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Longreach Regional Council **AGENDA**

Of the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 20 August 2026
at Ilfracombe Council Chambers, 1 Devon Street, Ilfracombe, Qld 4727



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Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

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Dear Councillors

Re: Meeting Notice for Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 20 August 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Council Meeting of the Longreach Regional Council will be held in the Ilfracombe Council Chambers, 1 Devon Street, Ilfracombe, Qld 4727 on Thursday 20 August 2026 commencing at 9:00am.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Yours faithfully



Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
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Recommendation

That Council confirms the Minutes dated 16 July 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 July 2026 at
Jarley Street, Yaraka QLD 4731



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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **11:06 am**.

"We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and we pay our respects to their elders past and present."

Present Councillors

Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner
Cr LJ Nunn
Cr DJ Bignell
Cr AJ Emslie
Cr NA Gay
Cr TM Hatch
Cr AR Watts

Officers

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer
Director of Communities
Director of Works
Director of Organisational Services
Manager of Planning, Economics and Governance
Executive Officer of Governance

Brett Walsh
David Wilson
Tanya Johnson
André Pretorius
Grace Cronin-Jones
Simon Kuttner
Sharon Calligaro

Apologies

2 Prayer

Pastor Rob Flodine, Tia Moyo Outback, opened the meeting with a prayer.

3 Condolences

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence to mark the passing of community members Elizabeth (Liz) Erin TURNER and Michael Wayne OAKEY.

4 Leave of Absence

Nil

5 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

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Cr Emslie declared a material personal interest in Item 11.3 Bypass Status - Longreach State High School. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Emslie is employed by Longreach State High School (Education Qld) and the item/decision could have an impact on his employment. Cr Emslie will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

No more declarations were made at this point in the meeting, however Cr Hatch later declared a material personal interest in Item 14.6 Sponsorship - Central West Rugby League. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Hatch owns the Wellshot Hotel which is the venue for the event seeking sponsorship. Cr Hatch left the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Res-2026-07-194

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council confirm the Minutes dated 18 June 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Procedural Motion

Res-2026-07-237

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie

That the standing orders be suspended to allow the presentation of Items 15 and 16 out of order, to facilitate the early departure of the Director of Works.

CARRIED 7 / 0

15 Works Report

15.1 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of June 2026 for the Works Directorate.

Res-2026-07-195

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

15.2 Director of Works Report

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This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Works.

Res-2026-07-196

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

16 Late Items

16.1 Quality Assurance Policy

Consideration of the Quality Assurance Policy No 10.1.

Res-2026-07-197

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council adopts the Quality Assurance Policy No. 10.1, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance:

André Pretorius, Director of Works left the meeting at 12:10pm

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

Res-2026-07-198

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

10 Deputations

Nil

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From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

Res-2026-07-199

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

11.2 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Chief Executive Officer.

Res-2026-07-200

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Council report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:03pm and resumed at 1:55pm with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

Attendance

Cr Tony Emslie left the meeting at 1:56 pm.

11.3 Bypass Status - Longreach State High School

Consideration of a request for Council's support in advocating for bypass school status for Longreach State High School.

Res-2026-07-201

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council:

- 1. Does not support the request to advocate for Longreach State High School to be classified as a bypass school; and,*
- 2. Notes that bypass school classification and Living Away From Home Allowances Scheme (LAFHAS) eligibility are matters for determination by the Queensland Department of Education in accordance with established criteria.*

CARRIED 6 / 0

Attendance

Cr Tony Emslie returned to the meeting at 2:00 pm.

11.4 Motions for Submission to State Conference

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Consideration of motions to be tabled at the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference scheduled to be held in Cairns from 19-21 October 2026.

Res-2026-07-202

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council has no motions to submit to the 2026 Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference.

CARRIED 7 / 0

11.5 Festival of Outback Opera and Qld Music Trails

Consideration of investment proposals for the Festival of Outback Opera and Qld Music Trails.

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute separate three-year funding agreements with:

- 1) Opera Queensland – being for the Festival of Outback Opera event held in Longreach; and*
- 2) Queensland Music Festival – being for the Queensland Music Trails event held in Longreach.*

Res-2026-07-204

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That the motion be amended to read as follows:

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute:

- 1) A three (3) year funding agreement with Opera Queensland for the Festival of Outback Opera event held in Longreach, committing \$25,000 for 2028 and \$15,000 per year for 2027 and 2029; and*
- 2) A one (1) year funding agreement with Queensland Music Festival for the Queensland Music Trails event held in Longreach, committing \$10,000 for 2027.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

The amended motion becomes the substantive motion.

Res-2026-07-205

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute:

- 1) A three (3) year funding agreement with Opera Queensland for the Festival of Outback Opera event held in Longreach, committing \$25,000 for 2028 and \$15,000 per year for 2027 and 2029; and*

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- 2) A one (1) year funding agreement with Queensland Music Festival for the Queensland Music Trails event held in Longreach, committing \$10,000 for 2027.

CARRIED 7 / 0

11.6 Special Holiday Nomination - 2027

Consideration of nominating dates for a Special Holiday in 2027.

Res-2026-07-206

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council, pursuant to section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983, applies to the Office of Industrial Relations to have Friday 21 May 2027, being for the Annual Longreach Agricultural Show, gazetted a Special Holiday within the Longreach Regional Council local government area.

CARRIED 7 / 0

11.7 Annual Operational Plan 2025-26 - Q4 Review for Period Ending 30 June 2026

Consideration of the 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan review for the period ending 30 June 2026.

Res-2026-07-207

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Chief Executive Officer's evaluation of the implementation of the 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 7 / 0

12 Organisational Services Report

12.1 DA2526-070 Development Application for a Material Change of Use - Lot 1622 Crossmoor Rd, Longreach

Consideration of an Other Change to a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Tourist Park for the Addition of 5 Tents.

Res-2026-07-208

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for an Other Change to a Development Permit for a Tourist Park over land at Crossmoor Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1622 on SP342074, subject to the following conditions:

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1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

- 1 The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.
- 2 Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.
- 3 The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 4 The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out associated with the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.
- 5 The approved development is for Tourist Park as per the definition under the Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (V2.1). The 'Existing House' shown on the approved plans is permitted to be used as the manager's residence for the tourist park.

2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit:

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision	Date
Location Plan	SK01	B	02-04-2019
Site Plan	SK02 AA01	B C	02-04-2019 14-05-2026
Site Plan 1/1000 as amended in red by Council	AA02	C	14-05-2026
4.2m Couples Deluxe tent with Bathroom & Kitchenette	-	-	-
6.3m Family Deluxe tent with Bathroom & Kitchenette	-	-	-
6.3m Deluxe Gazebo with Kitchenette	-	-	-
Floor Plan & 3D Views	AA10	C	29-04-2026
Elevations	AA20	C	29-04-2026
Elevations	AA21	C	29-04-2026

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Site & Soil Wastewater Evaluation Report	CWW:1736.19 CWW.4608.26	-	11-04-2019 15-05-2026
Flood Management Plan	-	-	07-05-2026

2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.

2.3 ~~Submit to and have approved by Council, prior to commencement of the use, a Flood Management Plan (FMP) that demonstrates the development site is located where there is sufficient flood warning time to enable safe evacuation. In demonstrating this, the FMP should include the following, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Council:~~

~~1.3.1 Flooding characteristics (the size and extent of flood);~~

~~1.1..2 Effective warning time and rate of rise of floodwater, which is influenced by catchment characteristics and the rainfall event(s) that caused the flood;~~

~~1.1..3 Flood free or low flood hazard access, by way of trafficable roads to facilitate evacuation or provision of supplies;~~

~~1.1..4 Availability of emergency evacuation options including the ability to leave the flood affected land on foot (wading) or by vehicle, distance from flood free ground, and degree of isolation;~~

~~1.1..5 Trigger conditions for evacuation; and~~

~~1.1..6 Roles and responsibilities of the manager/employees in implementing the FMP.~~

~~Once approved by Council, the FMP will become an approved document supplementing the list in condition 2.1.~~

1.3 Implement the approved Flood Management Plan.

1.4 Make available a copy of the Flood Management Plan in each approved tent and any communal areas.

1.5 Submit and have approved by Council, prior to commencement of the use, a plan indicating the location of waste storage areas. The method of waste removal, via Council or another waste contractor, must also be advised for approval.

3.0 ACCESS AND PARKING WORKS

3.1 Provide and retain a minimum of ~~16~~ **21** car parking spaces on-site for exclusive use by guests in accordance with the approved plans. All car parking spaces must be clearly delineated by either line-marking or signage.

3.2 Construct and maintain all car parking spaces and vehicle manoeuvring areas associated with the approved development to an all-weather standard, suitable for a two-wheel drive car.

Advice Note: The vehicle manoeuvring areas include the existing and proposed sections of the driveway from Crossmoor Road to the parking areas.

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3.4 *Design, construct and maintain all car parking and access works generally in accordance with the approved plans, Australian Standard AS2890 "Parking Facilities" (Parts 1 to 6) and Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Queensland).*

3.5 *Vehicular access to/from Crossmoor Road is only permitted at the 'Existing Access Way' location as shown on the approved plans. Vehicles are not permitted to enter or exit the site in any other location.*

3.6 *Vehicular access must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Standard Drawing No. RS-056 (vehicle crossing for rural driveway).*

4.0 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS

4.1 *All roof and allotment drainage must be discharged such that it does not restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water or cause a nuisance to adjoining properties or infrastructure from the pre to the post-development condition.*

5.0 SITE WORKS

5.1 *Site works must be constructed such that they do not, at any time, in any way restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water, or cause a nuisance or worsening to adjoining properties or infrastructure.*

5.2 *Implement and maintain an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) on-site, in accordance with the Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control (BPESC) document, for the duration of the works, and until such time all exposed soil areas are permanently stabilised. The ESCP must be available on-site for inspection by Council Officers during the works.*

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

6.1 *Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, waste water, waste products, oil or otherwise*

6.2 *Maintain outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 – 1997 "Control of Obstructive Effects of Outdoor Lighting".*

6.3 *In accordance with the Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulations, all waste storage areas must be kept in a clean, tidy condition, and sufficient waste containers and services are to be provided to cater for the containment and removal of all waste generated on the site. Waste must be removed to a lawful landfill.*

7.0 AIRPORT ENVIRONS

7.1 *Construct and operate the approved development such that it does not involve:*

7.1.1 *Straight parallel lines of lighting 500m to 100m long;*

7.1.2 *Lighting that extends more than three (3) degrees above the horizon;*

7.1.3 *Flare plumes;*

7.1.4 *Buildings with reflective cladding;*

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- 7.1.5 Upward shining lights;
- 7.1.6 Flashing lights; or
- 7.1.7 Sodium lights.

8.0 SERVICES

- 8.1 Connect the development to Council's reticulated water network.

Advisory Note: In accordance with section 5.7 and specifically Table 5.7.1. (Operational Work) of the Planning Scheme, Operational Work for a water supply connection is prescribed as 'Accepted subject to requirements.' The requirements are the Works Code of the Planning Scheme.

- 8.1 Provide the development with a supply of potable and general use water that has adequate capacity to cater for the Tourist Park. This includes capacity for consumption, domestic use, landscaping and firefighting.

- 8.2 Provide a water tank within 100 metres of each building (other than a class 10 building) for use as on-site water storage for firefighting, which:

- 8.2.1 Is of non-flammable construction;
- 8.2.2 Has a take-off connection at a level that allows 5,000 litres to be left available for access by fire fighters; and
- 8.2.3 Includes shielding of tanks and pumps.

- 8.3 Provide and maintain on-site sewerage treatment and disposal in accordance with the approved Site & Soil Wastewater Evaluation Report, the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code, AS/NZ 1547:2012 On-site domestic wastewater management, AS/NZS 3500.1.2003 Plumbing and drainage – Water services, AS/NZS 3500.2.2003 Plumbing and drainage – Sanitary plumbing and drainage and the BCA: National Construction Code Series 2014, Volumes Three – Plumbing Code of Australia.

- 8.4 Electricity and telecommunication services must be provided to the premises in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

9.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.

10.0 LANDSCAPING

- 10.1 Establish and retain all landscaping generally in accordance with the approved plans. The landscaping must predominantly contain species that are endemic to the Region due to their low water dependency.

- 10.2 Ensure the landscaped areas are subject to water and maintenance during the establishment phase, and an ongoing maintenance and replanting programme as required.

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ADVISORY NOTES

1. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for building work, and plumbing and drainage work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.
2. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.
3. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
4. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care").
5. If food is to be made available/prepared for guests, then a licence under the Food Act may be required. Any provision of food must be at a small scale and ancillary to the Tourist Park use.
6. Natural/neutral colour tones, as reflected on the current approved plans, must be used in the construction of the tents for scenic amenity reasons, unless a change application is made to and approved by Council allowing otherwise.
7. Due to the scale of the Tourist Park and the peak design capacity required for the sewage treatment plant; sewage treatment may constitute an Environmentally Relevant Activity for which an Environmental Authority is required under the Environmental Protection Act/Regulation.
8. Part of the site is mapped as being located within the VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Range 1,000m buffer of the Airport Environs Overlay Map (Aviation Facilities). Any development within the 1,000m buffer area must comply with the design standards identified in Figure 2 of the Airport Environs Overlay Code of the Planning Scheme.

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.2 Councillor Briefing Session Policy - Repeal

Consideration of the Councillor Briefing Session Policy, which is proposed to be repealed.

Res-2026-07-209

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That Council repeals the Councillor Briefing Session Policy No 3.7.

CARRIED 7 / 0

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12.3 Councillor Investigation Policy - Repeal

Consideration of the Councillor Investigations Policy, which is proposed to be repealed.

Res-2026-07-210

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council, pursuant to the Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2026:

- 1. Repeals the Councillor Investigations Policy No 2.6; and,*
- 2. Dissolves the Conduct Breach Standing Committee.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.4 Standing Orders for Council Meetings Policy

Consideration of revisions to the Standing Orders for Council Meetings Policy, in response to the *Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2026*.

Res-2026-07-211

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council adopts the Standing Orders of Council Meetings Policy No. 3.2, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.5 Model Meeting Procedures

Consideration of the updated Model Meeting Procedures for conduct of local government and committee meetings in Queensland.

Res-2026-07-212

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council adopt the Model Meeting Procedures for conduct of local government and committee meetings, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.6 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of June.

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Res-2026-07-213

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives the Planning and Development information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.7 Information Report - Organisational Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Organisational Services Directorate.

Res-2026-07-214

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Organisational Services Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.8 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report

The Workplace Health and Safety report is presented to the Council for consideration. Details include performance commentary, risk management activities, health and safety initiatives, training, injuries and Workers Compensation claims information, as of 1st of July 2026.

Res-2026-07-215

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council notes the monthly Workplace Health and Safety report for June 2026, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.9 Acting Director of Organisational Services Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Acting Director of Organisational Services.

Res-2026-07-216

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council receives the Acting Director of Organisational Services Council report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13 Finance Report

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13.1 Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2026:

Res-2026-07-217

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 30 June 2026, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.2 Information Report - Finance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that occurred during the month for the Financial Services Directorate.

Res-2026-07-218

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.3 Corporate Credit Card Policy - Repeal

Consideration to repeal Corporate Credit Card Policy No 1.15.

Res-2026-07-219

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council repeals the Corporate Credit Card Policy No. 1.15 .

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.4 National Competition Policy 2021-2022 - Repeal

Consideration of repealing policy 01-09 National Competition Policy 2021-2022

Res-2026-07-220

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council repeals policy 01-09 National Competition Policy 2021-2022.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.5 Significant business activities and code of competitive conduct

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Consideration of significant business activities and the adoption of the code of competitive conduct.

Res-2026-07-221

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council resolves that the code of competitive conduct will not apply to Council's building certifying or roads activities for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years for the reasons described in the table below:

Business activity	Apply code of competitive conduct?	Comments
Building certifying activities	No	Council does not perform building certifying activities. Council engages a private sector entity to conduct these services and so the code of competitive conduct does not apply.
Roads activities	No	Council constructs and maintains State-controlled roads where it is the only properly qualified entity to carry out the work. Council is not in competition with private business and applies full cost pricing when quoting for work. On this basis, the code of competitive conduct does not apply.

And that Council decides that the table below:

- (1) Identifies all of the business activities that Council conducted during the 2025/26 financial year; and*
- (2) Recognises that none of the business activities are significant business activities as defined under the Local Government Act 2009; and*
- (3) The competitive neutrality principle does not apply to any of the business activities and the reasons why the principle does not apply to each of the business activities.*

Business activity	Significant business activity?	Apply competitive neutrality principle?	Comments
Water operations	No – section 19(2) LGR sets the threshold for a significant business activity at 10,000 or more premises connected to a water service. At 30 June 2026, council had 1,861 premises connected to a water service.	No	Council has not applied the competitive neutrality principle as it does not meet the definition of a significant business activity. Council supplies water services to the community and does not compete with the private sector.

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Waste operations	No – section 19(3) LGR sets the threshold for a significant business activity at expenditure of at least \$9.7 million for the preceding financial year. The expenditure for waste services for the 2025/26 financial year was \$1.1 million.	No	Council has not applied the competitive neutrality principle as it does not meet the definition of a significant business activity. Council supplies waste services to the community and does not compete with the private sector.
Childcare services	No – section 19(3) LGR sets the threshold for a significant business activity at expenditure of at least \$9.7 million for the preceding financial year. The expenditure for childcare services for the 2025/26 financial year was \$2.6 million.	No	Council has not applied the competitive neutrality principle as it does not meet the definition of a significant business activity. Council supplies childcare services to the community and does not compete with the private sector. Council potentially competes with the private sector for kindergarten services and applies full cost pricing for the services.
Cemetery and funeral services	No – section 19(3) LGR sets the threshold for a significant business activity at expenditure of at least \$9.7 million for the preceding financial year. The expenditure for cemetery and funeral services for the 2025/26 financial year was \$0.2 million.	No	Council has not applied the competitive neutrality principle as it does not meet the definition of a significant business activity. Council supplies cemetery and funeral services to the community and does not compete with the private sector.
<i>CARRIED 7 / 0</i>			

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13.6 QAO Interim Audit Report

Consideration of QAO's interim audit report.

Res-2026-07-222

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives the interim audit report from the Queensland Audit Office as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

14 Communities Report

14.1 Community Grants - Individual

Considerations of applications received for the month of June in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

Res-2026-07-223

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Taya Miller	North West Touch Football Trials	5-6 June 2026	\$350.00
Archie Neuendorf	Rugby League State Championships	24-30 June 2026	\$350.00
Brax Jackson	Rugby League State Championships	24-30 June 2026	\$350.00
Jimmy Cowley	Touch Football State Championships	11-14 June 2026	\$350.00
Aiden Gesler	North West Rugby League Trials	14 June 2026	\$350.00
Aiden Gesler	Touch Football State Championships	5-9 August 2026	\$350.00
Aiden Gesler	North West Touch Football Trials	5-6 June 2026	\$350.00
Cooper Uprichard	North West Touch Football Trials	5-6 June 2026	\$350.00
Cooper Uprichard	Cross Country State Championships	18-20 July 2026	\$350.00
Alexander Marsh	Cross Country State Championships	18-20 July 2026	\$350.00

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Alexander Marsh	North West Touch Football Trials	5-6 June 2026	\$350.00
Alexander Marsh	Rugby League State Championships	1-6 July 2026	\$350.00
Lilah Hunt	Touch Football State Championships	5-9 August 2026	\$350.00
Havana Elliott	Creative Generation Show	13-19 July 2026	\$350.00
Abigail Marsh	North West Touch Football Trials	5-6 June 2026	\$350.00
Nate Fuller	Rugby League State Championships	24-30 June 2026	\$350.00
		TOTAL	\$5600.00

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.2 Sponsorship - Longreach Yellowbelly & Recreation Club Inc

Consideration of sponsorship applications received in June in accordance with the Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

Res-2026-07-224 Moved: Cr Nikki Gay Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2026/2027 Sponsorship budget, as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:			
Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Longreach Yellowbelly & Recreation Club Inc	Longreach Yellowbelly Fishing Classic	28-30 August	Financial \$8,830.00 In-Kind \$378.00
			Total \$9,208.00

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.3 Community Grant - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Parents & Friends Association

Consideration of application received in June in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

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<i>Res-2026-07-225</i> <i>Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn</i> That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;			
Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
<i>Our Lady's Catholic Primary School</i>	<i>Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Musical</i>	<i>Financial \$3,000.00</i> <i>In-kind \$2,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,930.00</i> <i>In-kind \$2,000.00</i>
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$4,930.00
<i>CARRIED 7 / 0</i>			

14.4 Sponsorship - Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association

Consideration of sponsorship applications received in June in accordance with the Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

<i>Res-2026-07-226</i> <i>Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch</i> That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2026/2027 Sponsorship budget, as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:			
Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association</i>	<i>Isisford Fishing Competition Yellowbelly Country</i>	<i>24-26 August 2026</i>	<i>Financial \$10,000.00</i> <i>In-Kind \$0.00</i>
			TOTAL \$10,000.00
<i>CARRIED 7 / 0</i>			

14.5 Sponsorship - Longreach School of Distance Education

Consideration of sponsorship applications received in June in accordance with the Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

<i>Res-2026-07-227</i> <i>Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts</i> That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2026/2027 Sponsorship budget, as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:			
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Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Longreach School of Distance Education	2026 Longreach School of Distance Education Musical	2 December	Financial \$0.00 In-Kind \$5,600.00
			TOTAL \$5,600.00
			CARRIED 7 / 0

Cr Hatch declared a material personal interest in Item 14.6 Sponsorship - Central West Rugby League. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Hatch owns the Wellshot Hotel which is the venue for the event seeking sponsorship. Cr Hatch left the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

Attendance

Cr Tracy Hatch and Tanya Johnson, Director of Communities left the meeting at 3:42 pm.

14.6 Sponsorship - Central West Rugby League

Consideration of sponsorship applications received in June in accordance with the Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

Res-2026-07-228 Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2026/2027 Sponsorship budget, as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:			
Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Central West Rugby League	Matt Scott Medal - 2026 Central West Rugby League Presentations	7 August 2026	Financial \$5,695.00 In-Kind \$0.00
			Total \$5,695.00
			CARRIED 6 / 0

Attendance

Cr Tracy Hatch and Tanya Johnson, Director of Communities returned to the meeting at 3:49 pm.

14.7 Community Grant - Yaraka Campdraft & Rodeo Association

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Consideration of application received in June in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

Res-2026-07-229

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Yaraka Campdraft & Rodeo Association Inc	Campdraft Starter Clinic	Financial \$4,965.00 In-kind \$0.00	Financial \$4,965.00 In-kind \$0.00
		TOTAL \$4,965.00	TOTAL \$4,965.00

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.8 Local Recovery Plan

Consideration of the Longreach Regional Council Local Recovery Plan.

Res-2026-07-230

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council adopts the Longreach Regional Council Local Recovery Plan, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.9 Information Report - Communities

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month for the Community Services Directorate.

Res-2026-07-231

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council receives the Communities Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.10 Project Management Update

Receive the project management update for the month of June 2026.

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Res-2026-07-232

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Project Management Update Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.11 Director of Communities Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Communities.

Res-2026-07-233

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives the Director of Communities Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

17 Closed Matters

Res-2026-07-234

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 4:13 pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered closed to the public for the reasons indicated.

17.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This report is considered closed to the public in accordance with section 254J(3) (a), of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Res-2026-07-235

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council move out of closed session at 4:44 pm, to vote on item 17.1.

CARRIED 7 / 0

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17.1 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

Res-2026-07-236

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council, pursuant to Section 194 of the Local Government Act:

1. Offers to reappoint Mr Brett Walsh to the position of Chief Executive Officer at the end of the term of the existing contract; and,
2. Authorises the Mayor to negotiate and execute with Mr Walsh a contract of employment which includes performance standards and conditions of employment.

CARRIED 7 / 0

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **4:51 pm**.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

The Mayor attended meetings and engagements in the time since the last Council meeting, including but not limited to:

- Travelled to Isisford with Karen Hanna Miller of Dinosaur Experiences Australia
- Chaired various RAPAD and CUC meetings and discussions
- Attended Qld Fire Department pre-season briefing
- Participated in ROC Assembly workshop
- Attended QTIC Board functions at Qantas
- Attending a meeting with Flying Arts Chair (Lorraine Disney)
- Met with Australian Bureau of Statistics to discuss upcoming Census
- Chaired the LDMG at the Disaster Management Centre with discussion on planning for a high risk of grass fires later in the year.
- Participated in Central West Health Oversight committee meeting
- Attended the Rural Fire Service awards presentation
- Presented at the Queenslanders with Disability Network Gidgee Yarning Circle Peer Support Group
- Attended various sessions of the GroWQ forum and spoke to multiple attendees as well as the organising committee.
- Mayor, CEO and Deputy Mayor joined the Biosecurity Management Team in Longreach for a meeting and discussion on BQ matters.
- Hosted Qld Museum CEO Renai Grace and Senior Managers to LRC museums looking at opportunities to make the Museums more contemporary and to attract increased visitation.
 - Multiple suggestions were tabled and discussed focusing on each museum and the strengths and weaknesses. The visitors were given a town tour on Sunday before joining the Deputy Mayor, Mayor and CEO for dinner. Monday was focused on Ilfracombe and Isisford and Wednesday included a breakfast meeting and tour of the Powerhouse Museum. It was agreed that an MOU would be drafted between Qld Museums and LRC.
- Liaised with DDG of Water Infrastructure, Policy & Partnerships
- Met with Hon David Littleproud and advisors along with CEO
- Mayor and CEO met with Queenslanders with Disability Network staff
- Met with Dr David Walker
- Liaised with Industry reps, neighbouring Mayors and DETSI managers to organise a series of Good Neighbour meetings on properties adjoining the new National Parks.
- Attended WQAC Leadership Group meeting
- Attended Rural Financial Counselling Services Board meeting
- Mayor and CEO met with Under Secretary, Federal Department of Education
- Participated in AusAlert training session
- Mayor and CEO met with Queensland Rail

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Recommendation:

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

8 Notices of Motion

None received at time of agenda preparation.

9 Petitions

None received at time of agenda preparation.

10 Deputations

None received at time of agenda preparation.

11 Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

The following correspondence has been received up to 12/08/2026.

Appendices

1. Dept of Sport - pre-games training 2032 [**11.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. Care Expo thank you [**11.1.2** - 1 page]
3. CWQ Care Expo 2026 Community Impact and Outcomes Report [**11.1.3** - 14 pages]
4. Qld Disaster Funding Guidelines [**11.1.4** - 1 page]
5. Joint Ministerial statement [**11.1.5** - 2 pages]
6. QLGGC Chair Letter to all councils - 2026 Census [**11.1.6** - 2 pages]
7. GroWQ - thank you [**11.1.7** - 1 page]
8. QTIC - thank you [**11.1.8** - 1 page]

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.

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Please quote: CTS 12102/26

Department of
**Sport, Racing and Olympic
and Paralympic Games**

8 July 2026

Mr Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
Longreach Regional Council
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Walsh

I write to provide an update on work the Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games (DSROPG) is undertaking in relation to pre-Games training for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games).

In addition to being critical for team preparation, pre-Games training camps represent a significant opportunity for communities throughout Queensland to help foster community engagement in the Games and enable the regions to derive economic and social benefit.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games Office (OPGO) within DSROPG is leading the 2032 Pre-Games Training Program (the Program). The Program is aimed at positioning Queensland as a premier destination for the staging of training camps by Australian and international teams in the lead up to the Games.

The Program is built on eight strategic pillars: maintaining a register of high-performance training facilities in Queensland; publishing a Training Camps Guide for National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and National Paralympic Committees (NPCs); education initiatives to support camp attraction; facilitating connections between teams and venue operators/councils; promotion and engagement; monitoring enquiries and bookings; legacy enhancement opportunities; and training camp impact measurement and reporting.

[Sport Venues Connect](#) was launched in July 2024, to commence promotion of Queensland's world class venues for training camps, competition and major event bookings. As part of the work to produce a Training Camps Guide for distribution to NOCs and NPCs, DSROPG is undertaking a process to update the register of facilities in Queensland, to build on the infrastructure inventory exercise previously undertaken, with a focus on enhancing existing data and including additional facilities. The audit will ensure the register is fit for purpose for NOCs, NPCs and their teams who are preparing for the Games, as well as being a valuable tool to support other major events with training camp requirements and the ongoing needs of Australia's national sporting teams.

In parallel, there is an important exercise for councils to undertake in readiness for engaging with NOCs, NPCs and their teams who may be interested in staging training camps in the region, including collating information about accommodation, local services and leisure activities and preparing for conversations with team delegates. Delegates will seek a single point of contact to provide information in relation to the city or region as a whole, answer questions about venues, accommodation and services, and facilitate negotiations.

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2.

To ensure all suitable venues within your Local Government Area are included in the Training Camps Guide and to support the process to update the facilities register and the ongoing roll-out of the Program, I am seeking your assistance with nominating a contact person from within your council for OPGO officers to liaise with going forward.

Details of your nominated contact officer can be provided to Mr Keith Flory, Manager Sport and Venue Mobilisation, OPGO, DSROPG via email to [REDACTED] or on mobile [REDACTED]. It would be appreciated if this could be actioned by no later than 22 July 2026. Mr Flory is also available to assist with any further questions in relation to the Program.

OPGO will work directly with councils and venue operators to update and validate existing information to ensure the process builds on the information already gathered and avoids duplication of effort, including delivering appropriate information sessions. OPGO will also provide guidance to councils in relation to the expectations of elite teams preparing for the Games.

DSROPG will request councils provide information on training camp activity to assist in coordination, promotion, media opportunities, identification of additional opportunities, operational oversight, and impact measurement and reporting, to ensure the overall success of the Program. More information on these requirements will be communicated as the Program is rolled out.

I look forward to working with you on this exciting Games opportunity.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Hopper
Director-General

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Dear Funders and Supporters,

On behalf of the Central West Queensland Care Expo 2026 Working Group, I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous support and contribution to this year's event.

Your investment played a vital role in making the Care Expo a success, enabling us to bring together community members, service providers, health professionals, carers, and support organisations from across the region. Through your support, we were able to increase awareness of available services, strengthen local connections, promote collaborative approaches to care, and improve access to information for people living in rural and remote communities.

Please find attached the **Central West Queensland Care Expo 2026 Impact and Outcomes Report**, which highlights the achievements of the event, participation statistics, stakeholder feedback, and the positive outcomes generated for our communities. The report demonstrates the value of working together to improve access to care, support informed decision-making, and strengthen service coordination across the Central West.

We are incredibly grateful for your partnership and commitment to supporting the health and wellbeing of our communities. The success of the Care Expo would not have been possible without the contributions of our funding partners, exhibitors, presenters, volunteers, and community stakeholders.

We look forward to continuing to work together to build stronger, more connected communities and improve outcomes for people across Central West Queensland.

Thank you once again for your support.

Kind regards,

CWQ Care Expo 2026 – working group

E: cwqcareexpo@families.qld.gov.au



CENTRAL WEST QUEENSLAND

CARE EXPO 2026

11 JUNE | LONGREACH QLD

Community Impact & Outcomes Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2026 CWQ Care Expo delivered significant outcomes for community members, service providers and the broader Central West Queensland service system.

Through the support of funding partners, the Expo successfully connected approximately **150 community members** with **47 service providers**, creating opportunities for service access, community engagement, provider collaboration and referral pathway development.

Despite challenging weather conditions, including approximately **11mm of overnight rainfall** and wet conditions during event setup, the Expo achieved exceptionally high satisfaction levels among both community attendees and exhibitors.

Evaluation findings demonstrate that the Expo continues to provide a strong return on investment by improving awareness of available services, strengthening provider networks and increasing access to information and support for regional communities.



“Having all those people that look after our region in one place was fantastic”

“Thoroughly enjoyed the expo - the vibe was wonderful with great service providers”

IMPACTS

Reach and Participation

Measure	Result
Community Members Attending	~150
Service Providers Participating	47
Exhibitor Survey Responses	53
Community Survey Responses	34
Care & Connect Breakfast Attendees	35
Free Community Lunch Provided	Yes



Community Outcomes

Measure	Result
Overall Satisfaction	97.1%
Found Services/Information Sought	83%
Improved Understanding of Services	87.9%
Would Attend Again	85.3%

“A wonderful day... very well organised”

“Excellent in bringing services together”

“Easy access to so many support options”

Service Provider Outcomes

Measure	Result
Overall Satisfaction	98.1%
Networking Effective	98.1%
Improved Understanding of Services	90.5%
Would Attend Again	90.6%
Preferred Annual Delivery	62.3%



WHY THIS INVESTMENT MATTERS

Communities across Central West Queensland face unique challenges accessing information and support due to:

- Large geographic distances
- Workforce shortages
- Service fragmentation
- Limited opportunities for face-to-face engagement
- Complexity navigating available services

The CWQ Care Expo provides a practical solution by bringing services and communities together in a single location.

The event serves two important purposes:

Community Impact

Helping residents discover and access services.

Service System Impact

Strengthening relationships, referral pathways and collaboration between providers. The evaluation demonstrates that both objectives were achieved.



“Communication in the lead up was exceptional... a superb job done by all involved”

“Easy access to so many support options”

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Connecting People with Services

Approximately 150 community members attended the Expo.
Survey results demonstrated exceptionally strong community outcomes.

Overall Experience

97.1% of respondents rated their experience as Good or Excellent.

Community attendees consistently highlighted:

- Access to multiple services in one location
- Face-to-face conversations with providers
- Easier navigation of available supports
- Increased confidence seeking assistance



Access to Information and Supports

Community members were asked whether they found the information or services they were seeking.

Results showed:

- 70.6% completely found what they were looking for
- 14.7% partially found what they were looking for

Among respondents, 85.3% reported completely or partially finding the information or services they were seeking.

This demonstrates the Expo's effectiveness as a central access point for information and support.

“A multitude of very important information... especially since I’m new to Longreach”

“The wide range of information available across all exhibitors... all provided great advice in a cheerful and professional manner”



Improved Awareness of Services

87.9% of community attendees reported an improved understanding of services available across the region.

Specifically:

- 60.6% reported their understanding significantly improved
- 27.3% reported their understanding somewhat improved

This outcome is particularly significant in a regional setting where awareness of available services can directly influence access and wellbeing outcomes.



Community Demand for Future Events

Community support for future Expos remains very strong.

- 85.3% indicated they would attend again
- 14.7% indicated they may attend again
- No respondents indicated they would not attend

This demonstrates an ongoing community need for events that connect people with services and information.

