airport taxes for a Charity Flight (Fokker 100) planned for 6 September 2008. At a luncheon at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame a Charity Auction is to be held with all proceeds being donated to Home and Community Care (HACC) – Longreach.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Applicable Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Nil

Budget Considerations

Passenger Head Tax = \$17.15 (Adult) x 100 = \$1715.00

Comment

This flight will have approximately 100 passengers on board who will be corporate clients of Alliance. These passengers will be partaking in a Thomson River Cruise, shopping with \$10,000 of prepaid vouchers and visiting the Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum.

Whilst this would seem to be a corporate event held by Alliance to thank its major stakeholders, the donation of all proceeds of the Charity Auction to Longreach HACC, and the benefits to the township show that the nature of the event will also contribute significantly to the local economy and benefit the Longreach community.

Recommendations

That council agree to waive all airport taxes on the Alliance Flight to arrive in Longreach 6 September 2008 on the provision that all proceeds from the Charity Auction are donated to the Longreach HACC and that Longreach Regional Council are appropriately acknowledged at the luncheon and subsequently.

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT
10.4 Correspondence

10.4.2 For Council's Information

1. Longreach Jockey Club – recent racing forum

Received 8 August 2008 – File a6/39

Advising that a recent racing forum outlined points of the new racing proposal. Queensland have pointed out there will be no loss of race clubs or race meetings, but strategic clubs (Longreach) with higher prize money. Smaller clubs / one day a year clubs will be asked to fund a portion of prize money themselves.

The Longreach Club believes that infrastructure will grow lifting the club to a higher standard and have the ability to stage major race meetings.

2. Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning – Iconic Queensland Places Act 2008 (IQPA)

Received 19 August 2008 – File I16

Advising that the submission from the previous Isisford Shire Council to have Isisford declared as an Iconic Place under the above legislation has been considered, however this application will not be proceeding any further.

3. Minister for Main Roads and Local Government – LGAQ Conference

Received 18 August 2008 – File M2/2

Advising that Departmental officers will be available at the LGAQ Annual Conference in Cairns in September at the State Government booth.

11.1 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1.1 Corporate Services Officers Reports

11.1.1.1 Director Corporate Services Report

~~11.1.1.1 Business Arising Matters~~

~~11.1.1.2 Standing Matters~~

~~11.1.1.3 New Matters~~

~~11.1.1.4 Correspondence~~

11.1.1.2 Development Matters

~~11.1.1.3 Workplace Health & Safety Officer (Team Leader) Report~~

~~11.1.1.4 Tourism Team Leader and Events Officer Report~~

~~11.1.1.5 Environmental Health Officer Report~~

~~11.1.1.6 Local Laws Officer (Team Leader) Report~~

~~11.1.1.7 Human Resources/Training Officers Report~~

11.1.2 Corporate Services Advisory Committee Reports

~~11.1.2.1 Rural Lands Advisory Committee~~

~~11.1.2.2 Longreach Town Common Advisory Committee~~

~~11.1.2.3 Regional Arts Development Community Advisory Committee~~

~~11.1.2.4 Longreach Reunion Advisory Committee~~

Recommendation

That the Corporate Services Officers Report as presented be received for consideration.

11.1.1.1 Director Corporate Services Report
11.1.1.4 Correspondence

11.1.1.4.1 Requiring Council Decision.

1. Pratt Agencies (Mr Earl Pratt)

Received 18th August – File S1

Seeking Council's support for Mr Pratt's nomination to the Executive Committee of the National Saleyards Quality Assurance Ltd. The appointment to the Executive Committee is for a period of two (2) years. In support of Mr Pratt's request, he advises that he has been President for the past two (2) years.

Director Corporate Services Report

Applicable Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Longreach Saleyards

Budget Considerations

Nil

Comment

National Saleyard Quality Assurance Ltd is the body that oversees the Quality Assurance accreditation standards for Australian Saleyards. Longreach Regional Council is a member of the NSQA, and therefore eligible to vote in the forthcoming elections.

Mr Pratt has been a member of the Executive of NSQA for a lengthy period of time. Mr Pratt has been heavily involved on a number of saleyard industry bodies as well as being the former principle of a Livestock Agency (Pratt Agencies) in Murgon. He is also a former Councillor of Murgon Shire Council.

Recommendation

That Council support * / not support * (* delete whichever) Mr Pratt's nomination to the Executive Committee of the National Saleyard Quality Assurance Ltd in the forthcoming Committee elections.

11.1.1.1 Director Corporate Services Report
11.1.1.4 Correspondence

11.1.1.4.2 For Council's Information

1. Department of Natural Resources and Water – Permit to Occupy

Received 11 August 2008-08-20

Advising that Phillip Owens and Lyndel Owens have been granted a Permit to Occupy Lot A on Plan AP13189 Parish of Wellshot.

11.1.1.4 Tourism Team Leader and Events Officer Report

1. Development Applications Lodged with Council since last report

2. Development Applications Requiring Council Consideration

NOTE: Council may choose to deal with these applications in Closed Session.

11.2.1 DIRECTOR FINANCE SERVICES REPORT
11.2.1.2 New Matters

11.2 Finance Services

11.2.1 Director Finance Services Report

~~11.2.1.1 Business Arising Matters~~

~~11.2.1.2 Standing Matters~~

~~11.2.1.3 New Matters~~

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11.2.2 Commercial Services Reports

~~11.2.2.1 Longreach Airport Services~~

~~11.2.2.2 Longreach Saleyards Services~~

~~11.2.2.3 Isisford Crusher Services~~

~~11.2.2.4 Fleet Management Services~~

~~11.2.3 Committee and Advisory Committee Reports~~

~~11.2.3.1 Audit Committee Report~~

~~11.2.3.2 Longreach Airport Security Committee~~

Recommendation

That the Finance Services Reports as presented be received for consideration.

11.2.1 DIRECTOR FINANCE SERVICES REPORT
11.2.1.4 Correspondence

11.2.1.4.2 For Council's Information

11.3 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES REPORTS

11.3 Community Services Report

11.3.1 Director Community Services Report

~~11.3.1.1 Business Arising Matters~~

~~11.3.1.2 Standing Matters~~

~~11.3.1.3 New Matters~~

11.3.1.4 Correspondence

~~11.3.2 Managing Director Child Care Services Report~~

~~11.3.3 Longreach Students Hostel Report~~

~~11.3.4 Community Development Officers Report~~

~~11.3.5 Youth Development Officers Report~~

~~11.3.6 Parks & Gardens Supervisor Report~~

~~11.3.7 Swimming Pool Lessee's Report~~

~~11.3.8 Libraries Report~~

~~11.3.9 Advisory Committee Reports~~

~~11.3.9.1 Longreach Students Hostel Advisory Committee~~

Recommendation

That the Community Services Reports as presented be received for consideration.

