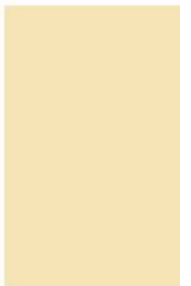
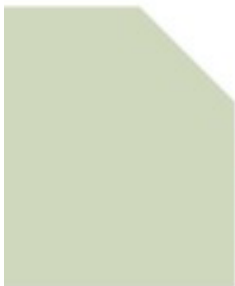


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of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 19 June 2025



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## **1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **9:01am**.

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners 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
Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness	Grace Cronin-Jones
Manager of Governance and Economy	Simon Kuttner
Executive Assistant to CEO, Mayor and Councillors	Elizabeth Neal

### **Apologies**

Nil

## **2 Prayer**

Kathy Weller, of the Salvation Army, 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 Mark Jones, Lennard Cash, and Chris Gimblett.

## **4 Leave of Absence**

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

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Cr Watts declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 13.8 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting and Recommendations. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Watts is employed by one of the applicants. Cr Watts will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

Cr Hatch declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 13.5 Sponsorship – Ilfracombe Picnic Race Club. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Hatch is a member of the club. Cr Hatch will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

Cr Hatch declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 16.1 Proposed sale of Lot 2 on SP159868. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Hatch has a potential commercial interest in the outcome of any proposed sale of this lot. Cr Hatch will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

Cr Emslie declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 13.8 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting and Recommendations. The nature of the conflict is that one of the programs considered for funding will have components that are delivered at Cr Emslie's place of employment. Cr Emslie will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

*Res-2025-06-183*

*Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

*That Council confirm the Minutes dated 15 May 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*CARRIED 5 / 0*

### Attendance

Grace Nakamura entered the meeting at 09:31 am.

## 7 Mayoral Report

### 7.1 Mayoral Report

*Res-2025-06-133*

*Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

*That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## 8 Notices of Motion

None received at time of agenda preparation.

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## **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.

*Res-2025-06-132*

*Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

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

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

### **11.2 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference Motion**

Consideration of submitting an item to the Local Government Association of Queensland for consideration at the 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference scheduled for October 2025.

*Res-2025-06-134*

*Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

*That Council considers any proposed Notices of Motion for the 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference at the July Council meeting.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

### **11.3 LRC Organisational Corporate Structure**

Consideration of Longreach Regional Council amended Corporate Organisational Structure to take effect from 1 July 2025.

*Res-2025-06-135*

*Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council, pursuant to Chapter 6, Division 2, Section 196 (1) of the Local Government Act 2009, adopts the Organisational Structure, as presented.*

*CARRIED 6 / 1*

*Cr Emslie asked that his vote against be minuted.*

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## **11.4 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan (AOP)**

Consideration of the Longreach Regional Council 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan, which is presented for adoption.

*Res-2025-06-136*

*Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts*

*That Council, pursuant to section 174(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the Longreach Regional Council 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan, as presented and amended.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

### **Attendance**

Grace Nakamura left the meeting at 10:37am.

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at **10:37am**, and resumed at **11:07am** with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

## **11.5 Council Meeting Date Change Request - August 2025**

Consideration to change the Council Ordinary Meeting date in August 2025 currently scheduled for Thursday 21 August 2025.

*Res-2025-06-137*

*Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That Council changes the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled on Thursday 21 August 2025 to Thursday 14 August 2025.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **11.6 SES Controller - Honorary Payment Consideration 2025 - 2026**

Consideration to provide the Local SES Controller with an honorary payment for their volunteer services for financial year 2025/2026.

*Res-2025-06-138*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council endorses an honorary payment of \$6,000 for the 2025/26 financial year for the Local SES Controller.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **11.7 Small Business Friendly Grant - Round 2**



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Consideration of funding applications under the Small Business Friendly Grant Program  
Round 2 – Strategic Consulting.

*Res-2025-06-139*

*Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*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>Mother Earth Massage</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Mitchell Grass Retreat</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **11.8 Development Permit for Material Change of Use - Ground Reference Station Facility - Airport**

Consideration of Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Ground Reference Station Facility - Airport

*Res-2025-06-140*

*Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

*That Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications Facility over land at Landsborough Highway, Longreach, formally described as Lot 59 and 161 on PD158, subject to the following conditions:*

### **1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL**

- 1.6 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.
- 2.6 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.
- 3.6 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.