“This was a wonderful day and very well organised... thank you for looking out for community”

“Learning about some of the health jobs and services available was really valuable”

SERVICE PROVIDER IMPACT

Strengthening Regional Networks

The strongest provider outcome identified was networking and collaboration.

98.1% of exhibitors rated networking opportunities as Moderately or Very Effective.

Providers consistently reported:

- Building new relationships
- Strengthening existing partnerships
- Learning about available services
- Improving referral pathways
- Identifying future collaboration opportunities

In geographically dispersed regions such as Central West Queensland, these opportunities are particularly valuable.

Improving Service Awareness

90.5% of exhibitors reported an improved understanding of services and referral pathways.

This finding demonstrates that the Expo continues to play an important role in:

- Reducing service fragmentation
- Increasing awareness of available supports
- Strengthening cross-sector collaboration
- Supporting more coordinated service delivery

Future Sector Engagement

Provider support for the Expo remains exceptionally strong.

- 90.6% indicated they would participate again
- 62.3% preferred annual delivery
- 86.8% supported ongoing Expo delivery either annually or biennially

These findings demonstrate strong confidence in the value and effectiveness of the Expo model.

“It was an extremely successful event for my business and I am incredibly thankful to be included.”

“Interagency links have proven valuable in growing our awareness of local issues and services.”

CARE & CONNECT BREAKFAST

The Care & Connect Breakfast provided additional opportunities for service providers to connect and collaborate.

Results included:

- 91.2% rated the Breakfast as Excellent
- 86.1% rated networking as Moderately or Very Effective

Following feedback from previous years, the Breakfast adopted a more informal networking model.

Only one attendee (2.9%) suggested a more structured networking format, indicating broad support for the informal approach adopted in 2026.

The Breakfast continues to be a highly valued component of the broader Expo program.



“A great networking opportunity in person, not on a screen.”

“The opportunity to extend conversations and connections was extremely valuable.”

DELIVERING IMPACT DESPITE CHALLENGING CONDITIONS

The 2026 Expo was delivered under difficult weather conditions.

Approximately 11mm of rain fell overnight and on the morning of the event.

Rain continued during exhibitor setup and created challenges including:

- Wet setup conditions
- Difficulties within parking areas
- Reduced ease of access for attendees
- Potential impacts on community attendance

Despite these challenges:

- Approximately 150 community members attended
- 47 service providers participated
- Community satisfaction remained at 97.1%
- Exhibitor satisfaction remained at 98.1%

These results demonstrate the strength of community demand and sector support for the event.

It is reasonable to expect attendance could have been even higher under favourable weather conditions.



**“Everything was great... could have done without the rain.
The mud was a bit of a problem... but no one can stop the
rain.”**

**“The openness of discussion between attendees...
great for more open conversation.”**

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The impact of the Expo extends well beyond attendance figures.

Funding support enabled:

- **Improved Community Access**
Residents were able to engage directly with multiple services in one location.
- **Increased Service Awareness**
Both community members and providers reported significantly improved awareness of available supports.
- **Stronger Referral Pathways**
Providers developed relationships that support better referral outcomes and coordinated care.
- **Enhanced Collaboration**
The Expo created opportunities for partnerships, information sharing and joint service responses.
- **Greater Community Confidence**
Residents gained knowledge and confidence in accessing available services.
- **Regional Service Integration**
The event supported stronger connections between organisations operating across Central West Queensland.

These benefits continue long after the event itself has concluded.



“Networking and discovering services I did not know about... meeting new people from out of town and in town.”

DEMONSTRATED VALUE OF FUNDING

Funding support directly enabled:

- ✓ ENGAGEMENT WITH APPROXIMATELY 150 COMMUNITY MEMBERS
- ✓ PARTICIPATION BY 47 SERVICE PROVIDERS
- ✓ DELIVERY OF A FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH
- ✓ INCREASED AWARENESS OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
- ✓ IMPROVED ACCESS TO INFORMATION
- ✓ STRENGTHENED PROVIDER NETWORKS
- ✓ ENHANCED REFERRAL PATHWAYS
- ✓ GREATER CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION
- ✓ IMPROVED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- ✓ ONGOING SERVICE SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

Without this investment many of these connections, conversations and outcomes would not otherwise occur.



“Without events like this, many of these conversations and connections simply wouldn’t happen.”

“An extremely informative and much needed Expo... well done.”

LOOKING FORWARD

The evaluation findings provide strong evidence supporting continued investment in the Central West QLD Care Expo. Community members and service providers consistently identified the value of bringing people, services and information together in one location, creating opportunities for connection, collaboration and improved access to support.

Feedback from attendees and exhibitors has also highlighted opportunities to further strengthen future Expos, including enhanced promotion of speaker sessions, improved integration of presentations within the main Expo space, consideration of venue accessibility and acoustics, and ongoing refinement of event logistics and communication.

Sustaining and building upon these outcomes will require ongoing partnership, leadership and workforce capacity. While the Expo has been successfully delivered through a collaborative Working Group approach, future delivery will depend on continued commitment from key regional stakeholders, dedicated workforce capacity, and the establishment of a sustainable partnership model to support planning, coordination and event delivery.

Building on the success of both the 2025 and 2026 events, the Working Group remains committed to ensuring future Expos continue to respond to community needs, strengthen referral pathways, support service integration and foster meaningful connections across Central West Queensland.



"The conversations and connections fostered through the 2025 and 2026 Central West QLD Care Expos have laid the foundation for stronger partnerships, greater service integration and better-connected communities. We look forward to continuing this journey together."

CONCLUSION

The 2026 CWQ Care Expo delivered measurable and meaningful outcomes for both community members and service providers across Central West Queensland.

The event successfully connected approximately 150 community members with 47 service providers, improved awareness of available supports, strengthened referral pathways and enhanced collaboration across the regional service system.

Despite challenging weather conditions, satisfaction levels remained exceptionally high, demonstrating both the value of the event and the ongoing demand for opportunities that bring communities and services together.

The evaluation provides compelling evidence that investment in the CWQ Care Expo delivers tangible community benefits and contributes to a stronger, more connected and more collaborative service system across Central West Queensland.

Continued investment will support ongoing improvements while ensuring the Expo remains a valuable platform for community engagement, service access and regional collaboration.



"Thank you to all concerned. It was an excellent exhibition with so much practical, useful information and friendly knowledgeable people happy to discuss their particular service."

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OFFICIAL

Good afternoon CEO

Following a review of the Queensland Disaster Funding Guidelines, I am pleased to advise the updated *Version 4 Queensland Disaster Funding Guidelines (June 2026)* is now available on the QRA website at <https://www.qra.qld.gov.au/qdfg>

The QDFG outlines Queensland's administration of two disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements:

- the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
- State Disaster Relief Arrangements (SDRA).

The annual guideline review was undertaken in consultation with those state agencies administering funding to impacted communities and sectors, and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

Version 4 of the QDFG (June 2026) is effective from 1 July 2026, and supersedes the prior Version 3 QDFG (December 2024). Please ensure any bookmarks or links are updated on your website or browser favourites.

The purpose of the QDFG is to:

- detail Queensland's administrative requirements for DRFA and SDRA relief measures that may be activated within Queensland following an eligible disaster to assist individuals, small businesses, primary producers, not-for-profit organisations, local governments and state agencies;
- outlines the activation, eligibility, application, delivery, reporting and acquittal requirements under both the DRFA and SDRA within Queensland; and
- provide a guide for local governments and state government agencies, not-for-profit organisations, primary producers, small businesses and the general public, on financial assistance and funding that may be available in the event of a disaster.

A summary of updates can be found in Section 2.1.1 – Summary of changes in the QDFG. QRA's liaison officers are available to assist councils and state agencies with queries or clarifications.

For more information, please contact your [Regional Liaison Officer \(RLO\) or Resilience and Recovery Officer \(RRO\)](#).

Regards
Jake Ellwood

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Joint Ministerial statement:

4,923 ML of water saved after 12 months of the Great Artesian Basin Rehabilitation Program

- **4,923 megalitres of water has been saved in the 2025/26 financial year from work completed by the Great Artesian Basin Rehabilitation Program.**
- **30 bores have been rehabilitated, seven controlled watering systems have been installed and 150 km of bore drains have been replaced.**
- **This delivers on the Albanese and Crisafulli Governments' commitment to improve water security across Queensland.**

The Albanese and Crisafulli Governments are proud to support the continued joint work of the Great Artesian Basin Rehabilitation Program with 4,923 megalitres of water saved in the 2025-26 financial year.

Funded by the Albanese and Crisafulli Governments and industry partners, the program works in partnership with landholders and communities to improve infrastructure, preserve artesian pressure, and reduce water loss.

This financial year, 30 bores have been rehabilitated, seven controlled watering systems have been installed and 150 km of bore drains replaced, resulting in 4,923 ML of water being saved every year.

Through the lifetime of the program, 809 uncontrolled artesian bores have been rehabilitated replacing more than 15,542 kilometres of bore drains with efficient piping systems.

These efforts have resulted in water savings close to 232,000 ML per annum and significant pressure improvement across the basin, restoring springs and previously ceased-to-flow artesian bores.

Next year an expected \$9.7 million in funding will be delivered to 36 projects in the basin with additional projected water savings of 4,960 ML per annum. Six of these projects include the installation of controlled water systems, replacing 138 km of bore drains with 242 km of controlled water systems.

The Great Artesian Basin supplies water to more than 80 regional Queensland towns and supports industries including grazing, cropping, feedlots, mining, tourism and geothermal power. Together, these industries contribute more than \$22.6 billion to the State's economy each year.

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Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Murray Watt, said investment in the Great Artesian Basin was an investment in the future of Australia.

“The Great Artesian Basin is one of the largest underground freshwater resources in the world and a critical pillar to Australia’s water security,” Minister Watt said.

“In a climate like ours, every drop is precious.

“Through 27 years of close collaboration and joint funding with all 4 Basin Governments, we are reducing water wastage and securing long-term water supply for communities and the environment.

“This year alone, our works have seen almost 5,000 ML saved across Queensland and South Australia – keeping this water in the ground for the benefit of our environment.

“The Albanese Government will continue to work closely with my state counterparts to build on our success, ensuring those that rely on the Great Artesian Basin can be confident in their water supply for generations to come.”

Minister for Local Government and Water Ann Leahy said the Crisafulli Government was delivering better services through a stronger economy and this year’s outcomes build on the enduring success of the rehabilitation program and all that it has achieved since its inception in 1989.

“It is our responsibility to protect the Great Artesian Basin, it is one of our most valuable natural water producing assets,” Minister Leahy said.

“The Crisafulli Government is committed to upgrading key infrastructure, improving water pressure and reducing the unnecessary loss of water across the basin.

“The Great Artesian Basin Rehabilitation Program is an incredible program of work that has been delivering for Queensland for more than 35 years – it’s a great example of what happens when governments, industry partners and communities work together to get things right.

“This is a direct investment in water security for farmers and regional communities who rely upon the Great Artesian Basin. We’re delivering real results to safeguard this resource, with benefits that will be felt by generations to come.

ENDS

MEDIA CONTACTS:

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Minister Leahy: Kyah Devine, 0428 217 040

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Our ref: D26/8040

To all Queensland Council Mayors/CEOs

Dear Mayor/Chief Executive Officer

I am writing to advise that the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will conduct the national Census of Population and Housing on Tuesday 11 August this year.

The Census is the primary source of official population data used by the Federal Government to determine the allocation of the Financial Assistance Grant (FA Grant) to States and Territories. Each State's share of the total FA Grant funding pool is calculated based on population, making the accuracy of ABS population data critically important to ensuring Queensland receives its fair share of this funding.

Accurate Census data is therefore not simply a statistical exercise. It directly affects the quantum of funding available to Queensland and, ultimately, the resources that flow to local governments to support infrastructure, services, and community wellbeing. Where Census data does not fully reflect the reality of local communities, the funding consequences can be felt for many years.

One of the most common concerns councils raise with the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission (the Commission) is population undercount, particularly in communities experiencing high levels of mobility, non-standard housing arrangements, or other factors that make census counts more challenging. Ensuring that every household is counted, and that information is recorded accurately on Census night, is essential to addressing this issue.

As leaders within your communities, councils play a vital role in supporting strong Census participation. The Commission strongly encourages councils to work proactively with their communities and the ABS to promote awareness of the Census, encourage participation, and reinforce the importance of correctly completing Census forms.

The Commission has also written to the ABS to reinforce that population undercount remains a significant and ongoing issue for many Queensland councils, with real implications for service delivery and funding equity.

By working together to support the best possible Census outcome this year, councils can help ensure that Queensland's population is accurately captured, strengthening the State's position in the Federal funding allocation process and supporting fair outcomes for local communities across Queensland.

If you require any further information, please contact the Commission by email at QLGGC.Enquiries@dlgww.qld.gov.au.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'VPennisi', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Vic Pennisi
Chair
Queensland Local Government Grants Commission

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Dear Tony and Brett,

A heartfelt thank you for the Longreach Regional Council's continued support of the 2026 GroWQ Innovation Expo. Your ongoing commitment has helped make this year's event a terrific success, and we are sincerely grateful for the Council's partnership.

Over the past five years, Longreach Regional Council has been a wonderful supporter of GroWQ. As the event has continued to grow, so too has the importance of having strong local partners who believe in what we're trying to achieve. We genuinely couldn't have grown the Expo into what it is today without the Council's ongoing support, and we value that partnership enormously.

Could you also please pass on our sincere thanks to all of the Councillors. We truly appreciate their continued support of GroWQ and their commitment to initiatives that strengthen agriculture, innovation and regional communities.

A snapshot of the event:

Property Tour (Wednesday)

- 120+ attendees
- 2 amazing properties
- 7 speakers, including 2 local producers

Innovation Expo (Thursday)

- 275 attendees
- 80 high school students
- 85 primary school students
- A total of **440** through the gates!
- 30+ speakers
- 2 panel sessions
- 42 trade displays
- 160 guests at the Networking Dinner

We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback from attendees, speakers and exhibitors. It was wonderful to see producers, students, industry representatives and businesses coming together to share ideas, catch up and learn from one another. None of this would have been possible without the support of organisations like Longreach Regional Council.

Thank you again for your generosity, your encouragement and your ongoing support. We look forward to continuing to work together to grow GroWQ and deliver opportunities that benefit our region.

Kind regards,

The GroWQ Committee



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Good afternoon Mayor Rayner, Councillors, Brett and team,

I wanted to personally thank you, albeit a little belatedly, for the incredibly warm welcome extended to the QTIC Board during our visit to Longreach in July.

Our annual in-region Board visit is an important part of how we ensure QTIC remains connected to the realities, opportunities and challenges facing tourism and events businesses across Queensland. Spending several days in Longreach and Winton gave our Board the opportunity to get out from behind the boardroom table, listen directly to industry and community leaders, and better understand what is happening on the ground.

Our time in Longreach was enormously valuable. The conversations, insights and generosity shown by Council and the broader community provided important context for our Board and will continue to inform QTIC's advocacy and priorities.

I also want to reinforce that our visit was not simply about listening. QTIC is here to support tourism and events businesses and communities throughout the year. This includes industry advocacy, workforce and skills development, business capability, accreditation, sustainability, policy and regulatory matters, and connecting operators with relevant programs, information and opportunities.

Thank you again for hosting us and for the important role Longreach Regional Council continues to play in supporting the visitor economy. Being in region reinforces why these relationships matter, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with you and the Longreach community.

Kind regards,
Tash.

Natassia Wheeler | Chief Executive Officer
Level 5, 189 Grey Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101



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11.2 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Chief Executive Officer.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Brett Walsh (Chief Executive Officer)

A summary of activities undertaken for the period to 14 August 2026 include.

Strategic Leadership

- Attend LGMA CEO Forum
- Attend WQAC Meeting re housing proposal
- Attend six monthly LDMG meeting
- Attend Audit and Risk Committee meeting
- Participate in Executive Mentoring session

Operational Management

- Present 2026 Staff Recognition Awards
- Meet with QRA re LRAP priorities
- Attend Employing Workers from the Pacific Islands webinar
- Meet with resident re streetlighting
- Meet with resident re drainage easement
- Meet with resident re boundary fencing
- Meet with resident re road alignment
- Attend Disaster Management Warnings and Alerts training

Stakeholder Engagement

- Meet with Qld Museum representatives – tour Council and community museums
- Meet with paleontologist re Ilfracombe region fossils
- Meet with Chief Biosecurity Officer and leadership team
- Meet with local GP re rural medical education
- Meet with Queenslanders with a Disability Network
- Meet with Member for Maranoa, David Littleproud
- Meet with owner of new roadhouse in Longreach
- Meet with local business owners re access to wastewater
- Meet with QTIC Board, Longreach visit
- Attend Vietnam Veterans Day
- Meet with Dept of State Development re economic development opportunities
- Meet with ABS re Census
- Meet with Qld Rail representatives
- Meet with Dept of Education re early childhood education opportunities
- Attend Rural Fire presentation ceremony in Ilfracombe
- Meet with Member for Gregory, Sean Dillon
- Meet with Department of Housing re social housing in Isisford
- Discuss with UQ re Isisford dinosaur

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- Meet with Fraser Coast Regional Council CEO re sister city arrangement

CEO Focus

1. I am proud of the team for the success of the 2026 Staff Recognition Awards. There were 53 nominations for the 5 Awards which indicate a real change in culture, where employees are proud to recognise their colleagues.
2. The focus is now on improving water infrastructure with the need to meet the requirements of the Drinking Water Quality Management Plan in all communities.
3. The most exciting opportunity is the marine fossils found in the Ilfracombe area. These fossils tell an ancient story and could form a new tourism display.

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Council report, as presented.

12 Organisational Services Report

12.1 Director of Organisational Services Report

This Director's Report provides a concise executive summary of key developments, progress against strategic priorities, the status of priority projects, and emerging risks and issues requiring consideration and oversight, within the Organisational Services Directorate.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Grace Cronin-Jones (Director of Organisational Services)

Directors Executive Summary

- The directorate continues to progress governance, regulatory, planning, workforce and organisational improvement priorities that support Council's strategic direction and service delivery obligations.
- Key focus areas this month included strengthening Council's governance environment, improving accountability across regulatory functions, and progressing projects with strategic and compliance implications.
- Major portfolio projects remain active, including the Planning Scheme Amendment, Subordinate Local Law Review and Chief Executive Officer to Council Employee Delegations Review, Land Tenure Matters, Animal Management Facility and Residential Activation Fund.
- Governance and risk oversight remain priorities, with quality improvements continuing across legal services, leasing, memorandums of understanding and agreements.
- Work is also considering how contract management can be better integrated into legal service workflows to reduce duplication and fragmented processes.
- The overall portfolio risk profile remains manageable, with attention required across project delivery timeframes, workforce capacity, governance maturity, legal and regulatory compliance, WHS obligations and internal accountabilities.
- Further updates will be provided to elected members over the coming months on governance improvement, planning and development activity, land tenure and regulatory matters, and key strategic projects.

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Strategic Projects and Priorities

Project	Status	This Month	Next Milestone	RAG
Governance Quality Improvement	The Governance Framework, including supporting policy suite and Council-to-CEO delegation register, has been adopted.	Development of initial registers and supporting procedural frameworks to centralise and capture legal services.	Consultation with ELT and other relevant stakeholders on the upstream and downstream workflows that integrate with legal services	
RAF – Kestrel Street	Updated site plans provided and shared with Councillors. With PSA having surveying done at the airport, which will be used to engineer and model the stormwater discharge.	PSA is concurrently working in stormwater modelling and progressing designs in preparation for DA.	Submission of development application with airport approval of stormwater discharge.	
Animal Management Facility	The Council Project Team has met with Contract to review plans.	Plans have been sent back to engineer to be updated with agreed changes	Approve the construction plans to progress to building approval.	
Planning Scheme Amendment - 3	Reel Planning to provide draft amended for Council's consideration	Reel Planning to present amendments to Council at Governance Meeting (August)	Reel Planning to provide updated amendments following presentation to Council	
Land, Property, Tenure Matters	Correspondence issued to Pony Club Assoc. RE: Lot 144 on PD180	Spoke with primary contact provided to Council for the club, to ascertain whether the committee had considered Council's correspondence.	If pony club approves request, an application can be submitted to the DRMMRRD	

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	DNRMMRRD have requested a response to various queries to progress Council application for conversation reserves.	Due to the nature of the queries, a meeting will be arranged with relevant stakeholders from the Works directorate and Regulatory Services and Planning to review.	Response to be provided to the depart on or before 13 August 2026.	
	Consultation occurred with DRNNRRD regarding requirements for issuing a Trustee Lease for the land identified for use in Ilfracombe as a rifle range.	Commencement of steps to make the assessment of the native title over the parcel, which must be addressed for the Trustee Lease to be granted by council.	Outcome achieved with native title to progress project.	

Emerging Risk and Issues

Risk	Impact	Mitigation
Confidential legal matter under review	Potential legal, financial and reputational exposure	Matter under legal review, external advice obtained, with ongoing monitoring and governance oversight.
Avian influenza (H5N1) developments in Australia and internationally	Potential impacts to biosecurity, agriculture, regional supply chains and Council operations if circumstances change	Council continues to monitor advice from relevant State and Federal agencies and will review preparedness measures as required
Repeated near-miss incidents at a rail crossing	Potential for serious injury, loss of life, disruption to transport networks and significant community concern	Council continues to engage with Queensland Rail and relevant stakeholders to advocate for risk mitigation measures and improved safety outcomes. The matter will continue to be monitored and escalated through appropriate channels as required.
Compliance action may be subject to public and legal scrutiny.	Potential legal, financial, and reputational exposure.	External advice will be obtained to ensure appropriate procedural

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		steps are taken and implement a clear stakeholder communication strategy.
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Appendices

Nil

<i>Recommendation:</i>

<i>That Council receives the Director of Organisational Services Council report, as presented.</i>
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12.2 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report

The Workplace Health and Safety report is presented to Council for consideration. Details include performance commentary, risk management activities, health and safety initiatives, training, injuries and Workers Compensation claims information, as of 1st August 2026.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Rebecca Fleming (Senior Safety Business Partner)

Positive Indicators

Positive Indicators				
	Hazard/Near Miss Reported	SMS Actions	WHS Initiatives	Inspection compliance for Month
Month Total	5	0	1	13%

Hazard/ Near miss Reported

- Four near misses reported – All actioned
- One Hazard reported – Also actioned.

Safety and Wellbeing Initiatives:

- Online training modules are live in SkyTrust to assist with staff training and education. Ongoing rolling project with more online modules being added.

Inspection Compliance for Month

- All facility inspections went "Live" in July. 42 have been completed. Only 18 are overdue, giving council a 70% completion rate. The remaining inspections are due before 30th of June 2027. Some inspections are only due every 12 months, some every ¼. Will take a rolling year before we should expect 100% compliance.

Incidents Reported

- Four near misses reported – All actioned
- One Hazard reported – Also actioned.
- Two injuries requiring medical treatment.
- One Incident involving damage to a vehicle.
- Six incidents involving members of the public, including three illegal rubbish dumping's, two of which caused injury to council workers requiring medical treatment, one stolen fuel, one un-attended fire and one dog attack.

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Injury and Workers Compensation Summary.

There were no new workers compensation claims submitted in July 2026.

Compensation Summary 2025-2026 FYTD								
	New Claims this FY	Claims denied	Claims from Prev Yr	Claims closed this FY	Open Claims	Open Claims duties status		
						Unfit for work	Suitable Duties	Return to Full Duties
Employees	11	0	1	4	7	2	1	8

Targets and Objectives

Positive (Lead) Performance Indicators				
KPI	Target	YTD	Current	Comments
Number of Toolbox Talks Held per Annum (Increased by >6)	>6	6	6	Toolbox talks are being facilitated by Safety Business Partner.
ELT Safety Walk Attendance	6	0	0	A new initiative is to be introduced in the coming months.
Staff Training Percentage	90%	91.50%	91.50%	WHS Induction (183 staff completed, some staff on long service leave). All new starters have completed a WHS induction and Code of Conduct prior to commencement.
Audit findings and activities. Audits conducted and actions identified/completed	Audit	Actions	Comp	Compliance Australia Certification Services (CACS)- Civil Works RMPC WHS Audit 2026. - Scheduled for 31 st August to 4 th September 2026 CACS 2025 Surveillance Audit findings - 7 observations and 1 minor non-conformance.
	0	0	0	
Overdue incident reporting	<15%	10%	10%	13 incidents reported during this period, 12 closed. 1 incident still remains open and still under investigation.
Average time to complete incident investigations	<15 days			
KPI	Target	12mth	Current	Comments
WHS Committee Meeting	4	2	0	Next meeting is scheduled for 9 th September 2026.
HSR Attendance at Committee Meetings	4	10	10	
Management Attendance at Committee Meetings	4	4	4	

Safety Management System Action Plan (SMS)

KPI	Target	YTD	Current	Comments
Safety Management System Plan Actions.	16	116	116	All actions are now entered in Skytrust for transparency and continuity. Actions are being closed as evidence is supplied. This creates a central point of truth and quality assurance.

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Outcome (Lag) indicators				
KPI		12 mth	Current	Comments
Direct Labour	Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) (12-month Rolling)	9.85	0.00	Total scheme frequency rate – 8.86 (June 2025). Group frequency rate – 8.03 (June 2025).
	Duration Rate (DR) (12-month Rolling)	9.21	0.00	Total scheme duration rate – 17.13 (June 2025). Group duration rate – 18.19 (June 2025).

Notifiable Incident Outcomes			
KPI	YTD	Month	Comments
Notifiable Incidents	0	0	No notifiable incidents in July
Notices issued. (Improvement, Prohibition and Provisional)	0	0	Nil

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1. Skytrust July 2026 Incident to Injury Ratio [**12.2.1** - 1 page]
2. Skytrust July 2026 Incident Root Cause [**12.2.2** - 1 page]
3. Skytrust July 2026 Incident Closure Rate [**12.2.3** - 1 page]
4. Skytrust July 2026 Incident Cause Group Analysis [**12.2.4** - 1 page]
5. Skytrust July 2026 Actions Opened and Completed [**12.2.5** - 1 page]

Recommendation:

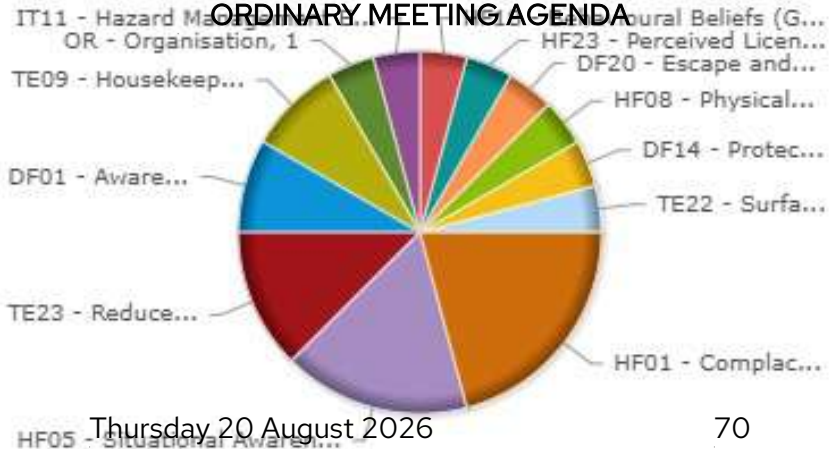
That Council notes the monthly Workplace Health and Safety report, as presented.

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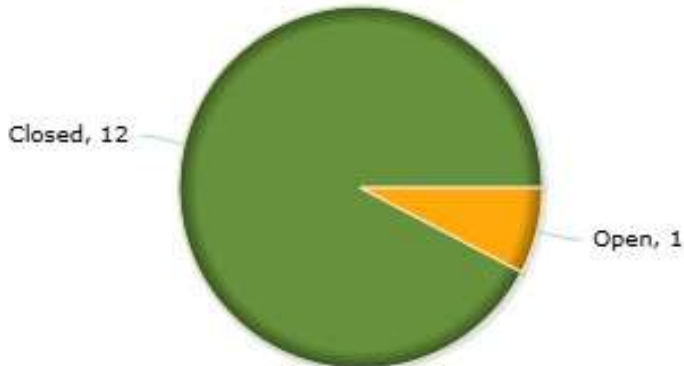


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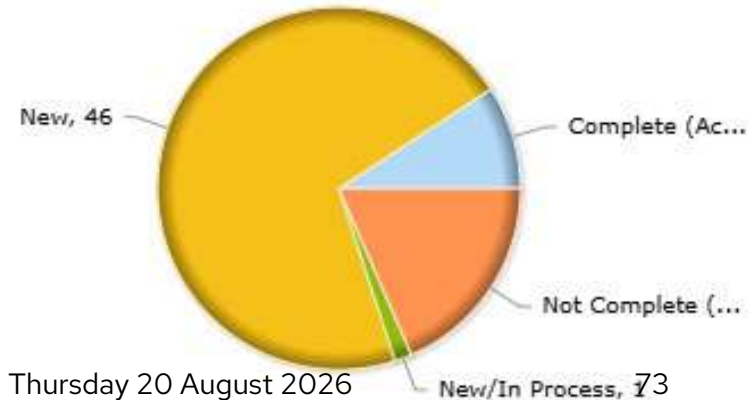
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Incidents by Cause Group



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12.3 DA2627-002 Development Application for a Material Change of Use - 12 Thrush Road, Longreach

Consideration of a Development Application for Material Change of Use for a Tourist Park for the Addition of 3 Glamping Sites.

Council Action

Decide

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Section 45 (3) of *The Planning Act 2016* defines code assessment:

45 Categories of assessment

- (3) A code assessment is an assessment that must be carried out only—
- (a) against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and
 - (b) having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this paragraph.

Policy Considerations

03-08 Councillor Roles in Development Matters Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR ECONOMY

- 2.1.1 Advocate to and partner with regional organisations, industry stakeholders, and governments to support emerging economic development opportunities
- 2.2.1 Facilitate growth through effective and sustainable land use planning and development
- 2.2.2 Provide tourism development services to promote the region and grow the visitor economy
- 2.2.3 Create a business-friendly environment within Council

OUR LEADERSHIP

- 5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
Reel Planning Manager of Economics, Planning and Legal	Applicant

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

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Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Alexandria Beatty (Business Support Officer - Organisational Services)

Purpose:

The Applicant, Longreach Tourist Park Pty Ltd, seeks a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Tourist Park (3 glamping domes) located on land at 12 Thrush Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 on SP204935 (the subject site). The subject site contains the Longreach Tourist Park. The subject site is in the Tourism Zone wherein a Material Change of Use for a Tourist Park is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment.

Discussion:

A 'code assessable' development application does not require public notification (i.e. is not subject to third-party appeal rights) and is assessed against a limited set of assessment benchmarks (i.e. criteria) under the Planning Scheme – to the extent the development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the assessment benchmarks, it must be approved.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Code Assessment process articulated in the *Planning Act 2016*, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:		
Expenditure:		
Net Result:		

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	N/A	Comments:
Likelihood:	N/A	-
Consequence:	N/A	
Rating:	N/A	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

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Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	-

Appendices

1. DA2627-002 - Decision Report [**12.3.1** - 12 pages]
2. Attachment A - Proposal Plans [**12.3.2** - 2 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Tourist Park (3 glamping tents) located on land at 12 Thrush Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 on SP204935, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

- 1.1 *The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.*
- 1.2 *Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.*
- 1.3 *The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.*
- 1.4 *The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out associated with the development. To the extent the damage is deemed by Council to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.*
- 1.5 *All development conditions contained in this development approval about infrastructure under Chapter 4 of the Planning Act 2016 (the Act), should be read as being non-trunk infrastructure conditioned under section 145 of the Act, unless otherwise stated.*
- 1.6 *All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council's satisfaction, and to be maintained at all times thereafter, unless otherwise stated.*

APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

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- 2.1 *The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this approval:*

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision	Date
<i>Plan 1</i>	<i>DA01</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1-6-2026</i>
<i>Plan 2</i>	<i>DA02</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1-6-2026</i>

- 2.2 *Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval prevail.*

3.0 LAND USE CONTROLS

- 3.1 *The approved use is for three (3) glamping domes associated with the existing Tourist Park.*

4.0 VEHICLE ACCESS AND PARKING

- 4.1 *Construct internal access to the glamping domes generally in the accordance with the location shown on the approved plans.*
- 4.2 *Provide and maintain a minimum of three (3) additional car parking spaces on-site. All car parking spaces must be clearly delineated by either line-marking or signage.*
- 4.3 *Design, construct and maintain all access, parking and manoeuvring areas generally in accordance with the requirements included in SC5.1 Planning Scheme Policy No. 1 – Works Planning Scheme Policy contained within the Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (version 3).*

5.0 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS

- 5.1 *Discharge all roof and allotment drainage such that it does not restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water or cause a nuisance to adjoining properties or infrastructure from the pre- to the post-development condition.*
- 5.2 *All stormwater must drain to a demonstrated lawful point of discharge and must not adversely affect adjoining land or infrastructure in comparison to the pre-development condition by way of blocking, altering or diverting existing stormwater runoff patterns or have the potential to cause damage to other infrastructure.*

6.0 SERVICES

- 6.1 *The glamping tents must be connected to existing services in accordance with standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.*

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 7.1 *Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, odour, wastewater, waste products, dust or otherwise.*

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7.2 *Maintain outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 "Control of Obstructive Effects of Outdoor Lighting".*

7.3 *All waste storage areas must be kept in a clean, tidy condition, and must be screened from view. Sufficient waste containers and services are to be provided to cater for the containment and removal of all waste generated on the site.*

8.0 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

8.1 *Implement and maintain an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) on-site for the duration of the works, and until such time as all exposed soil areas are permanently stabilised (for example, turfed, hydro mulched, concreted, and landscaped). The ESCP must be available on-site for inspection by Council Officers during the works.*

8.2 *The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be prepared in accordance with the Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control document from the International Erosion Control Association, as updated from time to time.*

8.3 *Where any component of the works is to be undertaken during the wet season (October to May), the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be submitted to Council for approval, prior to commencement of the works.*

Advisory note: *Schedule 5.1.2.5 of the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme (v3) references the Director of Infrastructure Services to undertake the assessment of the ESCP.*

9.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

9.1 *Construction activity and noise must be limited during earthworks and construction of the approved development to the hours of 06:30 to 18:30 Monday to Saturday, with no work to occur on Sundays or public holidays.*

9.2 *The construction of any works must be undertaken in accordance with good engineering practice and workmanship and generally in accordance with the relevant provisions of Planning Scheme Policy No. 1 – Works Planning Scheme Policy under Schedule 5 of the Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3).*

9.3 *All construction materials, waste, waste skips, machinery and contractors' vehicles must be located and stored or parked within the development site, unless otherwise approved in writing by Council.*

10.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

10.1 *Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.*

ADVISORY NOTES

1. *Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer may be required to obtain further development permits for operational work (for example,*

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for the relocation of the sewer line if this is required), building work, and plumbing and drainage work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.

