

Connecting Council
and Community

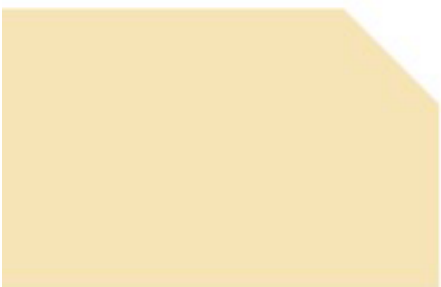


Longreach Regional Council MINUTES

of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 June 2026
at 96 Eagle Street, Longreach, Qld 4730



Delivering
excellent service



**Longreach
Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country.....	5
2 Prayer.....	5
3 Condolences	5
4 Leave of Absence	5
5 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors...5	5
6 Confirmation of Minutes	6
6.1 Confirmation of Minutes.....	6
7 Mayoral Report	6
7.1 Mayoral Report.....	6
8 Notices of Motion.....	6
9 Petitions.....	6
10 Deputations	6
11 Chief Executive Officer’s Report	25
11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence	25
11.2 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report.....	25
11.3 Governance Standing Committee Terms of Reference	26
11.4 Governance Standing Committee Policy	26
11.5 Annual Operational Plan 2026-27	26
12 Organisational Services Report.....	27
12.1 Small Business Friendly Grant Round 2 (FY26).....	27
12.2 DA2526-069 – Siting Variation at 26 Eagle St, Longreach.....	27
12.3 Council to Chief Executive Officer Delegations Register.....	27
12.4 Local Law Making Process.....	28
12.5 Information Report - Organisational Services	35
12.6 Information Report - Planning and Development Report.....	35

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

12.7	Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report	36
12.8	Acting Director of Organisational Services Report.....	36
13	Finance Report	37
13.1	Chief Financial Officer's Report.....	37
13.2	Information Report - Finance	37
13.3	2027 Budget - Revenue Policy	7
13.4	2027 Budget - Investment Policy.....	7
13.5	2027 Budget - Debt Policy.....	7
13.6	2027 Budget - Debt Recovery Policy	7
13.7	2027 Budget - Differential Rates and Levies.....	8
13.8	2027 Budget - Water Utility Charges	12
13.9	2027 Budget - Sewerage Utility Charges	15
13.10	2027 Budget - Waste Management Utility Charges	16
13.11	2027 Budget - Special Charge - Control of Pest Animals and Weeds.....	17
13.12	2027 Budget - Special Charge - Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme	19
13.13	2027 Budget - Levy and Payment.....	22
13.14	2027 Budget - Discounts.....	23
13.15	2027 Budget - Rating Concessions	23
13.16	2027 Budget - Interest	23
13.17	2027 Budget - Revenue Statement	24
13.18	2027 Budget - Register of Commercial and Regulatory Fees 2026/27.....	24
13.19	2027 Budget - Statement of Estimated Financial Position.....	24
13.20	2027 Budget - Adoption of the 2026/27 Budget and Long-Term Financial Forecast	25
14	Communities Report.....	37

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

14.1	Community Grants - Individual	37
14.2	Community Grant - Yaraka Gymkhana Association	38
14.3	Community Grant - Branches Performing Arts.....	39
14.4	Information Report - Communities	39
14.5	Project Management Update.....	40
14.6	Director of Communities Report	40
15	Works Report	40
15.1	Information Report - Works.....	40
15.2	Director of Works Report	41
16	Late Items	41
17	Closed Matters.....	41
18	Closure of Meeting	41

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **9:00 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	Cr AC Rayner
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr DJ Bignell
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr NA Gay
	Cr TM Hatch
	Cr AR Watts

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Walsh
Chief Financial Officer	David Wilson
Director of Communities	Tanya Johnson
Director of Works	André Pretorius
Acting Director of Organisational Services	Simon Kuttner
Executive Officer of Governance	Sharon Calligaro

Apologies

Director of Organisational Services	Grace Cronin-Jones
-------------------------------------	--------------------

2 Prayer

Reverend Jenny Potter, Uniting Church, 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 Betty Margaret Eisentrager.

4 Leave of Absence

Nil

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

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Res-2026-06-149

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That Council confirms the Minutes dated 21 May 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

Res-2026-06-150

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | 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

Procedural Motion

Res-2026-06-193

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch

That the standing orders be suspended to consider items 13.3 through 13.20 contrary to the order of business.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13 Finance Report

13.3 2027 Budget - Revenue Policy

Adoption of the 2026/27 Revenue Policy.

Res-2026-06-151

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council, pursuant to section 169(2)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the 2026/2027 Revenue Policy.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.4 2027 Budget - Investment Policy

Adoption of the 2026/27 Investment Policy.

Res-2026-06-152

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the 2026/2027 Investment Policy.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.5 2027 Budget - Debt Policy

Adoption of the 2026/27 Debt Policy.

Res-2026-06-153

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the 2026/2027 Debt Policy.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.6 2027 Budget - Debt Recovery Policy

Adoption of the 2026/27 Debt Recovery Policy.

Res-2026-06-154

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council adopts the 2026/2027 Debt Recovery Policy, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

13.7 2027 Budget - Differential Rates and Levies.

Adoption of 2026/27 Differential General Rates and Levies.

Res-2026-06-155

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 77, 80 and 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

- 1) Creates the differential general rating categories of rateable land, and descriptions for each of those categories for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as detailed in the tables below, and
- 2) Levies differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as detailed in the tables below, and
- 3) Applies a minimum general rate for each rateable land assessment within each rating category for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as detailed in the tables below, and
- 4) Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel or rateable land belongs.

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable	Minimum General Rate
25 – Residential (Longreach) <1 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the township of Longreach which has an area of less than 1 Ha which is not otherwise categorised.	3.3945	\$984
26 – Residential (Longreach) 1 Ha or more or rural residential	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the township of Longreach which has an area of more than 1 Ha or for rural residential purposes outside of but adjacent to Longreach town, which is not otherwise categorised.	2.2212	\$984
27 - Residential (Other Towns)	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes within the townships of Ilfracombe, Isisford, Emmet and Yaraka which is not otherwise categorised.	1.4472	\$545
28 - Multi Residential	Land used, or intended for use, in whole or in part, for long term residential purposes with multiple dwelling units within the one title.	4.0440	\$1,427