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- 4.6 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.
- 5.6 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.
- 6.6 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**

- 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
Site Plan Proposed	S2-3A	-	Dec 2024
Site Enlargement Plan	SE1-3A	-	Dec 2024
Elevation Plan West Elevation	E1-3A	-	Dec 2024
Elevation Plan South Elevation	E1-3B	-	Dec 2024
Elevation Plan GRS Antenna Detail	E1-3C	-	Dec 2024
Elevation Plan GRS Antenna Detail	E1-3D	-	Dec 2024
Elevation Plan Isometric View	E1-3E	-	Dec 2024

- 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 VEHICLE ACCESS AND PARKING**

- 1.2 Appropriate access is to be provided to the site for construction and maintenance purposes.
- 2.2 Design, construct and maintain all access works 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)*.

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**4.0 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS**

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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.

**5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Maintain outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 – “Control of Obstructive Effects of Outdoor Lighting”. All lighting is to be provided to ensure it does not impact airport operations.
- 5.3 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.

**6.0 SERVICES**

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

**7.0 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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.

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- 7.3 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 (v2.1) references the Director of Infrastructure Services to undertake the assessment of the ESCP.*

## **8.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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).
- 8.3 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.

## **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.

## **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, 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. Compliance must be achieved with any relevant Civil Aviation Safety Authority requirements. The development and operation of the use must not conflict with or adversely impact the operational requirements of the Longreach Airport.

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4. 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.
5. 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").

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **11.9 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report**

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 6 June 2025, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

*Res-2025-06-141*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety update as of 6 June 2025, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **11.10 Information Report - Planning and Development Report**

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

*Res-2025-06-142*

*Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

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

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **11.11 Information Report - Governance**

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

*Res-2025-06-143*

*Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

*That Council receives the Governance Information Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

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The meeting adjourned for lunch at **12:31pm**, and resumed at **1:20pm** with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

### 11.12 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.

#### Attendance

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Cr Tracy Hatch left the meeting at 1:47 pm.

*Res-2025-06-144*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

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

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

### 12 Finance Report

#### 12.1 2026 Budget - Revenue Policy

Adoption of the 2025/26 Revenue Policy.

*Res-2025-06-145*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That Council pursuant to section 169(2)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the 2025/26 Revenue Policy.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

#### 12.2 2026 Budget - Investment Policy

Adoption of the 2025/26 Investment Policy.

*Res-2025-06-146*

*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council, pursuant to section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the 2025/26 Investment Policy.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

#### 12.3 2026 Budget - Debt Policy

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Adoption of the 2025/26 Debt Policy.

*Res-2025-06-147*

*Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

*That Council, pursuant to section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the Debt Policy 2025/26.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

## **12.4 2026 Budget - Debt Recovery Policy**

Adoption of the 2025/26 Debt Recovery Policy.

*Res-2025-06-148*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council adopts the 2025/26 Debt Recovery Policy as presented.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

## **12.5 2026 Budget - Differential General Rates and Levies**

Adoption of 2025/26 Differential General Rates and Levies.

*Res-2025-06-149*

*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts*

*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 2026 as detailed in the table below, and*
- 2) Levies differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2026 as detailed in the table below, and*
- 3) Applies a minimum general rate for each rateable land assessment within each rating category for the financial year ending 30 June 2026 as detailed in the table below, and*
- 4) Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.*

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DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES			
Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	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.	3.2956	\$955
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.	2.1565	\$955
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.	1.4050	\$529
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.	3.9261	\$1,385
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.	4.1151	\$955
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.	3.9376	\$13,846
16 –Transformer Sites	Land used for the purposes of a transformer.	2.0510	\$955
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.	1.1844	\$5,363
19 – Not for profit	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for the purposes of a not for profit activity.	1.2250	\$450
21 – Horse Stable Precinct	Land in the Longreach Horse Stable Precinct used for the purposes of a horse stable.	4.9321	\$625
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 54 to 61.	1.7688	\$486



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<b>DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)</b>	<b>Minimum General Rate</b>
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 54 to 61.	0.8228	\$670
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 54 to 61.	0.4371	\$955
42 - Industrial	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for industrial purposes including transportation and storage unless otherwise categorised.	5.9011	\$955
45 - Airport	Land used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for any purpose on land designated as Longreach Airport Precinct.	5.3679	\$955
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.	1.7881	\$440
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.	4.7470	\$204,402
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.	4.7470	\$408,768
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.	4.7470	\$736,049