11.3.1 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

11.3.1.4 Correspondence

11.3.1.4.1 Correspondence requiring Council Action

1. Longreach and District Multipurpose Youth, Sport & Recreation Group Inc

Received 7 August 2008 – File A6/90

Some years ago a Surf Life Saving boat was given to the Longreach Community. It has been brought to the attention of L&DMYS&RG that this boat has been parked in a lane between Ibis and Emu Street and is slowly falling into disrepair due to being out in the elements.

The Longreach Multipurpose Group would like permission to house the boat at the showgrounds. A suggestion is that the boat could be housed at the far end of the sheep pavilion.

Director Community Services Report

Applicable Legislation

Policy Considerations

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Budget Considerations

Comment

The president of the Longreach Show Society (Rae Bowden) was contacted to ask if the committee would have any objections to this boat being put into the sheep pavilion. This didn't seem to be a problem. The suggestion was that if it was housed in the sheep pavilion it could be moved out each year for the week of the Annual Show.

LMPG Secretary was also contacted to check if the boat was covered under their insurance and if not did anyone know what the value of the boat might be. Her reply was that the boat isn't covered under their insurance and wasn't sure what the value of the boat would be but could follow it up if Council required this.

My suggestion is that LMPG follow up as to who donated the Surf Life Saving boat to the Longreach community to ascertain the current value of this boat.

Recommendations

That permission be given to the Longreach & District Multipurpose Youth, Sport & Recreation Group Inc to house the Surf Life Saving boat in the sheep pavilion at the Showgrounds and insurance costs for this boat be covered by Council.

11.3.1 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

11.3.1.4 Correspondence

11.3.1.4.2 For Council Information

None

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11.4.1 Director Infrastructure Services

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11.4.1.2 Standing Matters

11.4.1.3 New Matters

11.4.1.4 Correspondence

~~11.4.2 Senior Works Supervisors Report – Longreach Area~~

~~11.4.3 Works Overseer Report – Isisford Area~~

~~11.4.4 Overseer Report – Ilfracombe Area~~

11.4.5 Water & Sewerage Report – Longreach Area

~~11.4.6 Water & Sewerage Report – Isisford & Yaraka Area~~

~~11.4.7 Water & Sewerage Report – Ilfracombe Area~~

Recommendation

That the Infrastructure Services Reports as presented be received for consideration.

11.4 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

11.4.1.1 Business Arising

1. Sandwich Boards/Signage

Resolution: Res-2006-07-330 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That the Director Engineering Services prepare a concept for advertising signs at the intersections with Sir James Walker Drive and a listing of the businesses potentially to be included on those signs for Council consideration prior to those businesses being approached for their agreement to participate in such a signage project in lieu of the existing sandwich board signs on the road reserve.

Resolution: Res-2006-02-064 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That Council endorse the design and siting concepts for the proposed signs as prepared by the Director Infrastructure Services and seek the agreement from the nominated businesses to participation in the use of the signs in lieu of the existing sandwich boards.

Action Prior to end of Last Meeting:

Discussions with Main Roads have indicated that there may be agreements in place which allow the existing sandwich boards to be on the highway in town. Confirmation of this is being sought from the Department (including seeking details of any associated conditions) before proceeding with this.

Letter Received from District Director Main Roads Barcaldine. Letter states Sandwich Boards must be allowed to stay.

Letter of reply sent to District Director Main Roads advising of Councils concerns over safety issues.

Letter received back saying Main Roads will support the negotiation of new agreements and if the business owners are happy with the agreements they will override the existing arrangements with Main Roads. Eric Denham from Main Roads, Barcaldine invited to attend a Council Meeting.

Letter sent to Main Roads District Director inviting him to the January 17th, 2008 Council meeting to discuss the agreements and strategy to rationalise the sandwich board signage on the Landsborough Highway. Mr. Eric Denham will attend the Board Room on Tuesday 5th. February, 2008 at 10.00 am to discuss this matter and the RIP 2008/09 requirements with the Mayor, CEO, Engineer, Senior Works Supervisor and other interested Councillors whom wish to attend.

Meeting held on 5th February, 2008 with the Main Roads Department. Several Councillors and staff met Mr Eric Denham on 5th February, 2008 who indicated the Department would trade off removal of the sandwich board signs in the event that Council reaches agreement with businesses on permanent signage near the gardens or nearer to the road is on single posts. Mr Denham advised that the sandwich board signs had been approved by the Minister of the day when the highway was realigned.

Signage proposal accepted by MRD comprising single fixed advertising sign to be placed at the intersection of nominated streets to provide advertising for businesses along roads running off the highway and other business' on or adjacent to the highway in lieu of sandwich boards.

Design received of one trial sign and order placed with storeman. A change to the graphic design at the top of the sign, to have Jabiru depicted on it, has delayed the ordering of the sign as the sign makers are unable to find a suitable picture of a Jabiru.

The supplier is still searching for a suitable Jabiru picture. The supplier has indicated that this may cost more money and intends to advise of the costs.

The signage requirements and Jabiru picture has been finalised and the sign was ordered 9 May 2008. The sign is due to be delivered 27 June 2008.

I have reviewed Main Roads reply to my queries regarding this sign and have discussed them with Eric Denham. Some of the items I have already addressed and the sign manufacturer is aware of the changes required. Only three service signs are allowed on the post. Main roads have suggested an alternate advertising sign for businesses on the service roads to the highway (see below).

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Note the size of the board. I want to discuss this item with Council in the meeting and seek a direction with respect to this item.

6/8/08 - Approximate delivery date for sign is 29 August 2008 ex Brisbane.

Since Last Meeting

Approximate delivery date for sign is 29 August 2008 ex Brisbane.

2. Security Options for Eagle Street and Bike Paths

Resolution: Res-2007-01-031 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services
That security options be investigated for Eagle Street.

Resolution: Res-2007-01-032 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services
That the Police be asked to assist with a security audit on the bike paths in Longreach.