- 2. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.*
- 3. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.*
- 4. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care").*

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DECISION REPORT FOR GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	TO
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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – DA26/27-002 – LONGREACH TOURIST PARK PTY LTD – 12 THRUSH ROAD, LONGREACH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Applicant, Longreach Tourist Park Pty Ltd, seeks a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Tourist Park (3 glamping domes) located on land at 12 Thrush Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 on SP204935 (the subject site). The subject site contains the Longreach Tourist Park.

The proposal involves the addition of three (3) glamping domes which will be located along the southern boundary of the site near the existing dam. The glamping domes are prefabricated structures that contain one bedroom and amenities. Access to the glamping domes will be via a new internal road. Each glamping dome will have an allocated car parking space.

Under the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (version 3)* (the Planning Scheme), the proposal is defined as a Tourist Park. The subject site is in the Tourism Zone wherein a Material Change of Use for a Tourist Park is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment.

A 'code assessable' development application does not require public notification (i.e. is not subject to third-party appeal rights) and is assessed against a limited set of assessment benchmarks (i.e. criteria) under the Planning Scheme – to the extent the development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the assessment benchmarks, it must be approved.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Code Assessment process articulated in the *Planning Act 2016*, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Longreach Regional Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Tourist Park (3 glamping tents) located on land at 12 Thrush Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 on SP204935, subject to the following conditions:

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6.0 SERVICES

- 6.1 The glamping tents must be connected to existing services in accordance with standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

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7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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4. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).

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OVERVIEW

TABLE 1 - OVERVIEW

PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site address	12 Thrush Road, Longreach
RPD	Lot 1 on SP204935
Site Area	40,470m ²
Landowners	Longreach Regional Council
Existing use of land	Tourist Park
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	DA26/27-002
Applicant	Longreach Tourist Park Pty Ltd
Application description	Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Tourist Park (3 glamping domes)
Decision due date	09 September 2026
Proposal	3 glamping domes
STATUTORY PLANNING DETAILS	
State Planning Policy	State Planning Policy (July 2017)
Mapped SPP matters	NATURAL HAZARDS RISK AND RESILIENCE - Flood hazard area - local government flood mapping area STRATEGIC AIRPORTS AND AVIATION FACILITIES - Obstacle limitation surface area - Obstacle limitation surface contours - Public safety area - Light restriction zone - Lighting area buffer 6km - Wildlife hazard buffer zone
Regional Plan	Central West Regional Plan (September 2009)
CWRP Designation	Major Rural Activity Centre (Longreach)
Planning Scheme	<i>Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3)</i>
Overlays	Airport Environs Overlay - Light Restriction Zones (Zone A and B) - Lighting Area Buffer (6km) - Wildlife Hazard Buffer Zone 3km - Operational limitation service area (236m contour) - Public Safety Areas Flood Hazard Overlay - Low and Significant
Zone	Tourism Zone
Land use definition	Tourist Park
Category of Assessment	Code Assessment

1.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

TABLE 2 – APPLICATION HISTORY

Application lodged	07 July 2026
Application properly made	22 July 2026
Decision due date under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>	09 September 2026

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at 12 Thrush Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 on SP204935 (see **Figure 1**). The subject site has an area of 40,470m² and contains the Longreach Tourist Park.

The site contains a mix of cabins, unpowered and powered sites as well as shared facilities including a pool. The glamping domes will be located to the south of an existing dam and vegetated area.

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Figure 1 –Subject Site (Source: Queensland Government DAMS)

2.1 LOCALITY DESCRIPTION

The site is located within the main tourist accommodation precinct of Longreach. The site adjoins tourist accommodation to the north and west, Wompoo Road to the south and Thrush Road to the west.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal involves the addition of three (3) glamping domes which will be located along the southern boundary of the site near the existing dam. The glamping domes are prefabricated structures that contain one bedroom and amenities (see **Figure 2 and 3**).

Access to the glamping domes will be via a new internal road. Each glamping dome will have an allocated car parking space.

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Figure 2 – Site layout – (Source: Applicant supplied)



Figure 3 – Perspective (Source: Applicant supplied)

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Proposal plans recommended for approval are included in **Attachment A**.

4.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Section 45(3) of the *Planning Act 2016* ('the Planning Act'), Code Assessment is an assessment that must be carried out –

- (a) *against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and*
- (b) *having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this paragraph.*

In this instance, under Section 45(3)(a) of the Planning Act, the categorising instrument for the development is the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (Version 3)* (the Planning Scheme) under which the applicable assessment benchmarks are the following codes:

- Tourism Zone Code
- Works Code
- Landscape Code
- Airport Environs Overlay Code
- Flood Overlay Code.

These are discussed in further in detail in Section 4.1 below.

The *Planning Regulation 2017* (sections 29-31) prescribes additional assessment benchmarks and other general assessment matters, which are addressed as follows:

The Central West Regional Plan

The regional plan is identified as being appropriately integrated in the Planning Scheme and therefore does not require further assessment. The assessment of the proposal against the Planning Scheme in section 4.1 below also functions as an assessment of the Regional Plan.

The State Planning Policy

The Planning Scheme reflects an older version of the SPP from July 2014. The current version of the SPP is from July 2017. As listed in Table 1 (overview of planning details), the subject site is identified by SPP mapping layers relating to Natural hazards and Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities.

A review of the assessment benchmarks relating to these state interests has been completed and it has been confirmed that the provisions between the 2014 and 2017 SPP are effectively the same. Therefore, no further assessment is required, as the provisions relating to the State interests are dealt with through the Planning Scheme. In general, there are no conflicts between the proposal and any other State interest under the SPP.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

There are no assessment benchmarks that are directly applicable to the development or subject site.

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

The planning application did not trigger assessable development under schedule 9 and did not trigger referral under schedule 10.

Common material

All material about the application that Council has received since lodgement has been considered in this report.

Development approvals and existing uses

The site contains an existing Tourist Park, and the glamping domes will be associated with the Tourist Park. The proposal will benefit from existing services and amenities associated with the existing use.

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The following sections consider the above assessment benchmarks and matters to the extent relevant to the application.

4.1 LONGREACH REGIONAL PLANNING SCHEME 2015

The following sections address the elements of the Planning Scheme as it relates to the proposal.

4.1.1 Proposal as a **Material Change of Use**

The proposed development involves a Material Change of Use of premises for a Tourist Park, which is categorised as Assessable Development under the Planning Scheme and therefore requires a development application. Under the Planning Act, the definition of Material Change of Use is:

- (a) *the start of a new use of the premises;*
- (b) *the re-establishment on the premises of a use that has been abandoned;*
- (c) **a material increase in the intensity or scale of the use of the premises.**

In the context of the proposal, the addition of the new glamping domes is a material increase in both intensity and scale.

4.1.2 Land Use Definition

Under the Planning Scheme, the development is defined as 'Tourist Park', which means:

Tourist Park

Use of premises for:

- (a) *holiday accommodation in caravans, self-contained cabins, tents or other similar structures; or*
- (b) *amenity facilities, a food and drink outlet, a manager's residence, offices, recreation facilities for the use of occupants and their visitors, or staff accommodation, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (a).*

4.1.3 Assessment Benchmarks

Tourism Zone Code

The subject site is located in the Tourism Zone (**Figure 4**).



Figure 4 – Zone Map (Source: LRC 2015)

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The proposed development complies, or can otherwise be conditioned to comply, with the Performance Outcomes and, where applicable, the Acceptable Outcomes, of the Tourism Zone Code, in particular:

- The proposed glamping domes are setback at least 50m from the closest residential uses on Wompoo Road and are therefore not expected to cause amenity impacts for surrounding land
- The glamping domes are associated with the existing use of the land and therefore will be appropriately managed and maintained
- The proposed new glamping domes are limited to one storey and approximately 4m in height which is consistent with site and surrounding built form
- The glamping domes have been sited to avoid the dam and onsite vegetation
- A condition has been included to ensure stormwater is appropriately managed.

Landscape Code

The purpose of the Landscape code is to ensure landscaping in both the private and public domains is designed and constructed to a high standard, provides a strong contribution to the Longreach outback identity, provides amenity appropriate to physical location and social values, and is responsive to the local character, site and climatic conditions and suits the long-term needs of the community.

Landscaping has not been proposed however it is noted that the existing vegetation in close proximity to the glamping domes will be retained to ensure they are contained within a natural setting. With the retention of existing mature vegetation, it is considered reasonable not to request additional landscaping.

Works Code

The glamping domes will be conditioned to be connected to existing site services.

The proposed development complies, or can otherwise be conditioned to comply, with the Performance Outcomes and, where applicable, the Acceptable Outcomes, of the Works Code.

Airport Environs Overlay Code

The proposed development avoids adversely affecting the safety and efficiency of the airport's operational airspace for the following reasons:

- The development does not result in the release of gaseous plumes
- The development does not involve a use that attracts wildlife (i.e. birds) that may interfere with aircraft
- The units do not incorporate any reflective materials.

On this basis, the proposal is considered to comply with the Airport Environs Overlay Code.

Flood Overlay Code

The site is mapped as being subject to the low, significant and high flood hazard areas (see **Figure 5**), however the glamping domes will only be sited in the low flood hazard area.

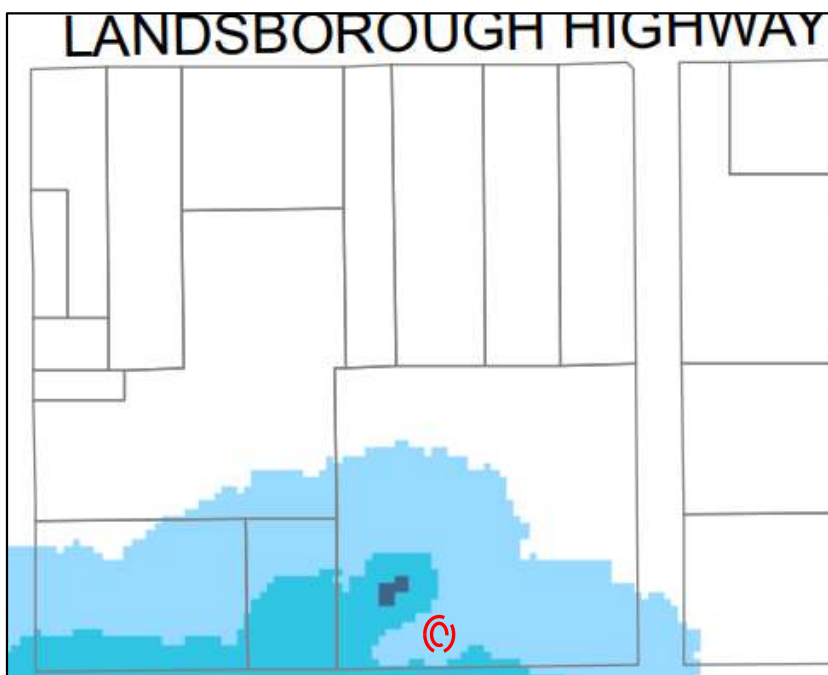


Figure 5 – Flood Hazard Overlay Map (Source: LRC 2015)

Despite the development being located within the Low flood hazard area, the proposal complies with the Flood overlay code for the following reasons:

- The proposal does not involve filling or any physical alteration to a watercourse
- The proposal does not involve the storage of hazardous materials
- Guests can evacuate to the north and east via paths and roads that will not be impacted by flooding in a defined flood event.

In summary, on balance this planning assessment has demonstrated compliance between the development and the relevant assessable benchmarks of the Planning Scheme. Recommended conditions of approval reflect the elements of each assessment benchmark to ensure on-going compliance in terms of operations and amenity.

5.0 REFERRALS

The application did not require referral to any referral agencies.

6.0 INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

It is noted that Council does not charge Adopted Infrastructure Charges for any new development. In turn, an Infrastructure Charges Notice does not form part of this recommendation.

7.0 CONCLUSION

The development application seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Tourist Park (3 glamping domes) located on land at 12 Thrush Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 on SP204935, is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions outlined in this report. This recommendation is based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Act for applications subject to Code Assessment. The assessment undertaken, which is summarised in this report, demonstrates that the proposal complies with the relevant assessment benchmarks.

In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under Section 63 of the Planning Act, a notice must be prepared for publication on Council's website stating the reasons for the decision. For this

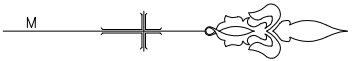
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development, the statement of reasons, being the grounds for approval, will feature on the notice as follows:

- a) A Tourist Park is a consistent use in the Tourism Zone.
- b) The glamping domes are associated with the existing use of the land and therefore will be appropriately managed and maintained.
- c) The proposal can be serviced by all necessary urban services.
- d) The proposal effectively responds to the low flood risk of the site by not filling any watercourses.
- e) Guests can evacuate to the north and east via paths and roads that will not be impacted by flooding in a defined flood event.
- f) The development complies with all applicable assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme.
- g) The development does not compromise the relevant elements of the Central West Regional Plan and State Planning Policy.

Assessment Officers (Author): Tim O'Leary Principal Planner (Reel Planning) 11 August 2026	Reviewed and Authorised by Assessment Manager Delegate: Alexandria Beatty Business Support Officer (Organisational Services) 11 August 2026
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ATTACHMENT A – PROPOSAL PLANS

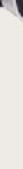
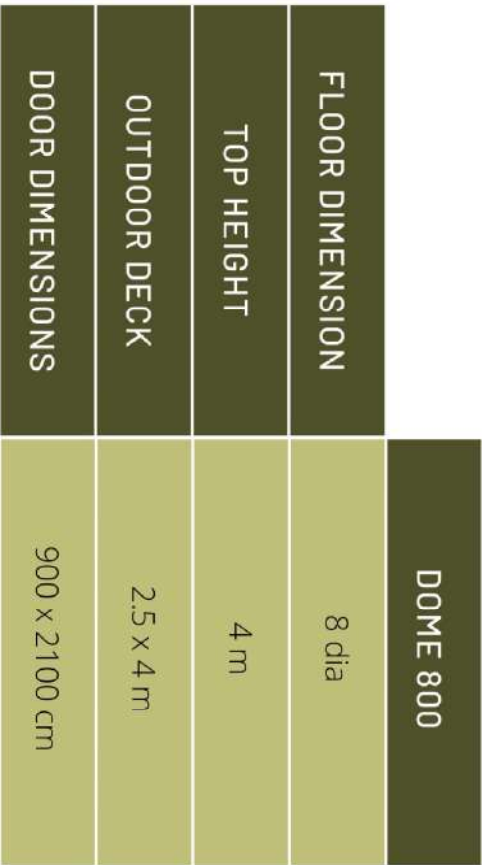


Plan 1 - DA01

NOTE : - INDIVIDUAL SITE BOUNDARYS ARE APPROX ONLY



12 THRUSH RD, LONGREACH QLD 4730 COMMUNITY MAP -AUG 2026			
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SHEET:		DATE:	
A3		1-6-2026	
JOB:			



Vandal Resistant Solar Bollards

rated IP65 & IEC0 our die-cast aluminum solar bollards are designed to withstand harsh environments. Either buried or surface mounted, they provide a low environmental impact option for lighting paths, gardens etc.

Impact protection: IK08 minimum; IK10 preferred for bollards or public/common areas.
Colour temperature: 3000K warm white unless otherwise approved.

Control: dusk-to-down automatic operation, with PIR motion dim/boost mode where available.

UV-stabilised body.

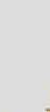
Fixings: stainless steel, tamper-resistant fixings preferred.

Mounting: surface-mounted base plate fixed to concrete footing/slab, or pole/spigot-mounted fitting fixed to footing/rig bolt assembly.

Maintenance: supplier to confirm battery replacement method, expected battery life, warranty.

and availability of spare parts.

Lighting design shall be checked against AS/NZS 1158.3.1:2020 Pedestrian Area Category P lighting where required for public, common-property or pedestrian-access areas.



Plan 2 - DA02

12 THRUSH RD, LONGREACH QLD 4730 DOME STRUCTURE ,LIGHTING AND SAFETY SIGNAGE			
CLIENT:		DRAWN: THARANGA	
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12.4 Information Report - Organisational Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Organisational Services Directorate.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.1.4 Enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of our communities

1.3.1 Effectively manage stock routes and reserves for public use while improving natural environmental health

1.3.2 Maintain and improve the health of the Thomson and Barcoo River waterways and catchments

OUR ECONOMY

2.1.1 Advocate to and partner with regional organisations, industry stakeholders, and governments to support emerging economic development opportunities

2.1.2 Grow the region's importance as service hub to communities beyond our local government area

2.2.3 Create a business-friendly environment within Council

2.2.4 Provide logistical support services to the agricultural economy

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.1.2 Foster a high-performance team culture through holistic workforce development initiatives

5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

5.3.1 Deliver quality, timely, and efficient service to prioritise customer needs and outcomes

5.4.1 Enhance the region's disaster resilience through robust disaster management and recovery initiatives

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Officers in the Organisational Services Directorate

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Purpose:

Officers provide an information update to Council monthly to outline achievements, challenges and statistical information for the various functional areas of Council.

Economic/Consumer Spending Data (Spendmapp)

This information will be presented at the meeting.

Staff Numbers

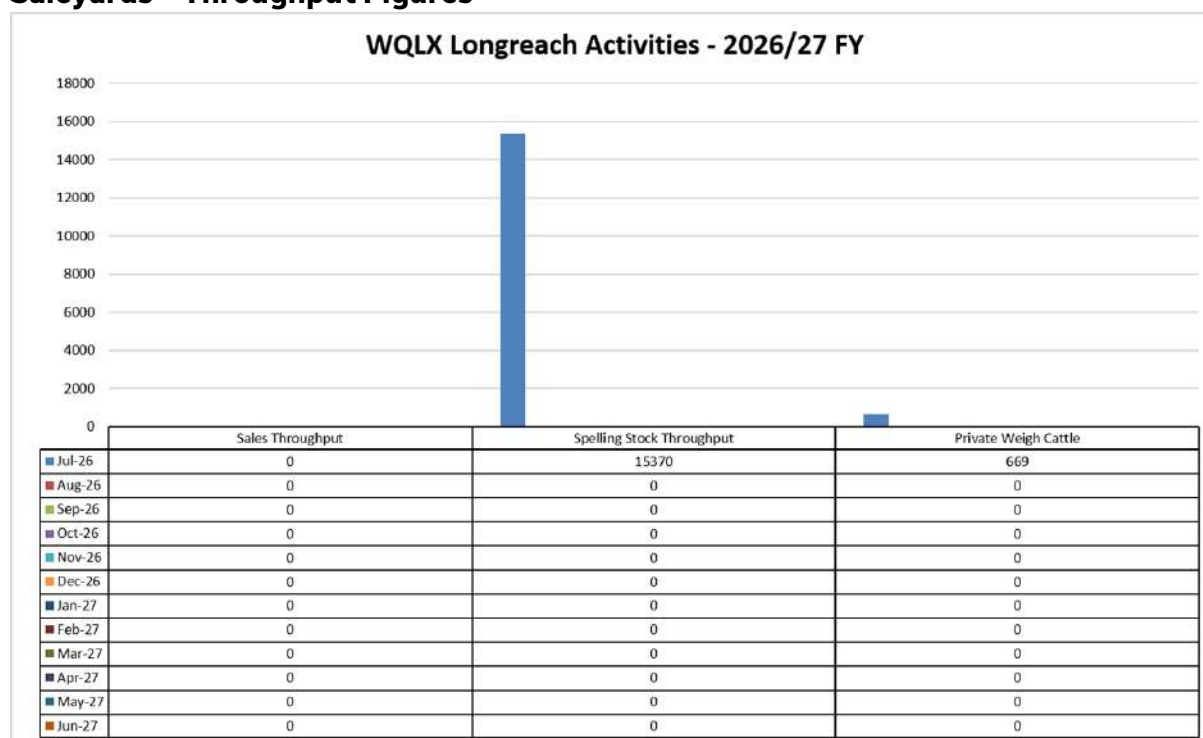
Staffing Levels as of 31 July 2026						
	Operationa l	Admin/ Supervisor	Contract	Total	Last Month	30.6.26
Full Time	80.00	52.00	13.00	145.00	144.00	144.00
Permanent Part-Time	3.78	2.93	0.83	7.54	6.94	6.64
Contracted (External)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Permanent	83.78	54.93	13.83	152.54	150.94	150.94
Temporary Full-Time	3.00	6.00	0.00	9.00	8.00	8.00
Temporary Part-Time	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
Apprentice	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Traineeships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Casuals	2.24	1.83	0.00	4.07	3.90	3.90
Total Temporary	6.24	7.83	0.80	14.87	13.70	13.70
Total FTE	90.02	62.76	14.63	167.41	164.64	164.64
Current Vacant Positions	17.00	12.00	1.00	30.00	27.00	27.00

Directorate Vacancies

Office of the CEO	Communities	Finance	Organisational Services	Works
NIL	8	3	2	17

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Saleyards – Throughput Figures



Regulatory Services - Compliance

July saw a significant increase in dog attacks and subsequent investigations for our Regulatory Services Compliance Team, operating for most of the month at a reduced capacity. Officers in the Regulatory Services team are stretched quite thin currently due to reduced staff and the need to prioritise urgent tasks such as dog attack responses, which are generally lengthy and very admin-heavy. Officers have also experienced an increase in aggressive and inappropriate behaviour from members of the public. We understand that issues relating to pets can be extremely emotive, however we ask for patience, understanding and responsibility from pet owners during these times.

Water restrictions for all towns are on Level 1. We conducted watering patrols as part of routine operations during the month. We continue to encourage the community to observe the water restrictions and ensure they are using water with conservation and longevity of our supply in mind.

We sent out 864 dog registration renewal notices, and 20 cat registration renewals. This year's registration tag is **green**, and it is a requirement under State law for tags to be affixed to the pet's collar. Registration tags allow us to identify owners of missing or impounded pets in addition to the microchip information. There are times where microchip data is unable to be used, such as if a chip fails or cannot be located, or if data on file is out of date. A registration tag allows Council officers to look up the owner, which is generally more current due to annual reviews. We are already seeing lots of renewals coming through, which is great to see.

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During the month, we had 11 animals impounded, with 7 being seized for involvement in an attack – 1 was surrendered following an attack, and 3 for wandering at large. We continue to hold 3 dogs long-term as part of an ongoing investigation. We received reports of 5 dog attacks, involving 7 dogs in total, with ongoing investigations. All attacks were against a person/s, resulting in 4 accounts of bodily harm, and 3 accounts of rushing causing fear.

Regulatory Services Tasks Completed – July 2026			
Animals	93	Water	2
Dogs Impounded	11	Watering / Sprinkler Patrols	0
Domestic Cats Impounded	0	Illegal Water Usage – Residential	1
Other Animals Impounded	0	Illegal Water Usage – Business/Public	0
Pound Releases	6	Water Leaks Reported/Observed	0
Animals Euthanised – unclaimed/abandoned	1	Water Exemption Applications/Permits	0
Animals Euthanised – surrendered	1	Notices / Fines Issued	1
Animals Rehomed	0	Property	18
Animals continuing to be held in Pound	3	Town Common Patrols	2
Feral Cats Trapped and Euthanised	1	Common Infrastructure Issues – gates being left open, compromising safety of agistment horses and road users	2
Dog Attacks / Investigations	5	Town Patrols – Longreach	7
Dogs Involved in Attacks	7	Town Patrols – Ilfracombe	1
Dog Traps Issued	0	Town Patrols – Isisford	0
Cat Traps Issued	4	Town Patrols – Yaraka	0
Wandering Dogs (not impounded for various reasons – couldn't be located, aggression towards Officers)	15	Camping / Apex Park / River Patrols	6
Wandering Animals Reported / Impounded (other than dogs)	1	Overgrown / Unsightly Reports (initial + follow up) (private + LRC-controlled)	0
Barking Dogs Reported	6	Overgrown / Unsightly Notices Issued (unattended, falling within follow-up timeframes)	0

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Animal Inspections – Extra dogs/cats, adequate housing, insecure enclosure, compliance checks	2	Notices / Fines Issued*	0
Assist with Animal Welfare	0	Other	115
Notices / Fines Issued	30	Customer Service Requests	41
Vehicles	4	Equipment Maintenance	19
Abandoned Vehicles "Tagged Out"	0	After Hours Call Out	5
Vehicles Impounded / Processed	0	Impound Facility Attendance and Maintenance	48
Impounded Vehicle Release	4	Illegal Dumping / Littering	2
Environmental Health	11	Pest Weed Spraying by RSO	0
Complaints/Queries Received	11		
Total			243

Environmental Health Officer Report: July 2026

- Filling in for Blackall Tambo Council's Manager Environment, Health & Compliance. Ongoing.
- EHO On Leave. Back September 3, 2026.

Public Health and Hygiene Enquires			
Date Received	Customer	Details of Enquiry	Status
July 2026		No Action to Report	
Food Business Licenses, Complaints and Inspections			
Date Received	Customer	Details of Enquiry	Status
July 2026	Council	Synergy Scripting Food Business Application questionnaire for customer service. Developed and shared.	With Management & Admin.
July 2026	Business Operator	Foot path Dining Application received. Information sent to admin & management.	Re-Assessment. With Management & Admin.
July 2026	Food Business Application.	Application received and assessed. Applicant contacted and required documents discussed. Follow up Email to Applicant. Applicant sent images of trailer and kitchen for a digital inspection.	Application Approved. with Admin
July 2026	Food Enquiry	Enquiry regarding Food Van requirements. Called customer and it	With Management.

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		was the wrong number. Notified management.	
July 2026	Operator Enquiry	Homebased Food License holder inquired about the selling of Ice cream. Responded limiting scale and emphasising public safety.	Closed.
July 2026	Business Operator	Food Business application received and assessed. Applicant contacted and required documents discussed.	Ongoing Assessment.
July 2026	Food Business	Routine Food Business Inspection of the licensed food business conducted with findings issued. Received an initial response form operator. Ongoing.	Waiting on a response.
Environmental and Waste Management			
Date Received	Customer	Details of Enquiry	Status
July 2026	Council	Noise Factsheet updated.	With Admin.
July 2026	Admin Request	To update Council Fact Sheet on Environmental Noise. Quick Email response sent to admin.	Ongoing.

Prescribed Activities

We received 3 applications for prescribed activities – one for a charity bake sale street stall, another for a sports club fundraising stall, and the third for an itinerant vendor selling merchandise from the Railway Station.

Food Business Licence Renewals

Renewals for food businesses have been sent to 37 businesses. During the process, businesses are asked to confirm if there are any changes to their licence or if they require any additional permits such as outdoor dining or mobile vending.

Regulatory Services – Rural Lands

Pest Weed Management

Our spraying contractor was on-site for 117 hours throughout July, primarily working on properties in the Dingo Creek Common area, and along Kelso Lane. Main pest weeds being targeted are Jumping Cholla cactus, Prickly Acacia, and Parkinsonia.

Bexley Snake Cactus Eradication Project

Representatives from DPI attended Bexley as part of the Snake Cactus Eradication Taskforce, spraying 685L alongside our Rural Lands team.

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Stock Routes

Capital Works EOI projects submitted, we continue to await further advice from Department Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (DNRMMRRD).

One drover is underway from Julia Creek and entered our region around mid-July. The drover is due to move on from our region during August.

Stock Routes & Reserves

No permits were issued for traveling stock across Council's Stock Route Network in September.

A review of all Stock Routes, Water Facilities and LRC controlled lands to be commenced in the coming weeks.

Pest Animals

Seven pest animal control spot baits were conducted during July. A total of 580kg of baited meats were placed, targeting both wild dogs and feral pigs. Wild dog numbers are high, especially in identified hot spot areas. No Trapper quantities for July due to unavailability and assistance with our pest animal projects. Please note that quantities are reset for the new financial year.

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Division	Scalp Bounty Dog 26/27 YTD	Contract Dog Trapper 26/27 YTD	Scalp Bounty – Cat 26/27 YTD
1	0	0	0
2	0	0	0
3	0	0	0
4	10	0	0
Total	10	0	0

APL Pig Project

We have commenced free-feeding of corn via Pig Baitta™ Stations at four sites on properties north of Longreach. Free-feeding allows the target species to become familiar with eating from the bait stations, which increases the effectiveness of the baiting campaign once corn has been baited. Baiting of corn will commence in August. We have installed multiple motion-detection cameras at the sites, which are showing some interesting activities. Feral pigs have definitely become used to feeding from the stations, often seeing 100s of pigs at the sites all day long when the stations have been refilled. During numerous full-pan camera shots, the entire span is full of pigs. We have also observed wild dogs and feral cats around the stations. This project is funded by Australian Pork Limited as part of the National Feral Pig Action Plan. Our Rural Lands team are conducting the administration, on-ground work and monitoring of the project.

Other tasks/actions undertaken and notes for the Rural Lands department during the past month:

- Operated on reduced capacity due to multiple staff absences during July
- RLO Kilometres travelled: 3,010km
- RLO Reports: 21 completed
- Sprayed Leucaena in 28 Longreach town properties
- Sprayed out 2,800L of Ramjet chemical on pest weeds
- Pest animal spot baiting programs – 580kg total baited meats injected and distributed across 7 properties
- Common and reserve patrols, fence repairs
- Management and administration of Pig Project
- Administrative tasks
- Sharing of on-call duties for animal management, euthanasia of feral animals, and urgent regulatory services matters

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Organisational Services Information Report, as presented.

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12.5 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

This report provides an update on Development Services that occurred during the month of July.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Alexandria Beatty (Business Support Officer - Organisational Services)

Tim O'Leary (Principal Planner - Reel Planning)

1. DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

Three new applications have been received by Council since the last monthly report. Three applications are currently under assessment, and one application is in its appeal period.

1.1	Council reference:	DA26/27-002
	Application:	Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Tourist Park (3 glamping domes)
	Street address:	12 Thrush Road, Longreach
	Day application was made:	07 July 2026
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	Longreach Tourist Park Pty Ltd
	Status:	Decision stage

An application has been made by Longreach Tourist Park Pty Ltd seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Extension to a Tourist Park (3 glamping domes) located on land at 12 Thrush Road, Longreach.

The proposal involves the addition of three (3) glamping domes which will be located along the southern boundary of the site near the existing dam. The glamping domes are prefabricated structures that contain one bedroom and amenities.

The subject site is in the Tourism Zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment.

The application is in the decision stage and will be considered at the August General Council meeting.

1.2	Council reference:	DA26/27-004
	Application:	Development Permit for Material Change of Use for an Undefined Use (Contractors Depot)
	Street address:	Stork Road, Longreach
	Day application was made:	16 July 2026

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	Category of assessment:	Impact
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	Scott Brothers c/- Milford Planning
	Status:	Under assessment

An application has been made by Scott Brothers c/- Milford Planning seeking a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Undefined Use (Contractors Depot) located on land at Stork Road, Longreach.

The proposed development involves the use of currently vacant land as a contractor depot to support civil and construction activities throughout the Longreach region. The development comprises the construction of a new enclosed shed measuring approximately 480 m², which will accommodate the storage, maintenance and servicing of company vehicles, plant, machinery, equipment and associated operational infrastructure. The shed will also provide covered storage for construction materials, tools, spare parts, and other equipment necessary for day-to-day operations.

A hardstand area of approximately 5,600 m² will be established to facilitate the parking, manoeuvring and temporary storage of company-owned vehicles, heavy machinery, trailers, construction equipment and materials.

The subject site is in the Rural Zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Impact Assessment.

The application is currently under assessment.

1.3	Council reference:	DA26/27-008
	Application:	Reconfiguring a Lot (1 into 9 lots)
	Street address:	10311 Landsborough Highway, Longreach
	Day application was made:	28 July 2026
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	Scott Brothers Property c/-Milford Planning
	Status:	Information request stage

An application has been made by Scott Brothers Property c/-Milford Planning seeking a Development Permit for a Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 9 lots) located on land at 10311 Landsborough Highway, Longreach.

The proposal involves reconfiguring the lot in two (2) stages. Stage 1 will involve excising a 21-hectare parcel located on the western side of the former Longreach Agricultural College site. Stage 2 involves the further subdivision of the excised parcel into eight residential allotments and one balance lot. The proposed lots will range in size from 2-4 hectares, whilst the balance lot will have an area of 191.25 hectares.

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A new internal cul-de-sac road will be constructed to provide safe and efficient access to all proposed lots.

The subject site is in the Rural Zone wherein the proposal is categorised as Assessable Development that is subject to Code Assessment.

The application is in the information request stage.

The following application was decided at the July General Council meeting with the decision notice issued to the applicant soon thereafter. The application is in its appeal period, which runs for a period of 20 business days. During the appeal period, an appeal can be filed with the Planning and Environment Court. The Appeal Period for the application is expected to finish around 20 August 2026.