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<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)</b>	<b>Minimum General Rate</b>
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".	8.3469	\$13,127
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".	4.1735	\$26,220
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".	4.1735	\$52,417
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".	4.1735	\$78,615
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".	4.1735	\$104,823
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".	4.1735	\$131,031

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Category	Description	General Rate (Cents in Dollar of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate
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".	4.1735	\$157,228
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".	4.1735	\$183,436
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.	2.0087	\$13,915
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.	1.9597	\$39,313
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.	1.9597	\$78,615
65 – Major Transmission Site >5MVA	Land used, or intended to be used, for an electricity substation with a capacity greater than 5 MVA.	1.9597	\$32,761
66 – Petroleum Lease – Gas	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of gas.	26.0000	\$26,220
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.	7.7095	\$13,127
70 – Petroleum Lease –Oil < 30 wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have less than 30 wells.	26.0000	\$26,220
72 – Petroleum Lease– Oil 30+ Wells	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have 30 wells or more.	26.0000	\$157,228

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## **12.6 2026 Budget - Water Utility Charges**

Adoption of 2025/26 Water Utility Charges.

Res-2025-06-150

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

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 2026 as follows:

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Water charges will be set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of water services by Council in the 2025/26 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.

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 ends 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	\$1,520.00
2) Each additional lot/parcel on an assessment being charged water except if the lot/parcel is identified separately in this table	2	300	\$380.00
3) Each additional shop/office of multiple shop/office facility (see <b>item 13</b> )			
4) Each motel room or unit (also see <b>item 18a and 19a</b> )			
5) Vacant land within water area - not connected	4	600	\$760.00
6) Church or church land			
7) Stables per allotment improved (other than at Racecourse or Showgrounds)			
8) Vacant land - connected	6	900	\$1,140.00
9) Restaurant/café/conference venue (or additional units if part of another facility, see <b>item 18a and 19a</b> )	12	1,800	\$2,280.00
10) Church hall	16	2,400	\$3,040.00
11) Land used for flats, hostels, aged persons accommodation or residential multi-unit buildings for the first 2 units/flats (including owner//manager residence) (for each additional unit see <b>item 4</b> )			
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 <b>item 3</b> )	20	3,000	\$3,800.00
14) Caravan parks each additional 20 sites a) charge for additional sites to caravan parks less than 20 sites <b>item 19</b>			
15) Childcare centre or pre-school or kindergarten on separate parcel. a) additional charge if facility is included with school <b>item 25</b>			
16) Police station and associated uses (other than dwelling)			
17) Car wash			

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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 <b>item 4</b> , for restaurant/café see <b>item 9</b>			
19) Caravan parks less than 20 sites a) greater than 20 sites see <b>item 14</b> , for restaurant/café see <b>item 9</b>			
20) Railway station and associated uses (other than dwelling)	40	6,000	\$7,600.00
21) Fire station and residence			
22) Cemetery			
23) Public toilet block, council park			
24) Racecourse	48	7,200	\$9,120.00
25) School, childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten per parcel of land a) for additional childcare centre, pre-school or kindergarten charges see <b>item 15</b>	60	9,000	\$11,400.00

Ilfracombe, 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	\$928.00
2) Vacant land within water area - not connected	4	600	\$464.00
3) Vacant land - connected	6	900	\$696.00
4) Land used for a hotel, caravan park, school or recreation purposes	16	2,400	\$1,856.00
5) Public toilet block, council park	32	4,800	\$3,712.00

## 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	\$1.80	A1724	\$1.80	A774	\$1.80
A1397/A1398	\$1.80	A30332	\$1.80	A2226	\$1.80
A1787	\$1.80	A1807	\$1.80	A1764	\$1.80
A1790	\$1.80	A1047	\$1.80	A745	\$1.80
A1789	\$1.80	A2205	\$1.80	A1783	\$1.80
A40199	\$1.80	A1084	\$1.80	A1597	\$1.80
A1786	\$1.80	A30299	\$1.80	A2212	\$1.80
A1484	\$1.80	A1590	\$1.80	A2227	\$1.80
A1748	\$1.80	A2202	\$1.80	A1806	\$1.80
A1781	\$1.80	A2054	\$1.80		
A1793	\$1.80	A30341	\$1.80		
A1722	\$1.80	A40200	\$1.80		

## Untreated Water Users - Ilfracombe

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

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## **12.7 2026 Budget - Sewerage Utility Charges**

Adoption of 2025/26 Sewerage Utility Charges.