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

44 - Commercial	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for commercial purposes, including short term accommodation in all towns unless otherwise categorised.	4.2387	\$984
14 – Major Caravan Parks	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for commercial purposes of cabins, camping, caravan, campervan and motor home accommodation of 40 or more accommodation sites for the travelling public.	4.0557	\$14,261
16 -Transformer Sites	Land used for the purposes of a transformer.	2.1125	\$984
18 – Tourist Attractions (All areas)	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for a major tourist attraction, which is greater than 1 hectare in area.	1.2199	\$5,524
19 - Not for profit	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of a not for profit activity.	1.2618	\$464
21 – Horse Stable Precinct	Land in the Longreach Horse Stable Precinct used for the purposes of a horse stable.	5.0801	\$644
30 - Rural <100 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is less than 100 hectares in area, except land included in category 33 to 35 and category 54 to 61.	1.8396	\$505
31 - Rural 100 - 1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is between 100 and 1000 hectares in area, except land included in category 33 to 35 and category 54 to 61.	0.8557	\$697

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General
32 - Rural >1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural purposes which is more than 1000 hectares in area, except land included in category 33 to 35 and category 54 to 61.	0.4546	\$993
33 – Rural Cropping and Horticulture < 100 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural cropping or horticulture purposes which is less than 100 hectares in area.	1.8396	\$505
34 – Rural Cropping and Horticulture 100-1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural cropping or horticulture purposes which is between 100 and 1,000 hectares in area.	0.8557	\$697
35 – Rural Cropping and Horticulture > 1,000 Ha	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for rural cropping or horticulture purposes which is more than 1,000 hectares in area.	0.4546	\$993
42 - Industrial	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for industrial purposes including transportation and storage unless otherwise categorised.	6.0782	\$984

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

45 - Airport	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for any purpose on land designated as Longreach Airport Precinct.	5.5289	\$984
50 - Small Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 0 and 10 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	1.8417	\$453
51 - Medium Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 11 and 300 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.8894	\$210,534
52 - Large Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of between 301 and 1000 people on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.8894	\$421,031
53 - Extra Large Mining	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of mining, with an average of over 1000 people engaged on site per annum and/or accessing the site for associated business activities, other than land included in category 66 to 74.	4.8894	\$758,130
54 - Intensive Accommodation 15 – 50 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 15 and 50 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	8.5973	\$13,521

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General
55 - Intensive Accommodation 51 – 100 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 51 and 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.2987	\$27,007
56 - Intensive Accommodation 101 – 200 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 101 and 200 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.2987	\$53,990

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

57 - Intensive Accommodation 201 – 300 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 201 and 300 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.2987	\$80,973
58 - Intensive Accommodation 301 – 400 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 301 and 400 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.2987	\$107,968
59 - Intensive Accommodation 401 – 500 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 401 and 500 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.2987	\$134,962
60 - Intensive Accommodation 501 – 600 persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for between 501 and 600 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.2987	\$161,945
DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General
61 - Intensive Accommodation 600 + persons	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for providing intensive accommodation for more than 600 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	4.2987	\$188,939

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

62 - Power Station <50 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of less than 50 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	2.0690	\$14,332
63 - Power Station 50 – 250 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of more than 50 MW but less than 250 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	2.0185	\$40,492
64 - Power Station >250 MW	Land used, or intended to be used, for the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of more than 250 MW, including land used for any purpose associated with these uses.	2.0185	\$80,973
65 - Major Transmission Site >5MVA	Land used, or intended to be used, for an electricity substation with a capacity greater than 5 MVA.	2.0185	\$33,744
66 - Petroleum Lease – Gas	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of gas.	26.7800	\$27,007
67 - Petroleum Other	Land used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing and/or transportation (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction /processing and/or transportation such as for example water storages, compressor stations, block valves or transportation by pipelines), excluding petroleum leases.	7.9408	\$13,521
70 - Petroleum Lease –Oil < 30 wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have less than 30 wells.	26.7800	\$27,007
72 - Petroleum Lease- Oil 30+ Wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have 30 wells or more.	26.7800	\$161,945

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.8 2027 Budget - Water Utility Charges

Adoption of the 2026/27 Water Utility Charges.

Res-2026-06-156

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council, pursuant to sections 99 and 101 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, levies water charges, including water allocations, for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as follows:

Water charges will be set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of water services by Council in the 2026/27 financial year. These costs include loan interest, depreciation, the cost of ongoing maintenance and operation of the system including treatment plant operations and the provision of infrastructure.

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

The charge for the provision of water includes a water consumption allocation for the financial year. In the case of land not connected to the Council's water supply but capable of being connected, a vacant water charge is applied to contribute toward the cost of the water supply infrastructure.

Where an assessment consumes water above the allocated amount, it will be charged for excess water usage. The first 500 kilolitres in excess of the allocation will be charged a rate of \$1.35 and every kilolitre thereafter being charged at a rate of \$2.70 per kilolitre.

Council will read meters as at 30 June each year. Pursuant to section 102(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before, and 2 weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read. If a water meter fails or registers inaccurately, the quantity of water used may be estimated by the Chief Executive Officer using the consumption for the same period in the prior year and having regard for climatic conditions.

The fixed water charges are shown in the following tables:

Longreach per connection water item number and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
1) Land used for commercial, industrial, residential or recreational purposes for each dwelling or building erected on a parcel of land (except if the facility is identified separately in this table).	8	1,200	\$1,808.00
2) Each additional lot/parcel on an assessment being charged water except if the lot/parcel is identified separately in this table			
3) Each additional shop/office of multiple shop/office facility (see item 13)	2	300	\$452.00
4) Each motel room or unit (also see item 18a and 19a)			
5) Vacant land within water area - not connected			
6) Church or church land	4	600	\$904.00
7) Stables per allotment improved (other than at Racecourse or Showgrounds)			
8) Vacant land - connected	6	900	\$1,356.00
9) Restaurant/café/conference venue (or additional units if part of another facility, see item 18a and 19a)	12	1,800	\$2,712.00
10) Church hall			
11) Land used for flats, hostels, aged persons accommodation or residential multiunit buildings for the first 2 units/flats (including owner//manager residence) (for each additional unit see item 4)	16	2,400	\$3,616.00
12) Water/sewerage pumping station, electrical sub station			
13) Supermarket (if a supermarket is part of a complex containing other uses, such other uses shall attract the charge applicable to single or multiple shop/office as per item 3)			
14) Caravan parks each additional 20 sites a) charge for additional sites to caravan parks less than 20 sites item 19	20	3,000	\$4,520.00
15) Childcare centre or pre-school or kindergarten on separate parcel. a) additional charge if facility is included with school item 25			
16) Police station and associated uses (other than dwelling)			
17) Car wash			