Resolution: Res-2007-03-111 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services
That Cr Gooding and Cr Ford participate in the audit of the Eagle Street lighting and Bike Paths.

Action to date

The audit was carried out on the 29 May and a preliminary report has been returned for comment.

Comments were returned for inclusion in a final report to Council.

QPS have been followed up for the final report.

Implement trimming and maintenance of bike path and gardens to improve sightlines etc. Look at lighting maintenance and improvements where nominated. Pursue funding options for security upgrades.

Awaiting response to my request for confirmation of the next round of SIP funding.

Report summary:

Lighting Considerations

The report notes in Eagle Street the intersection of Pelican Street and the intersection of Swan Street could benefit from more lighting. The Hudson Fysh Walkway not having its own independent lighting could be considered unsatisfactory at providing a perception of safety at night.

Sightlines

The Hudson Fysh Walkway varies from good to totally unsatisfactory.

The walkway also rated poorly when considering other aspects such as Isolation From Being seen or Heard and Movement Predictability.

Recommended Maintenance

Trimming or reduction of shrubbery is required at the Duck Street garden bed outside the old Convent and along the

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11.4.1.1 Business Arising

length of the Hudson Fysh Walkway at various intervals.

Repositioning and service maintenance of lighting at the above mentioned intersections in Eagle Street and advise owners of Glasson House to consider up-lighting in the garden beds outside the building.

Skateboarding stoppers could be installed to areas where this is a problem.

Sources of funding include the following: (advice has been requested from the department as to when the next round of this program opens)

No further developments prior to this Report however applications close shortly for the Security Improvement Program and some works may be identified through the Open Space Recreation Plan.

No application made in 2007. Next round of funding due August 2008.

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Have had a meeting with a landscape Architect on 22 April 2008. A number of general comments were made regarding the bikepath & lighting. Bollard lighting is not suitable for bikepaths. The bikepath is shared and should be 2.4 m wide, currently it is 1.8 m wide. The Architect is unaware of any solar powered heritage styled lighting. It may be possible to adapt heritage styled lighting to be solar powered, but would need investigating. Solar powered lighting would require mains backup as well. Therefore the initial costs for solar powered lighting is substantially larger than mains powered lighting. The locations of the lights will need to be placed with regard to the type of vegetation in the area. The council resolved not to pursue the CCTV installation along the bikepath, Eagle street and the dump, due to the estimated costs of the order of \$1M.

Currently researching the market place for availability and costs of various lighting options.

6/8/08 - Waiting on Queensland Solar Lightings lighting plan and cost estimates.

Since Last Meeting

3. Piping on old bridge

Resolution: Res-2007-11-571 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That the Engineer investigates "debris" protection of pumps and piping on the old traffic bridge near Riverside Park as a matter of urgency.

Resolution: Res-2008-06-249 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That costings be obtained for a lay down rail for the bridge.

Action to date

Currently waiting on details of the design so prices may be obtained.

Prices have been sought from local contractors to price both aluminium and galvanised options.

Options have been discussed with Longreach Mobile Welding. Prices to have the ability to lay the railings down in times of flood to be provided. Waiting on cost estimates from PJ Rayner.

I am not dealing with PJ Rayner anymore and have engaged Eyres Welding Works to supply an estimate for the work and preliminary sketches.

6/8/08 - Eyre's welding works may not be able to assist. We have requested estimates from Longreach Engineering and Centwest Engineering, who are reluctant to assist and have advised that they may take up to two months to provide the estimate.

I also consulted Main Roads with respect to the necessity of the work, particularly for the structural integrity of the bridge. Main Roads advised that they do not have any concerns about structural integrity of the bridge although they do not have any calculations to support this view. They also advised that they would rather take this risk of the bridge rails being damaged by debris load than upgrade to modern bridge (due to the cost of upgrading the rails).

They also advised that they would like to restart discussions with Council about the ownership of this bridge. Main Roads currently own the bridge and was left it in place mainly due to Council's request to be able to be used as a community asset.

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28/08/08 - Eyre's welding works may not be able to assist. We have requested estimates from Longreach Engineering and Centwest Engineering, who are reluctant to assist and have advised that they may take up to two months to provide the estimate.

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4. Stormwater drainage

Resolution: Res

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Request that the Director Engineering Services prepare a report on the stormwater drainage for the Town of Longreach for the next Council Meeting.

Resolution: Res 2008-04-103

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That formal tendering documents be prepared and quotations sought for the preparation of a master drainage plan for the town of Longreach.

Action to date:

An indicative price was obtained from George Bourne & Associates of \$120,000.00 was tabled at last council meeting. Waiting on Hoffman's surveyors to provide data on what stormwater drainage assets have been picked up, so that the documents can be collated for tender. Have also requested GBA to provide copies of any documentation that would be applicable to assist with this process.

Currently collating the tender document. There may be some more survey required and are awaiting confirmation from Hoffman Surveyors whether they have this data or not.

There will be some more survey required and are liaising with Hoffman's to perform the work.

6/8/08 - Hoffmans have completed a large part of the Survey work.

Since Last Meeting

5. Beston Parks

Resolution: Res-2008-01-021

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Beston Parks be advised that Council will accept the deferment of the sewerage upgrade to the Gunnadoo Caravan Park but a definite decision and timeline has to be made by the 31st May 2008 as to whether they will proceed with an on-site sewerage package plant or wish to continue with a sewer main upgrade.

Action to Date:

Letter sent to Beston Parks

I spoke to Peter Lawrence of Discovery Holiday Parks ("DHP") (formerly Beston Parks) on 3 June 2008. Peter advised that he was not aware of any 31 May 2008 timeline for a decision for onsite reuse in lieu of upgrading the sewer mains. He was also unaware of any correspondence from council regarding the issue nor the timeline. I will chase up this item of correspondence. However, he advised that DHP's position is that there is no trigger for an upgrade just yet and therefore there is no requirement for an upgrade. I will investigate DHP's assertion that there is no trigger and address it accordingly.

Letter sent to Beston Parks by Acting CEO dated 20 June 2008, giving Beston Parks until 2 July 2008 to advise if Beston Parks intend to use on site sewerage system or not. I am unaware of any reply from Beston Parks.

6/8/08 - Beston parks have requested, amongst other things (the CEO's report contains more detail), that they be given an extension to 31 December 2008 to investigate the on site sewer reuse proposal.