1.4	Council reference:	DA25/26-070
	Application:	Other Change to a Material Change of Use for a Tourist Park (5 additional tents)
	Street address:	Lot 1622 Crossmoore Road, Longreach
	Day application was made:	19 May 2026
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification required:	No
	Applicant:	Mitchell Grass Retreat
	Status:	Appeal period

2. GENERAL PLANNING SERVICES, ENQUIRIES AND ADVICE

CUSTOMER REQUESTS

The following customer requests have been received over the past month:

PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
07/07/26	Potential purchaser	<u>Request</u> - Council received an enquiry about establishing a hangar. <u>Advice</u> - The site is in the Rural zone - A hangar is defined as Air services - Air services (where not for an airstrip) is subject to Impact assessment - Impact assessment is highest level of assessment and is subject to public notification and third-party appeal rights - Although Impact assessable a hangar would be a reasonable use of the land - To lodge a development application, owners' consent would be required.	Closed

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20/07/26	Potential purchaser	<u>Request</u> • Council received an enquiry about whether it was possible to reside in a hangar. <u>Advice</u> • The site is in the Community facilities zone • The site is on airport land • The only activities generally expected on airport land would uses contained within the Air services definition • The Air services definition doesn't include an ancillary accommodation provision; therefore, accommodation would generally not be expected • Residential types of uses would be Impact assessable where on airport land and may be difficult to support.	Closed
22/07/26	Landowner	<u>Request</u> • Council received an enquiry about the addition of a granny flat at the rear of an existing commercial building. <u>Advice</u> • The site is in the Township zone • The granny flat would either be defined as Caretakers accommodation or a Dwelling house (which includes a secondary dwelling) • Both Caretakers accommodation and a Dwelling house are accepted development in the Township zone • Accepted development means a development application will not be required • A building approval will still be required.	Closed
23/07/26	Landowner	<u>Request</u> • Council received an enquiry about whether painting rural property names on a roof requires approval. <u>Advice</u> • The works would not be considered building work or a material change of use, therefore no planning or building approval would be required • If a site was to contain a State heritage place, an exemption certificate may be required from the State government.	Closed
24/07/26	Potential purchaser	<u>Request</u> • Council received an enquiry about placing a modular building on a site. <u>Advice</u> • The site is in the Low-density residential zone • A modular building is defined a Dwelling house	Closed

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		• A Dwelling house is accepted development in the Low-density residential zone • Accepted development means a development application will not be required • Adding another house would either be a secondary dwelling or a dual occupancy, which are also accepted development • A building approval would still be required.	
28/07/26	Potential purchaser	<u>Request</u> • Council received an enquiry about converting an office into a house. <u>Advice</u> • The site is in both the Rural and Community facilities zones • Converting an Office into a Dwelling house is a Material change of use • A Material change of use for a Dwelling house is accepted development in the Rural zone and Impact assessable in the Community facilities zone • The highest level of assessment prevails; therefore, an Impact assessable development application would be required • Impact assessment is the highest level of assessment and is subject to public notification and third-party appeal rights.	Closed
29/07/26	Landowner	<u>Request</u> • Council received an enquiry about starting a business from home. <u>Advice</u> • The site is in the Low-density residential zone • The use is defined as a Home-based business • A Home-based business is accepted development subject to requirements, where the following requirements can be met no development application will be required: - o is carried out in an existing dwelling house or other building or structure; - o does not use more than half of the gross floor area of the building or structure; - o involves at least one or more residents of the dwelling house; - o involves not more than one non-resident employee; - o where bed and breakfast accommodation, does not exceed the use of three bedrooms;	Closed

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		- o does not generate more than one heavy vehicle trip per day; Note—a heavy vehicle is a vehicle with more than 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass. - o does not generate more than 14 vehicle trips per day by other vehicles, where one trip includes arriving and departing the site. (These trips are additional to normal domestic trips associated with the dwelling); and - o delivery of goods occur only between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm; - o where not a bed and breakfast, the use operates only between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm. • Where an applicant cannot meet the above, they will need a Code assessable development application for a Home-based business.	
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES			
Nil			
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES			
Nil			
SURVEY PLAN ENDORSEMENT			
Nil			

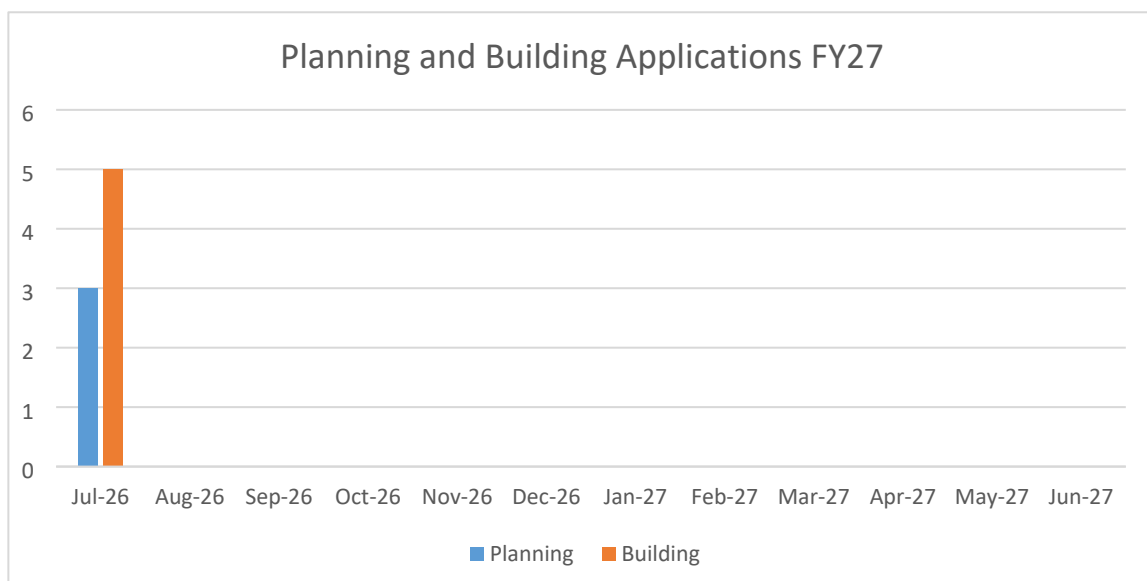
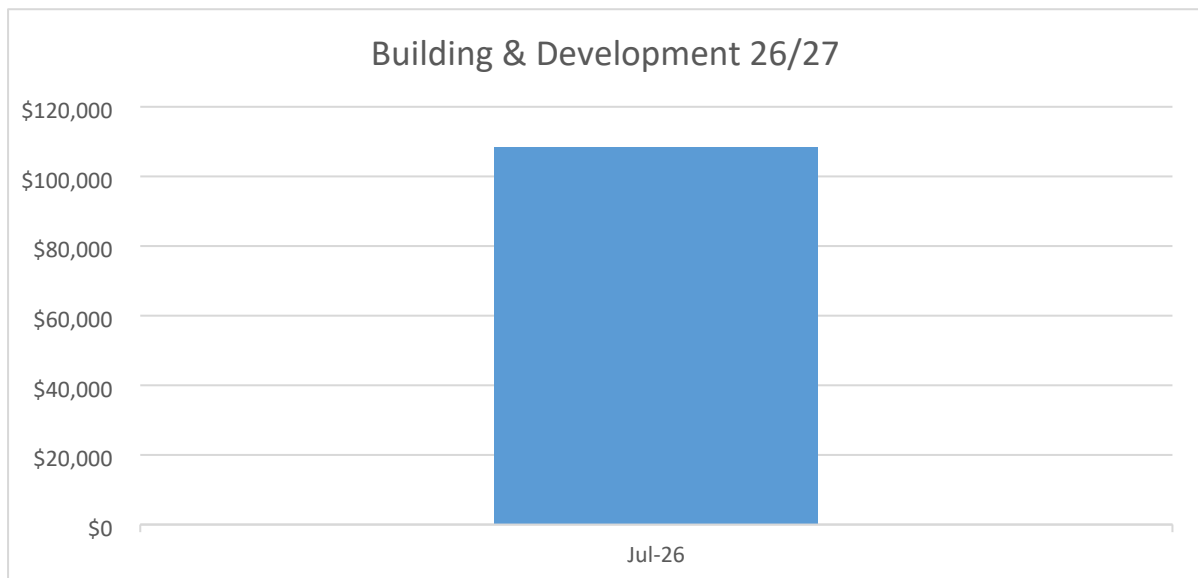
Development Applications Received

Application Type	Month	YTD
Building (Council Certifier)	3	3
Building (Private Certifier)	1	1
Certificate of Classification	1	1
Change of Classification	-	-
Endorsement of Survey Plan	-	-
Exemption Certificate	-	-
Material Change of Use (MCU)	2	2
Minor Change (MCU)	-	-
Minor Change (Op Works)	-	-
Building Work (Assessable)	-	-
Operational Works	-	-
Plumbing & Drainage	-	-
Reconfiguration of a Lot	1	1
Siting Variation	-	-
Building Record Searches/ Planning Certificates	1	1
Operational Works – Bore	-	-
Total	9	9

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Project Value of Building Applications

Date	Development Type	Development Details	Value of Work	Location
Carried FWD			\$0	
08/07/2026	Building	Pool	\$89,520	Longreach
27/07/2026	Building	Shade Structure	\$19,000	Longreach
		Total for JULY	\$108,520	
		Total for 26/27 Year	\$108,520	



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Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Planning and Development information report, as presented.

13 Finance Report

13.1 Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 July 2026:

Council Action

Receive

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

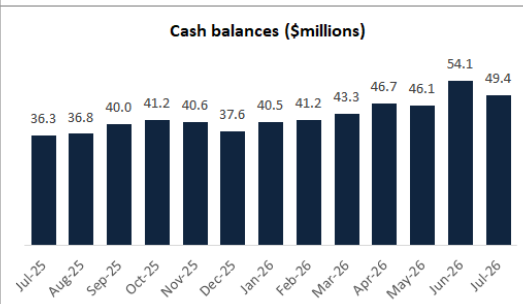
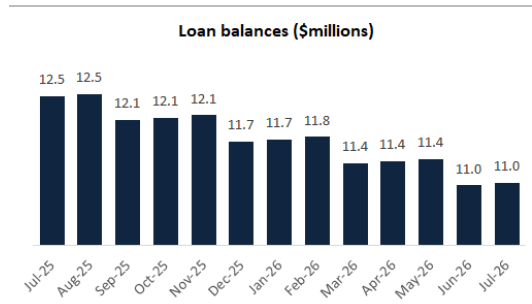
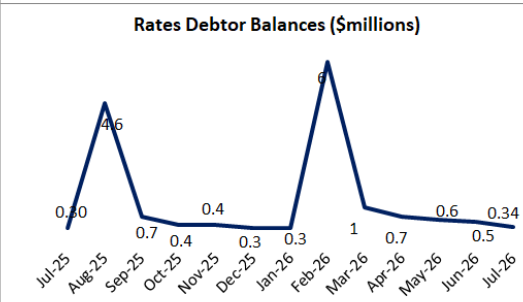
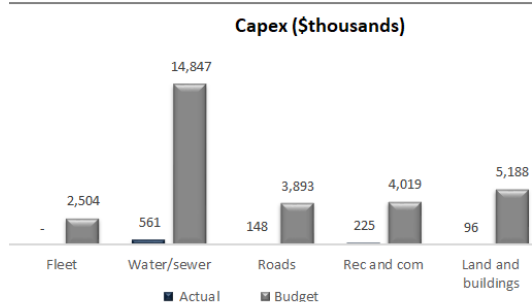
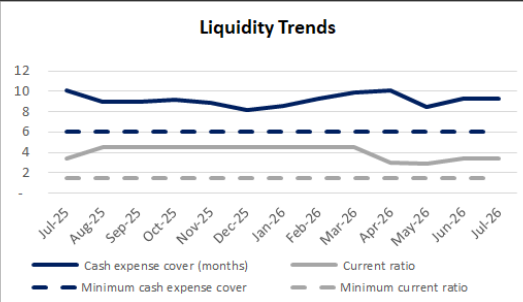
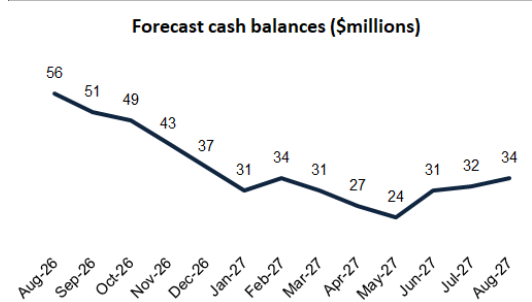
Tracey Mayhew (Contract Financial Controller)

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Longreach Regional Council Financial Dashboard

for the month ending Jul 2026
(all amounts in \$millions)

Income statement	YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	Last YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$1.9	\$3.7	(\$1.9)	\$2.5	(\$0.7)
Expenses	\$4.2	\$6.7	\$2.5	\$3.9	(\$0.3)
Net result	(\$2.3)	(\$3.0)	\$0.7	(\$1.3)	(\$1.0)
Balance sheet	July 2026	July 2026	Movement	Last YTD	Movement
Total assets	\$469.9	\$475.2	(\$5.3)	\$438.1	\$31.8
Total liabilities	\$28.1	\$31.1	\$3.0	\$22.1	(\$6.0)
Total equity	\$441.7	\$444.1	(\$2.3)	\$416.0	\$25.8
Cash flow	YTD	Last YTD	Movement		Cash expense cover
Operating cash flow	(\$4.2)	\$10.9	(\$15.1)		12 months
Capex	(\$0.8)	(\$0.6)	\$0.2		Current ratio
Other investing cash flow	\$0.4	\$0.1	\$0.3		4:1
Loan repayments	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$0.0)		Unrestricted Cash Balance
Net cash flow	(\$4.6)	\$10.5	(\$15.0)		\$38.6



Summary

For the year to date ending July, Council's financial performance, position and cash flows are satisfactory. At the beginning of the financial year there is little to report on as the organisation ramps up activity for the new year.

Financial performance

Council has recognised a net deficit of \$2.316 million, representing a favorable variance against the budgeted deficit of \$2.971 million.

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Recoverable works income is lower than budget as the pace of completing contract works was slower than anticipated. Operating grants and subsidies are also behind budget, which is partly offset by higher than anticipated capital grants and subsidies.

Materials and services expenses behind budget, noting that most programs are performing within expectations, with the exception of contract works.

Employee expenses remain 6.43% below budget due to vacancies.

The childcare centre recognised a net surplus of \$22k for the period, representing a significant turn-around and improvement of the centre's financial performance.

Interest earned for the period 1 July 2026 to 31 July 2026 is \$199k.

Financial position

Council's financial position remains sound at the end of July. Current liabilities remains high due to cash received as prepayments for capital works and flood damage repairs.

The total of contract liabilities (prepaid grants where council has an obligation to deliver a project) is \$10.872 million at the end of July. The prepaid grants received are for flood damage, the animal management facility, the skatepark project and the residential activation fund projects.

Loan repayments are being made as they fall due.

Cash flow

Council's closing cash balance was \$49.425 million (\$38.553 million unrestricted).

The high cash balance includes the \$10.872 million of prepaid grants mentioned previously. The unrestricted cash balance indicates the funds currently untied to specific projects.

Forecasts show adequate cash balances over the short and long term.

Liquidity

Council maintains 12 months of unrestricted cash expense cover. This ratio is higher than the targeted 6 months due to the significant amount of prepaid grants received. This liquidity position allows council to more easily adapt to the uncertain economic environment. Current ratio is 4:1 (\$4 of current assets to every \$1 of current liabilities).

Debtors

Council rates are now past the due date with 22% on payment plans, 7% in legal and 71% making up the rest of the outstanding rates.

	Current	1 years	2 years	3 years	
Outstanding rates	\$146,028	86,471.17	40,339.05	68,539.09	341,377.25
Number of assessments	66	23	11	8	108

Risks

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Risk	Treatment
There is a risk that the cost of key materials and fuel remains high over an extended period of time, impacting the cost to deliver services and projects.	– Continue to forecast cash flow based on updated cost estimates. – Service delivery will be managed to operate within existing budgets to protect cash. – Projects and capital expenditure will be monitored monthly and if necessary, projects will be deferred.

Appendices

1. Financial Statements - July 2026 [**13.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. Programme Report July 2026 [**13.1.2** - 1 page]
3. REP 2026-08 Grants report - council [**13.1.3** - 3 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 31 July 2026, as presented.

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Statement of financial performance	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Budget \$'000	Last YTD \$'000	Full year budget \$'000
Revenue				
Rates, levies and charges	-	157	157	13,687
Fees and charges	270	267	327	3,210
Recoverable works income	23	1,114	763	13,373
Other revenue	230	143	156	1,711
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	926	1,999	117	34,729
Capital grants, subsidies and income	403	24	1,224	13,835
Profit on sale of assets	-	-	-	451
Total revenue	1,851	3,704	2,510	80,996
Expenses				
Employee expenses	1,591	1,701	1,506	20,409
Materials and services	1,694	4,096	1,456	48,709
Finance expenses	41	54	73	643
Depreciation	842	824	817	9,895
Other expenses	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	4,168	6,675	3,851	79,657
Net surplus or (deficit)	(2,316)	(2,971)	(1,342)	1,339
Operating deficit	(2,316)	(2,971)	(1,342)	1,339
	(403)	(24)	(1,224)	(14,286)
Operating deficit	(2,720)	(2,995)	(2,565)	(12,947)

Statement of financial position	YTD Actual \$'000	Actual July 2026 \$'000	Full year budget \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	49,425	54,010	34,499
Current trade and other receivables	5,210	5,835	2,983
Inventories	951	1,028	1,211
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	9,074	9,074	7,709
Property, plant and equipment	405,216	405,258	435,607
Other non-current assets	-	-	-
Total assets	469,876	475,205	482,010
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10,939	14,016	10,806
Current borrowings	1,276	1,276	1,334
Current provisions	3,935	3,915	4,081
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	9,750	9,713	9,074
Provisions	2,235	2,228	2,526
Total liabilities	28,136	31,148	27,821
Net community assets	441,740	444,057	454,189
Community equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	213,308	213,308	220,887
Retained surplus	228,432	230,749	233,302
Total community equity	441,740	444,057	454,189

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Statement of cash flows	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from ratepayers and customers	1,147	33,179
Receipts from grants	926	35,293
Payments to employees	(1,591)	(20,409)
Payments to suppliers	(4,667)	(44,084)
Interest paid	(41)	(437)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(4,226)	3,542
Cash flows from Investing activities		
Receipts from capital grants	403	13,835
Receipts from sale of assets	-	651
Payments for capital expenditure	(799)	(30,451)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(396)	(15,965)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Loan repayments	37	(1,415)
Net cash outflows from financing activities	37	(1,415)
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(4,584)	(13,838)
Opening cash balance	54,010	48,337
Closing cash balance	49,425	34,499

Statement of changes in equity	YTD Actual	Full year budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Accumulated surplus		
Opening balance	230,749	231,963
Net profit or (loss)	(2,316)	1,339
Closing accumulated surplus	228,432	233,302
Asset revaluation reserve		
Opening balance	213,308	217,001
Other comprehensive income	-	3,886
Closing asset revaluation reserve	213,308	220,887
Total community equity	441,740	454,189

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Longreach Regional Council Program Report for the YTD July 2026

Program	Revenue		Expenses		Net result		
	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD	Budget YTD	Budget full year
Office of the CEO							
Governance	-	-	(68)	(116)	(68)	(116)	(821)
Elected member expenses	-	-	(43)	(66)	(43)	(66)	(789)
Total Office of the CEO	-	-	(110)	(182)	(110)	(182)	(1,610)
Organisational Services							
Human resources	-	-	(138)	(135)	(138)	(135)	(1,624)
Disaster management and regional coordination	-	1	(12)	(23)	(12)	(22)	(180)
Economic development	-	-	(28)	(70)	(28)	(70)	(845)
Local laws	16	24	(99)	(176)	(83)	(152)	(1,822)
Land, leased out assets and commercial businesses	2	11	(43)	(41)	(41)	(30)	(365)
Development services	24	5	(12)	(12)	12	(7)	(84)
Total Organisational Services	43	40	(332)	(458)	(290)	(418)	(4,921)
Infrastructure Services							
Infrastructure administration	-	-	(65)	(130)	(65)	(130)	(1,563)
Depot and airstrips	-	-	(51)	(64)	(51)	(64)	(766)
Roads, streets and stormwater	-	-	(584)	(564)	(584)	(564)	(6,771)
Flood Damage Work	838	1,938	(838)	(1,928)		10	115
Contract works	4	1,105	(269)	(986)	(265)	119	1,426
Fleet management	-	25	544	144	544	169	2,032
Sewerage	-	-	(70)	(100)	(70)	(100)	38
Waste management	1	3	(39)	(93)	(38)	(90)	12
Water	2	119	(251)	(350)	(249)	(231)	395
Total Infrastructure Services	845	3,189	(1,623)	(4,071)	(778)	(882)	(5,082)
Program							
Community Services							
Child Care	233	259	(211)	(273)	22	(13)	(161)
Community development and events	-	-	(5)	(24)	(5)	(24)	(287)
Donations and sponsorship	-	-	(30)	(18)	(30)	(18)	(220)
RADF	-	2	(6)	(4)	(6)	(2)	(20)
Community administration	-	28	(133)	(179)	(133)	(152)	(1,819)
Libraries	49	2	(18)	(24)	31	(22)	(268)
Community centres and halls	1	2	(38)	(34)	(37)	(31)	(377)
Council housing	22	9	(29)	(29)	(7)	(20)	(237)
Showgrounds and sporting facilities	1	3	(51)	(76)	(49)	(73)	(879)
Cemeteries	8	14	(14)	(25)	(6)	(12)	(138)
Parks and gardens	2	1	(278)	(264)	(277)	(263)	(3,157)
Swimming pools	3	1	(72)	(100)	(70)	(99)	(1,191)
Tourism, museums and VIC	42	23	(104)	(115)	(62)	(93)	(1,162)
Total Community Services	361	343	(988)	(1,169)	(627)	(826)	(9,966)
Financial Services							
Insurance	-	-	(602)	(78)	(602)	(78)	(930)
Finance	198	75	(199)	(289)	(1)	(214)	14,319
LWDEFS	-	33	(28)	(30)	(28)	3	38
Internal recharges	1	-	()	-	1	-	-
Innovation and Business Improvement	-	-	(285)	(399)	(285)	(399)	(4,793)
Total Financial Services	199	108	(1,114)	(796)	(915)	(687)	8,634
Total Council Operating Result	1,448	3,680	(4,168)	(6,675)	(2,720)	(2,995)	(12,945)

Notes to the program report

1 - Revenue is down due to the timing of diesel fuel rebates. Plant oncost recoveries are higher due to increased utilisation.

2 - Timing difference between work delivery and invoicing to TMR.

3 - Insurance premium for FY27 was paid in July 2026. Budget assumes monthly phasing of the expenditure.

Grant/s Information *(current as of 05/08/2026)*

Completed Grants

The below grants have been finalised, and acquitted since 1/07/2025

Grant Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2025281	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	QKFS_Free Kindy Long Day Care 2025	\$131,922	\$131,922	\$0	13/02/2025	31/12/2025
GC2025284	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	Kindy uplift 2025	\$4,856	\$4,856	\$0	1/01/2025	31/12/2025
GC2024254	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_OSHC Sustainability	\$180,744	\$180,744	\$0	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2023207	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_Long Day Care Sustainability	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	1/07/2024	30/06/2026
GC2026327	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	QKFS_Workforce Planning Days	\$1,272	\$1,272	\$0	5/06/2026	31/12/2026
GC2026330	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	QKFS_Workforce Planning Days	\$636	\$636	\$0	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
GC2026326	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	Kindy Uplift 2026	\$5,395	\$5,395	\$0	1/01/2026	31/12/2026
GC2023194	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	HIF - Teal Street Development 2023	\$3,801,552	\$3,801,552	\$0	1/09/2023	30/06/2026
GC2023185	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS	MIP1 - Longreach Squash Courts Upgrade	\$328,692	\$328,692	\$0	28/06/2023	28/02/2026
GC2019036	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	BoR R4 Long 0056 - Railway Siding Extension	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	12/12/2019	30/06/2026
GC2023180	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	STIP - Longreach State High School - Parking & Drop-off Area	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$0	12/09/2022	30/09/2025
GC2023246	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	TMR_Cycling Network Local Government 2024-25	\$35,580	\$35,580	\$0	15/12/2023	30/06/2026
GC2025292	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	FAG_Financial Assistance Grant (FY26)	\$14,369,604	\$14,369,604	\$0	25/06/2025	30/06/2026
GC2024273	QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE	SES_Support_Replacement group vehicle - Isisford	\$50,715	\$50,715	\$0	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
GC2025304	QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE	SES_State Emergency Services Subsidy 2025-26	\$19,646	\$19,646	\$0	19/12/2025	30/06/2026
GC2025283	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0031.2324U.REC	\$10,111,530	\$10,111,530	\$0	7/03/2025	30/06/2027
GC2025296	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0035.2425T.CDO	\$43,288	\$43,288	\$0	28/08/2025	30/06/2026
GC2022173	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	QRRRF - 2022-2023 Regional Disaster Management Coordinator	\$207,500	\$207,500	(\$0)	1/01/2023	30/06/2026
GC2025295	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0034.2425L.EWK (Emergent Works 2025)	\$290,503	\$290,503	\$0	15/08/2025	30/06/2026
GC2023235	THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (REPRESENTED BY QUEENSLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT)	SES_Support Grant - Isisford SES Training Room	\$89,709	\$89,709	\$0	30/05/2024	30/06/2026
Total			\$31,023,143	\$31,023,143	(\$0)		

Lodged Grants

The below table provides a list of grant opportunities that have been applied for. At time of writing, the outcome of these grants has not been determined.

Grant Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2023231	DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND SCIENCE	RPPP_Longreach Showgrounds and Regional Events Precinct Project	\$8,268,014	\$0	\$8,268,014	24/08/2023	30/06/2026
GC2026321	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	136676-25QLD-SLR - Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program - Raven Road - Heavy vehicle accessibility upgrade	\$468,000	\$0	\$468,000	1/08/2027	1/08/2029
GC2026320	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	136678-25QLD-SLR - Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure - Longreach township - intersection safety upgrades	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000	1/08/2027	1/08/2029
GC2026313	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	ATG - Longreach Walking Network Plan - Edkins Park Bus Stop Connection	\$23,730	\$0	\$23,730	1/10/2026	30/06/2028
GC2026315	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	ATG - Longreach Walking Network Plan - Skate Park Connection	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	1/10/2026	30/06/2028
GC2026311	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	ATG - Longreach Walking Network Plan - Currawong Street Footpath	\$123,000	\$0	\$123,000	1/10/2026	30/06/2028
GC2026314	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	ATG - Longreach Walking Network Plan - Ibis Street Connection	\$67,500	\$0	\$67,500	1/10/2026	30/06/2028

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Grant Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2026312	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	ATG - Longreach Walking Network Plan - Duck Street West Connection	\$250,860	\$0	\$250,860	1/10/2026	30/06/2028
GC2026331	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	GRQ_Get Ready Queensland 2026-2027	\$9,700	\$0	\$9,700	10/07/2026	30/06/2026
Total			\$9,400,804	\$0	\$9,400,804		

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Approved Grants

Outlined below are all grants that are currently active in the SynergySoft system. The below includes multi-year funding rounds, where income will be received at agreed milestones or scheduled dates until the completion dates.

Grant Number	Name	Title	Subsidy Amount	Income received	Remaining Income	Grant Start Date	Grant End Date
GC2025294	DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE & INNOVATION	BCP_Battery Collection Program - Longreach	\$36,000	\$21,600	\$14,400	18/07/2025	30/06/2026
GC2024255	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCCF R4_Capital	\$279,281	\$279,281	\$0	1/07/2024	30/09/2026
GC2026309	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	QKFS_Free kindy long day care 2026	\$120,000	\$56,077	\$63,923	1/01/2026	31/12/2026
GC2026332	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING	CCF Round 5 2026/2029 - Sustainability Suppport	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000	1/07/2026	30/06/2029
GC2024269	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	GRP_Growing Regions Program (Round 2)	\$2,251,418	\$1,400,000	\$851,418	26/09/2024	28/06/2027
GC2024261	DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL	R2R_Roads to Recovery 2024-2029	\$10,526,379	\$3,118,273	\$7,408,106	1/07/2024	30/06/2029
GC2025290	DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET-OFFICE FOR RURAL & REGIONAL QLD (ORRQ)	Games on! Showgrounds dressing room upgrade	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	17/10/2025	30/06/2027
GC2024270	DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANUFACTURING AND WATER	WISER_Longreach Water Security for Growth	\$11,990,000	\$5,000,000	\$6,990,000	5/09/2024	30/09/2027
GC2025289	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	RAF_Planning for Kestrel Street	\$622,741	\$622,741	\$0	3/06/2025	30/06/2027
GC2025288	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT	RAF_Ilfracombe Essential Infrastructure	\$512,818	\$372,396	\$140,422	3/06/2025	30/06/2027
GC2024277	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	WLGG_25-26_Botanical walkway lighting	\$148,500	\$37,125	\$111,375	1/10/2024	30/06/2027
GC2026310	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	MWPC_CN-24630 Ernestina Creek Bridge Safety Upgrade	\$1,273,212	\$0	\$1,273,212	18/12/2025	16/09/2026
GC2025282	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	MWPC_CN-23873 Longreach Jundah Road Construction	\$4,550,122	\$4,550,122	\$0	20/02/2025	30/06/2026
GC2026329	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	MWPC_CN-26018 Flood Damage Reconstruction - Multiple	\$3,552,936	\$0	\$3,552,936	13/05/2026	30/06/2027
GC2025298	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & MAIN ROADS	TIDS_CN-25526 Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme	\$290,000	\$200,000	\$90,000	15/08/2025	30/06/2026
GC2024265	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	LGGSP_Longreach Water Mains Replacement Program	\$4,369,511	\$1,310,385	\$3,059,126	31/05/2025	30/06/2028
GC2024268	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	Scheme Supply Fund 2024	\$100,000	\$30,000	\$70,000	1/10/2024	30/06/2026
GC2024262	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	W4Q_Works for Queensland [Animal Management Facility]	\$1,680,000	\$840,000	\$840,000	1/07/2024	30/09/2027
GC2026328	DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING	FAG_Financial Assistance Grant (FY27)	\$14,794,905	\$11,835,924	\$2,958,981	23/06/2026	30/06/2027
GC2025303	DEPT OF SENIORS DISABILITY SERVICES & ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIP	CRRO_Community Recovery Officer	\$669,000	\$191,145	\$477,855	1/10/2025	31/03/2027
GC2026307	QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE	SES Support_Longreach SES facility upgrade	\$47,573	\$0	\$47,573	1/07/2026	30/06/2027
GC2026308	QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE	SES Support_Isisford training/storage room completion	\$95,630	\$0	\$95,630	1/07/2026	30/06/2027
GC2024263	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0029.2223G.REC	\$438,146	\$280,074	\$158,072	31/05/2024	30/06/2026
GC2026318	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0045.2425T.REC	\$911,983	\$273,595	\$638,388	10/04/2026	30/06/2028
GC2026306	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0039.2425T.REC	\$3,247,272	\$974,182	\$2,273,090	24/02/2026	30/06/2028
GC2023197	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA - LRC.0026.2122B.WPF - WP3 Flood Studies	\$103,500	\$31,050	\$72,450	31/05/2023	31/12/2026
GC2026316	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0041.2425T.REC	\$1,831,342	\$549,403	\$1,281,939	18/03/2026	30/06/2028
GC2026323	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0040.2425T.REC	\$5,720,950	\$1,716,285	\$4,004,665	25/05/2026	30/06/2028
GC2026322	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	QRRRF - LRC.0043.2324D.RFA - 2026-2027 Regional Resilience and Recovery Coordinator	\$200,000	\$60,000	\$140,000	6/05/2026	30/07/2027
GC2025297	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0037.2425T.REC	\$6,296,124	\$1,877,949	\$4,418,175	1/10/2025	30/06/2028
GC2025293	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	GRQ_Get Ready Queensland 2025-2026	\$9,700	\$8,708	\$992	10/07/2025	30/06/2026
GC2025302	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	CRF_LRC.0044.2425T.DCU_Community Relief Fund 2025	\$509,619	\$509,619	\$0	2/04/2026	30/06/2026
GC2026317	QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY	DRFA_LRC.0042.2425T.REC	\$5,866,429	\$1,759,929	\$4,106,501	25/03/2026	30/06/2028
GC2026325	STATE LIBRARY OF QLD	RLQ Places and Spaces Grant 2026-27	\$49,428	\$49,428	\$0	13/07/2026	30/06/2027
Total			\$83,944,519	\$38,205,290	\$45,739,228		

13.2 Information Report - Finance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that occurred during the month for the Financial Services Directorate.

Council Action

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Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">4.1.1 Achieve efficiency and reduce risks through contemporary technology, and innovative work processes4.1.2 Mature asset management systems and agreed service levels are used to achieve sustainable outcomes4.1.3 External funding opportunities are maximised to diversify Council's revenue base and to reduce reliance on own source funding4.1.4 Robust budget processes deliver a financially sustainable Council into the future |
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Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

David Wilson (Chief Financial Officer)

Purpose:

The Financial Services Directorate provides a monthly update on strategic issues and improvement projects to improve Council's financial sustainability.

Discussion:

There were no significant contracts awarded in July as council officers continue with planning and the procurement function in council is rebuilt. Performance in actioning CSRs remains constant with nothing extraordinary to report for the month.

Appendices

1. FINANCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION REPORT_August 2026 [**13.2.1** - 1 page]

Recommendation:

<i>That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.</i>
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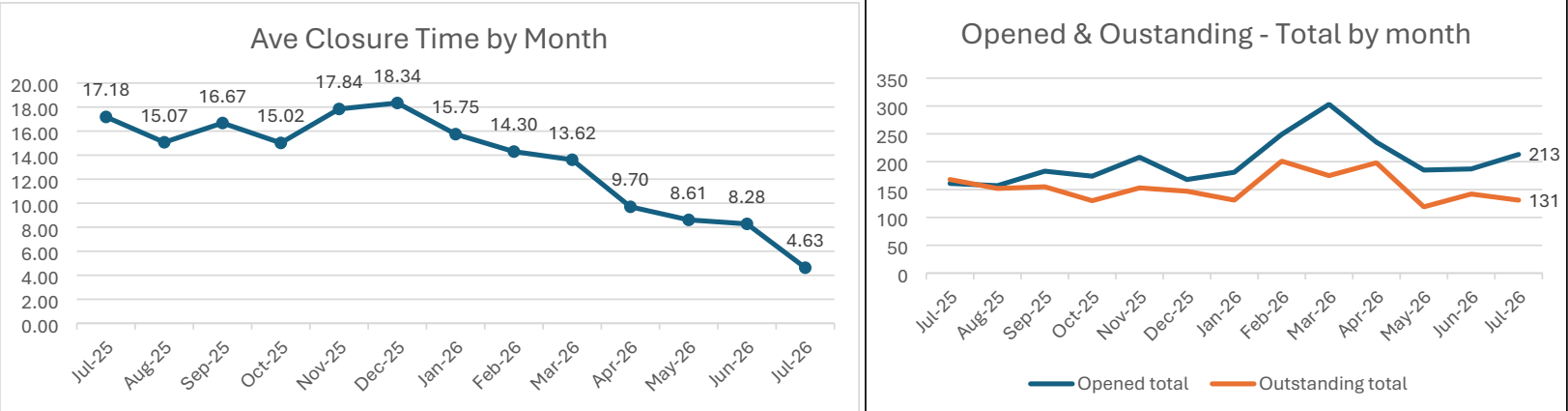
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SHARED SERVICES REPORT JULY 2026

Cumulative expenditure over \$200,000

Creditors Name	Sum of Invoice Amount	Services
LGM ASSETS	\$602,024	Insurance
TRAZLBAT PTY LTD	\$333,713	Water Mains
GEORGE BOURNE & ASSOCIATES	\$225,516	Consultancy
SCOTT BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION	\$225,000	Construction

Customer Service Request Trends



Age of Outstanding Requests			
Under 1 month	1-2 Months	3-6 Months	7 Months+
51 ↓	16 ↓	53 ↑	11 ↓

YTD Percentage of purchase made locally	
2026-27	2025-26
34.51% (July 2026)	53.7% (July 2025)

Contracts awarded over \$200,000 in value during the month

Contract: VP –			Procurement method: Vendor Panel
Tenderers	Evaluation score (out of 100)	Successful tenderer	Reason for selection
NIL			

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13.3 Procurement Policy

Consideration of the reviewed Procurement Policy

Council Action

Authorise

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009 (LGA)

Local Government Regulation 2012 (LGR)

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

LGR section 198 – a local government must prepare and adopt a policy about procurement, detailing the principles that the local government will apply for purchasing goods and services, and review the policy annually.