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

Longreach per connection water item number and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
18) Hotel, motel, tavern and licensed clubs a) for each unit see item 4 , for restaurant/café see item 9			
19) Caravan parks less than 20 sites a) greater than 20 sites see item 14 , for restaurant/café see item 9			
20) Railway station and associated uses (other than dwelling)	40	6,000	\$9,040.00
21) Fire station and residence			
22) Cemetery			
23) Public toilet block, council park			
24) Racecourse	48	7,200	\$10,848.00
25) School, childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten per parcel of land a) for additional childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten charges see item 15	60	9,000	\$13,560.00

Ifracombe, Isisford, Yaraka per connection water item and description	Number of units	Allocation (kl)	Fixed charge
1) Land used for commercial, industrial, residential or recreational purposes for each dwelling or building erected on a parcel of land (except if the facility is identified separately in this table).	8	1,200	\$1,104.00
2) Vacant land within water area - not connected	4	600	\$552.00
3) Vacant land - connected	6	900	\$828.00
4) Land used for a hotel, caravan park, school or recreation purposes	16	2,400	\$2,208.00
5) Public toilet block, council park	32	4,800	\$4,416.00

Other water charges

Where land is used for a purpose for which no charge is specified herein, the Council or the Chief Executive Officer by delegation may decide the applicable number of units and annual allowance. Notwithstanding the charges specified above, the Council may, by resolution approve a lesser charge where it considers such lesser charge is justified.

Where a service is provided for part of a year, a pro-rata charge shall be levied.

Bulk Water Utility Charges - Longreach

A charge is to be levied for the provision of bulk water for certain identified properties which will be charged at a rate per kilolitre for all water supplied and measured by a water meter. The identified properties will be billed on a quarterly basis.

The assessments to be levied for the provision of bulk water are shown in the following table:

Assessment	Charge per kl	Assessment	Charge per kl	Assessment	Charge per kl
A1308	\$2.14	A1724	\$2.14	A774	\$2.14
A1397/A1398	\$2.14	A30332	\$2.14	A2226	\$2.14
A1787	\$2.14	A1807	\$2.14	A1764	\$2.14
A1790	\$2.14	A1047	\$2.14	A745	\$2.14
A1789	\$2.14	A2205	\$2.14	A1783	\$2.14
A40199	\$2.14	A1084	\$2.14	A1597	\$2.14
A1786	\$2.14	A30299	\$2.14	A2212	\$2.14
A1484	\$2.14	A1590	\$2.14	A2227	\$2.14
A1748	\$2.14	A2202	\$2.14	A1806	\$2.14
A1781	\$2.14	A2054	\$2.14		
A1793	\$2.14	A30341	\$2.14		
A1722	\$2.14	A40200	\$2.14		

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

Untreated Bore Water Users - Ilfracombe

Separate to the table above, Untreated Bore Water Users in Ilfracombe will be charged at a rate of \$1.80 per kilolitre.

Raw Water Users - Longreach

Separate to the table above, Untreated Raw Water Users in Longreach will be charged at a rate of \$1.80 per kilolitre.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.9 2027 Budget - Sewerage Utility Charges

Adoption of 2026/27 Sewerage Utility Charges.

Res-2026-06-157

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the following sewerage charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2027:

Sewerage charges will be set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of sewerage services by Council in the 2026/27 financial year. These costs include loan interest, depreciation, the cost of ongoing maintenance and operation of the system including treatment plant operations and the provision of infrastructure.

This charge will be levied irrespective of whether the premises are unoccupied and/or for any period during the year.

Council provides a sewerage network in the town of Longreach, and Common Effluent Drainage (CED) networks in the towns of Ilfracombe and Isisford. The sewerage charges are shown in the following table.

Charge	Charges Apply to:	Location	Annual Charge
First pedestal	Charge applied to each separate single unit dwelling and the 1st pedestal at all other connected assessments.	Longreach	\$573
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$170
Additional pedestal	Charge applied to each additional non-residential pedestal (including urinal cistern) that is connected to the sewer	Longreach	\$347
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$109

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

Vacant sewerage	Vacant land per lot/parcel to which Council is prepared to connect a sewerage service.	Longreach	\$433
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$93

{carried-or-lost-uppercase} {votes-count}

13.10 2027 Budget - Waste Management Utility Charges

Adoption of the 2026/27 Waste Management Utility Charges.

Res-2026-06-158

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the waste management utility charges and landfill access charges, for the supply of waste management services for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as follows:

Council make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council as follows:

Location	Service	Frequency	Annual charge
All towns	Waste collection (minimum charge)	1 per week	\$339.00
Longreach	Waste collection (minimum charge food related)	2 per week	\$678.00
All towns	Additional collection (for each additional bin)	1 per week	\$339.00
Additional collections for Longreach businesses			
Longreach	Additional collection per week (for each bin)	1 per week	\$339.00

Application of waste collection charges

Charges for new waste services will commence upon a premises being considered to be able to be occupied and the delivery of the 240 litre bin to the premises by Council.

This charge will be levied irrespective of whether the occupier avails themselves to the service and irrespective to whether the premises are unoccupied and/or for any period during the year.

If a property has one or more residential structures or units capable of separate occupation, the relevant waste collection charges will be levied for each structure or unit (including flats, studios, cabins, dwellings and secondary dwellings).

If there is more than one commercial operator on land capable of separate of separate occupation, the owner will be charged the appropriate fee according to the quantity of collections provided.

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

If a collection service is cancelled, charges will not be levied in the next period. If a 240 litre bin is returned to Council in a damaged state that is not due to normal wear and tear, the ratepayer will be charged the bin repair and replacement fee identified in Council's schedule of fees and charges.

***Occupied** means land that has located on it, a building or structure greater than 25m², or which is used for commercial purposes (i.e., agistment, heavy vehicle parking, and commercial cultivation)*

6.4 Landfill Access Charge (s 94 Local Government Act 2009)

Council will make and levy a utility charge (to be known as the 'Landfill Access Charge') in the sum of \$148.00 per rateable assessment per annum (or \$74.00 per half-year), to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region. Landfill Access Charges are collected and used for the purpose of covering the cost of supplying landfill management facilities and a landfill management service. The charges are set to recover landfill management costs including:

- Waste service administration*
- Waste facilities – construction, operation, consolidation, rationalisation and improvements*
- Waste minimisation and reduction education*
- Post closure rehabilitation of waste facilities and landfill sites.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.11 2027 Budget - Special Charge - Control of Pest Animals and Weeds

Making and levying the Special Charge – Control of Pest Animals and Weeds.