Resolution: Res-2008-08-14

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That

a) Discovery Holiday Parks be granted an extension to 31 December 2008 to complete the necessary investigations into the sewerage upgrade condition of development and report to council on the outcomes; and

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b) the agreed solution be implemented prior to Easter 2009.

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6. Streetscape Plan - Longreach

Resolution: Res-2008-03-071

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That Council adopt the Streetscape Plan attached hereto as Appendix 'A' in principle and that the plan be recommended to the new Council.

Action to date:

Clarified with council that a technical report is required for the Landscape Policy.

Have received a review from a number of relevant council officers, and are awaiting for all the relevant officers to supply their review. This will be used as the basis for a formal report. We will also wait for input from the newly appointed Parks & Gardens Officer which I understand is due to commence work around 9 June 2008.

Still waiting on review from Parks & Gardens Officer.

6/8/08 - Still waiting on review from Parks & Gardens Officer.

Since Last Meeting

7. Water Usage

Resolution: Res-2008-04-114

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That a report on major water users and existing approvals in place for modifications to allowable watering times be prepared for Council.

Action Prior to end of Last Meeting:

Clarified at council meeting the specific information expected in the report.

Have commenced work on the report. Outcomes are intended to be presented at the Council Meeting.

I have collated all the information for the report and have discovered some anomalies. The report is not yet ready to be tabled.

6/8/08 - Please refer to the report under the heading new matters.

Since Last Meeting

8. Eagle Street Shade Structure

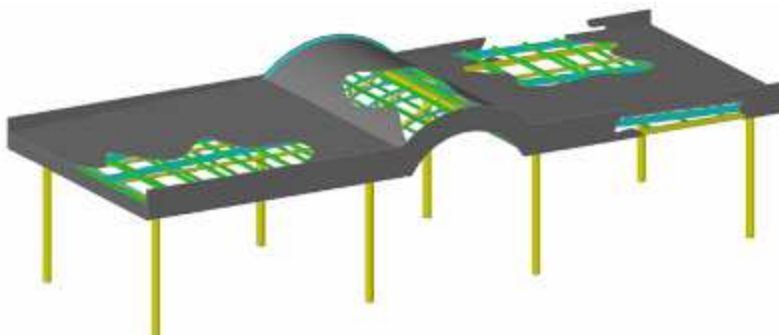
Resolution: Res-2008-04-115

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That the third design as presented for the shade structure be implemented by Council with the proviso that no pedestrian railings be installed.

Action to date:

Longreach Mobile Welding has been requested to propose a design and provide a price for the project. Once the proposal is provided it is intended that GBA provide construction drawings and a design certificate. A design is nearly finalised at the time of writing. The intended final design was presented at the council meeting and was adopted by Council



Gutter will be installed at the ends of the structure.

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The council resolved that PJ Rayner be allowed two weeks to price the project and 4 weeks to construct it. PJ Rayner was advised to price the project on 23 June 2008 and therefore has until 7 July 2008 to provide a price. GBA issued for construction drawings on 24 June 2008

6/8/08 - PJ Rayner has commenced the work. It will be tight to finish by 7 August 2008. I will advise of the progress at the next council meeting.

Since Last Meeting

9. Bore Water System - Longreach

Resolution: Res-2008-04-123 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That a report be prepared on the full costs to ratepayers of the maintenance of the bore water reticulation system and possible strategies to phase out the bore water reticulation system.

Action to date:

Information for Bore water usage was collated and the outcomes were presented at the Council Meeting. I intend to liaise with Worley Parsons to estimate the cost to perform the work & perform the work or develop a brief for the work to tender/quote for the work (depending on price estimate). It is intended be performed at the same time as the Raw Water Pump investigations are performed.

I have liaised with Worley Parsons re the Raw water Pumps, Bore water survey and sewer telemetry. I am waiting for their fee proposals and timelines.

6/8/08 - I have issued the fee proposal from Worley Parsons to the CEO who forwarded it on to Councillors for feedback on the content to be presented in the report. Worley Parsons are expected to visit site week commencing 18 August 2008.

Since Last Meeting

Councillors provided feedback in the meeting 14/8/08. The extra requirements for the report is summarised in email below:

Please find below confirmation of what was discussed in the Council meeting 14 August 2008.

Worley Parsons Fee proposal stated that it would cover the following items:

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the report will be to present the findings of a desk top study on the overall financial, social and environmental implications of continuing the bore supply versus decommissioning the system.

3. PROJECT SCOPE/METHODOLOGY

Our proposed scope of the works is as follows:-

TASK 1	Site visit & gathering data
1.1	A senior electrical engineer will visit Longreach Regional Shire Council to discuss all relevant issues and collect relevant data. Data collected shall include:
1.	Bore operational history and condition; flow rate data; pump capacity, pump condition reports; bore yield, bore water quality; maintenance and servicing history.
2.	Reticulation and delivery system; Pipe line reticulation/distribution layout. Condition report if available; servicing history.
3.	Collection of any previous studies/reports done on bulk water supply assessment.
TASK 2	Assess the Financial Implication
The financial analysis will include various aspects of expenditure these include:	
2.1	Identify and quantify all budget level capital expenditure required to ensure bore life sustains yield and demand.
2.2	Estimate the operating and maintenance cost for the bore and reticulation expenditure, including labour.
2.3	Estimate the cost of delivering water from the river source and the energy required to heat the water on an overall basis.

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TASK 3	Assess Environmental implications and Social Implications
3.1	The Environmental implications of any energy differential between supplying heated bore water or locally heating water within individual properties.
3.2	Identify past, current and potential future users of the bore water and discuss the social implications of discontinuing and continuing the bore water. This will discuss the impact and effect on users and those who can not utilise the resource.

None of the above needed deletion however the items raised by Council in the meeting that need to be addressed are:

In supplement to:

- Cost per ratepayers to sustain the bore water
- No. of residents use bore water for hot water
- No of residents are connected to bore water
- An analysis of the cost of bore versus river water on a per kL basis
- Analysis of the usage bore versus river water

In addition to:

- Supplementing river water with bore water
- Bore water and its potential to assist in drought proofing Longreach
- Affect on sewerage system and potential to harvest sewerage and what is required to remove salinity
- Fluoridisation
- Means tested hot water system replacement
- Exit strategy to decommission reticulation system

In summary the main strategies the council wants investigated is:-

- The costs and implications to maintain the bore water system
- The costs and implications to decommission the bore water system
- The costs and implications to decommission the reticulation system but maintain the bores

10. Radar Zone – Landsborough Highway

Resolution: Res-2008-04-111 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That the Department of Main Roads be requested to install a Police Radar Zone sign on the eastern approach to Longreach between the 80Km and 60Km signs on the Landsborough Highway.