Policy Considerations

01-01 Procurement Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR LEADERSHIP 5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
Councillors Audit and Risk Committee ELT and Managers	Peak Services

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

*Consideration of the Procurement Policy 01-01, which has undergone a review.
(Res-2024-12-335)*

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

That Council adopts the Procurement Policy as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

David Wilson (Chief Financial Officer)

Purpose:

The Procurement Policy has been reviewed after consultation and is presented to Council for adoption.

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Discussion:

The Procurement Policy has been reviewed after consultation with numerous stakeholders and an independent review and advice by Peak Services. The policy sets out the principles by which council will undertake the purchase of goods and services and attempts to balance efficient processes to deliver services and projects, with effective controls and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:		
Expenditure:		
Net Result:		

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Governance, compliance, reputation, and legal	Comments:
Likelihood:	Possible	Effective procurement policies support good governance and fraud and corruption controls in purchasing goods and services.
Consequence:	Moderate	
Rating:	Medium	

Environmental

Environmental considerations are included in the procurement policy.

Asset Management

Good procurement policies support effective asset management.

Other Implications

N/A

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	INSERT HERE

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- 01-01 Procurement Policy review 202605 Final [**13.3.1** - 7 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Procurement Policy No 01.01 as presented.

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Procurement Policy		 Longreach Regional Council
Policy Number:	Draft for consultation	
Policy Category:	Financial	
Authorised by:		
Date approved:		
Review Date:		

PURPOSE

This policy sets out Longreach Regional Council's (Council) policy for procuring goods and services and entering into contracts, ensuring the effective delivery of services while achieving the best value for money and upholding the principles of probity, transparency and compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all procurement and contracting activities undertaken by Council.

This policy applies to:

- All Council officers;
- All contractors, consultants and contingent labour engaged by Council, or acting on behalf of Council, who are involved in any procurement or contracting activity; and
- Councillors, where participating in or influencing procurement-related decision-making.

This policy applies to all procurement and contracting activities across all expenditure categories including:

- the supply of goods and services;
- construction, maintenance and minor works;
- information and communication technology (ICT); and
- professional services and consultancies.

This includes all forms of procurement activity including:

- formal contracts and agreements;
- revenue-neutral or revenue-generating arrangements;
- disaster response and recovery works, flood damage and emergent works;
- leases and access agreements;
- purchase requisitions and purchase orders;
- credit card purchases;
- stores, inventory and warehousing activities; and
- non-order purchases and ad-hoc supplier engagements.

This policy does not apply to activities governed by other legislative or policy frameworks, including:

- acquisition or disposal of land and interests in land;
- disposal of non-current assets;
- development and infrastructure agreements regulated under the *Planning Act 2016*;
- grants administered under Council's community grants policies;
- statutory payments such as government fees, licences, registrations and levies;
- payments for utilities, insurance, and local government associations (e.g. RAPAD, LGAQ);
- refunds and reimbursements;
- contracts for the direct employment of Council officers.

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LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009 (LGA)

Local Government Regulation 2012 (LGR)

POLICIES

Fraud and Corruption Control Policy

Risk Management Framework

Governance Framework

SOUND CONTRACTING PRINCIPLES

In accordance with s104(3) *LGA*, Council will adhere to the sound contracting principles when carrying out all procurement and contracting activities.

The sound contracting principles are:

- 1) Value for money; and
- 2) Open and effective competition; and
- 3) The development of competitive local business and industry; and
- 4) Environmental protection; and
- 5) Ethical and fair dealing.

1) Value for money

The concept of value for money is not restricted to price alone. The assessment must include consideration of:

- contribution to and supporting the advancement of Council's priorities and strategic objectives including buying local wherever possible;
- fitness for purpose, quality, services, warranties and support;
- whole-of-life costs including costs of acquiring, using, maintaining and disposal;
- value adds, cost savings and/or discounts;
- reduction of internal administration costs;
- technical compliance issues;
- mitigation of risk exposure; and
- benefits to the community (e.g. employment of labour).

2) Open and effective competition

Procurement must be open and transparent and result in effective competition in the provision of all goods, services and works. Council must give fair and equitable consideration to all prospective suppliers by ensuring that:

- procurement and contracting processes are visible and transparent to Council, suppliers and the public;
- suppliers wishing to supply their goods and services have an equal opportunity to do business with Council and are given reasonable opportunities to do so: and
- invitations are specified in such a way as to encourage competition amongst suppliers, with a view to attracting the best value for money offers.

3) The development of competitive local business and industry

Council encourages development of competitive local business and industry when entering into contracts for the supply of goods and services, or for carrying out of works. In addition to price, performance, quality and suitability, Council may also consider the following factors:

- employment opportunities for the region;

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- economic growth for the region;
- readily available goods, services and support; and
- the benefit to Council of contracting with local suppliers and the associated local commercial transactions that flow from that contracting.

Council may set criteria for a local economic benefits assessment of suppliers against quantitative and qualitative parameters that advance local businesses, local industry development and local supplier procurement

4) Environmental protection

Council promotes environmental protection and responsibility through its purchasing procedures. In undertaking procurement activities Council will endeavour to:

- promote the procurement of environmentally friendly goods and services that satisfy value for money criteria;
- foster the development of products and processes with less carbon and low environmental and climatic impact;
- provide an example to business, industry and the community by promoting the use of climatically and environmentally friendly goods and services; and
- encourage environmentally responsible activities.

Council may also consider the following:

- the environmental performance of prospective contractors or suppliers;
- the selection of products that may have a reduced impact on human health and / or the natural environment; and
- the environmental impact and performance of a requested product, such as energy and / or water efficiency rating, fuel efficiency, durability, recycled content, toxicity, origin of any components made from wood (e.g. paper products) and end of life disposal.

5) Ethical behavior and fair dealing

Ethical behaviour and fair dealing will be promoted by fulfilling the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct, working with sound ethics and ensuring that Council officers:

- apply sound ethical principles and equitable dealings with fair and reasonable opportunities to all suppliers;
- ensure probity, transparency, impartiality and accountability for all procurement and contracting activities;
- use procurement and contracting processes, systems and procedures that provide a consistent approach to Council's legislative and policy requirements;
- take action to eliminate as far as possible, or mitigate modern slavery risks;
- promote high standards of professionalism in procurement and contracting activities; and
- act with integrity and in a way that shows concern for public interest and human rights.

PROCUREMENT APPROACH

Default contracting procedures

Council has adopted, and this policy reflects, the default contracting procedures as set out in the LGR.

Risk-based procurement

Council will balance its procurement processes and approach according to the risk assessment of each activity. Risks in procurement may include:

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- Financial risk – where the value of the contract is high or there is uncertainty of the cost;
- Operational risk – if the contract is for critical service delivery (eg water, IT) and outcomes are dependent on supplier performance;
- Market risk – there are a limited number of suppliers or concerns about supplier capability;
- Legal/compliance risk – where contract terms are complex or there are regulatory obligations;
- Reputational risk – where there will be high public scrutiny or political sensitivity;
- Safety – where there is a high WHS risk.

Market engagement

Council officers may undertake market engagement prior to developing the scope to:

- improve procurement outcomes by understanding what solutions exist and identify new or innovative approaches;
- strengthen competition by gauging the level of market interest and ensuring the opportunity is attractive to suppliers;
- improve value for money by understanding price drivers and developing an appropriate scope; and
- reducing risk.

Market engagement may be conducted by:

- desktop analysis;
- meetings with suppliers;
- industry briefings;
- Requests for Information;
- Expressions of Interest;
- market sounding exercises.

PROCUREMENT THRESHOLDS

The procurement thresholds and requirements adopted by Council are set out in the table below.

Size	Value threshold	Minimum requirements	Exceptions Available
Minor purchasing	Less than \$5,001	Invite 1 quote	Not required
Small-sized contracts	\$5,001 to \$21,899	Invite 2 quotes	Yes
Medium-sized contracts	\$21,900 to \$291,999	Invite 3 quotes	Yes
Large-sized contracts	\$292,000 and over	Public tender required	Yes

- All amounts are exclusive of GST.
- All thresholds are cumulative. When seeking quotations, officers should consider the likelihood of exceeding the value thresholds in a financial year or over the proposed term of any contractual arrangement with a supplier. If there is a risk that these limits will be exceeded, then the appropriate number of quotes or a public tender should be sought. For example, a supplier is engaged to supply mechanical parts on an ad hoc basis. Each purchase may fall under the \$10,000 threshold, but due to the volume of work, the total amount of purchases is likely to exceed \$21,900, therefore requiring the officer to invite 3 quotes for the supply of mechanical supplies.

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- Evidence of invitations to quote must be attached to purchase orders raised for audit purposes. For example, if purchasing an item valued at over \$21,900, evidence that the officer invited at least 3 quotes must be attached. In the case of purchases less than \$5,001 a copy of the invoice will suffice.

FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTUAL DELEGATIONS

Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to make, amend or discharge a contractual commitment or approve a financial transaction for Council if –

- The expenditure has been provided for in the approved budget; or
- The expenditure has been authorised by resolution separate to the normal budget process; or
- The expenditure has been taken because of a genuine emergency or hardship.

The Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority to administer financial and contracting delegations for Council officers.

DEPOSITS AND PRE-PAYMENTS

As a general rule, Council does not make deposits or upfront payments, prior to receipt of goods and/or services. The Chief Executive Officer or their delegate may approve deposits or pre-payments in limited circumstances and where Council's interests are sufficiently protected.

CORPORATE CREDIT CARDS

Council issues corporate credit cards to use for low value expenses and general purchases where possible. All card holders have the authority to incur expenditure up to the limit on their card for approved Council business. Use of Council credit cards must comply with Council's Credit Card Policy.

MANAGING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Council Officers participating in planning, procurement and contracting activities must comply with the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct and Governance Framework. All conflicts of interest must be declared and managed appropriately.

Probity Plans shall be prepared for procurement of \$292,000 and above or assessed as being high risk as an added safeguard for identifying and managing conflict of interest.

PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS

The Chief Executive Officer or their delegate will establish a system of procurement that:

- Promotes the effective, efficient and economical management of public resources; and
- Promotes excellence in service delivery and continual improvement; and
- Are consistent with the principles of transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest; and
- Demonstrates good governance and ethical and legal behaviour of councillors, council officers and contractors; and
- Adheres to the legislative and regulatory requirements under the *LGA* and *LGR*.

The procurement systems and controls must include:

- Documented procurement planning and evaluation.
- No order splitting to procure goods and services under lower procurement thresholds.
- Documented reasons and approvals for applying exceptions available under the *LGR*.

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- Controls to mitigate fraud and corruption.
- A local supplier evaluation criterion in every evaluation with a weighting of at least 10% of the overall evaluation score.

PROCUREMENT EXCEPTIONS

Council may enter into contractual arrangements without first inviting written quotes or tenders for medium or large-sized contractual arrangements if one of the exceptions available under the *LGR* is applied.

The following exceptions must be approved by Council resolution as required under the *LGR*.

LGR 235 (a) Council resolves it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available.

LGR 235 (b) Council resolves that, because of the specialized or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders.

The Chief Executive Officer or their delegate is authorised to apply any of the other procurement exceptions available under the *LGR* where the use of the exception is appropriate and the sound contracting principles defined in the policy are applied. This includes the establishment and use of panels as described under the *LGR*.

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The Chief Executive Officer or their delegate will establish a system of contract management that:

- ensures that all contracts are properly executed by a Council officer with appropriate delegated authority;
- centralises all contracts in a secure location;
- monitors contract performance and controls variations.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role	Responsibilities
Council	• Set procurement policies and principles. • Receive reports from the Audit and Risk Committee and provide oversight of procurement activities.
Audit and Risk Committee	• Review and amend procurement policies presented by management and endorse procurement policies to Council. • Through internal and external audit functions, provide close oversight of the effectiveness of procurement governance, compliance to procurement policies and internal controls.
Chief Executive Officer	• Create and maintain effective procurement systems and procedures that align with Council's policies and principles. • Implement effective internal controls. • Delegate responsibilities. • Through the CEO, Management will report to Council monthly: - All contracts valued at over \$200,000 that are awarded during the month and a summary of the procurement process and evaluation.

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- The cumulative spend with all vendors that exceeds \$200,000 in a financial year.
- The percentage of expenditure spent with local businesses.

DEFINITIONS

Procurement	The process of acquiring goods, services, or works from external sources through a structured process that includes planning, sourcing, tendering, evaluation, contracting and contract management.
Local supplier	A supplier which: • is beneficially owned and operated by persons who are residents or ratepayers of the Local Government area of Council; or • has its principal place of business within the Local Government area of Council; or • otherwise has a place of business within the Local Government area of Council that solely or primarily employs persons who are residents or ratepayers of the Local Government area of Council.

Authorised by resolution on xxxx:

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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13.4 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting - 14 July 2026

Consideration of the report on matters reviewed at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 14 July 2026.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

01-10 Internal Audit Policy

01-11 Risk Management Policy

02-31 Advisory Committee Policy

02-32 Audit and Risk Committee Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR FINANCES

4.1.2 Mature asset management systems and agreed service levels are used to achieve sustainable outcomes

4.1.4 Robust budget processes deliver a financially sustainable Council into the future

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
CEO, Finance & Safety.	External Chair, Committee Members, External and Internal Auditors

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Res-2026-05-126

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council notes the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 13 April 2026.

CARRIED 6 / 0

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

David Wilson (Chief Financial Officer),

Liz Woods (Business Support Officer - Finance)

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Purpose:

The Audit and Risk Committee met on 14 July 2026. Section 211, *Local Government Regulation 2012*, requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a written report to Council on the matters reviewed at the meeting and the Committee's recommendations about the matters.

Discussion:

The following report summarises the key matters discussed at the Committee meeting held 14 July 2026.

1. External Auditor Report – The Committee noted the Interim Audit Report and the External Audit Plan for the 2025/26 financial statements.
2. Accounting Issues Position Papers – The Committee noted the accounting treatment for the items explained in the presented accounting position papers.
3. Internal Auditor Report – The Committee noted the report from the Internal Auditor on internal controls testing.
4. Audit Issues Register – The Committee noted the Audit Issues Register.
5. Closed Session – Auditors – The Committee made enquiries with the auditors in attendance at the meeting and satisfactory responses were received. No further action is required by the Committee.
6. Procurement Policy Review – The Committee endorsed the Procurement Policy, subject to revision by the Chair, for adoption by Council.
7. Drinking Water Quality Audit – The Committee considered and accepted the report and recommended to Council that the ongoing review of the implementation of risk management for the Drinking Water Quality Audit Paper be delegated to the Audit and Risk Committee.
8. Strategic Risk Management – The Committee noted the new risk management plans relating to the cost and availability of critical materials.
9. Monthly Finance Reports – The Committee received the Monthly Finance Reports.
10. Presentation of the 2027 Budget – The Committee noted the adopted 2026/27 Budget.
11. Closed Session – CEO Update – The verbal briefing by the CEO was noted by the Committee. Enquiries and discussion received satisfactory responses. No further action required by the Committee.

Implications

Budget

N/A

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

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Strategic Risk:	N/A	Comments:
Likelihood:	N/A	Nil risk, informational purposes only.
Consequence:	N/A	
Rating:	N/A	

Environmental

N/A

Asset Management

N/A

Other Implications

N/A

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council notes the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 14 July 2026.

14 Communities Report

14.1 Community Grants - Individual

Considerations of applications received for the month of July in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

11-06 Community Donations Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation

1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

Consultation:

Internal	External
Longreach Regional Council assessment panel, Director of Community Services	Applicants

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

NIL

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

Purpose:

Longreach Regional Council Individual Donations Program received four applications for the month of July 2026.

Discussion:

1. Cameron Shuttleworth was selected to compete at the 16-18 years boys State Touch Football trials in Townsville in June.

Cameron Shuttleworth

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<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 26/27 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Cameron Shuttleworth \$350</i>	<i>Cameron Shuttleworth \$350</i>

2. Abigail Marsh has been selected to compete at the 11-12 years girls Rugby League State Championships in Mudgeeraba in August.

Abigail Marsh	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 26/27 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	Yes

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Abigail Marsh \$350</i>	<i>Abigail Marsh \$350</i>

3. Abigail Marsh has been selected to compete at the 10-12 years girls Touch Football State Championships in Bundaberg in August.

Abigail Marsh	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 26/27 Financial Year?</i>	Yes
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	Yes

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Abigail Marsh \$350</i>	<i>Abigail Marsh \$350</i>

4. Annika Jackson had gained a place in the Regional Massed B Dance cast for the 2026 Creative Generation show in July.

Annika Jackson	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	No
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds within the 26/27 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Annika Jackson \$350</i>	<i>Annika Jackson \$350</i>

5. Isabella Mc Donald had gained a place in the Regional Massed B Dance cast for the 2026 Creative Generation show in July.

Isabella McDonald	
<i>Has the recipient applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes

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Has the recipient applied for funds within the 26/27 Financial Year?	No
Does the recipient have any outstanding acquittals?	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
Isabella McDonald \$350	Isabella McDonald \$350

Implications

Total Budget for Community & Individual Donations 2026/27 is \$110,000

Total Budget 26/27	\$110,000
Less	
Approved Funding YTD – Individual Donations	\$5,600.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (Financial)	\$7,985.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (In – Kind)	\$2,000.00
CEO Approved In- Kind funding YTD	\$0.00
TOTAL Budget Remaining	\$94,505.00
Less	
Budget required to meet Individual Donations for July applications 2026	\$1,750.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (Financial) for July applications 2026	\$4,918.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (In – Kind) for July applications 2026	\$0.00
Budget required to meet CEO Approved (In – Kind) for July applications 2026	\$1,000.00
TOTAL Budget required to meet applications for July	\$7,668.00
TOTAL Budget Remaining for future applications	\$86,837.00

Environmental

NIL

Asset Management

NIL

Other Implications

NIL

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

Appendices

Nil

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Recommendation:

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Cameron Shuttleworth</i>	<i>State Touch Football Trials</i>	<i>10-14 June 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Abigail Marsh</i>	<i>Girls Rugby League State Championships</i>	<i>19-23 August 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Abigail Marsh</i>	<i>Girls Touch Football State Championships</i>	<i>12-16 August 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Annika Jackson</i>	<i>Creative Generation Show</i>	<i>13-19 July 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Isabella McDonald</i>	<i>Creative Generation Show</i>	<i>13-18 July 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
		TOTAL	\$1,750.00

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14.2 Community Grant - Longreach Golf Club Inc

Consideration of application received in July in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

11-06 Community Donations Policy

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Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation

1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

Consultation:

Internal	External
Longreach Regional Council assessment panel	Applicant

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Res-2023-08-228

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Longreach Golf Club	Longreach Golf Club Maintenance	Financial \$4,967.68 In-kind \$0.00	Financial \$2,500.00 In-kind \$0.00
		TOTAL \$4,967.68	TOTAL \$2,500.00

Carried 6/0

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

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Discussion:

The Longreach Golf Club will celebrate its 100-year anniversary from 18 to 20 September, with opening celebrations on Friday and the 100-Year Anniversary Golf Competition on Sunday. The club is encouraging former players and members, particularly those who have moved away from the Central West, to return and be part of this significant milestone. Over the past century, it has fostered friendships, supported community connection, and provided recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. The centenary celebrations have already generated strong interest from outside Longreach and are expected to deliver economic benefits to the region through increased spending on accommodation, dining, fuel, tourism, and local businesses. The event will not only recognise the club's rich history but also contribute to the broader Longreach community and economy.

Longreach Golf Club	
<i>Has the Community group applied for funds in the past?</i>	Yes
<i>Has the Community Group applied for funds within the 25/26 Financial Year?</i>	No
<i>Does the Community Group have any outstanding acquittals?</i>	No
<i>Has the event/ project been previously funded by Council?</i>	No

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Financial \$4,918.00</i>	<i>Financial \$4,918.00</i>
<i>In- kind \$0.00</i>	<i>In- kind \$0.00</i>
<i>TOTAL \$4,918.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$4,918.00</i>

Implications

Budget

\$110,000.00 has been committed and allocated to Community Donations YTD.

Total Budget 26/27	\$110,000
Less	
Approved Funding YTD – Individual Donations	\$5,600.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (Financial)	\$7,985.00
Approved Funding YTD – Community Donations (In – Kind)	\$2,000.00
CEO Approved In- Kind funding YTD	\$0.00
TOTAL Budget Remaining	\$94,505.00
Less	
Budget required to meet Individual Donations for July applications 2026	\$1,750.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (Financial) for July applications 2026	\$4,918.00
Budget required to meet Community Donations (In – Kind) for July applications 2026	\$0.00
Budget required to meet CEO Approved (In – Kind) for July applications 2026	\$1,000.00
TOTAL Budget required to meet applications for July	\$7,668.00

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TOTAL Budget Remaining for future applications	\$86,837.00
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Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Financial	Comments:
Likelihood:	Rare	Nil
Consequence:	Insignificant	
Rating:	Low 1/25	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	Nil

Appendices

1. Application - Longreach Golf [**14.2.1** - 10 pages]
2. Assessment - Longreach Golf [**14.2.2** - 3 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Longreach Golf Club	100 year anniversary	Financial \$4,918.00 In-kind \$0.00	Financial \$4,918.00 In-kind \$0.00
		TOTAL \$4,918.00	TOTAL \$4,918.00

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APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Community Group/Organisation Name Longreach Golf Club Inc

ABN (if applicable)

Representatives Full Name

Organisation's Postal Address

Organisation's Suburb or Town

Organisation's Postal State

Organisation's Postal Code

Organisation's Postal Country

Australia

Organisation's Contact Phone

Organisation's Email

EVENT ACTIVITY DETAILS

Event / Activity Name 100 Year Anniversary

Event / Activity Date Friday, September 18, 2026

Event / Activity Description

The Longreach Golf Club will celebrate its 100-year anniversary from 18 to 20 September, beginning with opening celebrations on Friday and concluding with the 100-Year Anniversary Golf Competition on Sunday.

We are hoping to welcome as many former players and members as possible, especially those who no longer live in the Central West, to return and be part of this special milestone in the club's history.

Is the event/ activity being undertaken in the Longreach Regional Council Area?

Yes

Description of what Council funds will be used for

Council funding will assist the Longreach Golf Club in delivering a professional and memorable 100-year anniversary celebration for members, former players, visitors, and the wider community.

The funds will contribute towards catering and event décor across the weekend, helping create a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere for all attendees. They will also support the purchase of golf prizes for the Saturday and Sunday competitions, ensuring participants are recognised appropriately as part of this milestone event.

In addition, the funding will assist with the purchase of event-related items such as lanyards, signage, and

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commemorative merchandise. These items will help improve event coordination and presentation, while also providing the club with an opportunity to sell merchandise during the celebrations and generate additional income to support the ongoing operations of the Longreach Golf Club.

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DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Instructions for use:

- List each source of income (e.g., sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions) and the corresponding amount in the "INCOME" columns.
- List each expense incurred for the project or event in the "EXPENSES" columns, with the amount.
- **Use the last column to tick or mark which expenses are being funded by Council.**
- Add any comments or further details in the space provided at the bottom.
- If you would like to include a detailed budget, please attach it below.

Income and Expenses

	Income Description	Income Amount (\$)	Expense Description	Expenses Amount (\$)	Tick what is being funded by Council
1	Trading Income	21740			
2			Catering	1536.00	✓
3			Golf Prizes	1692.00	✓
4			Lanyards	284.00	✓
5			Merchandise	1346	✓
6			Other Expenses	8710	
7					
8					
9					
10					

Total Income \$21740

Total Expenses \$13568

Total Financial Amount Requested \$4858

Attached detailed budget



LongreachGolfBudget.xlsx

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IN-KIND SUPPORT REQUEST

Instructions:

- List each type of in-kind support you are requesting (e.g., venue hire).
- Provide a brief description of the support as to how it will support your event/ initiative.
- Enter in a value from reviewing [Councils Fees & Charges](#), ensuring it doesn't exceed \$5,000.
- Indicate if the support is listed in Council's fees and charges schedule (Yes/No).
- Add any comments or further details as needed.

Note: In-kind support will only be considered for council services listed in the fees and charges schedule.

In-Kind Support Requested \$0

Total Grant Amount Requested \$4858

ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Explain how your event or activity demonstrates strong community benefit or need and support.

The Longreach Golf Club has a very rich history that dates back to 1926 when it was recommended by the then chair of the Longreach Shire Council to create a Golf Club which would ensure the community had another sporting avenue to ensure it attracted and retained its community members.

Since then the Longreach Golf Club has grown from strength to strength, as people come and go to this town a lot of friendships have been formed from the Longreach Golf Club. It has always been a strong community focused club with the inclusion of everyone in Longreach.

The Longreach Golf club is always trying different approaches to attract and retain people who come to Longreach, by ensuring golf and the golf driving range are perspective sports in which then can use whilst in Longreach. Again we are very community driven and have always valued and promote inclusion of everyone.

With the 100 year anniversary we have had strong interest from outside Longreach to attend this event, and we feel not only will the longreach golf club receive the benefits of the 100 celebrations, but also a lot of business in the area for the 3 days the event is on in the form of accommodation, fuel, dining, tourism, spending of money within the town, which helps the community of Longreach Greatly.

Explain how your event will contribute to the Longreach Regional Council community.

As part of the Longreach Golf Club's 100 Year Anniversary celebrations, we have already received strong interest from people outside of Longreach who are planning to attend and take part in the event. We believe the benefits of these celebrations will extend well beyond the golf club itself and provide a positive economic and community impact for the wider Longreach region.

Over the three days of the event, visitors to Longreach are expected to contribute to local businesses through accommodation, fuel, dining, tourism activities, retail purchases and general spending within the town. This additional visitation will provide valuable support to local operators and help showcase Longreach as a welcoming regional destination.

The anniversary celebrations are not only an important milestone for the Longreach Golf Club, but also an opportunity to bring people into the community, promote local business, and contribute to the broader economic and social benefit of Longreach.

How many people are expected to attend or be impacted by this event or activity?

101-200

Provide a brief explanation of what type of attendants your event will attract.

The attendants at the event will be former and current golfers and their families both locally and interstate, as well as business and people that have supported and sponsored the Longreach Golf Club over the years.

There will also be golfers from around the Central West that will be here for either one of the three days or for all three days as they partake in the competitions which is open to all players.

How do you intend to acknowledge Council's support (if approved) at the event or within the project or activity?

If approved, the Longreach Golf Club would formally acknowledge the support of Longreach Regional Council across a range of public and event-related platforms. Council support would be publicly recognised through the Longreach Golf Club's social media platforms, including Facebook, where we would thank Council for its contribution and acknowledge its role in

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supporting the Club's 100-Year Anniversary celebrations.

As the event draws closer, the Longreach Regional Council logo would also be included in relevant promotional material, including event advertisements, flyers, social media posts, and other public communications where appropriate.

At the Longreach Golf Club, Council would be recognised through A2 sponsorship acknowledgement posters displayed during the anniversary celebrations. These posters would identify Longreach Regional Council as a valued major sponsor and an important contributor to the success of the event.

Council would also be publicly acknowledged during the anniversary celebrations, including through verbal recognition at appropriate times throughout the event program. This would provide an opportunity to thank Council not only for its financial support, but also for its ongoing contribution to the Longreach Golf Club and the broader community.

Have you sought funding through other avenues for your project/activity (grants, corporate sponsorship, fundraising, etc)?

No

Does the applicant have any Longreach Regional Council funded projects or activities that have not been acquitted in accordance with the relevant Program Policy and Guidelines?

No

Does the Organisation/Applicant have any overdue debt with Council (excluding organisations with a payment arrangement)?

No

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, etc)



Longreach Golf Club Inc.pdf



Quote QU1329.pdf



QuoteforLanyards.pdf



Quote Q0035.pdf

Relevant public liability insurance



LONGREACH GOLF CLUB RenewalNot... .pdf

Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire if using Council facilities)



hiring.docx

A copy of the organisation's most recent bank statement



bankstatement01.pdf



bankstatement02.pdf

*****if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).***

DECLARATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.

Yes

I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.

Yes

I consent to Longreach Regional Council publishing the applicants name in reports and publication statements

Yes

Signature

Date Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Full Name

Community Group/ Organisation

Position in group or organisation

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From:
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Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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CAUTION: This email originated from outside of Longreach Regional Council - Only open links & attachments you're expecting.

Hey [REDACTED]

Could we make the following adjustments:

ButtCo: \$587.00 (Non-Food Items on Quote)
J T Cox: \$1900.00 Sand required for the Longreach Golf Club Greens
EV Caps: \$800.00 Merchandise for the Longreach Golf Club Celebrations.

I have added an updated budget for the items to be funded under the grant. I have also included the email from Patsy from Mercury Business Supplies.

I hope that makes sense, but if not please by all means give me a call on 0448119958.

Kind Regards,

Good morning [REDACTED],

Could you please resend a copy of the lanyard quote? Unfortunately, the attachment that came through was blank.

Unfortunately, under Council's Community Grants Policy, we are unable to provide funding for prizes and food items. However, we can provide funding for your non food items from Buttco (ie. Cutlery etc).

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INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

The following are ineligible under the community grants program:

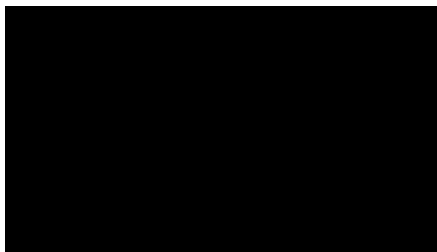
- Agencies or departments of local, state or federal governments
- Businesses
- Activities and projects funded from other Council funding programs.
- Applications where Council funds will be used for:
 - Wages or salaries for staff
 - Recurrent costs of day-to-day operations
 - Retrospective expenses
 - Equipment or other expenditure that is personal or for personal gain
 - Payment of Council rates
 - Items that would otherwise be funded by state or federal government bodies

Applications where proceeds will be donated to another cause will only be eligible for in-kind grants.

You may wish to consider alternative items that could support your event, such as equipment purchases (for example, heaters or other necessary equipment). It may also be worthwhile having a chat with the Isisford Golf Club to see what they have successfully applied for in previous years.

Happy for you to reach out for any clarification or assistance.

Thank you and kind regards



Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we operate; and pays respect to Elders past present and emerging.

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COMMUNITY DONATIONS APPLICATION ASSESSMENT FORM

Panel Members:	[REDACTED]	
Date of Assessment:	10/08/2026	
Applicant Name:	Longreach Golf Club	
Project:	100 year anniversary	
Amount Requested:	Financial: \$4918.00	In-Kind:
Has the community organisation accessed Community Donations already, this financial year? If yes, what amount?	Details: (if in excess of \$5,000, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment)	
Is the Application funding any ineligible costs? If yes, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment.	☐ Government agencies or departments of local, state or federal government ☐ Educational, Religious or Medical Organisations ☐ Businesses ☐ Applications whereby Council funds will be donated to another cause Applications which fund; ☐ Wages or salaries for staff ☐ Recurrent costs with day to day operations of a community group ☐ Retrospective funding ☐ Equipment or other expenditure that are personal or of personal gain ☐ Part of or all of Council Rates ☐ Items that would otherwise be funded by State or Government bodies	

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Assessment Guidelines

Yes = 1 point: The applicant has answered the relevant question to the full satisfaction of the panel.

Yes = ½ point: The applicant has answered the relevant question, however, only provided basic details or answered the question to the partial satisfaction of the panel.

No = 0 points: The applicant has not attempted to answer the question, provided the relevant information or not answered the question to the satisfaction of the panel.

Section 1: Eligibility	Yes	No
A community organisation that is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation	1	
Have met acquittal conditions for previous council funding.(tick yes if there hasn't been previous funding) and is the applicant eligible? (If yes proceed with assessment, if not notify applicant)	1	
TOTAL	2	/2

Section 2: Assessment Criteria	Yes	No
Applicants must demonstrate strong community benefit or need and support for the project or activity. Will it contribute to A) Economic Development B) Tourism C) Liveability	1	
Comments:		
The applicant or proposed project or activity must be based within the Longreach Regional Council boundaries;	1	
Comments:		
Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial viability and/or competence to achieve the stated goals of the project or activity and provide evidence with application.	1	
Is evidence provided?	Yes	
Comments:		
Applicants must not have any overdue debt with Council unless a payment arrangement is in place to reduce debt. Is this the case for the applicant?	1	
TOTAL	4	/4

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Section 3 Supporting documentation	Yes	No
Evidence of the event or project (ie quotes, facilities bookings, etc)*	1	
Relevant public liability insurance	1	
A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement (for applications over \$1000 only) tick yes if the application is \$1000 or less.	1	
A detailed budget of running expenses for the event	1	
Total	4	/4

Section 4 Assessment panel review Recommendation	Yes	No
The application be approved	Yes	
Total Score	10	/10
Percentage of requested grant to be allocated	100	%
Justification (provide details supporting the recommendation). The applicant has demonstrated a clear purpose for the funding request, with the proposed expenditure directly supporting the delivery of the anniversary event. The application meets the relevant eligibility requirements and presents a worthwhile initiative that will have broad community appeal and lasting commemorative value.		