*Res-2025-06-151*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

*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 2026:*

*Sewerage charges will be set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of sewerage services by Council in the 2025/26 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	\$764
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$226
Additional pedestal	Charge applied to each additional non-residential pedestal (including urinal cistern) that is connected to the sewer scheme after applicable first pedestal charge.	Longreach	\$462
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$145
Vacant sewerage	Vacant land per lot/parcel to which Council is prepared to connect a sewerage service.	Longreach	\$577
		Ilfracombe and Isisford	\$124

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

## **12.8 2026 Budget - Waste Management Utility Charges**

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Adoption of the 2025/26 Waste Management Utility Charges.

Res-2025-06-152

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | 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 waste management utility charges and landfill access utility charges, for the supply of waste management services for the financial year ending 30 June 2026, 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	\$308.00
Longreach	Waste collection (minimum charge food related business)	2 per week	\$616.00
All towns	Additional collection (for each additional bin)	1 per week	\$308.00
<b>Additional collections for Longreach businesses</b>			
Longreach	Additional collection per week (for each bin)	1 per week	\$308.00

### **Application of waste collection charges**

Charges for new waste services will commence upon a premises being considered to be able to be occupied<sup>1</sup> 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 occupation, the owner will be charged the appropriate fee according to the quantity of collections provided.

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.

<sup>1</sup> **Occupied** means land that has located on it, a building or structure greater than 25m<sup>2</sup>, or which is used for commercial purposes (i.e., agistment, heavy vehicle parking, and commercial cultivation)

### **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 assessment per annum (or \$74.00 per half-year), to be levied equally on all 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

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

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

## **12.9 2026 Budget - Special Charge - Control of Pest Animals**

Making and levying the Special Charge – Pest Control Services.

*Res-2025-06-153*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | 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 control services through coordinated baiting programs to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs 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 baiting program to assist with the control of wild dogs and wild pigs on rural land for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.*
- 3. The occupier of the land to be levied with the special charge will specially benefit from the pest control services as the control of wild dogs and wild pigs 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 \$188,324 will be funded by this special charge.*
- 5. The estimated time for implementing the Overall Plan is 12 months ending on 30 June 2026.*
- 6. The special charge shall apply to each of the designated assessments listed in the table below at an annual charge of 5.13 cents per hectare for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.*
- 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 1000 hectares, but is subsequently reconfigured into 3 lots having areas of 350, 450 and 200*



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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:

Assess- ment	2025/26 charge	Assess- ment	2025/26 charge	Assess- ment	2025/26 charge	Assess- ment	2025/26 charge	Assess- ment	2025/26 charge
A1608	\$711.21	A1745	\$209.56	A20122	\$1,566.66	A30190	\$405.12	A40013	\$1,322.02
A1609	\$3,378.78	A1769	\$64.38	A20126	\$452.08	A30192	\$2,962.92	A40015	\$6,409.61
A1618	\$821.38	A1804	\$292.62	A20129	\$790.54	A30195	\$200.07	A40019	\$248.84
A1619	\$633.69	A1830	\$252.40	A20130	\$478.41	A30196	\$1,236.49	A40020	\$395.52
A1624	\$1,383.56	A1831	\$1,040.93	A20131	\$97.72	A30197	\$349.56	A40021	\$1,503.83
A1627	\$398.45	A1834	\$158.15	A20132	\$322.99	A30199	\$12.06	A40086	\$619.19
A1629	\$249.33	A1844	\$1.64	A20133	\$444.98	A30205	\$1,174.77	A40087	\$1,104.19
A1630	\$1,054.46	A1849	\$1,659.42	A20137	\$213.97	A30209	\$639.58	A40088	\$709.22
A1631	\$753.60	A1856	\$531.62	A20138	\$418.70	A30214	\$17.64	A40089	\$846.55
A1632	\$552.55	A1865	\$349.68	A20139	\$191.20	A30223	\$1,444.77	A40091	\$1,156.73
A1633	\$138.68	A1866	\$167.07	A20141	\$843.09	A30224	\$4,263.75	A40104	\$522.83
A1635	\$616.30	A1869	\$602.95	A20147	\$713.26	A30225	\$628.29	A40105	\$212.30
A1637	\$523.67	A1871	\$486.33	A20148	\$418.56	A30226	\$1,576.78	A40106	\$142.63
A1639	\$8,888.13	A1873	\$717.46	A20150	\$437.57	A30231	\$1,067.94	A40107	\$142.67
A1640	\$884.93	A1874	\$510.05	A20151	\$319.64	A30235	\$9.29	A40110	\$236.34
A1641	\$2,924.10	A1875	\$728.64	A20152	\$379.00	A30243	\$2,109.65	A40113	\$1,134.84
A1642	\$974.31	A1876	\$422.43	A20153	\$1,601.22	A30244	\$1,479.30	A40122	\$542.70
A1646	\$540.48	A1878	\$18.98	A20157	\$5,129.97	A30247	\$1,154.13	A40123	\$1,699.14
A1647	\$422.25	A1881	\$1,012.17	A20158	\$194.98	A30257	\$589.44	A40111	\$236.34
A1648	\$952.83	A1885	\$380.10	A20159	\$417.51	A30263	\$29.09	A40186	\$191.41
A1651	\$904.32	A1889	\$380.00	A20161	\$933.76	A30280	\$18.30	A40187	\$422.02
A1652	\$576.38	A1892	\$947.83	A20162	\$734.55	A30292	\$459.74	A40119	\$93.75
A1654	\$1,285.80	A1893	\$239.78	A20163	\$145.84	A30297	\$999.52	A40128	\$1,559.56
A1657	\$736.40	A1904	\$1,587.17	A20164	\$398.31	A30301	\$728.23	A40148	\$1,728.84
A1658	\$1,127.01	A1912	\$1,179.48	A20165	\$169.62	A30342	\$2.54	A40128	\$1,559.56
A1666	\$328.51	A1918	\$1,215.81	A20166	\$515.49	A30351	\$577.80	A40127	\$2,056.41
A1667	\$1,084.47	A1919	\$880.27	A20167	\$479.81	A30354	\$638.34	A40179	\$1,431.49
A1672	\$1,175.19	A1928	\$548.22	A20168	\$171.02	A30365	\$87.77	A40150	\$2,176.54
A1673	\$472.71	A1930	\$731.73	A20169	\$522.70	A30395	\$416.74	A40152	\$1,334.80
A1676	\$859.58	A1931	\$773.01	A20173	\$701.11	A30397	\$430.87	A40174	\$477.11
A1677	\$692.23	A1932	\$657.56	A20174	\$228.95	A30399	\$415.42	A40188	\$210.14
A1679	\$191.62	A1935	\$615.28	A20175	\$522.77	A30402	\$13.41	A40189	\$213.69
A1684	\$592.95	A1936	\$581.23	A20176	\$698.86	A30415	\$131.68	A40193	\$806.70
A1685	\$419.71	A1979	\$5.82	A20179	\$628.49	A30417	\$823.45	A40202	\$272.65
A1686	\$393.87	A2009	\$827.16	A20180	\$811.94	A30427	\$384.37	A40203	\$423.84
A1689	\$538.75	A2023	\$275.98	A20203	\$624.86	A30428	\$430.13	A40208	\$225.46
A1692	\$345.39	A2055	\$1,340.44	A20219	\$1,070.24	A30432	\$337.68	A40209	\$429.95
A1700	\$475.08	A2077	\$661.76	A20220	\$413.13	A30441	\$787.28	A40215	\$529.16
A1705	\$1,256.81	A2142	\$900.77	A20224	\$377.38	A30442	\$549.88	A40216	\$143.08
A1712	\$803.69	A2143	\$1,978.01	A20230	\$128.45	A30443	\$275.51	A40217	\$1,479.60
A1714	\$2,429.30	A2144	\$1,503.84	A20233	\$441.36	A30445	\$185.46	A40218	\$177.65
A1715	\$1,081.14	A2145	\$683.53	A30171	\$1,743.25	A30449	\$570.86	A40219	\$287.80
A1716	\$2.11	A2147	\$518.96	A30172	\$451.25	A40001	\$771.40	A40220	\$770.00
A1718	\$355.79	A2213	\$685.65	A30173	\$2,516.27	A40008	\$2,361.60	A40221	\$1,522.78
A1726	\$667.02	A2214	\$490.92	A30177	\$460.31	A40009	\$364.91	A40224	\$1,579.91
A1732	\$90.54	A20117	\$410.30	A30178	\$398.91	A40010	\$2.67	A40225	\$2.87
A1739	\$526.59	A20118	\$483.78	A30184	\$1,678.61	A40011	\$844.72	A40227	\$213.20
A1744	\$421.15	A20120	\$444.28	A30187	\$851.26	A40012	\$1,375.03		