Res-2026-06-159

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council will make and levy a special charge for the provision of pest animals and weed control services through coordinated activities to assist with the control of pest animals and weeds on rural land as follows:

- 1. The rateable land to which the special charge applies is all rural land within the Longreach Regional Council area with an area greater than 25 hectares.*
- 2. The service, facility or activity for which the special charge is made is the provision of a coordinated pest animal and weed control program to assist with the control of pest animals and weeds on rural land for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.*

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

3. The occupier of the land to be levied with the special charge will specially benefit from the pest animal and weed control services as the control of pest animals and weeds on the properties improves the viability of and benefits from the land for the occupier.

4. The estimated cost of Council implementing the Overall Plan is \$194,000 of which the sum of \$194,000 will be funded by this special charge.

5. The estimated time for implementing the Overall Plan is 12 months ending on 30 June 2027.

6. The special charge shall apply to each of the designated assessments listed in the table below at an annual charge of 5.28 cents per hectare for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

7. If, after the date of Council's budget meeting, a reconfiguration of any of the rateable assessments into one or more rateable assessments occurs:

(1) The gross amount to be levied on the rateable assessment or assessments created by the reconfiguration, from the date of registration of the reconfiguration, is the amount specified in this resolution; and

(2) If more than one rateable assessment is created by the reconfiguration, the gross amount must be apportioned to all of those rateable assessments, proportionate to the area the new rateable assessment bears to its parent parcel.

Example: If Assessment A at the time of Council's budget meeting has an area of 1,000 hectares, but is subsequently reconfigured into 3 lots having areas of 350, 450 and 200 hectares, the special charge will be divided across the 3 lots in the proportions of 35%, 45% and 20% respectively.

The amount of the special charge per assessment is:

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

Assessment	2026/27 charge	Assessment	2026/27 charge	Assessment	2026/27 charge	Assessment	2026/27 charge	Assessment	2026/27 charge
A1608	\$732.00	A1769	\$66.26	A20130	\$492.40	A30196	\$1,272.64	A40088	\$729.96
A1609	\$3,477.58	A1830	\$259.78	A20131	\$100.58	A30197	\$359.78	A40089	\$871.30
A1618	\$845.40	A1831	\$1,071.37	A20132	\$261.16	A30199	\$12.41	A40091	\$1,190.55
A1619	\$652.22	A1834	\$162.78	A20133	\$457.99	A30205	\$1,209.12	A40104	\$538.12
A1624	\$1,424.02	A1844	\$1.68	A20137	\$220.23	A30209	\$658.28	A40105	\$218.50
A1627	\$410.10	A1849	\$1,707.94	A20138	\$430.94	A30214	\$18.15	A40106	\$146.80
A1629	\$256.62	A1856	\$547.17	A20139	\$196.79	A30223	\$1,487.02	A40107	\$146.84
A1630	\$1,085.30	A1865	\$359.91	A20141	\$867.74	A30225	\$646.66	A40110	\$243.25
A1631	\$775.64	A1866	\$171.96	A20147	\$734.12	A30226	\$1,622.88	A40113	\$1,168.02
A1632	\$568.71	A1869	\$620.58	A20148	\$430.79	A30231	\$1,099.16	A40122	\$576.15
A1633	\$142.74	A1871	\$500.55	A20150	\$450.36	A30235	\$9.56	A40123	\$1,748.82
A1635	\$634.32	A1874	\$524.96	A20151	\$328.98	A30243	\$2,171.34	A40111	\$243.25
A1637	\$538.98	A1875	\$749.95	A20152	\$390.08	A30244	\$1,522.56	A40186	\$197.01
A1639	\$9,148.02	A1876	\$434.78	A20153	\$1,648.04	A30247	\$1,187.88	A40187	\$434.36
A1640	\$910.80	A1878	\$19.54	A20157	\$5,279.97	A30257	\$606.67	A40119	\$96.49
A1641	\$3,009.60	A1881	\$1,041.76	A20158	\$200.68	A30263	\$29.94	A40148	\$1,779.39
A1642	\$1,002.80	A1885	\$391.22	A20159	\$429.71	A30280	\$18.83	A40127	\$2,116.53
A1646	\$556.28	A1889	\$391.11	A20161	\$961.07	A30292	\$473.19	A40179	\$1,473.35
A1647	\$434.59	A1892	\$975.55	A20162	\$756.03	A30297	\$1,028.74	A40150	\$2,240.18
A1648	\$980.70	A1893	\$246.79	A20163	\$150.10	A30301	\$749.52	A40152	\$1,373.83
A1651	\$930.76	A1904	\$1,633.58	A20164	\$409.96	A30342	\$2.62	A40174	\$491.06
A1652	\$593.24	A1912	\$1,213.97	A20165	\$174.58	A30351	\$594.69	A40188	\$216.28
A1654	\$1,323.40	A1918	\$1,251.36	A20166	\$530.56	A30354	\$657.00	A40189	\$219.93
A1658	\$1,159.96	A1919	\$906.01	A20167	\$493.84	A30365	\$90.34	A40193	\$830.29
A1666	\$338.12	A1928	\$564.24	A20168	\$176.02	A30395	\$428.93	A40203	\$436.23
A1667	\$1,116.18	A1930	\$753.13	A20169	\$537.98	A30397	\$443.47	A40208	\$232.05
A1672	\$1,209.55	A1931	\$795.62	A20173	\$721.61	A30399	\$427.56	A40209	\$442.52
A1673	\$486.54	A1932	\$676.79	A20174	\$235.64	A30402	\$13.80	A40215	\$544.63
A1676	\$884.71	A1935	\$633.27	A20175	\$538.05	A30415	\$135.53	A40216	\$147.26
A1677	\$712.47	A1936	\$598.22	A20176	\$719.29	A30417	\$847.53	A40217	\$1,522.86
A1679	\$197.22	A1979	\$5.99	A20179	\$646.87	A30427	\$395.61	A40218	\$182.85
A1684	\$610.29	A2009	\$851.34	A20180	\$835.68	A30432	\$347.56	A40219	\$296.22
A1685	\$431.99	A2023	\$284.05	A20203	\$643.13	A30442	\$565.96	A40220	\$792.52
A1686	\$405.39	A2055	\$1,379.63	A20219	\$1,101.54	A30443	\$283.57	A40224	\$1,626.10
A1689	\$554.51	A2077	\$681.11	A20220	\$425.21	A30445	\$190.88	A40225	\$2.96
A1692	\$355.49	A2142	\$927.11	A20224	\$388.42	A30449	\$587.55	A40227	\$221.21
A1700	\$488.97	A2143	\$2,035.84	A20230	\$132.21	A40001	\$793.95	A40231	\$495.53
A1705	\$1,293.56	A2144	\$1,547.81	A20233	\$454.26	A40008	\$2,430.65	A40232	\$1,109.63
A1712	\$827.19	A2145	\$703.52	A30171	\$1,794.22	A40009	\$375.58	A40235	\$212.73
A1714	\$2,500.33	A2147	\$534.13	A30172	\$464.44	A40010	\$2.75	A40236	\$229.98
A1715	\$1,112.75	A2213	\$705.70	A30173	\$2,589.84	A40011	\$869.42	A40237	\$11,814.11
A1716	\$2.17	A2214	\$505.27	A30177	\$473.77	A40012	\$1,415.23	A40238	\$295.89
A1718	\$366.19	A20117	\$422.29	A30178	\$410.58	A40013	\$1,360.68	A40239	\$5.28
A1726	\$686.52	A20118	\$497.93	A30184	\$1,727.70	A40019	\$256.12	A40240	\$1,437.49
A1732	\$93.19	A20120	\$457.27	A30187	\$876.15	A40020	\$407.09	A40247	\$1,847.93
A1739	\$541.98	A20122	\$1,612.47	A30190	\$416.96	A40021	\$1,660.59		
A1744	\$433.46	A20126	\$465.30	A30192	\$3,049.56	A40086	\$637.30		
A1745	\$215.68	A20129	\$813.65	A30195	\$205.92	A40087	\$1,136.48		