SUBMIT

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14.3 Sponsorship - Longreach Jockey Club

Consideration of sponsorship applications received in July in accordance with the Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Policy Considerations

11-07 Sponsorship Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.1.4 Enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of our communities

1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

Consultation:

Internal	External
Longreach Regional Council assessment panel	Applicant

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

(Res-2025-09-262) Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2025/2026 Sponsorship budget as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:

Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Longreach Jockey Club	Longreach Cup	Financial \$10,000.00 In-Kind \$0.00	Financial \$10,000.00 In-Kind \$0.00
		TOTAL \$10,000.00	TOTAL \$10,000.00

CARRIED 7/0

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

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Discussion:

The Longreach Cup is the biggest horse racing event in the Longreach region, drawing crowds for an unforgettable day of country racing and entertainment. Alongside thrilling races, enjoy Fashions on the Field, where style takes center stage. Families are welcome, with kids' entertainment and activities throughout the day. Live music from The Plumdogs keeps the atmosphere buzzing, while a range of food vendors serve delicious eats to suit all tastes. This family friendly event is a highlight on the regional calendar, offering something for everyone. Whether you're a racing enthusiast, fashion lover, or simply out for a great day in the sun.

Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Financial \$10,000.00</i> <i>In-Kind \$0.00</i>	<i>Financial \$10,000.00</i> <i>In-Kind \$0.00</i>
<i>Total \$10,000.00</i>	<i>Total \$10,000.00</i>

Implications

Budget

Total budget for Sponsorship for 2026/27 is \$110,000.00

Total Budget 26/27	\$110,000
Less	
Approved Funding YTD – Total Sponsorship	\$30,503.00
Approved Funding YTD – Sponsorship (Financial)	\$24,525.00
Approved Funding YTD – Sponsorship (In – Kind)	\$5,978.00
TOTAL Budget Remaining	\$79,497.00
Less	
Budget required to meet Sponsorship for July 2026 (Financial)	\$10,000.00
Budget required to meet Sponsorship for July 2026 (In-Kind)	\$0.00
Budget required to meet CEO Approved In – Kind for July 2026	\$0.00
TOTAL required budget to meet Sponsorship for July 2026	\$10,000.00
TOTAL Budget remaining for future applications	\$69,497.00

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Financial	Comments:
Likelihood:	Insignificant	Nil
Consequence:	Insignificant	

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Rating:	Low 1/25	
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Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	Nil

Appendices

1. Application - Longreach Jockey Club [**14.3.1** - 8 pages]
2. Assessment Form - Longreach Jockey Club [**14.3.2** - 3 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2026/2027 Sponsorship budget, as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:

Organisation / Name	Event / Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Longreach Jockey Club	Longreach Cup	26 September 2026	Financial \$10,000.00 In-Kind \$0.00
			Total \$10,000.00

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APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Community Group/Organisation Name Longreach Jockey Club Inc

ABN (if applicable)

Representatives Full Name

Organisation's Postal Address

Organisation's Suburb or Town

Organisation's Postal State

Organisation's Postal Code

Organisation's Postal Country

Australia

Organisation's Contact Phone

Organisation's Email

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name

Homestead Agribusniess Longreach Cup 2027

Project Date

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Will any funds from this project be donated to a charitable organisation?

No

Brief Description of Project

The Longreach Cup is the biggest horse racing event in the Longreach region, drawing crowds for an unforgettable day of country racing and entertainment. Alongside thrilling races, enjoy Fashions on the Field, where style takes center stage. Families are welcome, with kids' entertainment and activities throughout the day. Live music from The Plumdogs keeps the atmosphere buzzing, while a range of food vendors serve delicious eats to suit all tastes. This family friendly event is a highlight on the regional calendar, offering something for everyone. Whether you're a racing enthusiast, fashion lover, or simply out for a great day in the sun.

Description of what Council funds will be used for

Funds will be used for evening Entertainment costs, and assist with hire costs assoceated with running the day.

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DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Instructions for use:

- List each source of income (e.g., sponsorship, ticket sales, cash contributions) and the corresponding amount in the "INCOME" columns.
- List each expense incurred for the project or event in the "EXPENSES" columns, with the amount.
- **Use the last column to tick or mark which expenses are being funded by Council.**
- Add any comments or further details in the space provided at the bottom.
- If you would like to include a detailed budget, please attach it below.

Income and Expenses

	Income Description	Income Amount (\$)	Expense Description	Expenses Amount (\$)	Tick what is being funded by Council
1	Ticket Sales	23000	Entertainment	10000	✓
2	Bar and canteenSales	55000	Race Day Wagesmmoda tion	15000	
3	Race Payment from RQ	23000	Event hire costs plus set up fees	25000	
4	Sponsorship Racing	15000	Alcohol and food	30000	
5	Sponsorship Fashions	15000	Security	25000	
6	Misc income	6000	Fashions expenses	15000	
7			Travel & Accommodati on	10000	
8					
9					
10					

Total Income \$137000

Total Expenses \$130000

Total Financial Amount Requested \$10000

Comments or other details

Projected expenses likely to increase with incidentals.
Income subject to variables such as weather, ticket sales etc.

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Attached detailed budget



Budget 2027 Longreach Cup.xlsx

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IN-KIND SUPPORT REQUEST

Instructions:

- List each type of in-kind support you are requesting (e.g., venue hire).
- Provide a brief description of the support as to how it will support your event/ initiative.
- Enter in a value from reviewing [Councils Fees & Charges](#), ensuring it doesn't exceed \$5,000.
- Indicate if the support is listed in Council's fees and charges schedule (Yes/No).
- Add any comments or further details as needed.

Note: In-kind support will only be considered for council services listed in the fees and charges schedule.

In-Kind Support Requested \$0

Total Grant Amount Requested \$10000

ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Is your project or activity based within the Longreach Regional Council Area or do you reside permanently within the boundaries of Longreach Regional Council.

Yes

Please explain how your project/activity demonstrates strong community or individual benefit, or need and support?

Country racing brings significant benefits to communities and individuals, boosting local economies, fostering social connection, and preserving regional traditions. Events like the Longreach Cup attract visitors, support small businesses, and provide a platform for local talent and volunteers. For individuals, they offer entertainment, pride, and a sense of belonging. However, rising costs, from logistics to infrastructure and entertainment, make hosting such large-scale events increasingly challenging. Financial support is essential to ensure these iconic race days continue, sustaining their cultural and economic value while allowing communities to come together and celebrate their unique rural spirit.

Is this a 'one - off' event?

Yes

How many people do you estimate will attend the event?

1100

How do you intend to acknowledge Council's support (if approved) at the event or within the project or activity?

If approved, the Longreach Jockey Club will acknowledge the LRC as a major sponsor of the event. More specifically, the LJC will advertise that the "Entertainment" is proudly sponsored by the LRC.

The Longreach Regional Council will be mentioned in all advertising both on Social Media and the radio.

Have you sought funding through other avenues for your project/activity (grants, corporate sponsorship, fundraising)?

Yes

Please provide details

LJC has been actively sourcing sponsorship for both racing and fashions for Cup Day.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, etc)



PLATYPUS ROAD ENTERTAINMENT.pdf



Lre Jockey Club.docx



Quote QU0449.pdf

Relevant public liability insurance



EGU247049BPKCofC.pdf

Booking form/s completed (facility hire and equipment hire if using Council facilities)



estatement_4014.pdf

A copy of the organisation's most recent bank statement



estatement.pdf

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*****if groups are unable to provide evidence of the event or project due to the dependency of funding or extenuating circumstances, please indicate on the application form. Council may still consider the application based on supplied information (i.e budget).***

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DECLARATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.

Yes

I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information on the funded project.

Yes

Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Date

Friday, July 31, 2026

Full Name

[Redacted Full Name]

Community Group/ Organisation

[Redacted Community Group/ Organisation]

Position in group or organisation

[Redacted Position in group or organisation]

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SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION ASSESSMENT FORM

Panel Members:	[REDACTED]	
Date of Assessment:	10/08/26	
Applicant Name:	Longreach Jockey Club	
Project:	Longreach Cup	
Amount requested:	Financial: \$10,000	In-Kind:
Is the application funding any ineligible costs? If yes, the application is deemed ineligible and cannot progress to assessment.	☐ Government agencies or departments of local, state or federal government ☐ Educational, Religious or Medical Organisations ☐ Businesses ☐ Applications whereby Council funds will be donated to another cause Applications which fund; ☐ Wages or salaries for staff ☐ Recurrent costs with day to day operations of a community group ☐ Retrospective funding ☐ Equipment or other expenditure that are personal or of personal gain ☐ Part of or all of Council Rates ☐ Items that would otherwise be funded by State or Government bodies	

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Assessment Guidelines

Yes = 1 point: The applicant has answered the relevant question to the full satisfaction of the panel.

Yes = ½ point: The applicant has answered the relevant question, however, only provided basic details or answered the question to the partial satisfaction of the panel.

No = 0 points: The applicant has not attempted to answer the question, provided the relevant information or not answered the question to the satisfaction of the panel.

Section 1: Eligibility	Yes	No
Is the applicant an entity operating within the Longreach Regional Council area,	1	
Is the applicant an entity that is able to demonstrate that economic and social benefits from the event will be directed to and benefit the Local Community in the Longreach Regional Council area.	1	
Have met acquittal conditions for previous council funding. (Tick yes if there hasn't been previous funding) and is the applicant eligible?	Yes	
TOTAL	2	/2

Section 2: Assessment Criteria	Yes	No
Applicants must demonstrate strong community benefit or need and support for the project or activity. (eg will it contribute to: A) Economic Development B) Tourism C) Liveability (Insert supporting comments below).	1	
Comments:		
The applicant or proposed project or activity must be based within the Longreach Regional Council boundaries; or clearly demonstrate direct benefit to the Longreach Regional Council communities. (If not in LRC area insert benefits below).	1	
Comments:		
Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial viability and/or competence to achieve the stated goals of the project or activity and provide evidence with application.	1	
Is evidence provided?	Yes	
Comments:		
Applicants must not have any overdue debt with Council unless a payment arrangement is in place to reduce debt. Is this the case for the applicant?	1	
TOTAL	4	/4

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Section 3 Supporting documentation	Yes	No
Evidence of the event or project (i.e quotes, facilities bookings, etc).*	1	
Relevant public liability insurance.	1	
A copy of the organisations most recent bank statement.	1	
A detailed budget of running expenses for the event.	1	
Total	4	/4

Section 4 Assessment panel review recommendation	Yes	No
The application be approved	Yes	
Total Score	10	/10
Percentage of requested grant to be allocated	100	%
Justification (provide details supporting the recommendation). This event demonstrates clear benefits to the community and aligns with Council's objectives of supporting events that enhance community participation, economic activity and regional promotion. The event has an established track record of successful delivery and has become a recognised feature of the community calendar. As an annual event, it provides ongoing opportunities for residents and visitors to come together, fostering community connection, social inclusion and local pride.		

SUBMIT

14.4 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting and Recommendations

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee meeting held on Friday 10 July 2026.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.1.4 Enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of our communities

1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation

1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

OUR ECONOMY

2.1.1 Advocate to and partner with regional organisations, industry stakeholders, and governments to support emerging economic development opportunities

2.1.2 Grow the region's importance as service hub to communities beyond our local government area

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.2.2 Increase opportunities for meaningful community engagement to improve transparency and to strengthen community trust

Consultation:

Internal	External
RADF Advisory Committee	Nil

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

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Responsible Officer:

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

Purpose:

The RADF Advisory committee met on the 10 July 2026 to assess 4 applications for funding to be recommended to Council for endorsement.

Discussion:

The following recommendations have been made by the RADF Advisory committee.

1. That the RADF Committee approve the application from Jane Solomon to the value of \$2,145.00
2. That the RADF Committee approve the application from Yaraka Sports & Progress Association to the value of \$3,453.15,
3. That the RADF Committee approve the application from Lachlan Driscoll Productions to the value of \$3,110.76,
4. That the RADF Committee approve the application from Yaraka Sports & Progress Association to the value of \$4,150.00,

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts

Seconded: Emma Read

Implications

Budget 2026/2027

Budget Totals		
Annual Budget	\$ 47,000.00	
Total Spend	\$ 22,558.91	
Income	\$ -	
Remaining Budget	\$ 24,441.09	
Event	Cost	Notes
Pramkickers	\$ 5,500.00	RADF Show
Longreach Children's Theatre Workshop	\$ 2,145.00	RADF Application
Furniture Restoration Workshop	\$ 4,150.00	RADF Application
Quilting Workshop	\$ 3,453.15	RADF Application
As Told By The Boys Who Fed Me Apples	\$ 3,110.76	RADF Application
ABBA Tribute Show	\$ 4,200.00	RADF Show

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Future Council Performances will bring in a further small income.

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	N/A	Comments:
Likelihood:	Rare	N/A
Consequence:	Insignificant	
Rating:	Low 1/25	

Environmental

NA

Asset Management

NA

Other Implications

NA

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	Nil

Appendices

1. RADF July Minutes [**14.4.1** - 5 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council

- a) approves the application by 'Jane Solomon' for the Children's School Holiday Drama Workshop to the value of \$2,145.00
- b) approves the application by 'Yaraka Sports & Progress Association' for the Pauline Rogers Patchwork workshop to the value of \$3,453.15.
- c) approves the application by 'Lachlan Driscoll Productions' for the As Told by the Boys Who Fed Me Apples performance and workshop to the value of \$3,110.76.
- d) approves the application by 'Yaraka Sports & Progress Association' for the Furniture Restoration workshop to the value of \$4,150.00.

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND
COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday 10th February, 2026

Longreach Brolga Room, Magpie Lane, Longreach

- 1. Opening of Meeting**
- 2. Present**
- 3. Apologies**
- 4. Minutes from Previous Meeting**
4.1 Regional Arts Development Fund Committee – Friday 28th November 2025
- 5. Business Arising from Minutes**
- 6. General Business**
6.1 Budget Update
6.2 Assessment of out of Round applications
6.3 Roll out of new RADF Round dates for 26/27 Financial year
6.4 Western Touring Circuit discussion – Quality over Quantity
6.5 RADF Policy Draft for approval
- 7. Closure of Meeting**

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Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund Committee
Meeting held on Friday 10 July 2026 at the Longreach Chambers, Longreach

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Regional Arts Development Fund Committee Meeting

10 July 2026

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Tuesday, 11 August 2026

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Thursday 20 August 2026

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Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund Committee Meeting held on Friday 10 July 2026 at the Longreach Chambers, Longreach

1. Opening of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.35am

2. Present

Present

Committee Members

Emma Read, Elizabeth Clark, Andrew Watts, Nicki Heslin, Sheila Back

Council Representatives

Donna Tysoe

BSO Communities – Acting RADF Liason Officer

Tanya Johnson

Director of Communities, Observer

3. Apologies

Committee Members

Tracy Hatch

Susan Glasson

Sue Pratt

The committee accept the apologies

Moved: Elizabeth Clark

Seconded: Cr Watts

4. Minutes from Previous Meeting

4.1 Regional Arts Development Fund Committee – Friday 10 February 2026

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee held on Friday 10 February 2026 be received.

Moved: Nikki Heslin

Seconded: Emma Read

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 Quality of Applications – Do they really benefit the Community

- The committee discussed the quality of the applications. The committee agreed that we would provide feedback when required to the applicants re the quality of the workshop, shows or exhibitions.

Outcome Reports still to come

- Longreach Arts and Culture – In Progress

That the minutes be accepted

Moved Andrew Watts

Seconded Elizabeth Clark

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Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund Committee Meeting held on Friday 10 July 2026 at the Longreach Chambers, Longreach

6. General Business

6.1 Budget Update

The budget update for this financial year was discussed. Council have increased their budget allocation for Council programs from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

6.2 Assessment of outside of Round Applications

The committee assessed the following applications –

- a. Jane Solomon for the Children's School Holiday Drama Workshop to the value of \$2,145.00 The committee voted 5/5
- b. Yaraka Sports & Progress Association for the Pauline Rogers Patchwork workshop to the value of \$3,453.15 The committee voted 5/5
- c. Lachlan Driscoll Productions for the As Told by the Boys Who Fed Me Apples performance and workshop to the value of \$3,110.76 The committee voted 4/5
- d. Yaraka Sports & Progress Association for the Furniture Restoration workshop to the value of \$4,150.00 The Committee Voted 4/5

The committee approved the above applications to be endorsed by Council at the August meeting.

Moved Cr Andrew Watts

Seconded Emma Read

6.3 Roll out dates of new round dates

New round dates discussed and decided upon.

Round 1 – 14 July 2026 – 10 September 2026

Round 2 – 25 September 2026 – 25 November 2026

Round 3 – 1 February 2027 – 1 April 2027

All committee members present approved the above round dates

6.4 Future RADF Meeting Dates

New meeting dates were determined.

25 September 2026

11 December 2026

15 April 2027

All Committee members present approved the above meeting dates

6.5 Western Touring Circuit Discussion – Quality over Quantity

The Committee discussed the quality of Shows presented by the Western Touring Circuit. These shows are voted on by participating Councils. The Committee decided that we should ensure quality shows are presented over quantity, and therefore agreed to minimum 2 shows per year.

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6.6 RADF Policy Draft

RADF policy draft and distributed to committee for adoption.

All committee members present agreed. The policy will be presented to the August Council Meeting for Adoption

7. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.10 pm

14.5 RADF Policy

Consideration of adoption of a new Regional Arts Development Fund Policy.

Council Action

Decide

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation

1.2.2 Support the delivery of arts and cultural activities, civic functions, and community events to celebrate identity, and to create a vibrant community

Consultation:

Internal	External
Director of Communities	RADF Committee

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

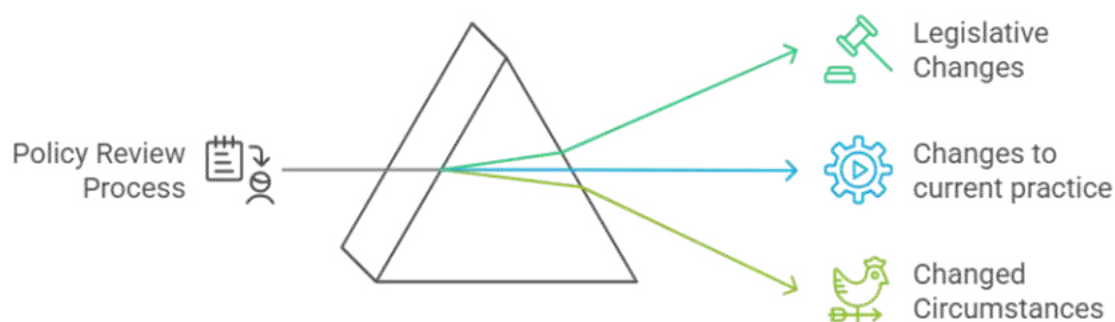
Responsible Officer:

Donna Tysoe (Business Support Officer - Communities)

Purpose:

All Council policies are scheduled for review on a rolling two-year cycle. Policies may require amendment at review due to either legislative change, changes to current practice, or because of otherwise changed circumstances. Alternatively, policies may not require any amendments at review.

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Discussion:

This is a new policy to align with the existing Council Community Donations and Sponsorship policies and is presented for review. The RADF Policy is being presented to provide a clear governance framework for the administration of Regional Arts Development Fund grants, ensuring funding is allocated transparently, equitably and in accordance with Council and Queensland Government objectives while supporting local arts and cultural development.

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:		N/A
Expenditure:		N/A
Net Result:		N/A

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	N/A	Comments:
Likelihood:	Unlikely	Nil
Consequence:	Minor	
Rating:	Low 4/25	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Nil

Other Implications

Nil

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Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	Nil

Appendices

1. RADF Policy (1) [**14.5.1** - 4 pages]

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Regional Arts Development Fund policy, as presented.

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Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Policy		 Longreach Regional Council Ilfracombe Inland Longreach Yoraka
Policy Number:		
Policy Category:	Community	
Authorised by:	Res-	
Date approved:		
Review Date:		

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to deliver a partnership between the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and eligible local Councils across the state.

2. SCOPE

RADF promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions. RADF invests in local arts and cultural priorities, as determined by local communities, across Queensland

RADF is a flexible fund, enabling local councils to tailor RADF programs to suit the needs of their communities.

This policy does not apply to:

Existing program partnerships and agreements

- Community Grants Program – Individual
- Community Grants Program – Organisation; and
- Sponsorship

3. LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012, section 189(2)

DEFINITIONS

RADF – Regional Arts Development Fund

Acquittal / Outcome Report - the process by which a recipient demonstrates in writing to RADF that they have expended the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement on completion of the activity or project.

Community Organisation –

(a) an entity that carries on activities for a public purpose; or

(b) another entity whose primary object is not directed at making a profit.

Grant – means an amount of money and/or in-kind value that is contributed by Council to an organisation, to achieve a specific purpose or outcome.

In-Kind support – means the provision of goods and services (not financial), such as waiver of hirer fees

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POLICY OBJECTIVES

RADF objectives are to support arts and cultural activities that:

- Provide public value for the Longreach Regional Council communities.
- Build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride.
- Deliver Queensland Government's objectives for the community:
 - Encouraging safe and inclusive communities.
 - Building regions, supporting disadvantaged Queenslanders.
 - Stimulating economic growth.
 - Innovation, increasing workforce participation and conserving heritage.

ELIGIBILITY

The following individuals and organisations can apply up to 65% of their project capped at \$6500.00/annum through RADF:

- Be an incorporated or unincorporated organization, individual artist, emerging artist, arts worker, cultural worker, project coordinator, non-profit community organization, schools, businesses or other non-arts groups who:
 - Are based in the Council area, or if based outside the Council area can demonstrate how the project will directly benefit arts and culture in the Council area.
 - Are permanent residents or Australian Citizens
 - Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or who will
 - Have met the acquittal conditions for previous RADF funding.

INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

The following are ineligible under the RADF program:

- Previous applicants that have not satisfactorily acquitted a previous RADF grant.
- Applicants that are applying for multiple funding streams from Longreach Regional Council grants programs for the same project.
- Projects that do not demonstrate benefits for residents of the Longreach Regional Council area.
- Incomplete and/or unsigned applications.
- Requests for 100% of the costs- (RADF will support up to 65% of any eligible project. Applicants are required to identify other contributions including in-kind, sponsors, partners or funding to support their project).
- Activities that commence before notification of successful funding by Council resolution.
- Additionally, RADF will not support:
 - Framing, (e.g. exhibitions), publishing or printing (e.g. brochures or promotional costs).
 - Catering costs, openings, launches and parties.
 - Competitions and eisteddfods.
 - Purchase of capital items.
 - Operational expenses for the applicant (e.g. Wages and office expenses).
 - Retrospective funding.
 - Equipment or other expenditure that are personal or of personal gain.
 - Meal expenses.

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LODGEMENT OF APPLICATIONS

- Applications are to be made using the RADF Application Form available on the Longreach Regional Council Website and must include relevant supporting documentation.
- Submit your application with your supporting documentation by e-mailing council@longreach.qld.gov.au or return in person to the Longreach, Ilfracombe or Isisford Council's Branch's or mail to PO Box 472, LONGREACH QLD 4730.
- RADF applications must be received by 5pm on the closing date of each round.

FUNDING ROUNDS

Regional arts development fund is offered at a minimum of two (2) rounds per financial year, for opening and closing dates, please refer to council's website.
Applications outside of the prescribed rounds will not be considered.

CRITERIA

All applications are assessed by the Longreach Regional Council RADF Advisory Committee against the below four equally weighted criteria. The indicators listed are a sample of the types of evidence needed to achieve each criterion:

QUALITY:

- produces or contributes to high-quality arts and cultural initiatives for local communities.
- Proven capacity to effectively support and deliver arts and cultural services.

REACH:

- Provides access to, and engagement in, arts and culture for diverse communities, practitioners, participants and audiences
- Evidence of local demand for proposed program/s

IMPACT:

- Demonstrates cultural, artistic, social or economic value.
- Supports one or more of the Queensland government objectives for the community including:
 - Encouraging safe and inclusive communities.
 - Building regions, supporting disadvantaged Queenslanders.
 - Stimulating economic growth.
 - Innovation, increasing workforce
 - Participation and conserving heritage.

VIABILITY:

- Evidence of good planning and reporting.
- Evidence of partnership with community, business and or government.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the administration of this policy and guidelines.

GRANT AMOUNTS

Individuals and organisations can apply for up to 65% of their project through the RADF program:

ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

The Longreach Regional Council RADF Assessment process is an evaluation process which is conducted by the Longreach Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee. All applications will be evaluated against the Assessment Checklist by the RADF Committee and if eligible are recommended for Council endorsement.

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All applications will receive written notification of their outcome, whether successful or not following Council endorsement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All RADF funded activities must acknowledge the Queensland Government and the Longreach Regional Council in all promotional material and publications by including the RADF 2025-2026 acknowledgment text and appropriate logos.

RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Longreach Regional Council to promote local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

You can download the Queensland Government logo and style guide at: www.arts.qld.gov.au/aq-funding/acknowledgement

ACQUITTAL/ OUTCOME REPORT PROCESS

Successful applicants will be required to complete and return the RADF Outcome Report within eight (8) weeks of the nominated event date. The acquittal form must be accompanied by proof of payment of invoices and supporting documentation. Failure to do so jeopardises any future grants applications with RADF.

Authorised by resolution on:

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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14.6 Application for Works on Council owned land

Consideration of an 'Application for works on Council owned land' from the Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group (LAHRG) to install an insulated shipping container for storage expansion onto the grounds of the Longreach Powerhouse and Historical Museum.

Council Action

Authorise

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR COMMUNITY 1.1.1 Maintain and enhance public open spaces, parks, gardens, and pathways for community enjoyment, to create a cooling environment, and to improve accessibility 1.1.2 Maintain and enhance community facilities and services to meet the needs and interests of residents

Consultation:

Internal	External
Tourism Coordinator, Project Manager, Facilities Coordinator, Director – Community Services	Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group (LAHRG)

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Emily Dicoski (Facilities Coordinator)

Purpose:

The Longreach Archival & Historical Research Group has an office within a donga at the back of the property through agreement with the Longreach Regional Council. The Archival Group recently obtained funding through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to extend its facilities.

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A 3m x 6m shipping container, small deck, ramp and stairs are proposed to be installed on the western side of the existing donga. The addition of the shipping container will enhance storage for the group's archival and historical collections. The shipping container will be on stumps to lift it to the same height as the existing donga and will be accessible via stairs to the south and a ramp to the north. A small deck will separate the shipping container and donga.

The proposed development is modest in scale and will have no direct physical impact on the Powerhouse building or other significant heritage features. No existing features are required to be removed or demolished. The proposed development will not be visible from the front of the Powerhouse site on Swan Street.

The following supporting information has been provided. Site plans showing the location and the approved heritage exemption certificate (please see attachments).

Implications

Budget

		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	N/A
Expenditure:	Nil	N/A
Net Result:	Nil	N/A

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	N/A	Comments:
Likelihood:	Unlikely	
Consequence:	Minor	
Rating:	Low 4/25	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Creating a new asset.

Other Implications

As the proposed building is located on heritage land, an exemption was required. This exemption has been approved.

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	N/A

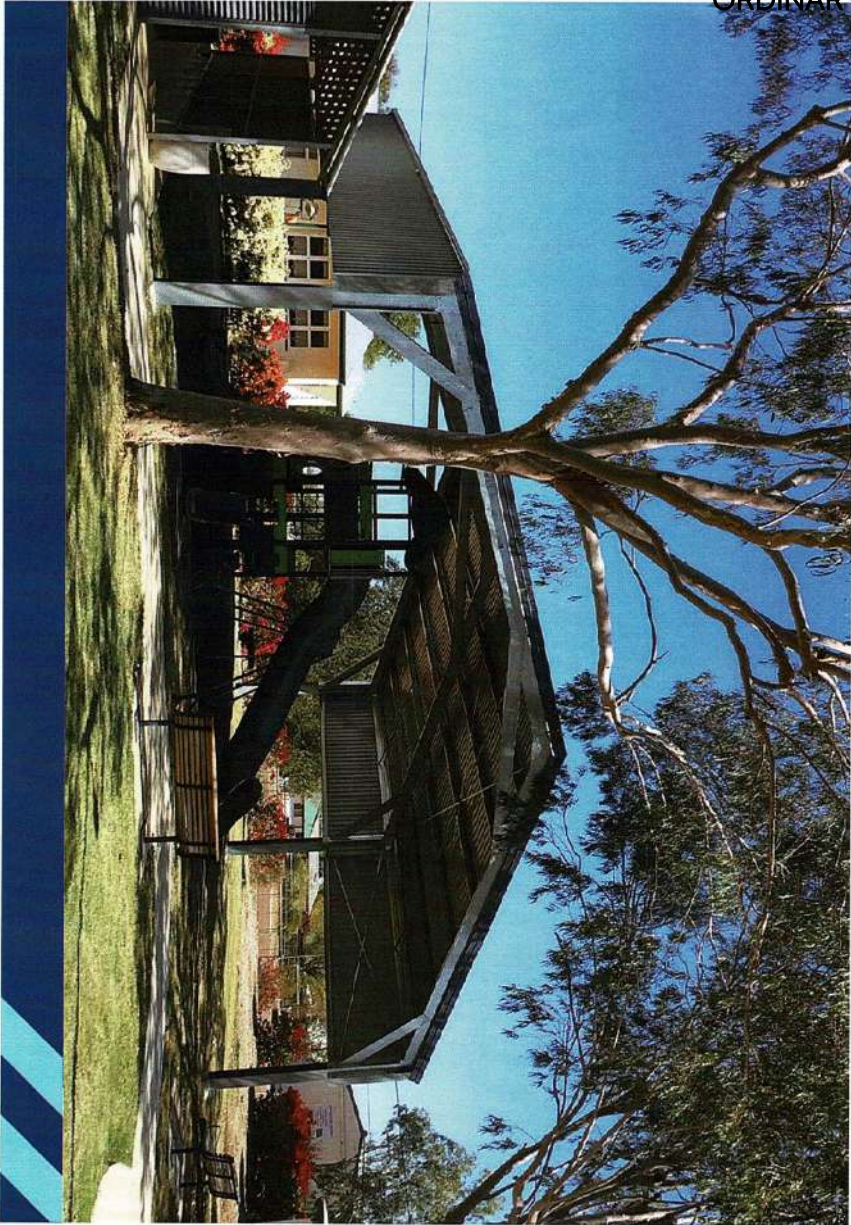
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Appendices

1. Application Council Land 17042026_ LAHRG [**14.6.1** - 6 pages]
2. Heritage Exemption Certificate - LAHRG [**14.6.2** - 3 pages]
3. Longreach Powerhouse - LAHRG Building works site plan [**14.6.3** - 1 page]

Recommendation:

That Council approves the 'Application for works on Council owned land' from the Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group (LAHRG) to install an insulated shipping container for storage expansion onto the grounds of the Longreach Powerhouse and Historical Museum.



Application for works on
Council owned land





Application for works on Council owned land

This application form is to request consent before carrying out works on Council owned land and/or facilities owned by Council.

Before you start

Discuss your project with the Community and Cultural Services Department to identify any site constraints and obtain advice on your proposal in the planning phase prior to submitting your application.

If you are applying for a grant to fund this work, you will need to submit your application for approval to complete the works well in advance of submitting a grant application to Council or other organisations.

To help you complete this form, there are important details that you need to be clear on and have on hand including:

- ▶ Details about discussions with a Council officer and who you spoke to
- ▶ Who will carry out works
- ▶ Project details
- ▶ Plans
- ▶ An understanding of ongoing maintenance costs for the proposed works

If you do not have this information, please contact the Longreach Regional Council, Community and Cultural Services Department on (07) 4658 4111.

When you need consent

You need to request the consent of Council for any proposed works on Council owned land including leased areas and buildings. Outlined below are examples of the type of work which require approval from Council:

- ▶ closed circuit television (CCTV)
- ▶ new buildings/structures
- ▶ extension to existing building/s
- ▶ field/court lighting
- ▶ fencing
- ▶ filling/earthworks drainage
- ▶ internal building work
- ▶ new fields/courts
- ▶ other lighting
- ▶ play equipment
- ▶ removal of buildings/structures
- ▶ signage
- ▶ sports fields
- ▶ sports field irrigation/bores
- ▶ tree or vegetation work
- ▶ water tanks

Work must not commence until Council provides written consent, and in certain cases, further approvals may be required from Council (e.g. development approval, advertising sign licence etc).

Initial discussions

Have you discussed the work with a Council officer?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If so, what is the Officer's name?

Michelle Ballard and Joel Perry

During your discussion, did you find out about development approval permits?

- ☐ A planning permit is required
- ☐ An existing permit needs to be updated
- ☐ No permit required
- ☒ Didn't discuss permits



What happens next?

Complete this form and submit to Council via email assist@longreach.qld.gov.au or hand into your local Branch Office

Application is assessed and a Council report created by Council Officers. You may be contacted if more information is required.

Report is tabled at a Council meeting where a decision on the application is made by Council.

You will be notified of the decision of Council within 5 business days after the Council meeting.

Contact Information

Name: (Group or Organisation)	Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group (LAHRG)
ABN:	██████████
Contact Person:	██████████
Postal Address:	████████████████████
Telephone:	
Mobile:	██████████
Email:	██████████

Organisation Vision/Mission

LAHRG are a volunteer group who promote and support research into local and family history. We collect and preserve records of local and social history, including printed documents, original photos, memorabilia, family stories and artifacts for the benefit of our local community and visitors alike.



Project Details

Provide as much detail as possible up front. If we need more detail on the application it may delay the application process.