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## 12.10 2026 Budget - Special Charge - Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme

Adoption of the 2025/26 Special Charge – Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme.

Res-2025-06-154

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*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*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*
  - o 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:*
  - o 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;*

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*o 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*

*o 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:*

- 1. 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.*
- 2. 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.*
- 3. 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 2026 is as follows:*

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Assessment	Amount to be levied 2025/26	Assessment	Amount to be levied 2025/26	Assessment	Amount to be levied 2025/26
A1930	14,068.76	A30443	17,170.32	A1849	10,344.28
A1886	-	A30297	20,189.54	A30209	14,215.78
A40104	20,744.04	A30177	28,385.96	A1881	55,799.84
A1695	-	A1676	38,573.14	A20150	9,431.16
A40009	32,571.46	A30196	9,494.50	A1912	16,565.52
A1875	25,112.08	A1726	32,625.90	A1891	-
A30353	-	A1935	47,668.68	A40125	-
A20219	13,881.60	A20139	19,991.28	A40126	-
A1715	1,589.14	A1692	15,764.70	A1642	40,807.32
A20132	15,721.36	A20166	10,965.86	A1686	4,183.52
A20162	24,413.72	A20175	15,849.26	A1667	18,551.02
A20138	19,087.70	A20159	14,476.14	A20120	3,546.24
A20118	13,699.26	A20164	10,388.16	A20141	31,730.44
A30243	10,625.04	A20157	46,449.62	A1928	3,367.46
A20133	3,153.04	A40105	3,182.98	A2149	-
A30223	22,348.36	A40106	6,815.30	A40086	12,037.36
A20174	8,565.40	A40107	1,393.02	A1631	17,954.32
A2009	2,876.86	A20158	14,095.56	A1666	24,795.86
A20161	10,872.96	A30351	3,682.72	A30226	11,668.68
A20117	2,215.96	A1634	-	A1888	-
A30428	6,604.62	A2178	-	A40084	13,208.30
A1700	6,979.62	A40148	22,910.16	A40220	40,127.18
A1609	44,003.68	A20176	25,271.92	A40202	12,244.12
A40221	44,109.54				

CARRIED 6 / 0

## 12.11 2026 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 2026 financial year.

Res-2025-06-155

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council:

- 1) 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
  - a) Rate notices for all rates and charges, excluding Bulk Water, shall be issued on a half-yearly basis
    - i) for 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025 - in August/September 2025; and
    - ii) for 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026 - in February/March 2026.
  - b) Bulk Water rate notices will be issued quarterly

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- 2) *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 6 / 0*

## **12.12 2026 Budget - Discounts**

Consideration of discount allowed for payment of rates and charges by the due date for the 2026 financial year.

*Res-2025-06-156*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*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 2026, 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 6 / 0*

## **12.13 2026 Budget - Rating Concessions**

Consideration of proposed granting of a rating concession for pensioners for the 2026 financial year

*Res-2025-06-157*

*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | 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 2026, as follows: Council offers a subsidy of 39.5%, to a maximum of \$950, 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.*

*A pensioner is a person who holds a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans Affairs Repatriation Health Card.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

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### **12.14 2026 Budget - Interest**

Consideration of proposed interest charge on overdue rates or charges for the 2026 financial year.

*Res-2025-06-158*

*Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell*

*That Council, pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, for the financial year ending 30 June 2026:*

- 1) Applies an interest rate of 12.12% 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 6 / 0*

### **12.15 2026 Budget - Revenue Statement**

Adoption of the 2025/26 Revenue Statement.

*Res-2025-06-159*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council, pursuant to section 169(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the 2025/26 Revenue Statement as tabled for inclusion in the 2025/26 Budget.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

### **12.16 2026 Budget - Register of Commercial and Regulatory Fees 2025/26**

Adoption of the 2025/26 Fees and Charges.