Action to date:

Letter sent.

6/8/08 - The issue was followed up. It would appear that the letter was drafted but never issued. It was reissued on 29 July 2008. Awaiting reply.

Since Last Meeting

11. Traffic and Parking Issues at Saleyards

Resolution Res-2008-05-133 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That the Chief Executive Officer prepare a report on potential parking solutions for the Saleyards and Spelling yards and required Highway signage (trucks turning signage etc).

Action to date:

Council resolution passed.

A meeting between QR and Council was held to discuss this issue amongst other things. GBA has been engaged to provide survey and a design proposal.

GBA have issued some preliminary drawings and I have sent them back with recommended changes.

Since Last Meeting

None.

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11.4.1.1 Business Arising

12. Leander Rest Area– change in facility

Resolution Res-2008-06-265 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That the Department of Main Roads be asked to provide a litter collection facility at the southern side of the highway at the Leander facility.

Action to date:

6/8/08 - Richard Moore is liaising with Tony Edwards from Main Roads to resolve the issue. Awaiting feedback from Main Roads.

Since Last Meeting

13. Our Lady's School, Longreach – Request for parking improvements

Resolution Res-2008-06-296 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That the Chief Executive Officer have a report prepared on the costs of implementing the proposal and the issues that may arise along with alternative options for Council's consideration.

Action to date:

Council resolution passed.

6/8/08 - Richard Moore & I have performed some preliminary investigations and have come up with an alternative design (note Our Lady's School's proposal has several reasons why it would not work). I intend to meet with the Principal of Our Lady's School (Friday 8 august 2008) to discuss our alternative proposal to ensure it meets with their requirements

Since Last Meeting

14. Local Law Changes – Gates and Grids

Resolution: Res-2008-06-228 Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

That Council direct the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report on the cost implications of implementing the previous Ilfracombe and Isisford Shire policies across the region, including the establishment of a database on all grids, their condition, estimated cost and timing of upgrades and annual maintenance of grids; and once prepared, this report be presented to the Rural Lands Advisory Committee for consideration and that the advisory committee be asked to recommend a course of action for Council.

Action to date:

11-08-08 – JD Asset Mapping has been recording and mapping grids in the regional area

Since Last Meeting

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15. Quotations for preparation of designs and tender document - Longreach Airport

(Res-2008-07-356)

That Council resolve:

- a) That it is satisfied that, given the time constraints imposed by the need to acquit the Q150 funding on the airport project and the difficulty in finding Engineering firms able to prepare the required design and documentation for the asphalt overlay project in a short time, there is only one supplier reasonably available to Council at this time to undertake these works and accordingly Council determines that it is prepared to engage Connell Wagner to undertake these works (Including the initial survey and survey completion if required) at an estimated total cost of \$166,813 (Plus GST) without going to tender in accord with Section 486(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993; and
- b) To provide a delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to engage Connell Wagner for the preparation and design of the tender documents for the asphalt overlay of the Longreach Airport (including the initial survey and survey completion if required) once the Chief Executive Officer has undertaken further investigations into the requirements for each aspect of the quotes provided and has been satisfied that they are required and that the quotations provided are appropriate given current industry standards for such services.

Action Prior to end of Last Meeting:

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11.4.1.1 Business Arising

Council resolution passed.

Since Last Meeting

See standing matters below.

16. Project Plan – Q150 - Airport Runway overlay

Resolution: Res 2008-05-208 Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to submit a project plan for the use of the Q150 grant funds for a bitumen overlay for the Longreach Airport runway by the 31st of December 2008.

Action to Date

Plan submitted. Formal application for RADS funding is also being prepared.

Res-2008-07-356: That Council resolve: a) That it is satisfied that, given the time constraints imposed by the need to acquit the Q150 funding on the airport project and the difficulty in finding Engineering firms able to prepare the required design and documentation for the asphalt overlay project in a short time, there is only one supplier reasonably available to Council at this time to undertake these works and accordingly Council determines that it is prepared to engage Connell Wagner to undertake these works (Including the initial survey and survey completion if required) at an estimated total cost of \$166,813 (Plus GST) without going to tender in accord with Section 486(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993; and

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24/06/08 Formal application for RADS funding has been sent.

Connell Wagner appointed to conduct preparation and design of the tender documents for the asphalt overlay including the initial survey and survey completion.

14/08/08 - Connell Wagner have been engaged to provide survey, design and tender/contract documentation for the project for a total sum of \$122,570.00 (exc. GST).

A tentative program was proposed. See below:

Commence specifications and tender documentation	21 July 2008
Commence Survey	28 July 2008
Tender documents to LSC for review	11 August 2008
LSC to call tenders (select)	18 August 2008
Tender period closes	19 September 2008
Complete Design	19 September 2008
Tender Negotiations and Contract Award	26 September 2008
Contractor mobilisation	6 weeks up to 7 November 2008
Construction commencement	10 November 2008
Construction completion	30 November 2008

Currently we are on program. The on-site survey was completed 31 July 2008. a draft set of specification and tender documents have been issued for review. Ray Elliot from Connell Wagener is due onsite 12 & 13 August 2008 to finalise everything prior to going to tender on 18 August 2008.

Since last Meeting

Tender documents were issued 20 August 2008 to three tenderers and one on 22 August 2008. There is a compulsory tender site visit organised for 28 & 29 August 2008.

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11.4.1.2 Standing Matters

To: Chief Executive Officer
From: John Roworth, Acting Director of Engineering Services
Subject: Director Infrastructure Services Report for March 2008

11.4.1.1 Standing Matters

1. **Budget**

Not depicted

2. **Staffing**

Total number of engineering staff categorised by employment status.

Director of Infrastructure Services	Contracted	Full Time until 15/8/08
	Filled	Full Time from 18/8/08
Technical Assistant	Vacant	Full Time

We interviewed an applicant in Longreach. We are currently negotiating with the applicant. The applicant would be suitable for the position. The main issue for the applicant is he can not find a place of the order of 1 hectare or more to run horses. We are currently trying to assist the applicant in finding a place that would suit, either to be bought or rented.