Title of project:	LAHRG Storage Expansion
Project description:	Move a 6000m x 3000m sealed and insulated shipping container onto the grounds of the Longreach Powerhouse and Historical Museum positioning it next to our existing structure which we call "The Lodge". (Refer to the attached diagram.) The new container will be mounted on non-permanent piers similar to the existing structure. There will be a 1200mm x 1200mm deck connecting the spaces with steps on one side and a ramp on the other making our displays more accessible. There will be a new 2040mm x 820mm entry door cut into the new container to allow entry6 from the deck. The floor is already lined so we will linr the walls and ceiling with 7mm ply which will be sealed. As the new container will be used to house our historical items, it will be climate controlled. Electricity will be connected to run an air-conditioner, two lights and two power points.
Location/address of project:	12 Swan Street, Longreach, Qld. 4730
Value of project:	\$24 274.80
Project duration/ Target completion date:	Target Completion Date: 31/10/2026
Other project milestones eg. funding closure dates:	Funding received from Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Acquittal date 19/12/2026

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Outline the need for this project:	The addition of this container will triple our current storage capacity and allow us to better organise records for easier access. Due to the high temperatures experienced in the central west, a purpose built, climate controlled storage unit is essential to help preserve our ever growing collection of precious items.
Who is the target group for this project:	LAHRG, as custodians of our local and social history, preserve and organise items honouring our past for the benefit of the present and future community members, visitors to the museum and people tracing their family histories.
If this is an infrastructure project, please outline who will be responsible for maintenance:	Maintenance of the actual container will be the responsibility of the LAHRG.
If this is an infrastructure project, please outline if development and building approval has been sought:	
Annual estimate for maintenance costs:	Nil
If this is an infrastructure project, who will be responsible for managing construction:	Registered builder - John Genninges



Support Documentation

Plans, please make sure they include:

- ▶ permanent structures in relation to property boundaries
- ▶ proposed works
- ▶ dimensions of proposed works
- ▶ location and names of streets/street frontages
- ▶ a north point

Consent and Declarations

- ☐ I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information detailed in this application (and relevant attachments) is true and correct.
- ☐ I understand I may be asked to provide the Council with additional information as required

Signature: Note: If you are under the age of 18, your legal guardian must also sign this application	
Date:	17/04/2026
Name in full:	
Community Group/ Organisation:	Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group
Position in Group or Organisation: If applicable	

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Department of the
Environment, Tourism,
Science and Innovation

Queensland Heritage Act 1992

Section 74 Exemption Certificate

Application no:	A-EC-NEW-101124521
Exemption certificate no:	EC-20206-06-00783
Date application received:	17-Jun-2026
Date of decision:	08-Jul-2026
Applicant:	Longreach Regional Council assist@longreach.qld.gov.au
QHR place ID:	601541
QHR place name:	Longreach Powerhouse (former)
Location:	12 Swan Street Longreach Qld
Approval summary:	Development Type – Building work: • Installation of a 6 x 3m shipping container, deck, ramp and stairs adjoining existing demountable office building.

The application for an exemption certificate to carry out the development described above, is approved with conditions under section 74 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

This exemption certificate attaches to the premises. Any person, including the owners, owners' successors in title and occupiers of the premises, may carry out development permitted by this exemption certificate and is bound by the conditions.

This exemption certificate only applies to development substantially started within 4 years of this decision.

Terms and phrases used in this document are defined principally in the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, and in the *Planning Act 2016* and its Regulation.

If more information is required, contact the project manager, Margaret Lawrence-Drew, Principal Heritage Officer | Architect, on 0476 852 746 or via email, Margaret.Lawrence-Drew@detsi.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Dr Anthony Simmons

Cultural Heritage Coordinator

Planning and Heritage – Environment and Heritage Policy and Programs
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation
Delegate for the Chief Executive
administering the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*

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Queensland Heritage Act 1992

Section 74 Exemption Certificate

Conditions of approval:

No.	Condition	Condition timing
1	Scope of development approved Carry out the development as described in the application received on 17 June 2026 from the applicant, Longreach Regional Council In the case of a discrepancy between application documents and conditions, conditions take precedence. <i>(Reason - To ensure development is carried out as approved)</i>	At all times.
2	Keep a copy of the approval on site A copy of this exemption certificate and a copy of any documents that describe the approved development must be retained at the State heritage place. <i>(Reason - To facilitate the monitoring of development for compliance purposes)</i>	For the duration of the development.
3	Notify start of development Provide written notice of the start of development to Environmental Services and Regulation, the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) by email to palm@detsi.qld.gov.au (do not send as a copy to this address) The notice must state: name of State heritage place, application number and condition number 3. <i>(Reason - To facilitate the monitoring of development for compliance purposes)</i>	No later than 2 business days prior to the commencement of the development.
4	Photographs effect of development Submit photographs of the area where the development is undertaken, both before and after the development is completed to Environmental Services and Regulation, the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) by email to palm@detsi.qld.gov.au (do not send as a copy to this address) The submission must state: name of State heritage place, application number and condition number 4. Photographs must be a minimum of 300dpi and must be cross referenced to a plan(s) showing the location and direction of the photos taken. <i>(Reason - to facilitate the monitoring of developments for compliance purposes and ensure change is adequately recorded)</i>	Within 10 business days of completion of the development.
5	Permit access to State heritage place Permit access to the State heritage place by a Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation officer if requested. <i>(Reason - To facilitate the monitoring of development for compliance purposes)</i>	For the duration of the development.
6	Protect the State heritage place from damage Protect the existing features of the State heritage place from incidental damage and maintain protective measures to ensure the development does not result in damage to, or deterioration of, the State heritage place caused by weather, fire, vandalism, insects or other factors. <i>(Reason - To ensure the cultural heritage values of the State heritage place are appropriately recognised and managed)</i>	For the duration of the development.
7	Report any damage to the State heritage place that occurs During development, should damage occur to any features of the State heritage place report such incidents immediately to Environmental Services and Regulation, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation by email to palm@detsi.qld.gov.au <i>(Reason - To ensure the cultural heritage values of the State heritage place are appropriately recognised and managed)</i>	Immediately, should damage occur.



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Queensland Heritage Act 1992

Section 74 Exemption Certificate

Take Notice: This certificate does not exempt the applicant from the need to obtain such other approvals as may be required under other legislation.

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14.7 Information Report - Communities

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month for the Community Services Directorate.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Corporate Plan Alignment

Corporate Plan Strategy

OUR ECONOMY

2.2.2 Provide tourism development services to promote the region and grow the visitor economy

Officer Report

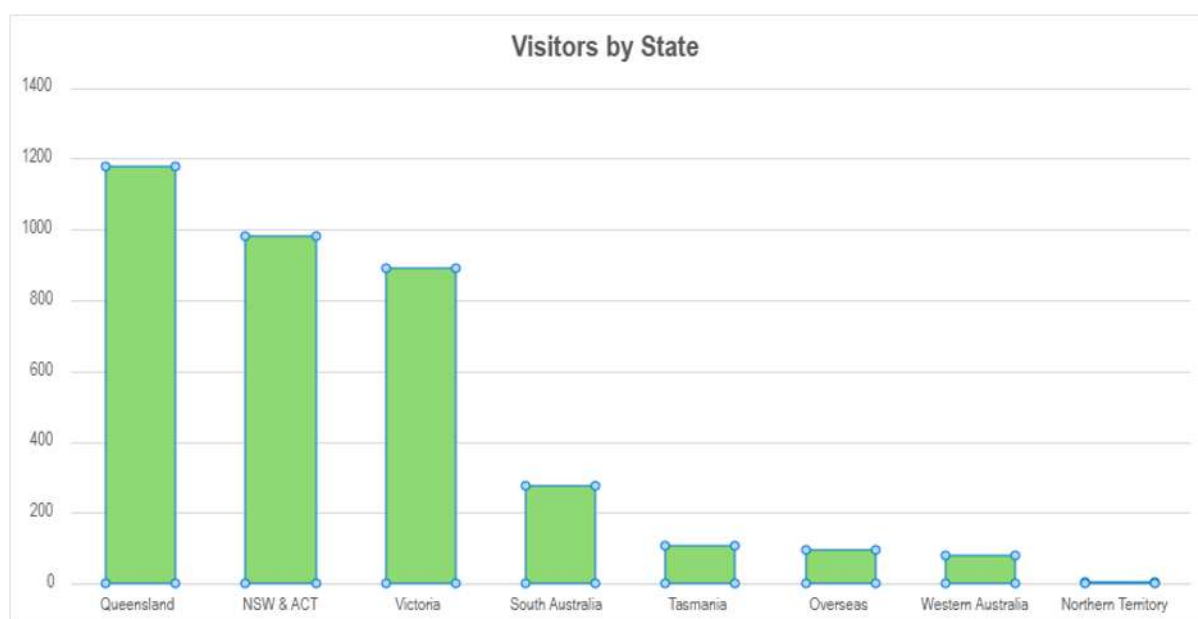
Responsible Officer:

Officers in the Communities Directorate

Purpose:

Officers are requested to provide an information update to Council monthly, outlining achievements, challenges, and statistical information for the various functional areas in Council.

Tourism & Museums



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Visitor Information Centre

Month	VIC 2024	VIC 2025	2026
January	151	113	60
February	169	137	183
March	401	392	252
April	1226	777	733
May	2965	2140	1570
June	4267	2979	2598
July	5851	4038	3610
August	4249	3604	
September	2360	2303	
October	884	1046	
November	292	311	
December	80	199	
Year to Date	22895	18027	9006

Powerhouse Museum

Month	PH 2024	PH 2025	PH 2026
January	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	91	89	6
April	297	203	134
May	383	344	206
June	592	432	367
July	901	670	291
August	701	436	
September	464	503	
October	192	131	
November	0	54	
December	0	12	

Year to Date	3621	2874	1004
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Apex Park No. of Campers

Month	2024	2025	2026
January	0	158	24

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February	0	6	6
March	67	57	0
April	433	77	185
May	832	1276	490
June	1708	2221	754
July	2048	3456	1250
August	1973	2482	
September	578	1252	
October	294	252	
November	10	150	
December	0	38	

Year to Date	7943	11425	2709
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Oma & Barcoo No. of Campers

Month	2024	2025	2026
January	2	0	0
February	1	12	2
March	10	16	0
April	24	28	18
May	144	678	47
June	357	1034	141
July	376	1609	612
August	203	704	
September	74	347	
October	20	18	
November	0	0	
December	0	0	

Year to Date	1211	4446	820
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Yaraka No. of Campers (this information is not always accurate for the month as they hold the money and deposit in one large payment, meaning camping numbers could be for a couple of months.)

Month	2024	2025	2026
January	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	0	0	0
April	0	0	0
May	0	0	0
June	0	0	0

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July	0	370	563
August	194	81	
September	52	370	
October	41	0	
November	0	81	
December	0	0	

Year to Date	287	902	563
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Library Services

Longreach Library

July was an extremely busy month, with library renovations starting, author visits, the Census, and many tourists. The library was closed for a few days while the walls were painted. The shelves remain temporarily rearranged while we wait for the new shelving to arrive.

The library hosted two author visits, with attendees enjoying refreshments and the opportunity to engage in conversation. Katherine Kennedy, author of *Solace*, spoke about her lifelong dream of becoming an author, which began when she was 16. *Solace* is her only publication to date. A few days later, Alyssa J. Montgomery, author of several fiction novels, visited and shared her experiences in the publishing world. Alyssa was very engaging and highlighted some of the common pitfalls within the industry.

The Census has been challenging for many visitors and locals not having access to the paper version, but our library staff have been assisting visitors to complete the online form.



Ilfracombe Library

The library continues to attract regular visitors, with the local daycare group utilising the space once or twice each week for story time and engagement activities.

Tourist members continue to value access to the library service, with many borrowing books during their stay and returning or exchanging items at other libraries within the Rural Libraries Queensland network as they travel.

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The community puzzle has continued to support social interaction, connection, and mindfulness within the library space, and remains a valued addition for visitors and regular users. The staff continue to source new puzzles to maintain interest and encourage ongoing participation.

The Tourist Information area remains popular, with visitors regularly stopping to view the regional promotional content displayed on the television.

Library Loans and Membership Statistics

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford	
	July	YTD	July	YTD	July	YTD
Loans	449	2988	16	111	35	46
New Members	17	87	0	21	0	2

Library Visitor Stats

	Longreach Library	Ilfracombe Library	Isisford Library
January	89	14	NA
February	893	25	NA
March	1084	66	NA
April	867	41	NA
May	857	6	NA
June	811	9	NA
July	982	42	NA
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Year to Date	5,583	203	

Ilfracombe Post Office Stats

	Local	Non - Local
January	422	3
February	392	3
March	522	22
April	463	26
May	486	59

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June	422	103
July	404	188
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

Year to Date	3011	404
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Swimming Pool Statistics

	Longreach		Ilfracombe		Isisford		Yaraka	
	July	YTD	July	YTD	July	YTD	July	YTD
Adult	281	3085	540	1286	0	125	0	18
Child	379	4908	104	375	0	128	0	36

Childcare Services

Transition to School Activities

To support a smooth transition to school, our Kindy children who will be attending Our Lady's in 2027 were invited to participate in Catholic Education Week activities. The children returned excited to share their experiences at their future school, talking enthusiastically about the activities they took part in and the new friends they met.

The Longreach State School Teddy Bears' Picnic was another wonderful opportunity for our Thomson Room children. The children brought along their favourite teddy bears and enjoyed a picnic with many new and familiar friends. They had a fantastic time participating in the event and, after such a busy and exciting day, were very tired when they returned to the service.

Service Improvements

Lighting around the service has recently been improved, enhancing visibility and supporting the safety of all staff, families, children, and contractors while onsite.

Facility Usage

The following community facilities were utilised in July.

Longreach Civic Centre	Internal Council Meetings and Training, Outback Dirt Feet Festival, PoDDSS, Information Sessions - Census
Longreach Showgrounds	Group Fitness Sessions, Longreach Touch Football, Heart of Australia Bus, Longreach Rodeo/ Horse Sports +Gymkhana

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	,Longreach Junior & Senior Rugby League training + Home Grand Final Game, NAIDOC Event, Overnight stabling, Good Counsel Primary School camping, 'Celebration of life' - Liz, NW Cricket Trials, GrowWQ
Ilfracombe Rec Centre	Ilfracombe Sport and Rec Association – Darts, Longreach Senior Rugby League Training, Sewing Day, Australian Defence Force Camping,
Isisford Hall	Barcoo Chat & Craft Sessions
Edkins Park	Rotary/Lions Club Movie Night, Greenacres Coffee,
Kiama Park	
Isisford Racecourse	Isisford Ross Cup Races
Disaster Coordination Centre	Internal Council Meetings and Training, HACC – Governance Workshop, QTIC Board meeting,

Water Tower Lights

The water tower lights were lit up in specific colours for the following occasions –

State of Origin	Red
Purple for Liz x	Purple
Longreach/Ilfracombe Tigers GF	Red, White and blue
World Fragile X Day 2026	Orange
Donate Life Week 2026	Pink
National Eosinophilic Week	Pink

Funeral Services

Longreach Cemetery Funeral Figures – July	
Funeral Type	
Church & Graveside Funeral	
Civic Centre & Graveside Funeral	
Church Service Only	
Graveside Funeral	1
LRC Graveside Set Up Only	
Memorial Service	1
Cremation	1
Internment of Ashes – Private Family	
Plaques Arranged By LRC	4
Undertakers Services Only	

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Community Events

NAIDOC Day 2026 was proudly supported by Longreach Regional Council, which provided essential equipment and services for the event through Outback Sound and Longreach Event Hire, with the Longreach Showgrounds serving as the venue. The day commenced with a march from the IGA along the main street to the Showgrounds, where the community gathered to enjoy the celebrations. The main festivities attracted a strong crowd, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere in recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and achievements.

On 18 July 2026, the Central West Rugby League Grand Final was held at the Longreach Showgrounds and attracted a strong crowd of spectators from across the region. As part of the celebrations, a competition was conducted to recognise the best-decorated business, with Longreach Regional Council taking out the award. The prize money was generously donated to the West'n Breast & Prostate Support Group, supporting the valuable work they do within the community.

Community Recovery and Resilience Officer Report

The Community Recovery and Resilience Officer (CRRO) arranged a face-to-face workshop with members of the Queensland Centre for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health in Longreach on Thursday, the 6th of August, 2026 to deliver Birdie's Tree training. The Birdie's Tree program and resources help children and families emotionally prepare for and recover from natural disasters. It also helps children increase their emotional resilience so they can cope better with stressful or disruptive events. The program is aimed at children aged from 0 – 6 years.

The Community Recovery and Resilience Officers from Barcaldine, Barcoo, Longreach and Winton together with representatives from Uniting Care Remote Area Family Services, the Feral Mother's Playgroup, the Longreach Playgroup, C & K Kindy, the Uniting Care Farmer to Farmer Program, Longreach State School and Outback Futures attended the workshop. Several other service providers of early childhood education within the Longreach LGA were also invited, but were unable to attend. The CRRO's will not deliver the training, but have gained the knowledge to encourage early childhood educators to attend future training sessions which can be delivered remotely.

Members of the Queensland Centre for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health will be travelling to Longreach again in the next few months to deliver face-to-face training to those groups who were unable to attend the workshop.

The CRRO program has funded Motherland to provide a lunch to celebrate the International Day of Rural Women at the Drover's Place, Longreach on the 10th of October, 2026. Motherland is a national charity that connects rural mothers across Australia and delivers services that reduce isolation, improve mental health outcomes and increase resilience. Motherland's mission is to eliminate crippling isolation many rural mums face by connecting

them to a supportive online community and offering support services including a mothers group program that every rural mum can access, regardless of her location. Through shared stories from three local mums, local business stalls and follow-up wellbeing resources, the event will reduce isolation, strengthen social connections and increase awareness of support.

In partnership with Outback Futures and the CRRO program, funding has been provided to purchase and supply emergency kits to every grazing family across the Longreach LGA to support household emergency preparedness. Each kit contains a range of practical items, disaster management and resilience information and resources from Outback Futures. Graziers have been advised by email and by phone to collect their kits from the Longreach Council Office. A photo of the kit and the contents is displayed below.



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Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Communities Information Report, as presented.

14.8 Project Management Update

Receive the project management update for the month of July 2026.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Nil

Policy Considerations

Nil

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.1.1 Maintain and enhance public open spaces, parks, gardens, and pathways for community enjoyment, to create a cooling environment, and to improve accessibility

1.1.2 Maintain and enhance community facilities and services to meet the needs and interests of residents

Consultation:

Internal	External
ELT, Managers and impacted staff occurs weekly.	Meeting with Games On! Funding body regarding Pontoon and Longreach Showgrounds Dressing Room Upgrade.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Joel Perry (Project Manager)

Purpose:

This report provides an update on the community projects around the region. Main updates are as follows:

- Solar installed at Isisford pool
- Progress on the Longreach Recreational Precinct Project. Funded by the Australian Government through the Growing Regions Program. See images below.

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- Landscaping around the pump track underway
- Footpaths around the park completed
- Shade structure over BBQ area completed
- Shade structure over future dog park completed
- Onsite construction continues for the Isisford SES training facility build.
- Onsite construction continues for the Isisford Ilfracombe Wellshot Centre repair works and building improvements
- Internal painting of the Longreach Library completed.

Longreach Recreational Precinct Project





Attached are dashboards for projects.

Future Project Planning

Projects do not commence until budget has been approved. In many cases, project planning begins much earlier through initial investigations, scoping, option development and assessment of whether the idea represents a worthwhile investment for Council. This early planning work often involves staff from multiple departments, depending on the facility, service area, operational need and community outcome being considered. The table below outlines future projects where planning work is currently underway.

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Future Project	Status
Longreach Showground	RPPP grant application submitted. Due to there being no update on success of this application. Officers would like to progress with a Growing Regions Application for the Showgrounds Precinct. Preliminary discussions to be held with Council at August Governance meeting.
Longreach Depot	Initial review of the depot's current condition, operational issues and future objectives has been completed. Options are now being developed.
Isisford Recreational Precinct	Facility Plan has been adopted by Council. A grant application has been submitted through the Queensland Country Club Asset Funding Program to replace the jockey rooms with a multi-purpose building. This was unsuccessful.
Isisford Office & Library	Early scoping is in progress to identify an operationally efficient layout for office space, boardroom and library functions, while maintaining and improving Council's existing asset.
Isisford Multi-Purpose Centre	Early scoping in progress. Further work to occur through community consultation.
Isisford Depot	Consultants to complete an onsite inspection and review in mid August. To assess the depot's current condition, operational issues and future needs.
Yaraka Pool	Options analysis is currently in progress. Costings are still being collected and reviewed from multiple companies.

Implications

Budget

	Comments:
Revenue:	
Expenditure:	
Net Result:	See attachments

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Service Delivery	Comments:
Likelihood:	Likely	Construction work will see temporary closure of various facilities. Communication and alternatives provided to public prior to work commencing.
Consequence:	Insignificant	
Rating:	M6	

Environmental

Nil

Asset Management

Changes to existing assets and creation of new will occur. All impacted assets are displayed in the attached Project Dashboard.

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Other Implications

Nil

Human Rights

Right:	Comments:
Nil	

Appendices

1. Projects Dashboard [**14.8.1** - 1 page]
2. Major Projects Dashboard [**14.8.2** - 4 pages]

Recommendation:

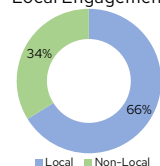
That Council receives the Project Management Update Report, as presented.

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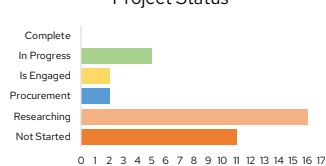


Project			Progress	Funding	Status
MU042	Q1	Close in Wellshot Centre Verandah	Work commenced 22 June. Concrete pathway completed, internal verandah fitout work in progress	Longreach Regional Council	In Progress
HC024	Q2	Ilfracombe Rec Centre to split system aircon	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter two of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
PK087	Q4	Ilfracombe - Machinery Mile Footpath (Torr's Road)	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
DM016	Q1	Isisford SES Training Room	Construction work currently in progress.	SES Support Grant	In Progress
SP023	Q1	Isisford - Reline pool structures with a sprayed barrier	RFQ underway.	Longreach Regional Council	Procurement
GP006	Q2	Connect Isisford Admin office to the Emergency Generator at the hall	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter two of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
WD027	Q2	Isisford workshop - safety improvements	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter two of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
WD028	Q2	Isisford Depot - Replacement of Isisford depot dongas & toilets	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter two of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
MU043	Q2	OBIC - Air-conditioning renewal	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter two of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
HC030	Q3	Isisford hall - Various AMP Works	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter three of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
SF026	Q3	Isisford Racecourse - upgrade and refurbish canteen	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter three of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
SF025	Q3	Isisford Racecourse - outdoor furniture replacement	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter three of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
SP022	Q1	Yaraka Pool - Replace fence	Contractor engaged. Work to commence mid 2026.	Longreach Regional Council	Is Engaged
PK090	Q2	Yaraka Tennis - Replace light fittings	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter two of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
12	Q4	Yaraka Pool - Pool relining and plant replacement	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
CC019	Q1	Longreach Childcare - Accessibility & Inclusion- Stage 2	- Mothers Room - Contractor engaged. Dates TBC - Doors replacement - Work in progress. - PA system upgrade - Work completed. - Concrete accessibility improvements - Work completed. - Extra outdoor shade - Work completed. - Landscaping - Work completed.	Community Childcare Fund (Round 4)	In Progress
PK067	Q1	Longreach Recreational Precinct Project	- Construction work awarded to Scott Brothers Construction. Main onsite work now underway. - Pump track onsite work completed. Landscaping around it in progress. - Parking area onsite work completed. Line marking occurring mid-year.	Growing Regions Program (Round 2)	In Progress
SL006	Q1	Solar Power Projects (Project Sunpower)	Roof anchors now installed. Solar systems for Ilfracombe Post office and Isisford Pool now completed.	Longreach Regional Council	In Progress
LBO001	Q1	Longreach Library Refurb	Internal painting completed. New furniture and desks to be ordered.	State Library of Queensland & Longreach Regional Council	In Progress
AC001	Q1	Animal Management Facility	Contractor engaged and final design now underway. Onsite work to commence August 2026.	Works For Queensland Program	Is Engaged
PK071	Q1	Walking Networks	Concept design finalised with funding body. RFQ in progress	Longreach Regional Council	Procurement
SF023	Q3	Thomson River Pontoon	Design and scope being finalised.	Longreach Regional Council & Games On! Program	Researching
SF022	Q3	Showground dressing room upgrade	Design and scope being finalised.	Longreach Regional Council & Games On! Program	Researching
NSG201	Q1	Longreach Showgrounds Electrical Relay		Longreach Regional Council	Researching
NSF202	Q1	Longreach Tennis Electrical Relay		Longreach Regional Council	Researching
HC033	Q2	Replace Civic Centre auditorium air-conditioning unit	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter two of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
DM036	Q3	Longreach SES - Installation of new carport	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter three of this financial year.	SES & Longreach Regional Council	Researching
DM037	Q3	Longreach SES - New roller door and lighting for main building	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter three of this financial year.	SES & Longreach Regional Council	Researching
PK083	Q3	Apex Park - Fish cleaning station	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter three of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
PK088	Q3	Qantas Park - White fence around Qantas Park	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter three of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
GP005	Q3	Longreach Admin Building Façade	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter three of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
PK084	Q4	Apex Park - Bush walking track	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
PK081	Q4	Apex Park - Designated waste collection site	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
PK085	Q4	Apex Park - Interpretive signage	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
CC023	Q4	Childcare - Internal refurbish works	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
HC032	Q4	Civic Centre - Mens toilet urinal replacement	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
HC034	Q4	Civic Centre - Redford meeting room upgrade	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Researching
PK086	Q4	Iningai signage upgrade - Entrance and interpretive signage	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started
PK089	Q4	Teal St Park - Shade for 2 tables	Won't commence until release of funds which is scheduled to occur in quarter four of this financial year.	Longreach Regional Council	Not Started

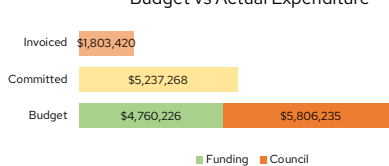
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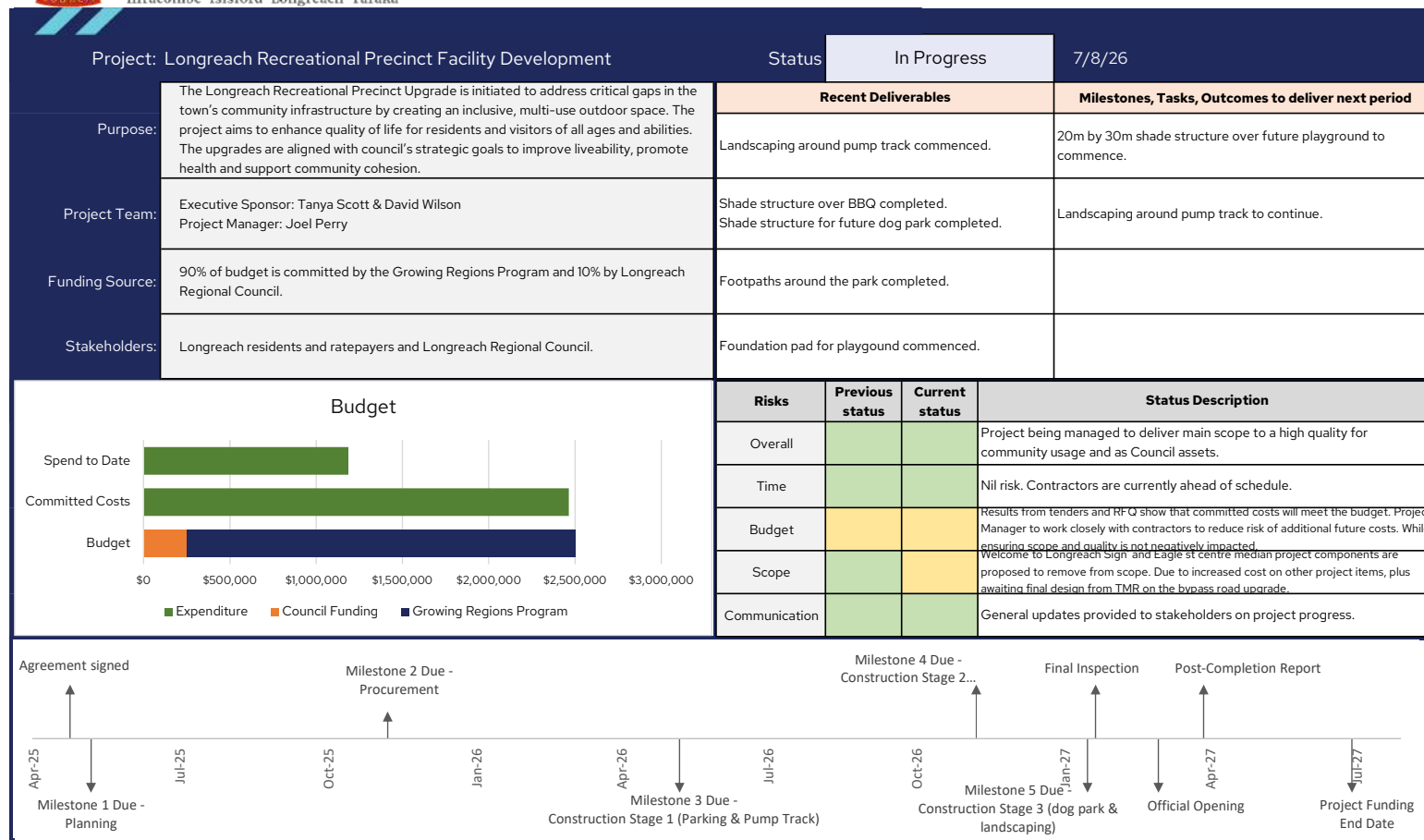
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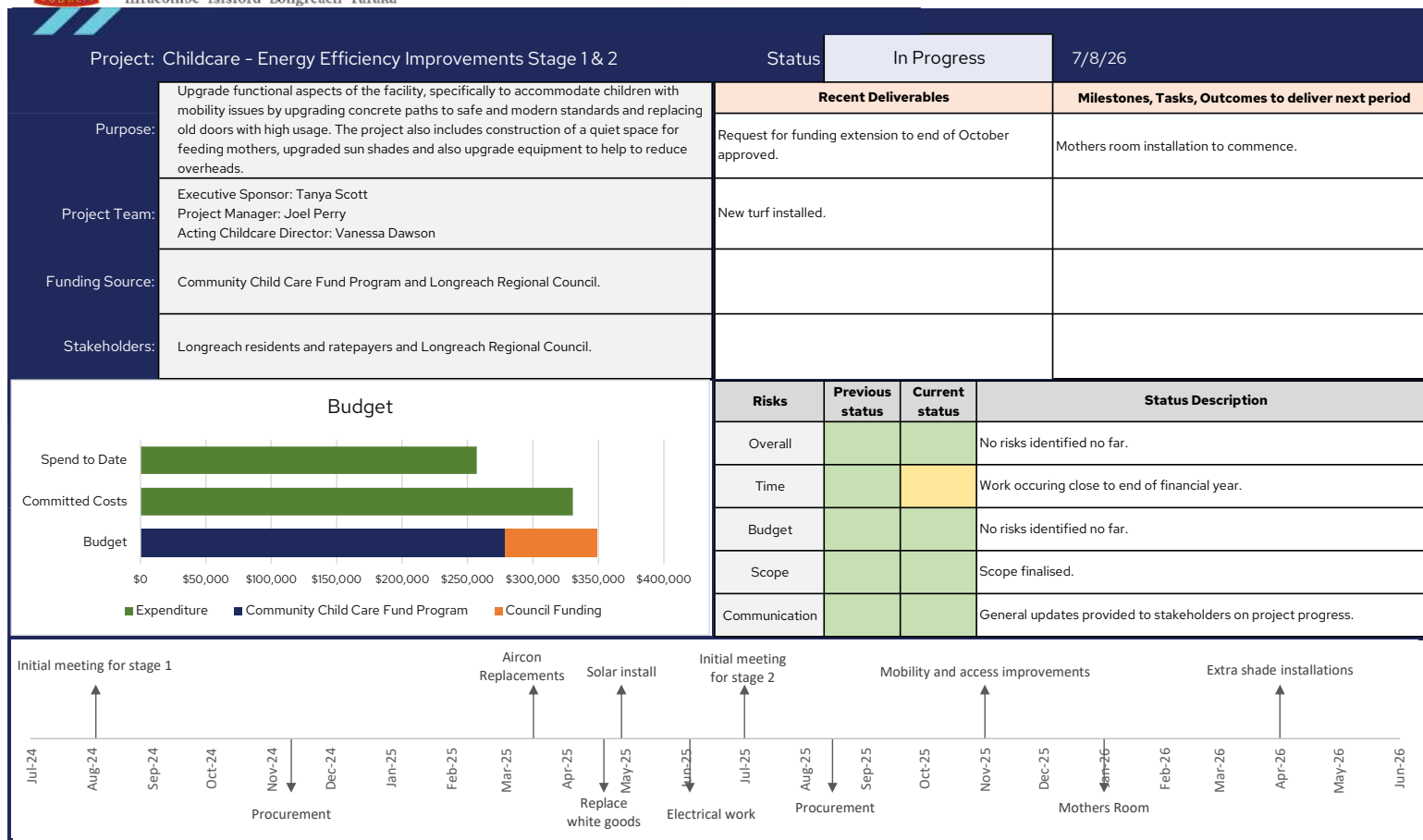
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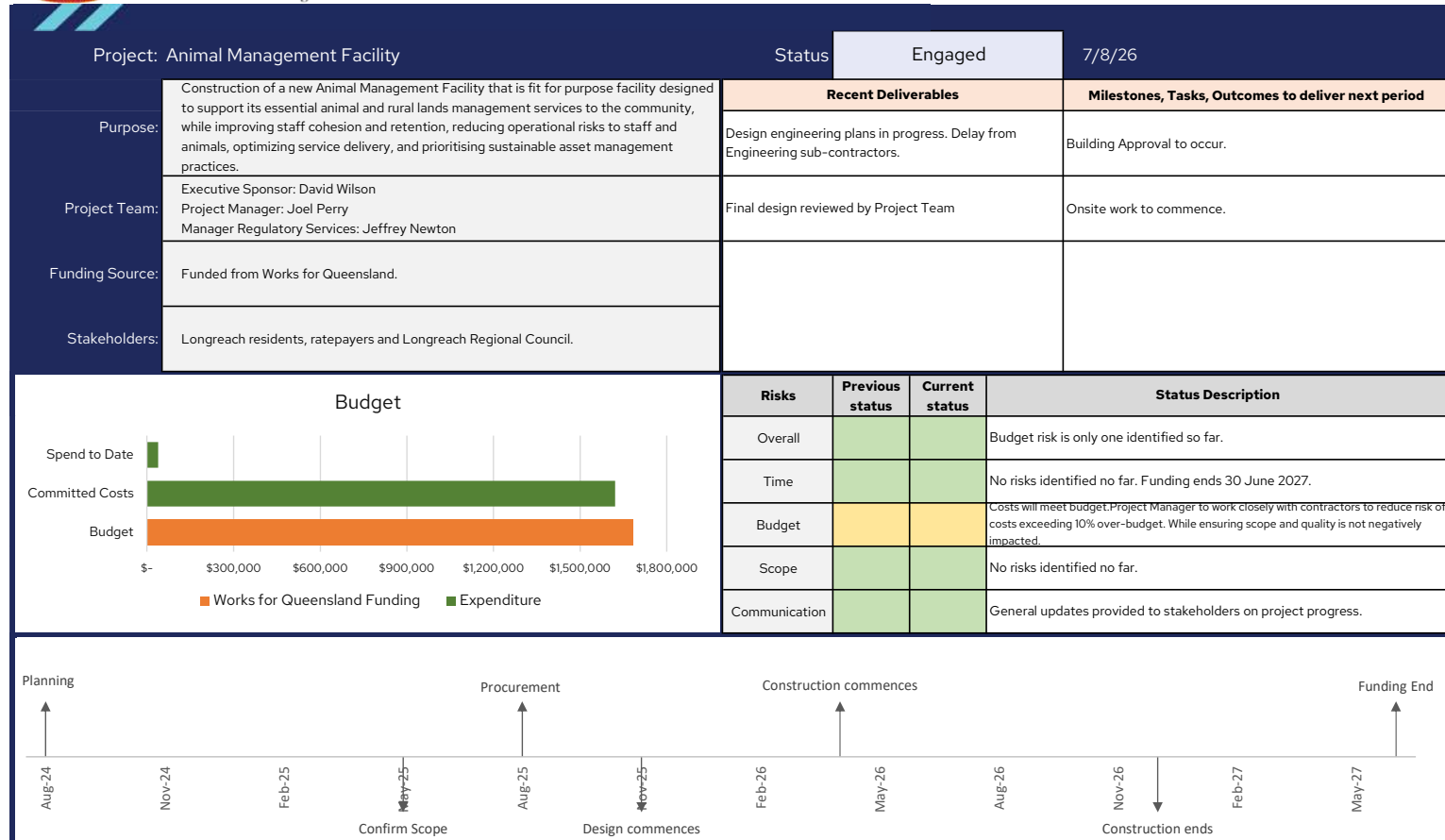
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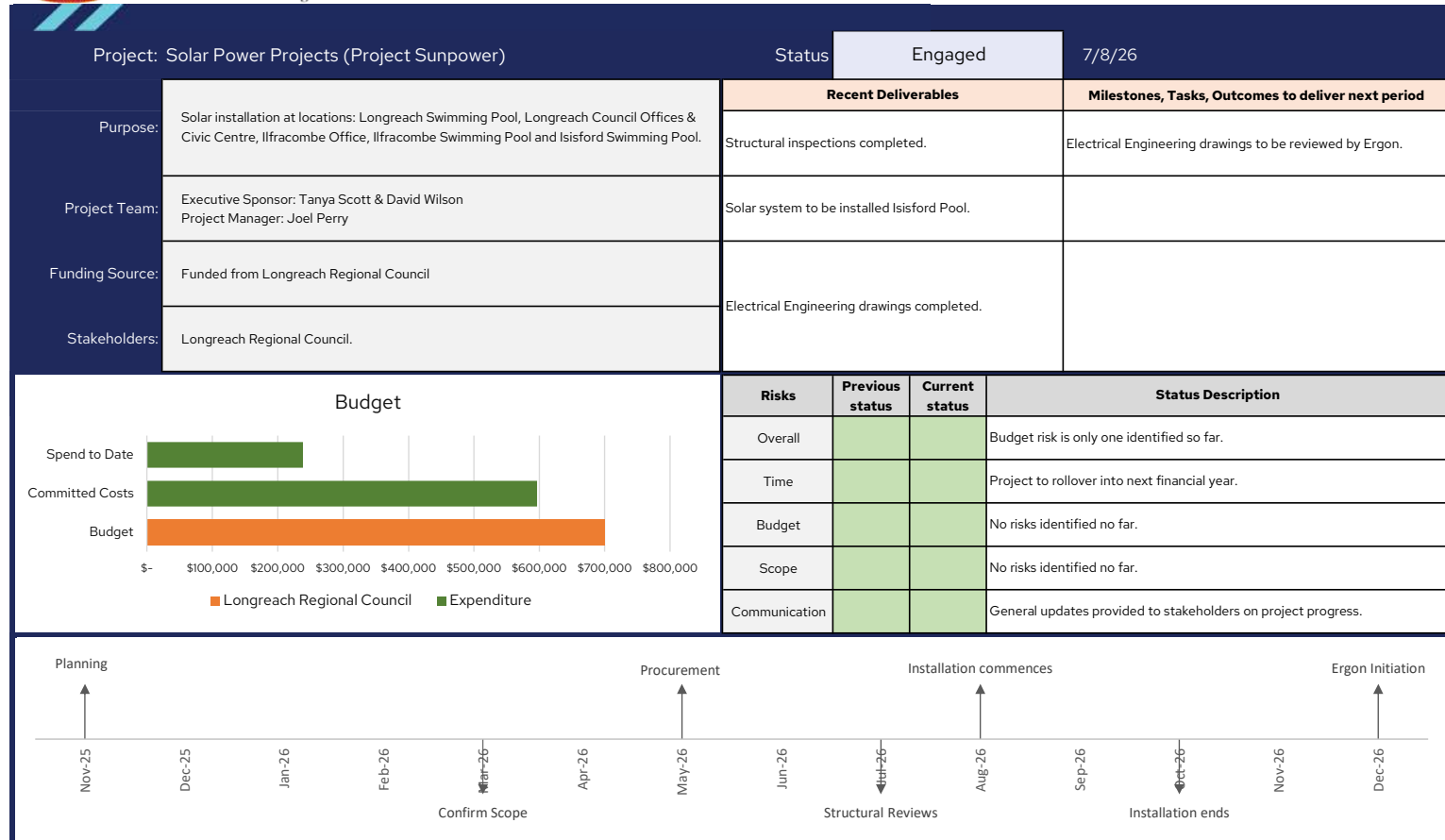
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14.9 Director of Communities Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Communities.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Tanya Johnson (Director of Communities)

Project	Status	Update
CCCF Application	Submitted	No updates received
Community Plans	Not Started	Development of the community plans budget approved under the Community Recovery Officer Funding
Showgrounds Development	Under Review	Council officers will workshop this development and look to explore other funding opportunities
Walking Network Plan	Submitted	Four funding applications have been submitted to TMR for footpath extensions There are no further updates at this stage. Round 2 has been released for applications
Botanical Walkway Upgrade Phase 2	Not Started	Phase Two from Stork Road to Lark St approved in 26/27 budget

Strategic Leadership

- ELT Weekly Meeting
- Weekly CEO Catch-up
- Meeting with Astute Early Childhood

Operational Management

- Project Review Meeting
- Meeting with Astute Early Learning Consultant and Centre Manager
- Event planning meeting
- One-on-One Meetings with Communities Team Members

Financial Management

- Meeting regarding Tenders with Procurement Team

Workforce Capability

- Coaching Session
- Interview Panel Participation
- Attendance at Longreach Regional Council Staff Recognition Day

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Stakeholder Engagement

- Meeting with Queensland Museums CEO, Paleobotanist, Councillors and Paleontologist
- Meeting with Astute Early Childhood Director
- Meeting with Astute Early Learning Consultant
- Meeting with Mango Mapping (GIS Company)
- Longreach Regional Council Staff Recognition Day
- Meet with Small Towns Conference Organiser

Longreach Childcare Centre Update

The Longreach Childcare Centre continues to provide an important service to local families while progressing a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening operations, governance and service delivery.

Council continues to support the ongoing development of the Centre through the implementation of service improvements, enhanced operational processes and regular review of practices to ensure high-quality outcomes for children and families. Recent work has focused on strengthening systems, reviewing procedures and embedding contemporary early childhood education practices.

Work continues updating the Centre's policy framework to ensure new policies and procedures remain current and are embedded into the service. Areas reviewed include child safety, Workplace health and safety, staffing arrangements, educational programs, family engagement and governance.

Council remains committed to supporting the professional development of childcare staff and ensuring the Centre maintains a capable and dedicated workforce. Ongoing training, workforce development initiatives and leadership support continue to be a focus to enhance service delivery and strengthen outcomes for children and families.

The Centre continues to work through a structured program of continuous improvement, informed by industry best practice and ongoing review processes. This work is supporting the long-term sustainability of the service and helping ensure the Centre remains responsive to the needs of the community. Astute Early Years Specialist Children's Services

Coordinator was onsite this month to assist in Staff training, Leadership and systems support and development.

Actions completed and underway include:

- Delivered training for all educators on incident reporting, notification timeframes, supervision and communication with families.
- Plan the transition to a new incident-reporting system that will provide families and the nominated supervisor with more complete and timely information.
- Reviewed room environments and resourcing, with improvements already implemented.
- Commenced investigation of a family feedback platform that would give families a direct channel to share what is working well and where improvements are needed.

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- Continued delivery of a high-quality kindergarten program, with Early Childhood Teachers providing excellent educational programming for children and clear, regular communication with families.
- Continued to strengthen relationships with local schools and to support children's familiarity with their future learning environments and help ease their transition to school. Children have also participated in school and sporting events, providing valuable opportunities to build connections within the wider community.

Staff Recognition

I would like to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and commitment of the Communities Directorate team, and in particular those staff members who were nominated for awards at the recent Staff Recognition Day. Across the Communities Directorate, 12 staff along with the whole Parks and Gardens team, received an outstanding 18 nominations across the five award categories. This resulted in two award winners and one runner-up, an achievement that reflects the team's ongoing commitment to delivering positive outcomes for our community.

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Director of Communities Report, as presented.

15 Works Report

15.1 Procurement Exemption - Thomson River Pumps

Consideration of the application of an exception under Section 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* in the procurement of services for the replacement of the two (2) raw water off-take pumps on the Thomson River.

Council Action

Authorise

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Relevant Excerpts from Legislation

Section 235 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 describes other exceptions applicable to medium-sized and large-sized contractual arrangements.

Section 235 - Other Exceptions

A local government may enter into a medium-sized contractual arrangement or large-sized contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if–

(a) the local government resolves it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available.

[...]

Policy Considerations

01-01 Procurement Policy

01-11 Risk Management Policy

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR SERVICES

3.1.1 Upgrade and maintain storage, treatment, and reticulation infrastructure to provide each community with a reliable, quality water supply

OUR FINANCES

4.1.2 Mature asset management systems and agreed service levels are used to achieve sustainable outcomes

Consultation:

Internal	External
David Wilson Andre Pretorius Kurt Lacey	Pump Supplies Australia

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Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Heidi Browne (Engineering Technical Officer)

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement by Council to apply an exception under Section 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to procure two (2) new submersible raw water off-take pumps at the Thomson River.

Discussion:

Longreach currently has two existing Pleuger submersible pumps situated off the Old Thomson River Bridge. These pumps deliver raw water from the river to the water treatment plant in town. The two pumps alternate between operation, and at times, can run up to 12+ hours a day. The pumps have a duty-standby arrangement as well. The pumps were installed between 2003/04 and, apart from minor maintenance, have been in full use for the last 22+ years. Both pumps are approaching the end of their useful service life, and it is imperative that Council replace both pumps to ensure our critical infrastructure and services remain operational.

The current pumps have had minimal faults and required little to no maintenance over their lifetime and have proven to be reliable and durable throughout, at times, harsh conditions. The Longreach Water Treatment Plant was designed around the capabilities and flow rates of these pumps, meaning that, if Council were to purchase a different brand with different specifications; we run the risk of the pumps not being compatible with the plant. This could create additional operational challenges problems and could potentially result in no water being pumped to town. Purchasing an alternate brand imposes the risk of major modifications to existing infrastructure and control systems such as variable speed drives, valving and piping arrangement, including changes to the submerged pedestal and pipe/pump supports. This could result in timely and expensive upgrades to both the plant and associated infrastructure.

Council are seeking approval to purchase two (2) new like-for-like submersible pumps to replace the current infrastructure through supplier Pump Supplies Australia Pty Ltd. Pump Supplies Australia Pty Ltd. is the sole supplier of Pleuger Pumps in Australia and are currently in the process of registering with Local Buy, however, this process is timely and may take a few months before they are added to the suppliers list. The expected build and delivery time for the pumps is currently 26 weeks, which is why it is imperative that both pumps are purchased together.

Implications

Budget

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		Comments:
Revenue:	Nil	Council funded
Expenditure:	\$214,959.47 excl GST	Price for each pump including delivery to Longreach
Net Result:	\$429,918.94 (excl GST)	

Strategic Risk

This matter has been assessed against Council's Strategic Risk Register to determine the likelihood and consequence of any strategic risk to Council arising from this recommendation.

Strategic Risk:	Service Delivery Assets and infrastructure Governance, compliance, reputation, and legal	Comments:
Likelihood:	Likely	
Consequence:	Major	
Rating:	High 16/25	

Asset Management

The purchase of new pumps to replace existing pumps.

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to purchase 2 raw water off-take pumps from Pump Suppliers Australia Pty Ltd, and pursuant to Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolves that it would be impractical and disadvantageous to invite written quotes or tenders for the pumps due to only one supplier being available in Australia.

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15.2 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of July 2026 for the Works Directorate.

Council Action

Receive

Legislation Considerations

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Officer Report

Responsible Officer/s:

Officers in the Works Directorate

Purpose:

Officers are requested to provide an information update to Council monthly, outlining achievements, challenges, and statistical information for the various functional areas in Council.

Project Status:

Commenced	
On Hold	
Completed	

Manager of Operations update - current projects underway

LRC Projects						
Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
Longreach - Rural Roads	Installation of flood monitoring cameras	70%	\$100,000	\$70,000	Quotes for installation and supply of flood monitoring cameras and associated infrastructure received, evaluated and awarded. Procurement process underway. Cameras and associated hardware have arrived. Poles currently have an estimated arrival time of 2-3 months. Expected arrival Feb 2026, installation to follow. Poles arrived. Project on hold due excessive wet conditions and flooding.	

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					Programmed to be installed prior to the end of the financial year. Locations are as follows: • Four Mile Creek Longreach • Aramac Creek (Crossmoor Road) • Rodney Creek (Ilfracombe Aramac Road) • Aramac Creek (Camoola Park) • Camoola Park (Thomson River) Footings poured for three sites.	
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R2R Projects

Project	% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
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Residential Activation Fund Projects

Project	% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
Ilfracombe	McMaster Drive Extension	70%	As per agreed contract	As per agreed contract	Project commenced in January. Survey completed. Earthworks commenced in February. Project delayed due to wet weather. Works re-commenced in April. Subbase carted and laid, kerb contractor programmed for first week in June. Kerb contractor delayed due to plant break down, will be onsite mid-June. 50% of kerb completed. Remaining kerb to be installed mid August. 

DRFA Project 2025 Event

Project	% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
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Bogewong Road	Medium formation grade	10%	\$708,000.00	\$52,000.00	Project commenced in July.	
Darr River Road	Medium formation grade	10%	\$712,000.00	\$67,000.00	Project commenced in July.	
Silsoe Road	Medium formation grade	8%	\$2,164,000.00	\$148,000.00	Project commenced in July.	
Starlights Lookout Road	Medium formation grade	25%	\$449,000.00	\$81,000.00	Project commenced in July.	
Gaza Road	Medium formation grade	8%	\$104,000.00	\$28,000.00	Project commenced in July.	
Melton Road	Medium formation grade	8%	\$907,000.00	\$26,000.00	Project commenced in July.	
Crossmoor	Medium formation grade	15%	\$293,000.00	\$23,000.00	Project commenced in August	
Emmet Highlands Road	Medium formation grade	18%	\$343,000.00	\$26,000.00	Project commenced in August	
Yaraka Bimerah Road	Medium formation grade	5%	\$309,000.00	\$8,500.00	Project commenced in August	
Yanbura	Medium formation grade	30%	\$376,000.00	\$18,000.00	Project commenced in August	
Vergemont Road	Medium formation grade	12%	\$3,136,000.00	\$18,000.00	Project commenced in August	

RMPC Projects

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
National Highway & State Road Networks	RMPC Contract	3%	\$2.3m	\$150,000	As per contract	
Ilfracombe Aramac Road	Gravel Resheet	2%	\$700,000	-	Carting of gravel commenced.	
Ilfracombe Isisford Road	Shoulder Resheet		\$470,000	-		
Isisford Emmet Road	Gravel Resheet	2%	\$675,000	-	Carting of gravel commenced.	

WISER Projects

Project		% completed	Budget	Spent to date	Comments	Status
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Thomson River	Construction of Weirs (Anabranh 1-4 and Town weir)	5%	\$11m		Crews commenced on site at the beginning of August. Cofferdams have been installed on anabranh weirs 1 & 2. Anabranh 1 has successfully been demolished, which will be followed by anabranh weir 2. Sheet piling has been programmed for the end of August for anabranh weirs 1 & 2.	
Longreach Township	Smart Meters	99%	\$1,070,098	\$164,000	Tender awarded. Project to commence in the coming weeks. Project Control Group has been formed, community messaging distributed 24th July. Awaiting smart meters to arrive, scheduled for end of October, installation of 30% of meters to follow. A portion of the smart meters have arrived; Council staff have currently installed between 300-400 meters throughout Longreach. Project currently on track and meeting milestones. 800 digital meters have been installed in Longreach. Remaining smart meters have been procured to arrive in the new year. Stage 2 on installation scheduled for February. Council staff are currently installing phase 2 of the project. Predicted to be completed by June 2026. The Council team are currently halfway through Stage 2 of the smart meter installations, still on track to be completed in June. All	

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					meters have been installed.	
Longreach Township	Water Mains Replacement	40%	\$3,169,642	\$1,053,045	Tender documents received, currently under review. Tenders being called. Tenders received, currently awaiting evaluation. Tenders have been evaluated, internal staff to appoint chosen contractor in December 25. Council currently reviewing contractual arrangements. Contractor has been awarded. Pre-start meeting was held in March. Works program to be confirmed. Materials delivered. Expected construction start time (Jabiru Street) End May 2026. Contractors started – will follow approved schedule of works. Works scheduled to be completed by November 2026.	

Maintenance Graders Locations

All available maintenance graders will be working on formation grading projects for the 2026/27 FY Flood Damage in conjunction with normal maintenance grading programs.

Water, Sewer & Waste Update

Water & Sewer Projects				
Project	Location	% Completed	Comments	Status
WTP ELR Replacement/Repair	Ilfracombe	20%	- Preliminary structural assessment report has been received. Investigation into options for the replacement of the tank. - Works carried over to this FY. - Tender process is underway. - Contract not awarded. RFQ to be called again in 2025/26. - Awaiting professional consultancy proposal. - Consultant engaged as part of the Water Servicing Strategy. - Consultant updating hydraulic model and multi criteria assessment. - Pressure data loggers to be installed to monitor and record pressure range.	

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Upgrade to Murray McMillan Dam Switchboard	Ilfracombe	100%	• Project in current 24/25 budget. • Tender process is underway. • Project underway. • Tender awarded. Materials procured, 12-week lead time. • Work commenced on 2nd July 2025, conduit installation at Murray Dam has been completed. • The switchboard installation is part of the broader electrical work, which also includes cable line installation and slab footings. The switchboard has a 12-week lead time, and work was scheduled to begin in early July 2025. • Concrete pad and pit surrounds are complete, power/control cabling for the harvest pump installed, and the switchboard is near completion at the manufacturer. Upcoming works include mains cabling, cable support installation, and switchboard installation once delivered. • Switchboard installation completed. Contractors are liaising with Ergon Energy for meter installation. • Awaiting Ergon Energy to install meter and new pole. • Awaiting Ergon Energy to install new connection. • Completed July.	
DRFA Flood Risk Management Program	Longreach	75%	• Community Flood Action Plan feedback period has concluded. 1 x submission was received with the suggestion of a levy bank along Watyakan Creek from near the Kangaroo Meat Works to the Thomson Development Road Bypass to help protect the southern areas of town from future flooding. • Technical brief being developed and reviewed in consultation with QRA appointed technical reviewer. • Procurement process for the Longreach Flood Study to commence in early 2025. • QRA has granted an extension for the program until 30/06/2026. • Draft Technical Brief submitted for peer review. • Technical Brief being updated considering comments from peer reviewer. • Procurement process underway. • Quotes being evaluated. • Tender awarded and kick-off meeting completed. • Process is underway. Data collection and review. • Consultant in the process of developing a community questionnaire. • Draft Community Questionnaire Survey received. • Preliminary base scenario modelling provided to QRA peer reviewer. • QRA peer reviewer provided comments.	

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			- Community surveys distributed to the public at the end of May – awaiting return of surveys. - Extension of time granted by QRA. - Surveys submitted to consultant, awaiting draft report. 2026 BOM data provided to Engeny to assist in model calibration and validation	
Isisford Sewer Pump Station Upgrade	Isisford	99%	- Faulty pump identified with insulation resistance below limits - CAP Plumbing engaged to replace both pumps and install new wet well lead - New pumps installed and connected on 18 August 2025 - Effluent shut-off valve installed the week prior - Control system reprogramming planned with Saunders Electrics - Project aligns with broader upgrade scope already awarded to CAP Plumbing. - New switchboard required, electrical design approved. Awaiting installation by contractor.	
Vegetation Removal Isisford Dam	Isisford	10%	- RFQ documents submitted. - Open for tender. - Awaiting finalisation of scope and evaluation. - Tender evaluation completed; contractor awarded. - Works will commence once water levels recede at the dam. - On hold due to weather. - On hold pending outcomes of embankment assessment. - Consultant to inspect site (dam embankment) in mid- July 2026. - On hold.	
Reverse Osmosis Plant Service	Ilfracombe	95%	- Rental RO plant arrived on Monday 2nd February. - Osmoflo to service existing RO plant and do minor repairs starting Monday 9th February. - Rental RO installed and Council RO service completed. - Communications and control system to be changed to allow for increased operational effectiveness. - Rental RO to be decommissioned and removed in early July. - Major service (Calcite filter, Cooling Tower, etc.) scheduled for permanent RO in July. - Major serviced completed. Awaiting additional documents and final report. - Communication and Control System to be changed to increase operational flexibility	
Drought Management Plan	All towns	35%	- Engeny engaged to review and update our Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan. - Base information provided to Engeny to commence model built. - Data collection and review in progress.	

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Water Operations

All Sites - Water Treatment & Network - General Update

- Weir and Dam levels at all sites are shown in Table 1 below.
- Routine water network maintenance was undertaken, and Customer Service Requests responded to as required across all sites.

Longreach WTP:

- Operating normally. Current level 1 water restrictions apply.

Ilfracombe WTP:

Operating normally. Current level 1 water restrictions apply.

Ilfracombe WTP - Valve Automation:

- Valve automation components have been purchased; installation coordination with local electricians is pending.
- RFQ to define scope to be developed for the installation and programming of the valves to engage suitable contractor.
- Currently awaiting proposal from consultant.
- Proposal received. Council staff to review.
- Proposal approved. Procurement process in progress.
- Design in progress.
- Design received. Under review.

Isisford WTP:

- Operating normally. Water Turbidity and performance of the clarifier remain an issue. Current Boil Water Advisory issued on Friday 5th June.

Yaraka WTP:

- Operating normally.

Sewerage Operations

Longreach Pump Stations & STP

- Routine maintenance continues as required.

Ilfracombe Pump Stations & CED Ponds

- Routine maintenance is ongoing.

Isisford Pump Station & CED Ponds

- Routine maintenance is ongoing. Removal of vegetation has commenced.

Table 1 - Estimated Current Weir/ Dam Levels (~ approximate level)

Dam	Approx. Current Level (m)	DMP Height Full	Comments
Longreach Town Weirs	~ 0.45m	1.3m	
Shannon Dam	~ 7m	14.5m	
Murray McMillan Dam	~ 7m	10.3m	
Isisford Dam	~ 9m	11m	Investigation of leak under review.
Isisford Weir	~ 1m	1.3m	
Yaraka North Dam	~ 10.5m	12.5m	
Yaraka South Dam	~ 10.5m	12.5m	

Waste Projects

Project	Location	% Completed	Comments
Land Parcels	Longreach	80%	• Council to consider setting funds aside for the future extension of facility.

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			• Council to develop relevant management plans and designs for consideration and approval by DoR.
Waste Management Strategy	All Towns	25%	• Council currently working on developing a Waste Management Strategy for all Waste Facilities.
Battery Collection Scheme	Longreach	95%	• Council was successful in receiving funding from the Local Government Collection Program which granted Council \$36,000 towards the Central West Region – Problematic Battery Collection project. • Council has completed online communication surrounding safe battery disposal. • 5 x Battery storage bins have been procured for a 12-month lease. 3 x bins to be located at the Longreach Waste Facility and the remainder 2 x bins will be located at the Longreach Depot.

Waste Facilities Update

Longreach Waste Recovery Facility

Proterra Group has been managing the Longreach facility since August 2023 under a 3-year contract. Their responsibilities include site supervision, load inspections, signage maintenance, and hazardous material handling.

Ilfracombe Waste Facility

• Council will be managing and covering the general waste from 1 July 2026 as a trial.

Isisford Waste Facility

- Council currently managing and covering general waste.
- Smaller bins will be replaced by larger bins. Community will be advised of this change.

Yaraka Waste Facility

- Council staff conduct routine activities.

Plant & Fleet Update

Current projects and operational undertakings underway for 2026/2027

Project	Task	Comment
Plant Replacement	Plant Procurement and Disposal	FY27 replacement program: Specifications were developed during this reporting period for several plant items scheduled for purchase.
Plant Utilisation	Plant Utilisation data Graders, Loaders, Excavator, Prime Mover, Special Purpose Trucks, Scraper, and Stabiliser	Reporting period: Plant utilisation and cost recovery data for May, June and July 2026 is attached to this report. Utilisation trends: Overall utilisation was lower than the previous month, with notable reductions in grader and loader usage. The period nevertheless remained active from an operational perspective.
Workshop Operations	General Update	Resourcing pressure: Workshop staffing remains critically low, with no immediate relief available. Isisford Workshop support: To address the shortfall at the Isisford Workshop, Council has sought to engage an in-house contractor. The contractor is planned to commence in August 2026 for an initial six-month period.

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Plant Maintenance	Pre-Start Inspections	Section 213 of the WHS Regulations (Maintenance and Inspection of Plant) requires that plant maintenance, inspection, and testing be carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations or a documented maintenance plan. As such, pre-start inspections are a critical component of compliance with this requirement. To support compliance, Council has launched a council-wide campaign, including the distribution of a user guide (flyer), to reinforce the importance of conducting pre-start inspections on all vehicles and plant used in Council business operations.

Appendices

1. May - Jul 26 Plant Utilisation Vs Cost Recovery [**15.2.1** - 1 page]

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

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Plant No	Description	Section	Hours Worked			Total Cost			Cost Recovery			Profit / Loss		
			May	Jun	Jul	May	Jun	Jul	May	Jun	Jul	May	Jun	Jul
Graders														
10014	JD 670 GP	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	81	123	89	3,799	3,091	3,456	11,664	17,712	12,816	7,865	14,621	9,360
10062	Cat 150 M	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	88	160	119	4,335	6,770	4,697	12,672	23,040	17136	8,337	16,270	12,439
1196	Cat 12M	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	121	150	142	2,227	284	2,365	17,424	21,600	20448	15,197	21,316	18,083
9912	Cat 140 M	Construction and Maintenance - Isisford	121	186	108	5,208	4,942	1,916	17,424	26,784	15552	12,216	21,842	13,636
9922	Cat 140 M	Construction and Maintenance - Isisford	53	81	79	9,524	4,515	745	7,575	11,722	11434	1,950	7,207	10,689
9942	JD 670 GP	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	150	181	112	3,393	2,233	5,932	21,600	26,064	16128	18,207	23,831	10,196
9992	Cat 160 M	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	39	110	110	5,510	5,686	4703	5,616	15,840	15840	106	10,154	11,137
10101	Cat 160	Construction - Ilfracombe	40	93	91	5,480	5,232	1,131	5,760	13,450	13104	280	8,218	11,973
Totals			693	1085	850	39476	32753	24945	99,735	156,212	122,458	60,259	123,459	97,513
Loaders														
10048	Loader Komatsu W 150 - 6	Sealed Network - Ilfracombe	6	22	0	3144	3162	280	882	3234	0	2,262	72	280
3676	Loader Komatsu WA320	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	93	121	12	5287	3661	9671	13671	17787	1764	8,384	14,126	7,907
3827	Loader Komatsu WA380-6 Loader	Construction and Maintenance - Isisford	0	132	63	1048	743	2168	0	19404	9261	1,048	18,661	7,093
9993	Loader Caterpillar 938K	Construction - Ilfracombe	25	26	21	4129	2610	280	3675	3822	3087	454	1,212	2,807
9911	Loader Caterpillar 962M	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	25	48	109	3,041	2,943	4,307	7,100	13,632	30,956	4,059	10,689	26,649
Totals			149	349	205	16,649	13,119	16,706	25,328	57,879	45,068	8,679	44,760	28,362
Excavators														
9991	Excavator Komatsu PC210LC1	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	26	28	5	3,741	2,701	36	5408	5720	1040	1,667	3,019	1,004
3169	Excavator Komatsu PC88MR-8	Concrete Gang - Longreach	0	6	31	3,125	1,311	0	0	840	4340	3,125	471	4,340
Totals			26	34	36	6,866	4,012	36	5,408	6,560	5,380	1,458	2,548	5,344
Prime Movers														
P10044	Truck Prime Mover Kenworth	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	112	179	118	11,471	16,556	8,564	14,448	23,091	15,222	2,977	6,535	6,658
6637	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	70	120	95	3,367	2,120	6,492	9,030	15,480	12,255	5,663	13,360	5,763
6638	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	56.5	92	165	3,321	3,856	18,653	7,289	11,868	21,285	3,968	8,012	2,632
6855	Truck Prime Mover Nissan	Construction and Maintenance - Isisford	38	83.5	70.5	923	3,546	4,722	4902	10772	9,095	3,979	7,226	4,373
P9910	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	184	185	233	11,824	9,684	35,712	23,736	23,865	30,057	11,912	14,181	5,655
P9927	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	Construction - Ilfracombe	32.5	43.5	0	3,782	3,745	5,850	4193	5612	0	411	1,867	5,850
P9928	Truck Prime Mover Western Star	Construction - Ilfracombe	0	42	73	8,412	3,774	5,163	0	5,418	9,417	8,412	1,644	4,254
Totals			493	745	755	43,100	43,281	85,156	63,597	96,105	97,331	20,497	52,824	12,175
Special Trucks														
10021	Truck Jet Pthing Ausroads Flocon	Sealed Network - Ilfracombe	144	162	161	4,541	5,903	3,640	22,896	25,679	25,520	18,355	19,776	21,880
10036	Truck Garbage Isuzu FVD	Water, Sewerage and Waste - Longreach	143	163	119	3,989	5,929	3,603	10,153	11,573	8,414	6,164	5,644	4,811
6677	Truck Garbage Acco (Spare Truck)	Fleet -	0	41	37	0	3,657	9,267	0	2,876	2,645	0	782	6,622
9951	Truck Sweeper Isuzu FSR	Parks and Gardens - Longreach	115	136	158	3,445	16,300	4,476	13,715	16,667	19,434	10,270	367	14,958
Totals			402	501	475	11,975	31,789	20,986	46,764	56,794	56,013	34,789	25,005	35,027
Scraper and Stabiliser														
2158	Scraper Caterpillar 615C	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	38	123	16	2,490	9,187	72	9,842	31,728	4,144	7,352	22,541	4,072
2678	Stabiliser Caterpillar - RM 300	Construction and Maintenance - Longreach	19	0	11	0	0	1,647	5,035	0	2,915	5,035	0	1,268
Totals			57	123	27	2,490	9,187	1,719	14,877	31,728	7,059	12,387	22,541	5,340
Combined Total												135,153	252,567	183,761

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15.3 Director of Works Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Works.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Andre Pretorius (Director of Works),

Heidi Browne (Engineering Technical Officer)

Strategic Leadership

Key:



Low Risk



Medium Risk



High Risk

Name	Description	Risk
Longreach Transport Plan	The Transport Plan is being developed to consider future upgrades and maintenance requirements of our Transport Infrastructure. Challenges currently experienced in developing the Transport Plan are: a) Sufficient financial data to determine past activity-based expenditure b) Reliable asset condition data c) Risk assessment for transport assets (i.e. per road) d) Road consumption data. Surveys were sent out to landholders in the past with little responses received to date. Council is in discussions with Consultants regarding information sharing and data analytics. This could cause delays in developing and finalising the Transport Plan	
Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Reviews	Council is required to review and update its Drinking Water Quality Management Plan at regular intervals and submit it to the Regulator for approval. The following risks have been identified as part of its regular review: a) Training, capacity building and succession planning. Council is working with relevant stakeholders to address these gaps.	

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	e) Sheet pile contractor to mobilise and install sheet piles at Anabranh Weir 1 in mid August. f) All other materials have been delivered	
Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan	Engeny was awarded this Contract. Consideration will be given to: a) Water levels in the Thomson River during the weir raising project b) Inclusion of the Reverse Osmosis Plant in Ilfracombe c) Increased storage capacity of Murray Macmillan Dam d) Odd numbers in Ilfracombe (North Side) e) Climate change scenarios f) Updated capacity curves for the Longreach Town and Fairmont Weirs g) Water usage requirements to maintain green spaces from a public wellbeing perspective. Progress meeting scheduled for 26 August 2026	

Operational Management

- Consulted with designer regarding design services for the Longreach Weir project and required management plans.
- Consulted with designer regarding the Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan
- Consulted with stakeholders (Regulator) regarding our Drinking Water Quality Management Plan review.
- Discussed progress of Longreach Flood Study with QRA
- Inspected raw water storage dam at Isisford
- Commenced with report preparation for various annual reports to the Water Regulator and DETSI (Annual Waste).

Financial Management

- Attended meetings with Finance

Workforce Capability

- Attended operational meetings
- Attended monthly ELT meeting

Stakeholder Engagement

- Attended ORRTG Technical Meeting
- Addended RAPADWSA Technical meeting - Chair

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- Consulted with the Department to provide a project update regarding the WISER project
- Met with QRA regarding various projects
- Liaised with Consultant engaged to do the stormwater assessment for the Yaraka Landing Strip.

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented.

16 Late Items

Nil for this meeting

17 Closed Matters

17.1 Quarterly Budget Review

Reasons for Confidentiality

This report is considered closed to the public in accordance with section 254J (3) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget.

18 Closure of Meeting