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.12 2027 Budget - Special Charge - Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme

Adoption of the 2026/27 Special Charge – Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme.

Res-2026-06-160

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012, makes and levies a special charge for the provision of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme on certain rural properties in accordance with the Overall Plan.

The Overall Plan for the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme Special Charge was adopted by Council at its 21 July 2016 Budget Meeting and amended at subsequent Budget Meetings. Council now amends the Overall Plan to read as follows:

- The service, facility or activity is the borrowing of funds to implement the project, purchase materials and construct exclusion fencing that controls pest animals for the identified rateable land to which the special charge will apply.*
- The Scheme is intended to be cost neutral to Council. It does not involve a loan arrangement with landowners but is implemented through the exercise of Council's statutory powers under the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulations 2012.*
- Council has borrowed funds from the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) to fund the Scheme.*

The rateable land which has been identified in the Overall Plan (or its occupier) specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because the provision of the exclusion fencing empowers a landholder or group of landholders to develop an integrated property pest management plan involving baiting, trapping and shooting to control pest animals and improve the economic viability of this land for grazing purposes. The rateable land to which the special charge will apply are the properties listed in the table below.

- The amount of Special Charge will differ for each parcel of identified rateable land according to the level of benefit that the property receives from the provision of the exclusion fencing. The level of benefit for each property will be determined according to the total costs associated with Council's borrowing from QTC, the purchase of materials and construction of fencing. Special Charges will be levied and paid over 20 years for each of the parcels of identified rateable land from the commencement of the arrangement with each property.*
- The Total Cost for each parcel of rateable land to determine the amount of Special Charge under the Scheme will be calculated as follows:*
 - o the net cost of materials and construction paid by Council; plus*
 - o the notional interest on the net cost of materials and construction paid by Council for the first two-year period where no Special Charges will be levied for a parcel of identified rateable land; plus*
 - o the QTC Administration fee; plus*

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

- Council's 2% Administration fee which will be calculated on the sum of costs noted above (Total Cost)
- Special Charges will then be levied by Council as follows:
 - For years one and two of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will not be levied;
 - For years three to five of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will be levied to cover notional interest only on the Total Cost of the Scheme for that property; and
 - For years six to twenty of the Scheme that applies to an individual parcel of the identified rateable land, Special Charges will be levied to cover repayment of the Total Cost of the Scheme for that property and notional interest on outstanding amounts for the remaining term.
- The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$17.8 million. This figure includes all of the costs associated with the installation of the exclusion fencing, administrative costs, and interest and fees charged on the Total Cost for each parcel of identified rateable land.
- The estimated time for carrying out the Overall Plan is 22 years, with the Overall Plan commencing on 1 July 2016 and concluding on 30 June 2038. The first fence construction on a parcel of identified rateable land commenced in 2017 and the final Special Charge for the Overall Plan will be levied by Council in 2038;
- The annual implementation plan for this special charge for the 2025/2026 financial year is the levying of the special charges as per the table below, for the purposes of making ongoing repayments to QTC of funds previously borrowed.
- Council will not accept any lump sum payments in settlement of amounts to be paid under the Scheme. Because the Scheme does not involve a loan arrangement, early repayment is not possible and will not be permitted by Council. No early payment discounts apply to payments of Special Charges.
- If a reconfiguration of any of the rateable assessments that are part of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme, into one or more rateable assessments, occurs after the special charge has been determined for the financial year, a concession, granted pursuant to sections 120(1)(c) and 122(1)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 will be applied to the landowner as follows:
 - Council will obtain information from the original applications to the LWDEFS to determine the total length and cost per metre of the fencing on each original rateable assessment on commencement of the scheme.
 - By reference to mapping data, Council will measure the distance of the fencing on the new rateable assessments to apportion the costs of the scheme between each new assessment.
 - Council will provide a concession to each of the new rateable assessments by deducting a concession amount from the gross amount of the special charge so that the net result of the concession is that the landowner will only pay a special charge equivalent to the amount calculated in 1 and 2 above.

The amount of the special charge for each assessment for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 is as follows:

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

Assessment	2026/27 levy	Assessment	2026/27 levy	Assessment	2026/27 levy
A1930	14,068.76	A30297	20,189.54	A1881	55,799.84
A1886	-	A30177	28,385.96	A20150	9,431.16
A40104	20,744.04	A1676	38,573.14	A1912	16,565.52
A1695	-	A30196	9,494.50	A1891	-
A40009	32,571.46	A1726	32,625.90	A40125	-
A1875	25,112.08	A1935	47,668.68	A40126	-
A30353	-	A20139	19,991.28	A1642	40,807.32
A20219	13,881.60	A1692	15,764.70	A1686	4,183.52
A1715	1,589.14	A20166	10,965.86	A1667	18,551.02
A20132	15,721.36	A20175	15,849.26	A20120	3,546.24
A20162	24,413.72	A20159	14,476.14	A20141	31,730.44
A20138	19,087.70	A20164	10,388.16	A1928	3,367.46
A20118	13,699.26	A20157	46,449.62	A2149	-
A30243	10,625.04	A40105	3,182.98	A40086	12,037.36
A20133	3,153.04	A40106	6,815.30	A1631	17,954.32
A30223	22,348.36	A40107	1,393.02	A1666	24,795.86
A20174	8,565.40	A20158	14,095.56	A30226	11,668.68
A2009	2,876.86	A30351	3,682.72	A1888	-
A20161	10,872.96	A1634	-	A40084	-
A20117	2,215.96	A2178	-	A40220	40,127.18
A30428	-	A40148	22,910.16	A40202	-
A1700	6,979.62	A20176	25,271.92	A40217	13,208.30
A1609	44,003.68	A1849	10,344.28	A40236	6,604.62
A40221	-	A30209	14,215.78	A40247	56,353.66
A30443	17,170.32				

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.13 2027 Budget - Levy and Payment

Consideration of the proposed setting of the dates when rates and charges will be levied and when they are payable for the 2027 financial year.