Administration Assistant	Filled	Full Time
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1. Longreach Aquatic Centre

The outcomes from 14 August meeting as issued by email dated 15 August 2008 are being performed. See below for outcomes.

	ITEM	OUTCOME	TO BE ACTIONED BY
a)	Are timed flow push button taps required?	No & Monitor	Not applicable
b)	Do the gates to the entry points to the toilets remain?	To be left	Not applicable
c)	Are all external doors required to open outwards?	No - as long as we get a certificate of classification	Not applicable
d)	Will the evaporative air-conditioning need to be installed?	Yes	John Roworth
e)	Do the rest of doors and windows require fly screens (note the windows on the walls on the outside of the complex are flyscreened as a result of the installation of security mesh.	No	Noted
f)	Do the dimensions of the internal wall between the kiosk and the kitchen need to be changed?	To be monitored	Pool Lessee/Suzanne Hill-Hislop
g)	What equipment needs to be installed in the kiosk and kitchen, in particular fridges?	Leave with freezer, fridges & liaise with pool lessee	Suzanne Hill-Hislop
h)	Does the layout of the kitchen need to be changed?	To be monitored	Pool Lessee/Suzanne Hill-Hislop
i)	Official Opening – Date to be set by Council keeping in mind of timelines as per funding agreements below MFP – 3 months from date of notification to invite Minister RP - Australian Government Representative to attend. Contact the Central Queensland ACC for assistance with completing the form. Once completed, forward to RP for co-ordination National Office	14 November 2008	Leisa Wilson
j)	Does council require any changes to the plant room shed?	To be monitored	Pool Lessee/Suzanne Hill-Hislop
k)	Name of facility	Longreach Memorial Pool	Noted
l)	Plaque locations	Left side entrance between main security & second security fence	John Roworth & John Palmer
m)	Sign Locations for Sport & Rec	Opposite side to plaques	John Roworth & John Palmer
n)	50m blocks	Yes	John Roworth
o)	Fence around heat pumps	Yes	John Roworth
p)	Stainless Steel Benches	No	Noted
q)	Entrance Columns	To stay	Noted

2. House raising

Currently compiling documentation so that letters can be issued with offers to participate in the scheme. However, Council direction is needed prior to this next step. Please find a report below for Councils consideration.

Funding Allocation

Funding is allocated as per the following breakdown; 1/3 State, 1/3 Commonwealth and 1/3 Agency

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contributions. My understanding of the Agency contribution is that it may be made up from various sources (generally from the Council and the home owner). As of 4 August 2008 the budget for the project is:

State	\$382,111.20
Commonwealth	\$382,111.20
Agency	\$382,111.20

Funding Available \$1,146,333.60

Note that the funding agreement does not give any clear guidelines as to the way the Agency is required to fund their contribution or to the limit on the State and Commonwealth subsidy per household.

The average cost of raising a house in the last round of offers in 2004 was approximately \$40,000.00. We estimate the cost of raising an average size 3 bedroom house in 2008 will be approximately \$55,000.00. Based on these figures approximately 20 houses will be able to be raised.

Previously the Council

- 1) limited the contribution from the State and the Commonwealth to \$26,400.00 (inc. GST) (based on the average of \$40,000.00 to raise a house), and
- 2) Resolved that there would be no assistance from Council towards the Agencies contribution

Therefore the homeowner's contribution to their project was the cost minus \$26,400.00 (inc. GST).

Recommendation

That Council reconsider if any limit of the Commonwealth and State subsidy is to apply that the limit is increased to \$36,300.00 in line with the increase in cost to raise a house (i.e. estimated at \$55,000.00). That Council also consider its position with respect to Council's assistance towards the Agency contribution for all projects or for special cases such as pensioners (should be noted that 5 home owners declined the offer due to the inability to finance the project some of which were pensioners).

3) Feasibility Study, design & cost estimate to upgrade mains 2008/2009

Baileys Civil visited site on 21 & 22 July 2008 and have provided some concept plans for discussion this study is ongoing.

Lee Donaldson has been issued with the information for sewer re-use and am waiting for his desktop reply.

Greg Tobin has been issued with the information for sewer re-use and have received his report but have not reviewed it in detail.

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4) Status of Raw Water Pumps

Worley Parsons have visited site during week commencing 18 August 2008. I am intending to discuss the outcomes from this visit in the council meeting.

The permanent pumps have arrived in Australia and I am waiting for a date from McCracken's for the installation.

5) Water Usage Report

Water usage report as requested by council resolution (Res-2008-04-114)

High End Users

Listed below are the top 20 high end water users in the categories of Residential, Commercial/Industrial, & Community & Stables. All of the Longreach Regional Council meter readings have been included.

(1) Residential

Parcel Address	Total Year	Allocation	Exemption
140-160 Wompoo Road	5525	1200	No
123-141 Wompoo Road	4569	1200	No
14 Lark Street	4255	1200	No
83-101 Wompoo Road	3248	1200	No
40 Cassowary Street	3031	1200	No
35 Stork Road	2989	1200	No
Muttaborra Road	2799	Bulk Water	No
'Sandalwoods Estate'	2654	Bulk Water	No
41 Curlew Road	2644	1200	No
128 Spoonbill Street	2489	1200	No
30 Stork Road	2469	1200	No
23 Curlew Road	2296	1200	No
3 Bower Road	2196	1200	No
41 Thrush Road	2139	1200	No
158 Cassowary Street	2003	1200	No
160 Cassowary Street	1913	1200	No
29 Curlew Road	1885	1200	No
Golf Links Road	1881	1200	No
132 Ibis Street	1869	1200	No

Note: Of the total of 9 houses with water restriction exemptions only 1 is over allocation, with a metered usage of 1369 kL and is the 56th highest user (of 1467 connections).

The allocation for residential was generally 1200 kL per year, with variations depending on residence.

For the purpose of this report the allocation is assumed to be 1200 kL for the top twenty users above.