*Res-2025-06-160*

*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 2026.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

### **12.17 2026 Budget - Statement of Estimated Financial Position**

Consideration of Statement of Estimated Financial Position.

*Res-2025-06-161*

*Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

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*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 2024/2025 financial year.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

### **12.18 2026 Budget - Adoption of the 2025/26 Budget and Long-Term Financial Forecast**

Adoption of the budget for the 2025/26 financial year.

*Res-2025-06-162*

*Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council adopt in accordance with sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Budget for the 2025/26 financial year and the Long-Term Financial Forecast as contained in the attached document titled 2025/26 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; and,*
- 7. Total Value of the Change in Rates and Utility Charges.*

*CARRIED 4 / 2*

*Cr Bignell and Cr Emslie each requested that their vote against be minuted.*

### **12.19 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting - 28 May 2025**

Consideration of the report on matters reviewed at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 28 May 2025.

*Res-2025-06-163*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell*

*That Council receives the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 28 May 2025.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

### **12.20 Information Report - Finance**

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

*Res-2025-06-164*



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*Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell  
That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

## **12.21 Chief Financial Officer's Report**

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 May 2025:

*Res-2025-06-165*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 31 May 2025, as presented.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

## **13 Communities Report**

### **13.1 Community Donation - Individual**

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

*Res-2025-06-166*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

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

<b>Organisation/ Individual</b>	<b>Event/Project Activity</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
Archie Neuendorf	North West Rugby League State Championships	29/06 – 03/07	\$350
James Walker	North West Rugby League State Championships	29/06 – 03/07	\$350
Archie Geiger	North West Rugby League State Championships	29/06 – 03/07	\$350
Nate Fuller	North West Rugby League State Championships	29/06 – 03/07	\$350
James Walker	North West Cross Country State Championships	18/07 – 20/07	\$350



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<i>Max Bruggemann</i>	<i>North West Cross Country State Championships</i>	<i>18/07 – 20/07</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Leyton Suter</i>	<i>North West Cross Country State Championships</i>	<i>18/07 – 20/07</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Xander Flanagan</i>	<i>North West Cross Country State Championships</i>	<i>18/07 – 20/07</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>North West Touch Football State Championships</i>	<i>12/06 – 15/06</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Lily Worland</i>	<i>North West Touch Football State Championships</i>	<i>12/06 – 15/06</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Maggie Geiger</i>	<i>North West Touch Football State Championships</i>	<i>12/06 – 18/05</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Nate Fuller</i>	<i>North West Touch Football Trials</i>	<i>08/06 – 09/06</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Layla Williamson</i>	<i>North West Netball State Championships</i>	<i>14/05 – 17/05</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Rhys Faehr</i>	<i>North West Soccer State Championships</i>	<i>27/04 – 30/04</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>Central West Touch Football Trials</i>	<i>22/04 – 23/04</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Nate Fuller</i>	<i>Central West Rugby League Trials</i>	<i>08/05 – 09/05</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$5,600</b>

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

### 13.2 Community Donations - Ilfracombe Clay Target Club

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

*Res-2025-06-167*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell*

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

<b>Organisation / Name</b>	<b>Event / Activity</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
<i>Ilfracombe Clay Target Club</i>	<i>Annual Carnival</i>	<i>Financial \$1062.91 In- kind \$180</i>	<i>Financial \$1,062.91 In- kind \$180</i>

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	<b>TOTAL \$1242.91</b>	<b>TOTAL \$1,242.91</b>
CARRIED 6 / 0		

### 13.3 Community Donations - Yaraka Gymkhana Association Inc

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

Res-2025-06-168 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
Yaraka Gymkhana Association Inc.	Yaraka Horse & Bike Gymkhana	Financial \$5000 In-kind \$0	Financial \$5,000 In-kind \$0
		<b>TOTAL \$5000</b>	<b>TOTAL \$5,000</b>
CARRIED 6 / 0			

### 13.4 Sponsorship - Dirty Feet Dance Festival

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

Res-2025-06-169 Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2024/2025 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
Branches Performing Arts	Dirty Feet Dance Festival	8 - 13 July	Financial \$1,400.00 In-kind \$7,200.00
			<b>TOTAL \$8,600.00</b>
CARRIED 6 / 0			

### 13.5 Sponsorship - Ilfracombe Picnic Race Club

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

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Res-2025-06-170

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2024/2025 Sponsorship budget, as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:

<b>Organisation / Name</b>	<b>Event / Activity</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
Ilfracombe Picnic Race Club Inc.	Willowie Cup Race Day	12/07/2025	Financial \$6,000.00 In-kind \$0
			<b>TOTAL \$6,000.00</b>
CARRIED 6 / 0			

### 13.6 Child Care Policy for yearly review

Consideration of adoption of updated Child Care Policies.