Res-2026-06-161

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council

(a) pursuant to section 107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and section 114 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990, issues rate notices as follows:

(i) Rate notices for all rates and charges, excluding Bulk Water, shall be issued on a half-yearly basis:

- for 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026 - in August/September 2026; and*
- for 1 January 2027 to 30 June 2027 - in February/March 2027.*

(ii) Bulk Water rate notices will be issued quarterly.

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

(b) pursuant to section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, sets the date by which rates and charges must be paid, as 30 clear days from the date of the issue of the rate notice.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.14 2027 Budget - Discounts

Consideration of discount allowed for payment of rates and charges by the due date for the 2027 financial year.

Res-2026-06-162

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That Council, pursuant to section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, allows a discount of 10 percent on gross rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, excluding any charge specifically excluded from the discount entitlement, provided payment of the full amount outstanding, including any overdue rates and interest to the date of payment, less any discount entitlement, is paid by the due date on the original rates notice.

Charges excluded from discount entitlement are:

- Bulk water consumption charges*
- Excess water consumption charges*
- Emergency Services Levy*

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.15 2027 Budget - Rating Concessions

Consideration of proposed granting of a rating concession for pensioners for the 2027 financial year.

Res-2026-06-163

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council, pursuant to sections 120 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, grants a concession to pensioner ratepayers, for the year ending 30 June 2027, as follows:

- a. Council offers a subsidy of 39.5%, to a maximum of \$968, on all rates levied in respect of the property owned and occupied by a pensioner as their principal place of residence, excluding special rates and charges, water consumption charges and the Emergency Services Levy.*
- b. A pensioner is a person who holds a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans Affairs Repatriation Health Card.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

13.16 2027 Budget - Interest

Consideration of proposed interest charge on overdue rates or charges for the 2027 financial year.

Res-2026-06-164

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, for the financial year ending 30 June 2027:

- 1) Applies an interest rate of 12.19% per annum (compounding daily) on overdue rates and charges, and*
- 2) Applies the interest charge from the date that rates and charges become overdue.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.17 2027 Budget - Revenue Statement

Adoption of the 2026/27 Revenue Statement.

Res-2026-06-166

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council, pursuant to section 169(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the 2026/2027 Revenue Statement as tabled for inclusion in the 2026/2027 Budget.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.18 2027 Budget - Register of Commercial and Regulatory Fees 2026/27

Adoption of the 2026/27 Fees and Charges.

Res-2026-06-167

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 97, 98 and 262 of the Local Government Act 2009, adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

CARRIED 7 / 0

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

13.19 2027 Budget - Statement of Estimated Financial Position

Consideration of Statement of Estimated Financial Position.

Res-2026-06-168

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives, pursuant to section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the statement of the estimated financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the 2025/2026 financial year.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.20 2027 Budget - Adoption of the 2026/27 Budget and Long-Term Financial Forecast

Adoption of the budget for the 2026/27 financial year.

Res-2026-06-169

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council adopt in accordance with sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year and the Long-Term Financial Forecast as contained in the attached document titled 2026/2027 Budget and set out in the pages contained therein the:

- 1. Statement of Income and Expenditure.*
- 2. Statement of Financial Position.*
- 3. Statement of Cash Flows.*
- 4. Statement of Changes in Equity.*
- 5. Long-Term Financial Forecast.*
- 6. Measures of Financial Sustainability.*
- 7. Total value of the change in rates and utility charges expressed as a percentage.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

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.

Res-2026-06-170

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

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-2026-06-171

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:32am and resumed at 11:01am with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

11.3 Governance Standing Committee Terms of Reference

Consideration of stand-alone Terms of Reference for the Governance Standing Committee.

Res-2026-06-172

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Governance Standing Committee, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

11.4 Governance Standing Committee Policy

Consideration of the Governance Standing Committee Policy, a new policy, for adoption.

Res-2026-06-173

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council adopts the Governance Standing Committee Policy, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

11.5 Annual Operational Plan 2026-27

Consideration of the Longreach Regional Council 2026-27 Annual Operational Plan, which is presented for adoption.

Res-2026-06-174

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 174(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the Longreach Regional Council 2026-27 Annual Operational Plan, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

12 Organisational Services Report

12.1 Small Business Friendly Grant Round 2 (FY26)

Consideration of funding applications under the Small Business Friendly Grant Program Round 2 – Training and Development.

Res-2026-06-175

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Small Business Friendly Grant Program, pursuant to the Small Business Friendly Grant Policy No. 11.11, as described in the below table:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Funding allocated</i>
<i>Lance Michael Hogarth</i>	<i>\$750.00</i>

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.2 DA2526-069 – Siting Variation at 26 Eagle St, Longreach

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council for the proposed residential use at 26 Eagle St, Longreach described as Lot 77 on L35710.

Attendance

Cr Tracy Hatch left the meeting at 12:01 pm.

Res-2026-06-176

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council approves the Referral Agency Assessment Application DA2526-069, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

12.3 Council to Chief Executive Officer Delegations Register

Consideration of the Register of Delegations – Council to Chief Executive Officer (the Council Register).

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

Res-2026-06-177

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer all the powers described in the 'Register of Delegations – Council to Chief Executive Officer', as presented and amended.

CARRIED 6 / 0

12.4 Local Law Making Process

Consideration of Council's Local Law Making Process.

Res-2026-06-178

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 29 (1) of the Local Government Act 2009, adopts the following process for making a local law:

Part A—Introduction

For the purposes of section 29(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the local government's process for making each local law of the local government is the process detailed below.

The process—

- (a) applies to the making of—
 - (i) each local law that incorporates a model local law; and
 - (ii) each local law that is a subordinate local law; and
 - (iii) each other local law; but
- (b) does not apply to a local law that is an interim local law.

Part B—Making a local law that incorporates a model local law

The process (model local law making process) stated in this Part B must be used to make a local law that incorporates a model local law into the local laws of the local government.

Step 1 – By resolution, propose to incorporate the model local law.