(2) Commercial/Industrial

Name	Total Year	Allocation	Exemption
Longreach Rural Training School Board	128681	Bulk water	Yes
The State Of Queensland (Hospital)	22683	Bulk water	Yes
The State Of Queensland (LSHS)	21407	Bulk water	Yes
The State Of Queensland (LSS)	17258	Bulk water	Yes
Beston Parks Land Co Pty Ltd	16857	22500	Yes
RSL Care Pioneers	14112	Bulk water	Yes
Biggers Investments Pty Ltd (Jumbuck)	12299	18600	No

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The State Of Queensland (LSODE)	12038	Bulk water	Yes
Smith Brothers Pty Ltd (Aussie Betta Cabins)	2598	9900	Yes
Town & Country Pub Holdings Pty Ltd	9310	6000	No
The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation (OLS)	11358	9000	No
Longreach Jockey Club Inc. (Get Community Rebate For Water)	8028	42000	No
Department Of Primary Industries	7807	3600	Yes
Queensland Railways	5813	Bulk water	No
Calfer Pty Ltd As Trustee (Motor Inn)	5388	23400	Yes
Wildgame Resources Pty Ltd	5200	Bulk water	No
Australian Stockman's Hall Of Fame	4846	Bulk water	No
Roland J Gooding	4030	2400	No
Roland J Gooding	3631	13200	No

Note: Of the total of 16 commercial/industrial users with exemptions, 10 are in the top twenty users

(3) Community & Stables

Name	Total Year	Allocation	Exemption
THE CORPORATION OF THE SYNOD OF DIOCESE (Anglican Church/Hall/4 Units)	2728	6600	No
RSL Care Pioneers	2166	14800.5	No
Longreach Tennis Club Inc	1199	1200	No
Longreach Youth Club & Sports Complex	1152	1800	No
Baptist Church	1003	2001	No
Longreach Cultural Centre	863	1200	No
Kenneth J Hoolihan & Mary J Hoolihan	655	600	No
Rana J Taylor	655	600	No
Assemblies Of God In Australia	630	2400	No
Brisbane Congregation Of Jehovah's	627	600	No
Peter C Anderson & Penelope A Anderson	611	600	No
Clive N Oates	443	600	No
Neil C & Katie E Johnston & Peter T	347	600	No
Maurita K Davidson	322	600	No
The Uniting Church In Australia	308	1200	No
Anthony F Weldon	296	600	No
The Salvation Army (Queensland) Property	262	1800	No
John E Kuhn & Kaye M Kuhn	238	600	No
Damian J Arthur	223	600	No

Note: No exemptions exist for the community & stables category.

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(4) Longreach Regional Council

Description/Use	Total Year	Allocation	Exemption
Sewerage Treatment Works Jundah Rd	26451	Bulk Water	No
Showgrounds	17197	42000	No
CBD1 next to the broлга facing Eagle St	9288	18000	No
drainage easement	7482	Bulk Water	No
standpipe @ depot	5634	Bulk Water	No
Cemetery	5371	6000	No
Aerodrome & associated area	4513	Bulk Water	No
Rotary Park	3886	Bulk Water	No
Lioness Park	3228	Bulk Water	No
Child Care	2327	3000	No
Qantas Park	1671	1200	No
Student Hostel	1649	4701	No
skate park behind telephone pole end Emu	1522	Bulk Water	No
Child Care	1498	3000	No
CBD2 roundabout across from IGA	1137	18000	No
ANZAC/Edkins Park - near statue/ inline with light post	1067	Bulk Water	No
Cemetery	649	6000	No
Qantas Park - next to mesh fence in green box	594	1401	No
ANZAC/Edkins Park - under metal box against toilet block	565	Bulk Water	No
Depot	340	3000	No
Power House Museum	277	2400	No
garden bed cnr Duck/highway	243	18000	No
CBD3 r'about Eagle/Pelican near Landmark	219	18000	No
Office	19	8400	No
Swimming Pool	12	48000	No
Saleyards	0	Bulk Water	No
Town Common	0	Bulk Water	No

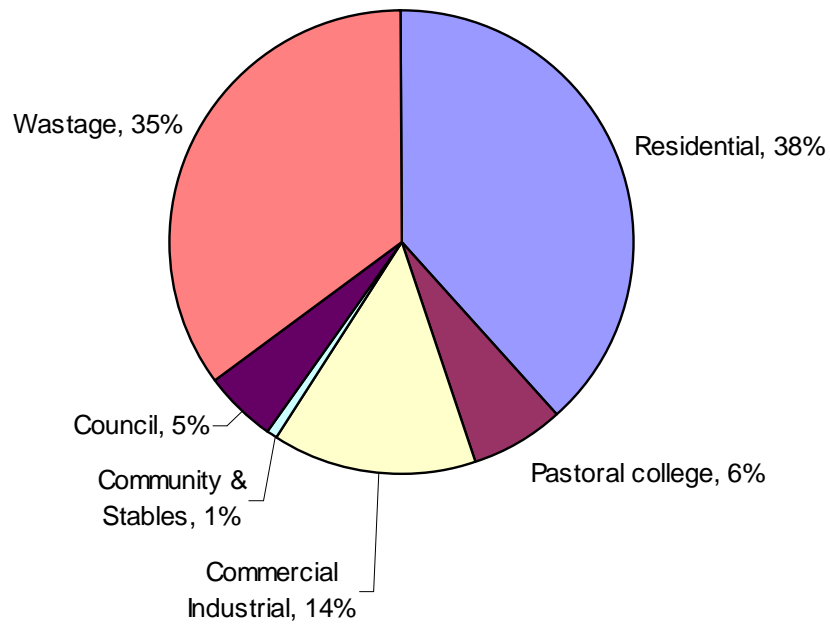
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Statistics on Usage

Category	Residential	Pastoral college	Commercial Industrial	Community & Stables	Council	Wastage	Totals
average	623	128681	1562	393	N/A	N/A	N/A
Median	545	N/A	352	172	N/A	N/A	N/A
general allocation	1200	1200 to 22500	1200 to 22500	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
total connections	1219	1	184	41	22	N/A	1467
number above average	527	N/A	38	12	N/A	N/A	N/A
number of exemptions	9	1	15	0	N/A	N/A	25
exemptions for above average usage	9	N/A	10	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
total consumption	758913	128681	279635	16132	96839	700388	1980588

Breakup of Usage



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Residential users with Exemptions for Water Restrictions

Name	Parcel Address	Total Usage
CHH PTY LTD	118 EMU STREET	1369
KIM J ANDERSON	145 EAGLE STREET	1181
LONGREACH SHIRE COUNCIL	64 WOMPOO ROAD	1116
STELLA M MURRAY	26 EAGLE STREET	1082
TERRY A LITTLE & BARBARA R LITTLE	72 CASSOWARY STREET	1017
JENNIFER K OWENS	13 ROBIN ROAD	927
WILLIAM P PARKER & EVELYN F PARKER	42 QUAIL STREET	922
RAYMOND V & DIANE E CLARKE	41 SPARROW STREET	866
JOHN I KING & JOY M KING	14 ROBIN ROAD	769