Res-2025-06-171

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council adopts the following Child Care policies, as presented:

- 12-04 Delivery of Children to and from ECEC Service Policy;
- 12-05 Child Protection Policy;
- 12-06 Safe Arrival of Children Policy;
- 12-08 Sleep and Rest Policy;
- 12.02 Medical Conditions Policy;
- 12.03 Safe Transportation Policy; and,
- 12.07 Payment of Fees Policy.

CARRIED 6 / 0

### 13.7 New Child Care Policies

Consideration of adoption of new Child Care Policies.

Res-2025-06-172

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council adopts the below Child Care policies, as presented:

12.10 Child Safe Environment Policy; and,  
12.12 Nappy Change and Toileting Policy.

CARRIED 6 / 0

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

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Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee meeting held on Monday 9 June 2025.

### Attendance

Cr Andrew Watts left the meeting at 3:03 pm.

### Attendance

Cr Tony Emslie left the meeting at 3:04 pm.

### Attendance

Brett Walsh left the meeting at 3:05pm.

Res-2025-06-173

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council:

- 1) receives the Minutes of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025;
- 2) approves the application by the 'Noosa Film Festival' for the Youth acting for screen and screen production Workshop to the value of \$5998.00;
- 3) approves the application by the 'Longreach Arts & Cultural Association' for the Beginners pastel drawing Workshop to the value of \$3317.00;
- 4) approves the application by the 'Yaraka Sports & Progress Association' for the Furniture Restoration Workshop to the value of \$4150.00; and,
- 5) approves the application for the underspend by 'Selectability' for a Seniors Community Art Workshop to the value of \$410.49.

CARRIED 4 / 0

### Attendance

Cr Tony Emslie, Cr Andrew Watts, and Brett Walsh returned to the meeting at 3:10 pm.

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at **3:10pm** and resumed at **3:18pm** with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

## 13.9 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-2025-06-174

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Communities Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

## 13.10 Project Management Update

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Receive the project management update for the month of April 2025.

*Res-2025-06-175*

*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell*

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

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

### 13.11 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-2025-06-176*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

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

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

## 14 Works Report

### 14.1 Motor Vehicle Policy Review

Consideration of the Motor Vehicle Policy No. 4.4, which has undergone its biennial review.

#### **Procedural Motion**

*Res-2025-06-184*

*Moved: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That the item lie on the table.*

*CARRIED 6 / 0*

#### **Attendance**

Cr Tony Rayner left the meeting at 4:16 pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Leonie Nunn, assumed the Chair at **4:16pm**.

### 14.2 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of May 2025 for the Works Directorate.

*Res-2025-06-178*

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*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell  
That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 5 / 0*

### **14.3 Director of Works Report**

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

*Res-2025-06-179  
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts  
That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 5 / 0*

### **15 Late Items**

Nil for this meeting.

### **16 Closed Matters**

*Res-2025-06-180  
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell  
That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at **4:43pm** to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated:*

#### **16.1 Proposed Sale of Lot 2 on SP159868**

*This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.*

*CARRIED 5 / 0*

*Res-2025-06-181  
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay  
That Council move out of closed session at **4:49pm**, to vote on item 16.1 Proposed sale of Lot 2 on SP159868.*

*CARRIED 5 / 0*

### **16.1 Proposed sale of Lot 2 on SP159868**

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*Res-2025-06-182*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That Council, pursuant to Section 227 of the Local Government Regulation 2012:*

- 1. Approves the sale of Lot 2 on SP159868 via public auction; and,*
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to administer, negotiate, and execute the sale.*

*CARRIED 5 / 0*

## **17 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **4:52pm**.

### **Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are unconfirmed

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Cr AJ Rayner  
Mayor

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Brett Walsh  
Chief Executive Officer