Step 2 – If the model local law contains an anti-competitive provision, comply with the procedures prescribed under a regulation for the review of anti-competitive provisions.

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

- Step 3 If there is an existing local law about a matter in the model local law that would be inconsistent with the matter in the model local law—amend or repeal the existing local law so that there is no inconsistency.
- Step 4 – By resolution, incorporate the model local law.
- Step 5 – Let the public know that the local law has been made, by publishing notice of the making of the local law in accordance with the requirements of section 29B(1) to (4) inclusive of the *Local Government Act 2009*.
- Step 6 – As soon as practicable after the notice is published in the gazette, ensure that a copy of the local law may be inspected and purchased at the local government’s public office.
- Step 7 – Within 14 days after the notice is published in the gazette, give the Minister—
- (a) a copy of the notice; and
 - (b) a copy of the local law in electronic form; and
 - (c) if the local law contains 1 or more anti-competitive provisions—
 - (i) advice of each anti-competitive provision; and
 - (ii) the reasons for their inclusion.
- Step 8 – Update the local government’s register of its local laws.

Part C—Making an “other” local law

The process (other local law making process) stated in this Part C must be used to make a local law (a proposed local law) other than—

- (a) a model local law; or
 - (b) an interim local law; or
 - (c) a subordinate local law.
- Step 1 – By resolution, propose to make the proposed local law.
- Step 2 – Consult with relevant government entities about the overall State interest in the proposed local law.
- Step 3 – Consult with the public about the proposed local law for at least 21 days (the consultation period) by—

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

- (a) publishing a notice (a consultation notice) about the proposed local law at least once in a newspaper circulating generally in the local government's area; and
- (b) displaying the consultation notice in a conspicuous place at the local government's public office from the first day of the consultation period until the end of the last day of the consultation period; and
- (c) making a copy of the proposed local law available for inspection at the local government's public office during the consultation period; and
- (d) making copies of the proposed local law available for purchase at the local government's public office during the consultation period.

The consultation notice must state the following–

- (a) the name of the proposed local law; and
- (b) the purpose and general effect of the proposed local law; and
- (c) the length of the consultation period and the first and last days of the period; and
- (d) that written submissions by any person supporting or objecting to the proposed local law may be made and given to the local government on or before the last day of the consultation period stating–
 - (i) the grounds of the submission; and
 - (ii) the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds.

If the local government decides, by resolution, that the proposed local law only amends an existing local law to make an insubstantial change, the local government may proceed to step 6 without satisfying step 3 or step 5.

Step 4 – If the proposed local law contains an anti-competitive provision, comply with the procedures prescribed under a regulation for the review of anti-competitive provisions. For avoidance of doubt, step 3, and this step 4, may be undertaken contemporaneously.

Step 5 – Accept and consider every submission properly made to the local government.

A submission is properly made to the local government if it –

- (a) is the written submission of any person about the proposed local law; and

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

- (b) states–
 - (i) the grounds of the submission; and
 - (ii) the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds; and
- (c) is given to the local government on or before the last day of the consultation period.

Step 6 By resolution, decide whether to–

- (a) proceed with the making of the proposed local law as advertised; or
- (b) proceed with the making of the proposed local law with amendments; or
- (c) make the proposed local law as advertised; or
- (d) make the proposed local law with amendments; or
- (e) not proceed with the making of the proposed local law.

If the local government resolves to proceed with the making of the proposed local law with amendments, and the amendments are substantial, the local government may again –

- (a) consult with the public at step 3; and
- (b) accept and consider every submission properly made to the local government at step 5.

For the avoidance of doubt, if an amendment changes an anti-competitive provision, the local government must again comply with the procedures prescribed under a regulation for the review of anti-competitive provisions for the amended anti-competitive provision.

Step 7 – Let the public know that the local law has been made, by publishing notice of the making of the local law in accordance with the requirements of section 29B(1) to (4) inclusive of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Step 8 – As soon as practicable after the notice is published in the gazette, ensure that a copy of the local law may be inspected and purchased at the local government’s public office.

Step 9 – Within 14 days after the notice is published in the gazette, give the Minister–

- (a) a copy of the notice; and

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

- (b) a copy of the local law in electronic form; and
- (c) if the local law contains 1 or more anti-competitive provisions—
 - (i) advice of each anti-competitive provision; and
 - (ii) the reasons for their inclusion.

Step 10— Update the local government’s register of its local laws.

Part D—Making a subordinate local law

The process (subordinate local law making process) stated in this Part D must be used to make a subordinate local law (a proposed subordinate local law).

The local government may start the process for making a subordinate local law even though the process for making the local law (including a model local law) on which the subordinate local law is to be based (the proposed authorising law) has not finished.

The local government may use steps 1 to 5 of the subordinate local law making process (other than actually making the subordinate local law) before the proposed authorising law is made if—

- (a) in making the proposed authorising law, the local government has to satisfy—
 - (i) the model local law making process; or
 - (ii) the other local law making process; and
- (b) if the proposed authorising law is made under the other local law making process— the notice about the subordinate local law under step 2 of the subordinate local law making process is published no earlier than the notice about the proposed authorising law under step 3 of the other local law making process is published.

For the avoidance of doubt, a subordinate local law made by the local government using the process detailed in this Part D may provide for the local government to, from time to time, by resolution, reference or incorporate information.

For example, under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the competition policy guidelines for the identification of anti-competitive provisions are a document made by the department and available for inspection on the department’s website.

Step 1 – By resolution, propose to make the proposed subordinate local law.

Step 2 – Consult with the public about the proposed subordinate local law for at least 21 days (the consultation period) by—

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

- (a) publishing a notice (also a consultation notice) about the proposed subordinate local law at least once in a newspaper circulating generally in the local government's area; and
- (b) displaying the consultation notice in a conspicuous place in the local government's public office from the first day of the consultation period until the end of the last day of the consultation period; and
- (c) making a copy of the proposed subordinate local law available for inspection at the local government's public office during the consultation period; and
- (d) making copies of the proposed subordinate local law available for purchase at the local government's public office during the consultation period.

The consultation notice must state the following–

- (a) the name of the proposed subordinate local law; and
- (b) the name of–
 - (i) the local law allowing the proposed subordinate local law to be made; or
 - (ii) if the local government has started the process for making a subordinate local law even though the process for making the proposed authorising law on which the subordinate local law is to be based has not finished – the proposed authorising law; and
- (c) the purpose and general effect of the proposed subordinate local law; and
- (d) the length of the consultation period and the first and last days of the period; and
- (e) that written submissions by any person supporting or objecting to the proposed subordinate local law may be made and given to the local government on or before the last day of the consultation period stating–
 - (i) the grounds of the submission; and
 - (ii) the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds.