Commercial/Industrial users with Exemptions for Water Restrictions

Name	Parcel Address 1	Total Usage
LONGREACH RURAL TRAINING SCHOOL BOARD	ILFRACOMBE ROAD	128681
THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (Hospital)	PLOVER STREET	22683
THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (LSHS)	JABIRU STREET	21407
THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (LSS)	139 IBIS STREET	17258
BESTON PARKS LAND CO PTY LTD	'GUNNADOO CARAVAN PARK'	16857
RSL CARE PIONEERS	SPARROW STREET	14112
THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (LSODE)	ILFRACOMBE ROAD	12038
SMITH BROTHERS PTY LTD (aussie Betta Cabins)	77 ILFRACOMBE ROAD	2598
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES	ILFRACOMBE ROAD	7807
CALFER PTY LTD AS TRUSTEE (motor Inn)	90 GALAH STREET	5388
QANTAS OUTBACK FOUNDERS MUSEUM	ILFRACOMBE ROAD	3130
BARRY J & JULIENNE J EGGERLING AS Tyre Centre)	143 EAGLE STREET	1418
TUCKIEANNE PTY LTD AS TRUSTEE (HACC)	19 DUCK STREET	911
JAMES R & LEANNE ECKFORD & GREMIS PTY (Glasson House)	139 EAGLE STREET	549
LONGREACH HOSPITAL BOARD (hospital Laundry)	PLOVER STREET	156
ALAN BAILEY NOMINEES PTY LTD AS TRUSTEE (Albert Park)	ILFRACOMBE ROAD	0

Items to be noted

The following Water Usage Report contains data for the period January 2007 to December 2007.

It was quite difficult to obtain the data as:-

- Some meters not captured within Practical (this has been rectified) as more than one department was reading meters .This is currently being rectified so that only one department reads all the meters and captures the data on Practical.
- Some residences having more than 1 meter and then read by 2 separate people for e.g. Child Care Centre – 1 assessment number; 2 meters, read by 2 people, 1 captured on Practical in Rates the other not captured on Practical.
- A large number of readings were categorised incorrectly. For example the Pastoral College was zoned categorised as residential.

The categorisation of each reading is based on the category allocated to the land title by Department of Natural Resources & Water (DNR). The DNR will be consulted to see whether their classification can be changed to suit the actual usage of the land title.

The Council did not record the water used from the council standpipe for billing purposes.

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This practice was changed as of 1 July 2008.

The wastage would include losses and unallocated usage such as leaks, routine mains flushing, meter under reading, unauthorised consumption, non metered usage and fire usage. I am currently finalising a system leakage management plan (legislated by the state Government) which will address all of these items.

I have requested the water & sewerage department to purchase metered portable standpipes to capture some of the water that is used for routine flushing etc.

I am working with the water & sewerage department and the Parks and gardens department to ensure that all meters have been read that are installed and any meters are installed on areas that aren't metered. So far we have discovered that:-

- The showgrounds are not metered but the oval is
- The water treatment plant is metered but not being read
- The odd dripper line is not metered such as the roundabout on the Winton road
- The main street is metered but not being read

It would appear that for all intents and purposes we can assume that the figures in this report include these items as they will not make much difference to the overall council consumption.

The total consumption is the meter reading at the outlet of the Water Treatment Plant. Therefore this information does not consider any water loss from the raw water pumps to the water treatment plant and any losses within the water treatment plant.

An exemption only allows the use of a timed reticulated system outside the designated watering times and are restricted to the same total hours of the designated watering times. (ie same hours but at different times to the restrictions).

The policy guidelines for exemptions from watering times are as follows:

- a) An inspection of the control system prior to the issue of a permit to be carried out by Council
- b) Agreement by the home owner to allow ad-hoc inspections by Council to monitor compliance
- c) Display on the front boundary of the property some form of signage, indicating an exemption to the advertised watering times; and
- d) The sprinkling times do not exceed the allowed hours for the respective sprinkling days

My understanding is that these items were not followed or policed by Council. These inspections were carried out in conjunction with Parks and Garden staff

The exemptions are current whilst ever watering restrictions are not changed. Upon change the users are obliged to reapply for exemption.

(5) Recommendation

I recommend that Council consider the above report and provide direction if they feel it is appropriate.

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John Roworth
Director Infrastructure Services

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11.4.1.4 Correspondence

11.4.1.4.1 Correspondence Requiring Council Decision

1. Yaraka Progress Committee

Received 14 August 2008 - File Y4

A letter was received from the Yaraka progress Committee dated 2 August 2008 regarding the progress of the seal between Powells Creek and Emmett. The committee is concerned with the progress of the road, amongst other things, and were under the understanding that 10 km per year was to be sealed. The committee has requested a response to their letter.

Acting Director of Infrastructure Services Report **Applicable Legislation**

None specific

Policy Considerations

None

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Not applicable

Budget Considerations

Refer to comments

Comment

This road is part of the Jericho to Windorah road project. The project was commenced, amongst other things, in lieu of maintaining rail to Yaraka (ie to provide an all weather access to Yaraka). The project is funded through TIDS funding by Main roads.

It is my understanding that the former Isisford Shire was allocated 1.2M per year for 10 years to seal from Emmett to Powells Creek. It was expected that 1.2M dollars would allow 10km of seal to be provided. It is also my understanding that this work would be prioritised against other activities in the shire. Approximately 9km of seal was performed the first year of the project and approximately 5 km in the second year. It is expected to have a further 2 to 3 km of seal performed this year.

Main Roads can be flexible with funding, yet this has not been specifically addressed for this project.

Recommendations

The councils consideration & direction.

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Correspondence For Council Information

- 1. Department of Natural Resources and Water**
Received 11 August 2008 – G4/14

Advising that the existing water monitoring station owned by the Department and located on the Thomson River adjacent to the Longreach to Winton highway will be upgraded. This water monitoring station is on a council reserve on the right hand side of the current highway near the old bridge crossing the Thomson River.

It is proposed to remove the existing float well structure with water monitoring instruments and install a new elevated shelter with upgraded instrumentation.

LATE MATTERS