If the local government decides, by resolution, that the proposed subordinate local law only amends an existing subordinate local law to make an insubstantial change, and the amendment does not affect an anti-

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

competitive provision, the local government may proceed to step 5 without satisfying any of step 2 to step 4 inclusive.

Step 3 – If the proposed subordinate local law contains an anti-competitive provision, comply with the procedures prescribed under a regulation for the review of anti-competitive provisions. For avoidance of doubt, step 2, and this step 3, may be undertaken contemporaneously.

Step 4 – Accept and consider every submission properly made to the local government.

A submission is properly made to the local government if it–

- (a) is the written submission of any person about the proposed subordinate local law; and
- (b) states–
 - (i) the grounds of the submission; and
 - (ii) the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds; and
- (c) is given to the local government on or before the last day of the consultation period.

Step 5 – By resolution, decide whether to–

- (a) proceed with the making of the proposed subordinate local law as advertised; or
- (b) proceed with the making of the proposed subordinate local law with amendments; or
- (c) make the proposed subordinate local law as advertised; or
- (d) make the proposed subordinate local law with amendments; or
- (e) not proceed with the making of the proposed subordinate local law.

If the local government resolves to proceed with the making of the proposed subordinate local law with amendments, and the amendments are substantial, the local government may again –

- (a) consult with the public at step 2; and
- (b) accept and consider every submission properly made to the local government at step 4.

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

	For the avoidance of doubt, if an amendment changes an anti-competitive provision, the local government must again comply with the procedures prescribed under a regulation for the review of anti-competitive provisions for the amended anti-competitive provision.
Step 6 –	Let the public know that the subordinate local law has been made, by publishing notice of the making of the subordinate local law in accordance with the requirements of section 29B(1) to (4) inclusive of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .
Step 7 –	As soon as practicable after the notice is published in the gazette, ensure that a copy of the subordinate local law may be inspected and purchased at the local government’s public office.
Step 8 –	Within 14 days after the notice is published in the gazette, give the Minister– (a) a copy of the notice; and (b) a copy of the subordinate local law in electronic form; and (c) if the subordinate local law contains 1 or more anti-competitive provisions– (i) advice of each anti-competitive provision; and (ii) the reasons for their inclusion.
Step 9 –	Update the local government’s register of its local laws.

CARRIED 6 / 0

12.5 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-2026-06-179
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay
That Council receives the Organisational Services Information Report, as presented.*

CARRIED 6 / 0

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:56pm and resumed at 1:49pm with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

12.6 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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

Attendance

Cr Tony Rayner left the meeting during the discussion of a matter for which he has previously declared a declarable conflict of interest at 1:54 pm, and Cr Leonie Nunn assumed the chair. The nature of Cr Rayner's interest is that he owns land adjoining land that is the subject of advice in the report.

Attendance

Cr Tony Rayner returned to the meeting and resumed the chair at 1:58 pm.

Res-2026-06-180

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

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

CARRIED 6 / 0

12.7 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 10 June 2026.

Res-2026-06-181

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the monthly Workplace Health and Safety report for May 2026, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

12.8 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.

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

Res-2026-06-182

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

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

CARRIED 6 / 0

13 Finance Report

13.1 Chief Financial Officer's Report

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

Res-2026-06-183

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

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

CARRIED 6 / 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-2026-06-184

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

14 Communities Report

14.1 Community Grants - Individual

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

Res-2026-06-185

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

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

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Maggie Geiger</i>	<i>Touch Football 16-18 years girls State Championships</i>	<i>10-14 June 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Max Bruggemann</i>	<i>Touch Football 16-18 years boys State Championships</i>	<i>11 June 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Savanna Balke</i>	<i>Netball 10-12 years State Championship</i>	<i>28 May 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Alexander Marsh</i>	<i>North West Cross Country trials</i>	<i>15 May 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Cooper Wall</i>	<i>North West Cross Country trials</i>	<i>15 May 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Emily Nicklin</i>	<i>2026 Creative Generation show</i>	<i>13 July 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Isabella McDonald</i>	<i>State Honours Ensemble Program</i>	<i>15 May 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Indy Laidler</i>	<i>North West Cross Country trials</i>	<i>15 May 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Cooper Uprichard</i>	<i>North West Cross Country trials</i>	<i>15 May 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Mia Wyton</i>	<i>2026 Creative Generation show</i>	<i>13 July 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Jack Seccombe</i>	<i>North West Cross Country trials</i>	<i>15 May 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Lilah Hunt</i>	<i>Touch Football 13-15 years girls State Championships</i>	<i>5 June 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Poppy Harris</i>	<i>Touch Football 16-18 years girls State Championships</i>	<i>10 June 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Lara Palmer</i>	<i>2026 Creative Generation show</i>	<i>12 July 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Lily Worland</i>	<i>Touch Football 16-18 years girls State Championships</i>	<i>11 June 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Alix Heslin</i>	<i>Touch Football 16-18 years boys State Championships</i>	<i>11 June 2026</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
		TOTAL	\$5,600.00

CARRIED 6 / 0

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

14.2 Community Grant - Yaraka Gymkhana Association

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

<i>Res-2026-06-186</i> <i>Moved: Cr Nikki Gay Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell</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>Yaraka Gymkhana Association</i>	<i>Yaraka Horse and Motorbike Gymkhana</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00 In-kind \$0.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00 In-kind \$0.00</i>
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00
<i>CARRIED 6 / 0</i>			

14.3 Community Grant - Branches Performing Arts

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

<i>Res-2026-06-187</i> <i>Moved: Cr Nikki Gay Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie</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>Branches Performing Arts</i>	<i>Dirty Feet Outback Dance Festival</i>	<i>Financial \$0.00 In-kind \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$0.00 In-kind \$5,000.00</i>
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00
<i>CARRIED 6 / 0</i>			

Attendance

Joel Perry, Project Manager joined the meeting at 2:54pm

14.4 Information Report - Communities

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

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

Res-2026-06-188

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council receives the Communities Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

14.5 Project Management Update

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

Res-2026-06-189

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

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

CARRIED 6 / 0

Attendance

Joel Perry, Project Manager left the meeting at 3:31pm

14.6 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-2026-06-190

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

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

CARRIED 6 / 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 May 2026 for the Works Directorate.

Res-2026-06-191

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

15.2 Director of Works Report

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

Res-2026-06-192

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

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

CARRIED 6 / 0

16 Late Items

Nil

17 Closed Matters

Nil

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **4:11 pm**.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer